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

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**This Sunday's Service**  
May 19th, 2024 10am

**Revenge**

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

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

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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.

## Service Link

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

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**Next Sunday's Service**  
May 26th, 2024 10am

**Remembering Our Beloveds**

**Worship Leaders**  
**Effie Brown,**  
**Jane Spalding**  
**& Mark Simpson**  
**with Whidbey Bedside Singers**  
**accompanied by Jane Hayes,**  
**Special Music**

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Among the most powerful of the stories we tell ourselves and one another are those that keep alive the memories of our departed loved ones. Please join us as we share pictures, songs, stories and a candle lighting ceremony honoring those who have touched and changed our lives in so many ways.

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**PICTURES FOR**  
**OUR REMEMBERING OUR BELOVEDS SERVICE**  
**WANTED**  
**Please submit by May 20**

This annual service of remembrance is a cherished tradition of this

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your deceased loved ones to [webmaster@uucwi.org](mailto:webmaster@uucwi.org) by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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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### *Friday, May 17*

### *Saturday, May 18*

9 - 11:30am UUCWI Work Party (Grounds)

### *Sunday, May 19*

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

After Service Newcomer Potluck (Sanctuary)

Lunch Bunch at China City

### *Monday, May 20*

### *Tuesday, May 21*

10am - 2pm Livestream Event (Sanctuary)

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

### *Wednesday, May 22*

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

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

6:30 - 8pm Native Connections Book Discussion ([Registration Required](#))

### *Thursday, May 23*

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## Buildings and Grounds Work Party

**Saturday 18th, 9-11 am**

Please join us and help keep our beautiful church grounds looking spiffy. We will be removing a downed tree, mowing and weed-eating and cutting back blackberries. And we will eat pastries after we work. And get to know each other better. This is what shared ministry looks like.

John Long and Dennis Holzer

## 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

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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 Mavis Cauffman, our coordinator of these types of services, at [caringconnections@uucwi.org](mailto:caringconnections@uucwi.org).



## Small Group Ministry Coming to UUCWI

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

**What are Chalice Circles?** Chalice Circles, also known as Covenant Groups, are a form of UU Small Group Ministry. These groups consist of 6-10 members and operate under a shared covenant, committing to each other and a higher purpose. Sign-ups to participate

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after the service June 9, 2024.

**How often do they meet?** Chalice Groups meet monthly or more often in venues agreed upon by the group. For this first round, we ask for a 6-month commitment.

**What happens in these groups?** Each session centers around a topic or question suggested by leadership, fostering community, deepening relationships, spiritual exploration, support, accountability, and leadership development. Conversation is led by a facilitator.

**How will I know who is in my group?** Preferences for group assignments, including considerations for spouses, friends, and geographical proximity, will be taken into account by the Pastoral Care Team in making group assignments in addition to the value of promoting new connections among members of the congregation. Initial group assignments and meeting templates will be presented by the PC Team in June.

**Will there be facilitators?** The first session will be facilitated by PCT members, with subsequent facilitation determined by each group. - Groups will develop their own covenants, encouraged to use a "talking stick" during meetings. - Monthly spiritual themes, reflection questions, quotations, and readings will be provided by the PCT. Themes may include Aging, Community, Kindness, and more.

For further questions or concerns, contact Bill Graves, Cynthia Morrow-Hattal, or Kate Sheppard. You can find their direct email addresses in our directory or email [pastor@uucwi.org](mailto:pastor@uucwi.org).



## 3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch

After Sunday Services  
at China City in Freeland  
11:30 - 12:30

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Join us at 11:30 at China City Freeland  
We order family style and easily share the cost  
and the various tastes. Yum!  
Alcohol is paid for separately.  
Look for the clipboard at the Welcome Table  
in the foyer to sign up.

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## 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.

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[Information](#)

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information is in the UUCWI directory.

