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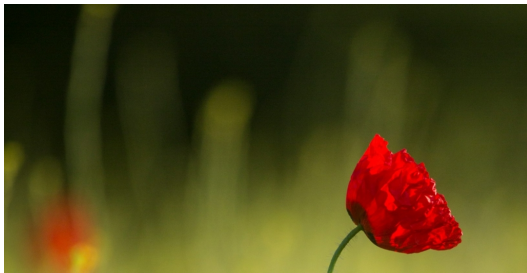
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**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Whidbey Island
Weekly News**

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This Sunday's Service
May 26th, 2024 10am

Remembering Our Beloveds

Worship Leaders
Effie Brown,
Jane Spalding
& Mark Simpson

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Special Music

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

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.

Service Link

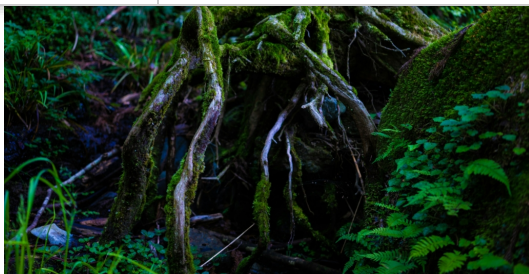
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Rooted in Justice

Rev. Erika Hewitt

**Mavis Cauffman,
Worship Leader**

**with Karen Heather,
Special Music**

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Throughout our Unitarian, Universalist, and UU histories, our religious ancestors found ways to practice liberation and justice in both bold and secret ways. This morning we'll celebrate some of the stories that connect us to our justice-making roots.



This Week's Calendar

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

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

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Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

10:30 - 1pm UU Hike Trillium Forest - see notice below

Sunday, May 26

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

7:30 - 9pm Salish Sea Early Music Festival Concert

Monday, May 27

1:30 - 3pm Chimes Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 28

9:30 - 11:30am [Membership Committee](#) (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, May 29

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

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

Thursday, May 30

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Announcements and News

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- Did you know: Stephanie, our Administrator, is responsible for the day-to-day usage of our building. If you are planning work in or on the building (repairs, painting, projects, etc.), please, always check in with her ahead of time.
 - UUCWI is joining with St. Augustine's Episcopal Peace Fellowship in presenting a community discussion *For Palestine, the Stones Cry Out for Justice and Peace!* on Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine's. Two retired Episcopal pastors will tell what they learned from their participation in a delegation which visited 17 different Palestinian organizations working for non-violent solutions to the Gaza conflict. UUCWI, while not necessarily endorsing opinions that may be expressed in this presentation, fully supports the spirit of furthering education of all aspects of this difficult and important conflict.
 - It's not too late to sign up for *General Assembly* - the annual gathering of UUs from across the country. It will be held from June 20-23 on-line this year. See <https://www.uua.org>>registration Please let Toyon know if you plan to attend.
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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

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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 will continue through May at a table in the foyer or by email to pastor@uucwi.org.

There will be an organizational session with Rev. Kate Lore for all persons signed-up 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.

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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.

[Map](#)

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

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 ✦



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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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Native Connections Initiative

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)**NCI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER [CLICK HERE](#):**

(If you are accessing the newsletter on a small screen, such as a phone, you will need to download the newsletter. Scroll down the web-page to the Download button. Apologies for the inconvenience.)

To receive our newsletters directly via email, please [join our email list](#). *Newsletters contain much more information about Native issues than we can include here in the E-news.*

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

The meeting is on Zoom, the link will be in the UUCWI calendar, and if you are on our NCI mailing list, you will receive the link directly in your inbox. Our subject will be on canoe culture amongst Coast Salish tribes.

MAY 28, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: CLIMATE ANXIETY AND SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE

A free event at the Whidbey Institute, with Suzanne Crawford O'Brien. In her teaching and writing, Professor O'Brien (of Pacific Lutheran University) considers the intersection of environmental justice, healing, and sacred traditions, particularly among Native communities in North America.

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 6, dinner: for the 3rd year, NCI will provide a dinner for the canoe family and

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July 7, Community Dinner Potluck, at the Fairgrounds.

The Blue Heron Canoe Family invites everyone to visit their encampment throughout the week they are here and participate in teachings, songs, craft-making, and informal discussions. More information about their schedule as July rolls around.

JUNE 12: ALL OUR RELATIONS: TRIBUTE TO THE ORCA (In-person event)

Washington Conservation Action is thrilled to support and invite you to an evening elevating Indigenous voices and reimagining how we are connected with nature and each other. [Join us for All Our Relations: Tribute to the Orca on June 12 from 6:30 p.m. at the Seattle Aquarium.](#) This event is presented by Se'Si'Le, an Indigenous-led nonprofit in Washington State and is supported by a coalition of NGOs and faith-based partners.

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Free film screening of "ISRAELISM" was shown at at The Clyde Theatre May

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[Please RSVP for the online Q&A here!](#)

White House Climate Emergency Declaration Letter

United Student Leaders, along with 425 other groups, signed a letter calling on the Biden administration to declare a climate emergency, protect frontline communities and workers, and advance their commitments to “transition away from fossil fuels” It was sent to the White House last week. You can [read the finalized version here](#).

Banking on Climate Chaos Report

This report is the most comprehensive analysis on fossil fuel banking produced to date investigating fossil fuel financing of the world's 60 largest banks which has reached nearly \$6.9 trillion in the eight years since the historic Paris Agreement. It highlights frontline stories of people leading the fight. In spite of the known threat banks continue to finance fossil fuel expansion by \$705 billion in 2023 alone. You can [download the complete report here](#). To switch from Chase or Wells Fargo [check out USL's preferred banks for Whidbey Island here](#)

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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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"Do we have the courage to understand that this is not just an ecological crisis or a political crisis or even an economic crisis? Because it is all of those things, but at its heart, it is a spiritual crisis." Terry Tempest Williams, author conservationist

Coming Events

- **May 28 at 6:30 PM -Climate Anxiety and Spiritual Resilience** with [Suzanne Crawford O'Brien](#) at the Whidbey Institute. Many of us are deeply concerned about climate chaos & feel overwhelmed with grief, anxiety. The psychology of climate grief will be explored via lessons from Indigenous traditions and comparative religions, seeking guidance for processing our grief and moving to cultivate purpose, courage, and hope. Suzanne is professor of Religion and Culture at Pacific Lutheran University, where she also teaches in the Native American and Indigenous Studies and Environmental Studies programs. Please register [here](#).
- **June 6, 6-8 PM- Island Conversations: Permaculture"** Bayview Cash Store. **Penny Livingston** introduces a transformative approach to living sustainably. Permaculture isn't just a concept, it's a design science rooted in the observation of nature that aids in designing human settlements that have the stability and resiliency of natural ecosystems. It encompasses every aspect of human existence on Earth, from community economics and energy to agriculture and society, group

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On the Move: The Overheating Earth and the Uprooting of America by Abraham Lunstgarten -a book about the future. Humanity is on the precipice of a great migration & Americans will not be spared. Tens of millions are likely to be driven from the places they call home. Poorer communities will be left behind, while growth will surge in the cities and regions most attractive to climate refugees. This is being driven by four unstoppable forces: recurrent wildfires; coastal flooding; extreme heat and droughts that will make farming all but impossible in much of the USA. *"What consistently enlivens the book are the author's eloquent personal insights. His visits to Guatemala, especially, are astonishing as well as gripping . . . This book should fill readers' minds with possibilities."* —Jon Gertner, *The New York Times Book Review*
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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.

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re-submitted.

All submissions for eNews are due by
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