



**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
of Whidbey Island  
Weekly News**

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**This Sunday's Service**

**March 31, 2024 10am**

**Unbelieving the Unbelievable:  
Living, Dying, Living  
Joseph Bednarik**

**With Kate Nunn,  
Worship Leader  
and Heidi Hoelting & Susan Baer,  
Special Music**

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**Please join us in person or on  
Zoom.**

Though death is as natural as ashes and dust, for human beings what happens after death is considered one of the greatest mysteries. On this High Holy Day of Easter, we explore the miracle of life after death, and like Thomas reach out to touch the Teacher.

**Service Link**

If you have trouble joining our Zoom meeting, email [webmaster@uucwi.org](mailto:webmaster@uucwi.org) for help.



## Next Sunday's Service

April 7th, 2024 10am

### Embracing the Storm

Kurt Hoelting

With Ruth Richards,  
Worship Leader  
and Heather Good McCoy &  
Darren McCoy,  
Special Music

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Kurt Hoelting shares stories from his recent experiences with Central American refugees in Mexico, volunteering with Ukrainian refugees in Poland, and leading a week-long Zen Peace Vigil in Kyiv, Ukraine. He reflects on what made these experiences powerful for him, the growing crisis of forcibly displaced peoples, and the positive impact of choosing to take some personal action in response.

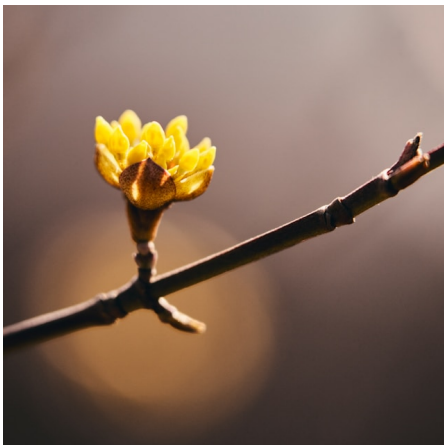
**Kurt invites all congregants to stay after the service for a conversation about the topics addressed in his sermon.**

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The recipient of our April 7 service is the Ukrainian Community Center of Washington. For 30 years, UCCW has provided immigration services, as well as behavioral health and social services to Ukrainian immigrants to the greater Seattle area.

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## This Week's Calendar

[Click here](#) to view our full UUCWI  
Calendar.

Click on blue titles for Zoom link.

Check out our [Members and  
Friends Facebook Page](#).

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*Friday, March 29*

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*Saturday, March 30*

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*Sunday, March 31*

10am [Worship Service](#) (In Person and on Zoom)

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*Monday, April 1*

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*Tuesday, April 2*

11am - Noon [Visual Arts Committee](#) (Zoom)

3:30 - 4:30pm [Caring Circle](#)

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*Wednesday, April 3*

10am - Noon [Men's Group](#)

11am - 12:30pm Women's Group (Various Locations)

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*Thursday, April 4*

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## Announcements and News

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March 24 - April 15, 2024  
2024 - 2025 Pledge Campaign  
Goal: \$140,000

We are moving ***Forward Together*** to create an even stronger spiritual home and more robust community. Please sign up for a Cottage Gathering near you.

### Cottage Gatherings

During the first two weeks of April, small group meetings will be held in person in members' homes, at UUCWI, and on Zoom. Select one and join in an intimate gathering to deepen connections, reflect on thoughts expressed at the workshop, and to share what UUCWI and giving mean to you.

There are three ways to register:

- Register [here](#) to select your choice of gathering.
- Stop at the Pledge Drive table in the foyer before or after church.
- Call 360-321-8656 and leave a message. Someone will call you back.

**Questions?** Ask Clara Beier, Jane Spalding, or Frances Wood, UUCWI 2024 Pledge Campaign Committee. Thank you!

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## UUCWI Pledge Drive Cottage Gatherings

Gather with area UUCWI members and friends at a host's home to recreate old friendships, create new ones, and reflect on your experiences as an UU and discuss ways in which we can all ***MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER***.

**When and Where?** Select one day and location that is best for you. Gatherings will occur from 3:00 to 5:00 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the first two weeks of April. You have a choice of meeting in a home, at UUCWI or on Zoom. Locations will be in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley and Clinton.

**Sign up on line:** [Here is the main form link](#). Select ONE date and location. Enter your name and email. Your host will contact you with additional information.

**More Questions?** See the Pledge Drive table following the Sunday Service!



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## UUCWI Directory Update

Why is there blue tape on my name tag? It's to let you know we need your picture for the Breeze directory. Please submit a head shot of yourself to [admin@uucwi.org](mailto:admin@uucwi.org). Or see a membership person at the welcoming table on Sunday mornings and we will be happy to snap a picture. If you do not want to be included, let us know.

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## Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI

UUCWI offers comfort and presence when times of trauma and distress touch our lives.