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## UUCWI ARTIST SERIES

**May 26, 7:30 Chamber Music**

On Sunday eve, May 26 at 7:30 PM, "Baroque Concerti" will feature 18th-century concerti for baroque orchestra by Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Vivaldi and Jacques Aubert with soloists Carrie Kraus Hi,(violin), Jeffrey Cohan (flute) and Jonathan Oddie (harpsichord) and other early music specialists from four states and Canada. Don't miss this spectacular musical offering. Light refreshments of homemade cookies are offered by the Music Committee who also enjoys welcoming you.

Admission is by suggested donation (a free will offering) of \$20 to \$30.

Those 18 & under are free. [Additional information](#)



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# SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 —



— Jonathan Oddie —  
*harpsichord*

— Carrie Krause —  
*baroque violin*

— Jeffrey Cohan —  
*baroque flute*

## BAROQUE CONCERTI

Johann Sebastian Bach • CPE Bach • Jacques Aubert • Antonio Vivaldi  
Elizabeth Phelps ~ *violin* • Courtney Kuroda ~ *violin* • Victoria Gunn ~ *viola* • Martin Bonham ~ *cello*

Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 7:30 PM

❖ Whidbey Island Unitarian Universalist Congregation ❖

✦ 20103 State Route 525 in Freeland on Whidbey Island ✦

\$20 to \$30 suggested donation/a free will offering, all are welcome ✦ youth 18 and under always free

✦ [www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey](http://www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey) ✦



Image by DJ Winebrinner

## 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

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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.

**TOMORROW: 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.**

Please [contact us by email](#) to volunteer.

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## Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



### PETITION ISLAND COUNTY TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY!

Whether or not you have signed in the past, **SIGN** the petition [linked here](#) and **SHARE** it with everyone you know ([bit.ly/island-county-CED](https://bit.ly/island-county-CED)). We need the whole of Island County to come together to pass this declaration. This is necessary for the health and future of Island County. The climate crisis impacts everyone in the community, so we appreciate all your support in this movement.


In 2022, USL called on Island County to declare a Climate Emergency, who instead passed a watered-down climate resolution. We need more than just a diluted resolution, we need to take direct action and hold Island County accountable.

Spread the word and be a part of change!

—Lilly Katzinger, Carter McKnight, Sophia Patrin, and Ava Mitten on behalf of USL


ISLAND COUNTY:

# DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY!



SIGN THIS PETITION

to help us push a  
Climate Emergency  
Declaration!



United Student Leaders (USL) focuses on uplifting youth voices around climate and social justice issues. It is incredibly important to pass legislation that will efficiently and effectively address the climate crisis.

USL is campaigning for Island County to declare a Climate Emergency. This Declaration would acknowledge the fact that we live in an environmental CRISIS.

We are directly calling on YOUR support to help protect our planet and future.

URL: [bit.ly/island-county-CED](https://bit.ly/island-county-CED)

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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



*"For Unitarian Universalists, this is faithful, moral action because democracy and the right of all people to have a voice and a vote are at the very heart of our Seven Principles.... We are called to courageously embody the deepest values of our faith with our hearts, bodies, and spirits while building toward an abundant future in which all are free and flourishing." - Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray*

Get to know [UU the Vote](#) & consider participating with fellow UUs to protect US democracy

### Coming Events

- **May 18** - [Penn Cove Water Festival](#) - professor Lou Labombard (Mohawk) will be telling stories around the campfire at PRI from 7:30 -8:30 on Friday 5/17
- **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. That presentation, "Architects of Abundance" is now available on line. Enjoy it and her amazing singing as well.

**Bad News For the Future; The Transmountain pipeline is completed and tar sand liquid bitumen is flowing, endangering the Salish Sea and the future of life on Earth!** 8 times the volume of the Keystone XL, it will require a massive increase in tankers shipping this toxin overseas. An international effort led by the tiny [Tsleil-](#)

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**Young UU Young Adults For Climate Justice- [UU Ministry for the Earth](#)- UUCWI** and members of other Washinton congregations were formative in the evolution of the UUMFE's actions and advocacy. Learn more [here](#).

*"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*

humbly & hopefully submitted by UUCWI member Gary Piazzon 360-720-3331

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## 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

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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).

*Thank you!*



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