



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

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This Sunday's Service

June 16th, 2024 10am

Reading Camp

Rev. Amanda Aikman

Kate Nunn, Worship Leader

Yana Viniko (Piano) &
Aniela Perry (cello), Music

Sandy Welch &
Mavis Cauffman, Tech Team

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

suggestion about how to enjoy the season to its utmost.



DEDICATED OFFERING

Whidbey's *ESSENTIAL NEEDS PROGRAM*

Many of our Whidbey neighbors and friends are struggling to afford even basic needs. The Goosefoot Community Fund and Whidbey Community Foundation have partnered to raise funds for the Essential Needs Program, with a collective community goal of \$100,000 by July 31, 2024.

How will our UUCWI donations help? They will help fill gaps for Whidbey Island households that aren't met through existing funding streams.

Examples of assistance will include:

- child-care subsidies
- utilities
- basic furnishings
- transportation
- one-time extraordinary expenses

As funds are raised they will be deployed to Whidbey households directly through The Opportunity Council Island County Service Center.

More information: [Essential Needs Program - Whidbey Community Foundation \(whidbeyfoundation.org\)](https://whidbeyfoundation.org)

Service Link

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



Poetry

Daniel Edward Moore

Mark Simpson
Worship Leader

Music
Eileen Soskin

Poetry bears witness to those experiences that begin in ourselves and human relationships and challenges the commonplace and comfortable--an alchemy of flesh into word. Whidbey poets Daniel Edward Moore and Mark Simpson read from recent work that bears witness, that invites, examines, provokes and confronts. In the end, the poems are gifts that invite new perspectives on who we are.



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, June 14

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16

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

3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch after service (China City)

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth Staff Holiday

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

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM [Women's Group](#)

Thursday, June 20

3 - 4:30pm Chalice Circle (Cascade Room)

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Announcements and News

Board Briefs

A hearty thanks to the many who attended the Annual Meeting. The proposed budget and amendment to Article IX of the Bylaws were unanimously approved. The Board of Trustees/Officers for the coming church year is: Toyan Copeland, Trustee/President; Dave Cauffman, Trustee/Treasurer; John Long, Trustee/Secretary; and Clara Beier, Linda Flanagan Freeburg, Rimmel Nunn, and Don Winebrinner, Trustees.

The newly elected Nominating Committee includes Joan Gerteis, Mary Goolsby, and Jane Hayes.

UUCWI has a new banner! Thank you Sandy W and Mavis C for the design and production of this. Please plan to walk in the **Pride Parade in Coupeville on Saturday, June 15**, when the banner will make its first public appearance. Parade starts at 11 a.m. **Meet at 10:30** at the Farmers Market Field - behind the Coupeville library.

You're also invited to join in the **Langley Pride Parade on Saturday, June 22, at 12 N.** Meet a little before that at the Community Center (near WICA).

Let's show the greater community our support for the LGBTQ+ people here and everywhere. UUCWI will be walking with several other faith groups in each parade. We will prove we mean it when we say: "We show up!"

... sponsor of this interesting and informative presentation. Thanks to Mavis C and Patricia P who helped with the refreshments. Toyan C participated in the introduction of the speakers.

The 4th International Convocation of UU Women and People of Progressive Faiths, "Weaving a Tapestry of Peace and New Perspectives" will be held September 5-8, 2024, in Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár, Romania. More details can be found [here](#).



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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.

CELEBRATE PRIDE ON WHIDBEY ISLAND !





congregations! We are participating in two parades on different dates. Please come walk with us or bring your chair and show your support along the route by watching the parades.

Remember to wear FESTIVE CLOTHING!

Coupeville Pride Fest - Saturday June 15th Downtown Coupeville. Opening Ceremonies at 10 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Look for UUCWI's banner. Festivities immediately follow at the Coupeville Farmer's Market.

Langley Parade - Saturday June 22nd. Parade begins at noon at corner of Cascade and Camano Avenues. Look for UUCWI's banner. Festivities follow at the South Whidbey Community Center.

If you wish to carpool to either parade, meet in UUCWI parking lot by 10 a.m. for the Coupeville parade, and by 11 a.m. for the Langley parade.

Questions? Contact Janet Garrow jgarrow@uucwi.onmicrosoft.com



UU Hikes

Saturday, June 22nd 9:30am
Darvill Trail

You are welcome to join other UU hikers for a 4.4 mile hike on the Darvill Trail in Little

challenging climb than recent hikes; please read about it and assess whether it is appropriate for you. We suggest you bring a snack or lunch to eat on the trail at the summit.

Meeting Time & Location: We will leave at 9:30am meet at the church (or 9:50am at Clara's home) to carpool for the drive to trailhead. We are likely to return after 3 pm. Hike may be canceled if weather is too threatening; RSVP to Dave to ensure you receive an email notification.

RSVP: Please provide (1) your email address, (2) meeting location at which you intend join us, and (3) whether you would be willing to drive if need be.

[Map](#) [Information](#)

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



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 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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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MUSICAL LEARNING

ISLAND STRINGS Introduces the

LINDA GOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND DONATE TODAY!




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Learn more at islandstrings.org

Island Strings is a program of the Whidbey Island Arts Council (WIAC), a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.



WHIDBEY ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL

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.

