



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Whidbey Island
Weekly News

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This Sunday's Service
May 12th, 2024 10am

Giving Life

Dr. Jay Taksony Hewitt
With Mark Simpson,
Worship Leader
and Karen Heather,
Special Music

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

On this Mother's Day, we will gather to celebrate the impulse to give life as a form of loving existence for the sake of others--and as a generous form of lived communion. We will look to learn how we might live with hearts filled with love from those who have given us life.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service

May 19th, 2024 10am

Revenge

Joseph Bednarik
With Mavis Cauffman,
Worship Leader
and Heidi Hoelting,
Special Music

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In his poem "Revenge," Palestinian poet Taha Muhammad Ali imagines meeting the man who killed his father, and what form his revenge will take. This Sunday we join Taha as he confronts and considers one of humanity's most intense and corrosive forces.



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, May 10

Saturday, May 11

7 - 8:30pm Choro das 3, concert

Sunday, May 12

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

After Service Book Talk

Monday, May 13

1 - 3pm Board of Trustees (Cascade Room)

1 - 3pm Chimes Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 14

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

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

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

Thursday, May 16

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Announcements and News



BUDGET OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 15th, 7pm

Please join members of the Board of Trustees at an Open House on May 15th at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary to learn about the results of UUCWI's recent Pledge Drive and the Board's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. A copy of the Board's budget has been emailed to Members and Friends. If you did not receive it and would like a copy, please email admin@uucwi.org. We invite you to come and ask questions and discuss the budget during this meeting. At the annual meeting on June 9th members of the congregation will vote on the proposed budget. We look forward to hearing your comments.

Newcomers Lunch

[RSVP](#)

May 19th After Service



If you are new to UUCWI or perhaps a recent visitor, we hope you will join us for lunch after church on Sunday May 19th. We would like to know how many are coming. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to membership@uucwi.org.



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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.

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 Mavis Cauffman, our coordinator of these types of services, at caringconnections@uucwi.org.



Small Group Ministry Coming to UUCWI

A Message from Rev. Kate Lore and the UUCWI Pastoral Care Team

Celebrating the Return of Chalice Circles*

We are thrilled to announce the return of Chalice Circles to our community! After a

congregation.

These circles will be facilitated in order to create a nurturing and supportive environment for all participants.

For more information and to sign up for a Chalice Circle, please look for the Pastoral Care table after the service on Sunday, May 5, 12, 19 and 26. You may also sign up by email to Bill Graves at: pastor@uucwi.org We look forward to welcoming you into this sacred circle of sharing, learning, and belonging.

***What are Chalice Circles?**

Chalice Circles, also called Covenant Groups, are a form of small group ministry practiced in many UU congregations. Typically, they are groups of 6-8 persons who come together monthly, or more often, at times and venues negotiated by each group, and are led by a facilitator. They operate under an agreed covenant involving an intentional commitment to one another in service of the gathered group and its higher purpose. Generally, each session focuses on a topic or question suggested by leadership. Chalice Circles offer an opportunity for building community, deepening relationships, deeper spiritual exploration, care and support of participants, building stronger ties to the congregation, practicing accountability, and leadership development. For more information go to the UUA's [website](#).

ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS

Saturday, May 11 7pm

On Saturday, May 11 at 7 PM you will have a unique opportunity to hear 3 Brazilian musicians from Sao Paulo, perform the genuine music first heard in the 19 th century, upon which much Brazilian music is based ever since. The music is called "choro" and the group calls themselves Choro das 3. The musicians play flute, clarinet, cavaquinho and percussions instruments. You don't want to miss this exciting concert. This group has been touring the US since May of 2023 and we're thrilled they have chosen Whidbey Island to perform at UUCWI.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Whidbey Island Presents
In Concert



Choro das 3

On tour from
São Paulo, Brazil

May 11 @ 7 pm
20103 State Route 525
Freeland, WA

Choro das 3 is a family based
trio formed by the sisters:
Corina (flute and pandeiro),
Lia (7 string guitar) and Elisa
(mandolin, clarinet, banjo,
accordion and piano).

ABOUT US
Suggested goodwill donation of \$25
at the door



UU Hikes

Saturday, May 25th 10:30am - 1pm

Trillium Community Forest

You are welcome to join other UU hikers for a 3.8 to 4.8 mile hike in the southern section of the Trillium Community Forest. The trail may have rough and muddy sections but has relatively little elevation change.

Time: 10:30-1:00 Rain or shine! Hike may be canceled if weather is too threatening, in which case we'll go for coffee together.

Meeting Location: Parking area at Bounty Loop Trailhead, at the northwest corner of Bounty Loop. (See map link below).

Directions: From Hwy 525 turn west on Mutiny Bay road north of the church. After 0.3 miles turn right on N. Bounty Loop Road. Go 0.2 miles to the parking area. Avoid handicapped parking spaces; there is plenty of extra parking space along the road.

[Map Information](#)

Questions: Contact Dave Cauffman or Clara Beyer, the hike leaders. Contact information is in the UUCWI directory.



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Women's Group

All Meetings 11:00am - 12:30pm

Wednesdays In Person at Various Locations

etc. Sign up on our email list to receive those invites. Contact DJ Winebrinner by phone or email.

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Native Connections Initiative



NCI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER [CLICK HERE:](#)

Or [join our email list](#), to receive our newsletters via email. Newsletters contain much more information about Native issues than we can include here. And images too.

NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, June 12 at 6:30 pm

The meeting is on Zoom, the link is in the UUCWI calendar.

MAY 16, THURSDAY, 4:30: Intertribal Camas Bake at Pacific Rim Institute:

The NCI has received an invitation from Sam Barr (Samish), the organizer of the 6th annual Intertribal Camas Bake at PRI, to provide a meal for the opening night of the gathering. This invitation is a big honor and represents patient, respectful building of relationships. This will be a simple, informal opportunity to gather with people of many Coast Salish Tribes to eat and visit together.

We need people to sign up in advance to know we have enough food. **To volunteer to prepare food and come to PRI at 4:30pm on Thursday, May 16th to serve and to join in the meal, please contact Sarah Schmidt by email at 4bats@ixoreus.com or by phone or text at 360-929-3592.**

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

Annual tribal canoe races, native arts & crafts, performers and much more. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer.

MAY 22, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm, BOOK DISCUSSION: [Register](#)

Jesintel: Living Wisdom from Coast Salish Elders. Discussion led by Frances Wood. Register to receive thoughtful discussion questions and the link for the Zoom meeting.

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

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

July 7, Community Dinner Potluck.

Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



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



May 22 is International Biodiversity Day



Get to know UU Ministry for the Earth- UUCWI members were formative in the evolution of the UUMFE actions and advocacy. Learn about UUMFE's work and how you can contribute [here](#).

Coming Events

www.penncovewaterfestival.org/

- **May 22, 4-5PM PT "Creator as Anchor; Collapse as Teacher" Dr. Lyla June Johnston** Hosted by UUMFE. register [here](#). Dr Johnson was the 2024 Trudy Sundberg Lecturer at WICA last month. That presentation, "Architects of Abundance" is now available on line. Enjoy it and her amazing singing as well. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2-scbuzKDI> .

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of Nature..." - Rachel Carson

submitted with respect by UUCWI 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.
- 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 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.

WEDNESDAY AT NOON.

Please send all submissions to UUCWI Staff at enews@uucwi.org.

Thank you!



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