



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

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This Sunday's Service

June 30th, 2024 10am

**Coming Out to a
Packed House**

Joseph Bednarik

**Mark Simpson
Worship Leader**

**Music
Barbara Dunn**

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

June is PRIDE month, with pink triangles and rainbow flags showing visible support for

person's coming out within a packed UU sanctuary

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service

July 7th, 2024 10am

Cliques, Quirks, and Covenant

Rev. Kate Lore

Terra Anderson
Worship Leader

Music
Karen Heather

We attend UUCWI for many reasons: to be inspired, to learn, and to become the people we aspire to be. But sometimes we can't help but be irritated by others, to cast judgement on them, or avoid them all together. This is when our shared covenant comes in to guide us forward. Together.



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 28

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

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

After Service: Congregational Gathering with the Board

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

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

11am - noon [Visual Arts Committee](#) (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

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

2 - 4pm Chalice Circle (Cascade Room)

Thursday, July 4

Staff Holiday

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Announcements and News

Board Briefs

MEETING OF MEMBERS/FRIENDS This Sunday

After considerable discussion and consideration, the Board of Trustees would like to share a proposed scope of work for a part-time minister with members and friends. Please plan to attend a gathering **in the sanctuary following Sunday's service** to learn more. Your feedback will be welcome. This is the first of several important steps in the process of engaging a minister. The BOT will continue to do its best to keep everyone informed.

engendering will be on Canada, September 21, you can help plan, coordinate, or put it away John Long or Clara Beier would love to hear from you.



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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.

UUCWI at the Langley Pride Parade



Image submitted by Nick Fowler



Leadership Council

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



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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UUCWI ARTIST SERIES

SUNDAY, June 30, 7:30 PM

SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The final concert of the 2024 season of the Salish Sea Early Music Festival will be performed on June 30. Prizewinning harpsichordist Faythe Vollrath from Sacramento, CA will join baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan for an all-Bach extravaganza featuring transcriptions of works by Bach for viola da gamba and violin as well as flute that demonstrate the unparalleled mystery and emotional intensity of Bach's compositional skill. Simple refreshments are provided by the Music committee. All are welcome!

Suggested goodwill donations of \$25-\$30 at the door are appreciated.

SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 —



JOHANN SEBASTIAN
BACH

— FAYTHE VOLLRATH —
HARPSICHORD

— JEFFREY COHAN —
BAROQUE FLUTE

Sunday, June 30, 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 ✦



UUCWI Gallery Changes Are Coming!

The Visual Arts Committee is planning a transition away from the traditional gallery shows we've displayed in the past. We look forward to discovering more about ourselves than we ever knew. Don't be surprised if a VAC member calls to ask what you've been creating lately as we plan to become a Members-Only Gallery, with a semi-permanent collection of works of art, one piece per person. A period of transition will require several months to complete and will accommodate several more already planned shows.

Our plan is to concentrate on the connection between spirituality and the arts. Our committee will request a visit to view what you've been working on. We'll want to talk with you about your process, and finally select one item to be placed in the gallery. If, down the road, you decide to reclaim or to sell the piece, it can be withdrawn and we will find a replacement.



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

1-4 PM: Demonstrations of weaving, beading, and other traditional crafts at the Fairgrounds at the Fiddle Faddle Farm

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, NCI has been invited to provide dinner for the canoe family and other Snohomish Tribal members on their arrival day.

Volunteer to help: 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**. Possible activities include paddling the canoe (tide and wind dependent), wood burning, cedar weaving, beading, nature observance, plant ID, native games, song/dance, and storytelling. **If interested, email nciwhidbey@gmail.com** for the workshop schedule once it's available.

JULY 10, 2:00-3:00 PM: PORCH STORIES at Island County Museum, Coupeville

Connections will be presenting on July 10th with Cynthia Campbell (sduhubs). Other Indigenous speakers are scheduled for July 3, July 31, and August 28.

Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



The Power of Youth: Our Children's Trust Wins Again! The youth plaintiffs in [Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation](#) have secured a historic victory! A groundbreaking settlement agreement recognizing children's constitutional rights to a life-sustaining climate has forced the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) to plan and implement transformative changes to fully decarbonize Hawai'i's economy and transportation system by 2045! *Thirteen years in the making, *Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation* is the first settlement in a constitutional climate case bringing systemic decarbonization of a state transportation system. Learn more here: <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Meeting June 27

USL will be attending Langley's upcoming Comprehensive Plan meeting. The meeting is to update the community about the city's goals and aspirations for the future. There will be two meetings, in-person meeting and one online. Both discuss the same information. The in-person event will be at the Soundview Center from 6-8 pm. We encourage you to attend. The online meeting will be held from 6-8 pm on July 11th. Hope to see you there!

Come see us at the fair!

USL is again sharing a booth at the Whidbey Island Fair with Whidbey Climate Action. We will have information on USL, upcoming events, and campaigns. It will also be an opportunity to sign on to our petition for Island County to Declare a Climate Emergency. If you have not done so yet, please [sign on here!](#) There will also be engaging activities and prizes! The booth needs volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out during the fair, please reach out!

Come see us at Langley Lights At Night!

USL will have a booth at the Langley Lights at Night event on the 6th of July, starting at 6 PM with music, food, and crafts. Instead of traditional fireworks, there will be a

Extreme Heat Across the U.S.

This summer is forecasted to be the [hottest on record](#), and the heat waves are getting an early start throughout much of the U.S.. Even though it's only June, about [5 million people](#) live in areas of the U.S. expected to have dangerous heat this week. Most of the Southwest and Arizona are among the areas forecasted to reach temperatures in the 110 degrees, and the weather in the Northeast is record breaking. Globally speaking, May was the 12th consecutive hottest month on record and June is on track to be the next.

Help us encourage Island County to acknowledge the urgency of climate change. Go to our facebook page and sign our petition for an Island County Declaration of Climate Emergency.

Lilly Katzinger, Desiree Andrews, Kalku Alexander, and Kjersti Ringsrud on behalf of USL

*submitted with edits by USL/UUCWI liaison Gary Piazzon



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



This further [reinforces UUSC's contention](#) genocide is happening in Palestine and pleads for immediate ceasefire. Summary of the war's major impacts:

- destroyed water, sanitation, hygiene, systems
- eliminated a large portion of Gaza's solar infrastructure
- bombings have generated 39m tons of debris
- reversed Gaza's limited environmental gains

Important Action Item!

UUs are urged to add our names to this "Support For Gaza" Letter- Side With Love, UUSC & UUCSJ urge *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.* 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. a "soft" genocide continues to unfold in this open air prison.

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.](#)*

UUs stepping up to the Climate Challenge! On September 28-29, congregations will host UU Climate Justice Revivals to collectively reimagine a spirit-filled and liberatory future. Through conversations, worship and advocacy congregations will work together to realize climate justice and collective liberation. Everything needed to host a revival will be available in August including: discussion guides and materials for all ages, training, worship resources and advocacy actions designed to transform our communities through climate justice. On June 13, the Revival Planning Team offered an info session for congregations. You can watch the recording [here.](#)

Please Support the "Earth Bill" 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. View a [short video](#) about the Earth Bill [here.!](#)

*submitted respectfully by Gary Piazzon, a 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.
- 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.

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.

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