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 [Island Strings](#). We need to be part of building the momentum of getting instruments and lessons to kids who need a little extra help so they can learn to play their instrument.

Submitted by Sarah Richards

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, July 10 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.

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 other Snohomish Tribal members on their arrival day. They will be camping at the Island County Fairgrounds this year. Please [contact us by email](#) to volunteer.

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.

Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



across Whidbey to show support for justice and peace in Palestine. upcoming events include:

- **Solidarity Saturdays**, every Saturday at the Bayview Park and Ride from 11am to 1pm.
- **Oak Harbor Rally for Palestine**, usually on Thursdays from 4-5 pm at Beeksma-Gateway Park ([check here](#) on Solidarity with Palestine Whidbey's Facebook page for exact dates).

We encourage you to educate yourself on this situation through resources such as [Jewish Voices for Peace](#) and others.

Climate Declaration Campaign in North Whidbey

Last Wednesday, members of USL distributed Climate Emergency Declaration posters around Oak Harbor and Coupeville. The posters contain a QR code linked to our online petition which can be [found here](#). This action is part of USL's greater campaign to get Island County to declare a climate emergency. This declaration is critical for our county to help fight the climate crisis and alleviate current impacts affecting our community. However, in order for this to pass through Island County Commissioners, we need support and signatures from across Island County. Please sign on to help protect a healthy and prosperous future!

***addendum: It is happening here: The Coupeville Wharf** is the latest addition to the Most Endangered Places list. This 120 year old iconic structure owned by the Port of Coupeville and part of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, is threatened by the climate crisis. Learn more [here](#).

—submitted with edits for brevity & with a supportive addendum by Gary Piazzon USL/UUCWI liaison & Audrey Gmerek on behalf of United Student Leaders

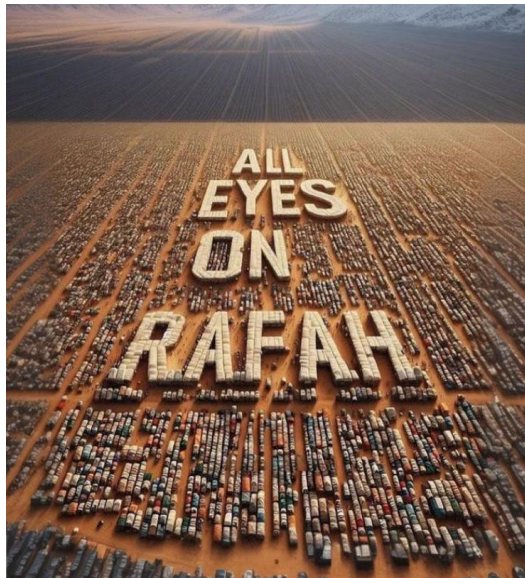


Members and Friends Facebook Group

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



"Exterminate All the Brutes."*- a "soft" genocide continues to unfold in this open air prison. UUSC again pleads for immediate ceasefire.

Side With Love, UUSC & UUCSJ: Support For Gaza Sign On Letter

This latest attack further [reinforces UUSC's contention](#)—and the contention of countless other civil society organizations—that genocide is happening in Palestine.

As we continue to witness devastating violence and destruction in Gaza, we are called by our commitment to love & justice and call on university administrations and public officials to remove police from campuses, end the militarized response to student activism and come to the table in good-faith negotiations with student demands. *We call on our UU community to show up in solidarity. If you haven't had a chance yet, [please sign and share our full statement](#) in solidarity with student activists. Those of you who participated at "The Stones Are Calling Out" at St. Augustine's Tuesday know how critical this is.* For more info read the attached newsletter.

US Supreme Court Weakens Voting Rights

On Thursday, May 23, the Supreme Court dealt a blow to voting rights in *Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*. They ruled that South Carolina's Congressional map had not been racially gerrymandered, reversing a lower court decision. According to [Slate](#), *"The result is a new, nearly insurmountable bar for victims of racial gerrymandering: It will be virtually impossible for any plaintiff to prove that lawmakers targeted them because of their race rather than their assumed political*

Recent Launch of Climate Justice Revival Information Session - UUSJ is a proud sponsor and collaborator for a weekend in September when UU dreamers, problem solvers, advocates, and activists can unite across the country to manifest our commitment. For an example of what's at stake, a detailed report by [The Washington Post](#) revealed that coastal communities across eight states in the U.S. are facing "one of the most rapid sea level surges on Earth." [Scientists sound alarm as growing threat looms over coastal states: 'We are preparing for the wrong disaster.'](#)

Coming Events:

- **6/16/24 -Coupeville Pride Day-** Opening Ceremony 10:30PM Parade follows.
- **6/18/24 Earth Bill Expert Policy Briefing with Robert Hogan Senior Policy Council. 4PM PT** The Earth Bill supports a comprehensive transition to renewable energy, requiring 100% renewable electricity, zero-emission vehicles, and regenerative agriculture by 2030. View a [short video](#) about the Earth Bill [here](#) & Register for this important event [here](#).
- **6/ 20-23General Assembly (GA): Love Unites, Stories Ignite**
- All Virtual: [Registration](#)

"**Exterminate All the Brutes**" was is HBO mini-series about the profound meaning of the Native American genocide and American slavery, and their fundamental implications for our present. Learn more [here](#).

*submitted with respectful optimism by Gary Piazzon UUCWI founding member

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.
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• 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.

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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