We have a pastoral care team which includes Rev. Kate Lore, our interim minister for pastoral care. If you or someone you know might benefit from this offering please consider contacting our coordinator, Bill Graves, at [pastor@uucwi.org](mailto:pastor@uucwi.org).

UUCWI also has a Caring Connections team that can provide needed short-term support of a logistical nature (food, a ride to medical, etc.). To make requests email Jane Hayes, our interim coordinator of these types of services, at [caringconnections@uucwi.org](mailto:caringconnections@uucwi.org).

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## UU Hikes

Saturday, March 30 th  
Ebey's Landing and Bluff  
10:30am - 1:30pm

than a group, so bring hiking poles and wear sturdy shoes.

**Meeting Location:** Furthest parking lot at the end of Sherman Road nearest the Pratt Loop trailhead and the restrooms.

**Directions:** Follow Highway 20 and turn west on Sherman Road, about a half mile north of Coupeville, and follow road to the end.

**Other information:** Clara Beier will lead and we hope Dave Cauffman will join us. Contact Clara directly or try the new email [uuhikes@uucwi.org](mailto:uuhikes@uucwi.org) See the UUCWI Directory for Clara's email and phone #.

[Ebey's Landing Website](#)

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## Women's Group

All Meetings 11:00am - 12:30pm

### **Wednesdays In Person at Various Locations**

May be at a variety of impromptu locations by group members for activities together like having coffee, shopping, walking trails, visit studio or nurseries, going out to eat, etc. Sign up on our email list to receive those invites. Contact DJ Winebrinner by phone or email.

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## UUCWI Initiative News

[New Initiative Proposal Form Link](#)

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## Native Connections Initiative



### NCI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER [CLICK HERE](#):

To receive your monthly newsletter hot off the press, [join our email list](#). You can also access our current and archived newsletters on the UUCWI website.

### NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, April 10 at 6:30 pm; BEAVER TALES COFFEE AND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HUB

Meetings will continue to be on Zoom, to accommodate Indigenous people who do not currently live on Whidbey.

We have invited Michelle Calvin (Ah Dah Néik - Adopted Tlingit) and Tony Cladoosby (Spah Kia Kud - Swinomish Tribal Member), to speak during our April meeting. They have opened Beaver Tales Coffee on the Coupeville Wharf with a vision to create an Indigenous Cultural Hub on the Wharf. Come hear about their inspiring vision!

[Join our email list](#) to receive up-to-date information about the meeting, and more about their vision. [Beaver Tales Coffee](#)

Port Townsend

This is a wonderful, not-to-be-missed exhibit of 4' X 6' portraits by the *League of Extraordinary Observers*. It is open for viewing on **Fridays through April 19, from noon to 3 PM**. A book of the Portraits, with text by elder Rosalee Walz, is available.

**APRIL 17, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm, BOOK DISCUSSION:** [Register here!](#)

Frances Wood will again lead us in three discussions on books by Native authors. Please [Register](#) to receive the discussion questions for each book. The next book discussions in April and May:

**April 17, 6:30 pm:** *Red Paint, The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk;* by Sasha taq<sup>w</sup>šəblu LaPointe

Sasha taq<sup>w</sup>šəblu LaPointe grew up moving around the Pacific Northwest with her family, developing a passion for the punk scene and keeping alive her responsibility of being the namesake of her beloved great-grandmother, Vi taq<sup>w</sup>šəblu Hilbert -- a linguist who helped preserve Lushootseed.

#### **PODCAST: YAI (YOUNG AND INDIGENOUS) AND SASHA LAPOINTE**

This YAI Podcast interviews local author, musician, and professor, Sasha taq<sup>w</sup>šəblu LaPointe! Her memoir *Red Paint* is the topic of discussion and is our book read for April. [Listen here.](#)

**May 15, 6:30 pm:** *Jesintel: Living Wisdom from Coast Salish Elders,* edited by Children of the Setting Sun

#### **MAY 18: PENN COVE WATER FESTIVAL, 11:00 AM -- 5:00 PM**

This Festival features annual tribal canoe races, native arts & crafts vendors, storytelling, musical and dance performances, artist demonstrations, authentic Native foods, youth activities, exhibits and displays. Come hear your favorites: Peter Ali on Native Flute, Swill Kanim on violin and telling stories, Rosie James, storytelling, and the Shifty Sailors. **Many opportunities to volunteer** are available, led by our own Judy Kaplan. [Sign up here.](#)

#### **SAVE THE DATES: JULY 6 -- 12: BLUE HERON CANOE LANDING**

Once again, the Blue Heron Canoe Family will honor Whidbey by arriving and camping at the Fairgrounds in Langley. All are welcome to join them for spontaneous teachings by elders, craft classes, and forming ongoing relationships with the canoe family. Mike Evans, the father of the canoe, is Snohomish, and many other Tribes are represented. We plan to provide as many meals as we can and offer donations of food and local produce during their stay.

