



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

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**This Sunday's Service**

June 23rd, 2024 10am

**Poetry**

Daniel Edward Moore

Mark Simpson  
Worship Leader

Music  
Eileen Soskin

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

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

poems are gifts that invite new perspectives on who we are.

## 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

June 30th, 2024 10am

## Coming Out to a Packed House

Joseph Bednarik

Mark Simpson  
Worship Leader

Music  
Barbara Dunn

June is PRIDE month, with pink triangles and rainbow flags showing visible support for the LGBTQ+ community. This morning we share the multi-layered story of one young person's coming out within a packed UU sanctuary.



### 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 21***

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

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***Saturday, June 22******Sunday, June 23***

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

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***Monday, June 24***

1 - 3pm Chimes Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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***Tuesday, June 25***

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

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

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***Wednesday, June 26******Juneteenth Staff Holiday***

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

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

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***Thursday, June 27***

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

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## Announcements and News

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**Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI**

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).

## CELEBRATE PRIDE ON WHIDBEY ISLAND !



UUCWI is back celebrating Pride along with other 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!

**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.

Information and instructions for parade participation can be found [here](#). Please read this flyer if you are participating in the parade!

If you wish to carpool to the 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](mailto:jgarrow@uucwi.onmicrosoft.com)



## Leadership Council

Leadership Council Will be on vacation through the summer and will reconvene in September.

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## 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 Mountain Park near Mt. Vernon. The trail has an 860-foot elevation change and a vista at the mountain top. This hike is further away (1hour 15min drive from UUCWI) and a more 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.

**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.

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*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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## 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.*

**SAVE THE DATES: JULY 6 -- 12: BLUE HERON CANOE LANDING July 6, about 5:00:**

**Saturday, July 6: The Blue Heron Canoe Family arrives**

**12-4 PM: Demonstrations** of weaving, beading, and other traditional crafts at the Fairgrounds in the Fiddle Faddle Farm Building.

**5:00 PM:** Seawall Park in Langley. **Formal landing** of the canoe with protocols.

**6:00 PM, dinner provided by NCI:** For the 3rd year, the NCI community has been invited to provide dinner for the canoe family and other Snohomish Tribal members on their arrival day.. **Sign up to volunteer** to make soups, salads, bread, and desserts, or donate food for breakfasts and lunches. Other volunteer roles are available too. **Sign up [here](#)** or call Michelle Munro, volunteer coordinator, at 206-696-2629.

**Sunday, July 7: 12:00 Noon: Community Potluck Meal and Salmon Bake followed by cultural sharing at the Fairgrounds.** All are welcome to bring a potluck contribution and share in the meal. It will be followed by presentations, songs, dances, and other cultural gifts from both the Blue Heron Canoe Family and the Snohomish Tribe.

**Mon-Thu, July 8-11:** The Blue Heron Canoe Family invites everyone to **visit** their encampment throughout the week and participate in teachings, songs, craft-making, ceremony, and informal discussions. Feel free to take them a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, some cookies, or some garden produce, and stay to get to know them.

The canoe family is offering to schedule some **workshops** and wants your input on activities and times. POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS include paddling the canoe (tide and wind dependent), wood burning, beading, nature observance, plant ID, native games, song/dance, and storytelling. **Please fill out [this poll](#) with your interests.** With questions or input about workshops you can also contact Becky Porter at [treasurer.scfs@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.scfs@gmail.com) or (425) 540-6554.

one-hour programs on the porch from 2-3pm every Wednesday. **Whidbey Native Connections will be presenting on July 10<sup>th</sup>** with Cynthia Campbell (sduhubs). Other Indigenous speakers are scheduled for **July 3, July 31, and August 28.**

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## Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



### Protests For Palestine

Whidbey For Palestine organizes various protests, educational events, and other actions 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: The Washington Trust has added the Coupeville Wharf to its list of**



severe weather. 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

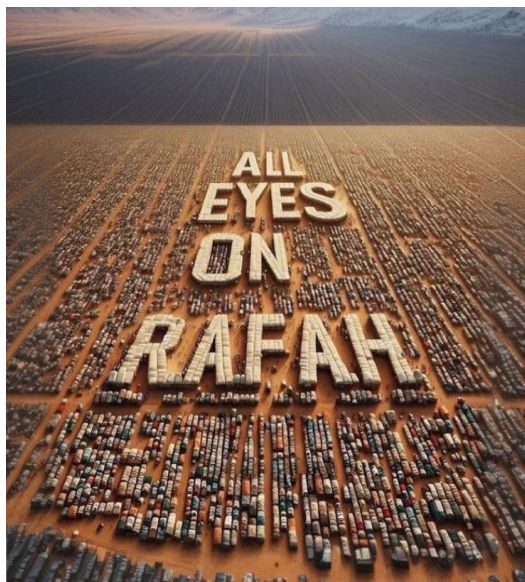
UUCWI has a **Members and Friends Facebook Group** to encourage sharing information, resources, and discussions. Check it out [here](#).

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## Social Environmental Justice

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a "soft" genocide continues to unfold in this open air prison. This latest attack further [reinforces UUSC's contention](#)—and the contention of countless other civil society organizations—that genocide is happening in Palestine and pleads for immediate ceasefire.

**Important Action Item:**

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. 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.

**For a deeper dive into the roots of the Palestine/Israeli Conflict:** Naomi Klein's *Her publisher has allowed her to make Chapter 13: The Nazi in the Mirror* from her newest book *Doppelganger*, available to the public <https://naomiklein.org/doppelganger-effect/>

**The Earth Bill Act- a bonafide solution to our climate crisis.** UUSJ has joined a growing group of organizations endorsing this essential bill. It is gaining support but we need to encourage our representatives and Senators to co-sponsor it. The Earth Bill supports a comprehensive transition to renewable energy, requiring 100% renewable electricity, zero-emission vehicles, and regenerative agriculture by 2030. Further delay in a WWII response to this threat will be catastrophic. Make no mistake, we are running out of time. View a [short video](#) about the Earth Bill [here](#).

### Coming Events:

- **6/ 20-23 General Assembly (GA): Love Unites, Stories Ignite**
  - All Virtual: [Registration](#)
- **6/22/24 -South Whidbey Pride Day-** 12:00 noon. Details [here](#).
- **Tuesday, June 25 at 4:30 p.m. "Democracy's Crisis, and How it Ends"** - Lawrence Lessig Harvard professor, lawyer, author and political activist will present his thoughts on how to protect our democracy at this critical time in history. Hosted by Reclaim Our Democracy, co-sponsored by UUSJ  
RSVP: [Online](#) via Zoom and in person

\*submitted respectfully by Gary Piazzon, a UUCWI founding member

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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.

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- 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
- 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](mailto:enews@uucwi.org).**

*Thank you!*



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