



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

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

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.



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.

Service Link

If you have trouble joining our Zoom meeting, email webmaster@uucwi.org for help.



Next Sunday's Service

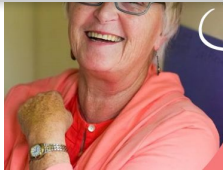
April 14th, 2024 10am

**Where Have We Been and
Where Are We Going? An
Odyssey in Real Time**
Rev. Elizabeth "Kit" Ketcham

**With Mavis Cauffman,
Worship Leader
and Eileen Soskin & Ken Merrell,
Special Music**

I remember being a neophyte minister, back in the year 1999, and learning that our UUMA chapter had a yearly tradition, at our spring retreat, of having one of our longtime, seasoned ministers speak about their life in ministry, the twists and turns it had taken them, the visions (or nightmares) that came with each bend in the road, but most importantly, the insights, the lessons, the "aha's" with each new understanding that came with each new ministry experience.

On April 14, we will look together at our mutual odyssey, as pastor and congregation here on Whidbey Island, and the lessons we learned together. We'll move from self-reflection to examining our learnings, together and individually. And we'll look at how those learnings have guided us to the places we are today. I hope that we will see together the significant growth UUCWI has made over the years, with leaders both elected and informal, and that the insights of the past years will guide your future.



RECEPTION for UU Rev. Emeritus KIT KETCHAM
UUCWI Minister 2003 - 2012
SAT, APR 13; 1:00 -3:00PM

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS
OF KIT KETCHAM
TAKEN DURING HER TIME WITH US AS MINISTER!**

We hope to have a short slide show during the reception for Kit Ketcham on April 13th of photos taken of her during the years she served as our Minister (2003-2012). Do YOU have any digital or other photos you'd like to contribute to this slide show? If so, would you please send them to Joan Gerteis, who has volunteered to put together this slide show. Her email can be found in the directory or request contact information from our [Administrator](#).
Thank you!



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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Saturday, April 6

2pm GCC Earth & Ocean Month Event

Sunday, April 7

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

7:30 - 9pm Salish Sea Early Music Festival: Cantata & Lieder

Monday, April 8

1:30 - 3pm Chimes Rehearsal

4 - 5:30pm Dream Class (Auction Item)

Tuesday, April 9

10am - Noon [Worship Committee](#) (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

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

6:30 - 8pm [Native Connections](#) (Zoom)

Thursday, April 11

10 - 11am [Engagement Committee](#) (Zoom)

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Announcements and News

Forward Together

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.

Last Week for Cottage Gatherings!

Have you signed up? This is the last week of cottage gatherings and there are still many spots available. These small group meetings are being 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 sign up:

- 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!



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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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