**July 6, about 5:00:** Formal landing with protocols at Seawall Park in Langley.

**July 7, Community Dinner Potluck.** All are welcome. Last year more than 100 people attended!



Please [contact us by email](#) if you would like to volunteer or be a helper in any way. Stay tuned for more information as plans are firmied.

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## Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



### Earth and Ocean Month

April is Earth and Ocean Month! This is a time to celebrate the beauty and strength of our island and planet, while also taking meaningful action to protect and sustain it. There are many events on Whidbey Island that you can participate in. Take a look at their calendar to discover all the activities available. You can learn more at [whidbeyearthday.org](http://whidbeyearthday.org)!

### North Whidbey Climate Change Salon\*

USL invites you to attend the North Whidbey Climate Change Salon on Saturday, March 30th at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Oak Harbor Public Library meeting room. On March 30th, residents of North Whidbey and others will practice having meaningful and productive conversations about climate change at the Climate Change Salons. This event will also introduce two active Whidbey Island organizations: Whidbey Climate Action and Citizens Climate Lobby.

These Climate Change Salons are held on the last Saturday of every month. The salons are an opportunity to exchange ideas and support efforts to reduce the rate of climate change and its harmful effects. Learn more [here](#).

\*This is not a USL hosted event

Naomi Atwood and Kalku Alexander on behalf of USL

-submitted with edits by Gary Piazzon in collaboration with USL

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### Members and Friends Facebook Group

UUCWI has a Members and Friends Facebook Group to encourage sharing information, resources, and discussions. Check it out [here](#).

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# Social Environmental Justice

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**April is Earth & Ocean Month on Whidbey.** There are a wide variety of learning, sharing and community resilience building opportunities. Learn more at [whidbeyearthday.org](http://whidbeyearthday.org)

**Saturday, March 30 at 1PM Climate Change Salon-** UUCWI member Denise Marion is hosting this reoccurring event at the Oak Harbor Public Library. North Whidbey residents and others will gather to exchange ideas and support efforts to reduce the rate of climate chaos and its harmful effects. The program will focus on how to talk about this contentious issue and introduce participants to Whidbey Climate Action and Citizen's Climate Lobby. Questions? Contact Denise at [dpmorder@gmail.com](mailto:dpmorder@gmail.com) 501-655-3130

**April 4th at 5:00 PM (on line, hosted by UUSJ) -"Keep Calling And Writing: How the Climate Justice Movement Affects Federal Legislation."** on line UU Katie Thomas Carol, Esq. Drawing from almost a decade of experience on Capitol Hill working on energy and environmental policy and legislation, will speak about the power UUs have to help drive the progressive agenda. Katie is director of Energy and Environment Programs for the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, a nonprofit that identifies and develops solutions to build a more just, equitable, and resilient nation. Register [here](#) for this important event. This is part of UUSJ's Earth Month.

***How Will the Climate/Ocean Crisis Impact the United States?*** The answers are in a new book by Abraham Lustgarten, *On the Move: The Overheating Earth and the Uprooting of America*. Among other areas he explains how a pattern of shortsighted policies encouraged millions to settle in vulnerable parts of the country, introduces us to citizens in these danger zones, how insurance companies are reacting, how ranchers and farmers are being forced to make the agonizing choices He shows how America's population will be squeezed northward into a shrinking triangle of land stretching from Tennessee to Maine to the Great Lakes. Listen to his NPR interview [here](#).

\*submitted with hope and gratitude by UUCWI founding member Gary Piazzon

## Submissions

### UUCWI Weekly E-News

**Purpose:** To remind and inform UUCWI congregation & visitors of upcoming services and church-related events.

**Published:** Weekly, sent Fridays at 5:00 a.m. via MailChimp.

**Deadline:** All submissions must be sent to editor by **WEDNESDAY AT NOON** for the current week's publication.

#### Submissions:

- Send submissions to [enews@uucwi.org](mailto:enews@uucwi.org).
- Be direct and concise in your announcement.
- Think of what, when, where, and why. Suggest a short headline.
- Avoid using acronyms or abbreviations. If you do, define your acronym or abbreviation in your first use, like this: *Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island (UUCWI)*.
- You may include a graphic if you would like but must credit the artist/source.
- Do not use personal emails or telephone numbers. Contact [admin@uucwi.org](mailto:admin@uucwi.org) if you would like to arrange contact information for your item.

#### Topics:

- Worship Services and congregational news
- Messages from the Minister
- Board of Trustees and UUCWI Official Notices
- Committee, Initiative and Program news submitted with the approval of the Chair, Initiative or Program Leader
- UUA information
- Local events UUCWI sponsors

To avoid duplicating other Island announcement services, like Drew's List, we will not accept notices for community events, unless UUCWI is a sponsor of, or a congregant is a participant in, the event.

**Editing:** The eNews editor will review each submission. Any post needing substantive editing will be returned and will need to be re-submitted.

**All submissions for eNews are due by**

**WEDNESDAY AT NOON.**

Please send all submissions to UUCWI Staff at [enews@uucwi.org](mailto:enews@uucwi.org).

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