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This Sunday's Service

Rooted in Justice

Rev. Erika Hewitt

Mavis Cauffman, Worship Leader

with Karen Heather, Special Music

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Please join us in person or on Zoom.

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

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## Service Link

If you have trouble joining our Zoom meeting, email <a href="webmaster@uucwi.org">webmaster@uucwi.org</a> for help.



Next Sunday's Service
June 9th, 2024 10am

The Fullness of Being:
A Conversation between Ralph
Waldo Emerson and Margaret
Fuller

Rev. Kate Lore

Gary Hattal Worship Leader

**Music**Joy Tjoelker and Chimes

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Join us for a unique service as Kate Lore and Gary Hattal perform a "conversation" between UU journalist and civil rights' advocate Margaret Full and UU minister and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson. This Readers Theater script was written by Kate Lore in the belief that learning about our Transcendentalist history can be heartfelt and fun!

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Click on blue titles for Zoom link.

Check out our <u>Members and</u> Friends Facebook Page.

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Friday, May 31

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

10am Worship Service (In Person and on Zoom)

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Visual Arts Committee

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Caring Circle

Wednesday, June 5

10am - Noon Men's Group

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Women's Group

Thursday, June 6

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# Announcements and News

## **Board Briefs**

## Important Dates:

• June 9, 2024 - Annual Meeting. Your attendance and voice are needed and will be greatly appreciated. [Following the service that day.] THEN - introduction

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St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church.[ At 6:30 pm] Co-sponsored by UUCWI and St. Augustine's Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

The BOT is making plans for UUCWI to participate in the South Whidbey Pride Parade on June 22. If you would like to "march", help carry our banner, or otherwise be a part of this event to show our support for the LGBTQIA+ community, please let Janet Garrow know. The parade will be in Langley. If you would like to help coordinate similar participation in a north-end event, please let Janet know that as well.



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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.

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# Small Group Ministry - Chalice Circles

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

#### NOTICE TO ALL CHALICE CIRCLE PARTICIPANTS:

The UUCWI Pastoral Care Team is pleased and excited to invite those who signed up for a Chalice Circle to attend a brief organizational meeting immediately following the congregation's annual meeting on Sunday June 9, 2024. Group assignments will be made and meeting format, protocols and themes will be presented. Then, each group will come together to decide the date, time, location and facilitator for their first, full session together. Refreshments will be provided.

For questions or to sign-up contact: Bill Graves or Kate Sheppard

You can find their direct email addresses in our directory or email <u>pastor@uucwi.org</u>.

# For Palestine, The Stones Cry Out for Justice and Peace

June 11, 6:30 pm

St. Augustine's in the Woods - Campbell Hall

Please plan to attend For Palestine, The Stones Cry Out for Justice and Peace, a community presentation, to be held on June 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine's Campbell Hall in Freeland. UUCWI is joining St. Augustine's Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EFP) in cosponsoring this event. The presenters, two retired Episcopal pastors, were part of a larger delegation that visited 17 different Palestinian organizations working for non-violent solutions. With photos and stories, they will share what the delegation learned, what they observed, and what each of us can do to advocate for permanent justice and peace in what is known as the Holy Land. They will offer information on the difficult living conditions of Palestinians and the reality of the Palestinian perspective. UUCWI and St. Augustine's, while not necessarily endorsing opinions that may be

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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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To those who want to support the youth of Whidbey who want to learn to play stringed instruments following in the footsteps of our beloved Linda Good, please look at the developments of <u>Island Strings</u>. We need to be part of building the

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Your contribution could grant a young Whidbey strings student access to the local youth symphony, assistance with instrument rental costs, financial aid toward group or studio instruction, and empower them to chase their musical dreams with confidence.



lessons to kids who need a little extra help so they can learn to play their instrument.

Submitted by Sarah Richards

# Native Connections Initiative



Below is the eNews for Native Connections Initiative

#### **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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> year, NCI will provide a dinner for the canoe family and other Snohomish Tribal members on their

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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. <u>Join us for All Our Relations: Tribute to the Orca on June 12 from 6:30 p.m. at the Seattle Aquarium.</u> 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.

# Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



## 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 <u>read the finalized version here</u>.

## 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 <u>download the complete report here</u>. To switch from Chase or Wells Fargo <u>check out USL's preferred banks for Whidbey Island here</u>

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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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heart, it is a spiritual crisis." Terry Tempest Williams, author conservationist

## Coming Events

• 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 facilitation to habitat restoration. Free, in person, refreshments. Hosted by Whidbey Climate Action.

On the Move: The Overheating Earth and the Uprooting of America by Abrahm 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 Explore more here.



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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 <u>admin@uucwi.org</u> 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.

Thank you!



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