



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

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**This Sunday's Service**  
August 18th, 2024 10am

**Thoreau's Tax Protest**

**Members of our Congregation**

**and  
Karen Heather and  
Brigitte Tennis  
Special Music**

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

Come hear the circumstances of Henry David Thoreau's arrest in 1846 for refusing to pay taxes that helped fund the Mexican-American War. Thoreau's essay, *Civil*

## 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

August 25th, 2024 10am

**Animals are a Blessing**

**Dr. Jay Taksony Hewitt  
and Terra Anderson,  
Worship Leaders**

and

**Erin Howard and  
UUCWI Chimes Group**

**Tintinnabulation:**

**Frances Wood, Sandy Welch,  
Kate Sheppard, Jane Hayes,  
Mary Goolsby & Mavis Cauffman  
Special Music**

How many of us have loved and been loved by animals throughout our lives? How were we formed and changed by that love? Join us for a blessing of the animals ceremony.

We will reflect upon our experiences and think about our relationship with our siblings of the furred, feathered, finned and scaled sort. We won't have animals physically in our presence, rather, clearly in our imaginations. And we will experience a slide show of your beloveds consisting of the photos you sent to Mavis in the last 10 days.

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## Blessing of the Animals

August 25, 2024

Greetings UUCWI friends and family. On August 25th we will have a **Blessing Of The Animals** as our Sunday service. We haven't done one since Covid struck so I hope you will anticipate it with smiles as much as Jay and I are. In order to include animals of all shapes and sizes whom we have loved over the years, we plan a slide show. Please send your favorite photos to [webmaster@UUCWI.org](mailto:webmaster@UUCWI.org). Ideally they will be high density pixel count and landscape mode. But send what you have. Perhaps it's a companion who shares space with you now. Or one you loved in the past, even a childhood companion. Perhaps it's a being you have only seen at a distance but somehow still made a precious connection.

Please, please, please - do this NOW (deadline is August 18) so we can fill the sanctuary with the smiling faces of our companions with paws, hooves, fins, feathers and scales.

As the saying goes, God sent them to us as angels in disguise. Any questions please reach out to Terra Anderson or Jay Taksony Hewitt.

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[Click here to view our Fall 2022 calendar.](#)

Click on blue titles for Zoom link.

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

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### ***Friday, August 16***

7 - 9:30pm Cabaret Night Concert, *Life: A User's Manual*

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### ***Saturday, August 17***

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

7 - 9:30pm Cabaret Night Concert, *Life: A User's Manual*

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### ***Sunday, August 18***

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

After 3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch

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### ***Monday, August 19***

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### ***Tuesday, August 20***

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

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### ***Wednesday, August 21***

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

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

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### ***Thursday, August 22***

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## **Announcements and News**

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[Register to Attend Link](#)  
[Volunteer Link](#)

# Coming Home to UUCWI

## Ingathering Potluck

Sunday, September 8

11:15

Meet new people, renew friendships, and celebrate UUCWI



**Bring Food to Share:** Salad, main dish or dessert

**Bring Own Place Settings:** Plates, silverware, mugs

**Sign up:** In foyer following each service or online here.

**Consider Volunteering:** Sign up in foyer or online here.

- Table and chair set up outside (8:30 – 9:30)
- Kitchen: Coffee and food set up (9:00 – 10:00)  
Help during the event...OR...  
After: Clean up, wash dishes, and close building
- Take down tables and chairs after event
- Help as needed (on the spot)



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## UUCWI Caring Connections Volunteers

We occasionally need short-term support for people in our congregation: food, a ride to medical, etc. If you would like to add your name to our list of volunteers, please

[Fill out this form](#)

Being on the list means you'll get an email when help is needed and you can volunteer as you are able.

## 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](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).



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

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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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## UUCWI ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS

Our August musical cabaret - LIFE: USER'S MANUAL - will have only four performances - **August 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:00pm**. The show includes twenty songs first heard on Broadway between 1942 and 2024. It stars Heather Good, Darren McCoy, Eclipse Garrett and Ken Merrell (who is also directing) with Eileen Soskin at the piano. The songs offer words of wisdom, words to live by, reflections on injustice, inequality and parenting, all wrapped up in music that is both beautiful and moving. A goodwill donation of \$25 is suggested and everyone is welcome! These performers are top notch and you may want to come early - we anticipate sell-out crowds. See you there!



Presents:

# Life: A USER'S MANUAL

... in words and music

STARRING

HEATHER GOOD MCCOY & DARREN MCCOY  
KEN MERRELL & ECLIPSE GARRETT



MUSICAL DIRECTION BY EILEEN SOSKIN

FEATURING MUSIC BY  
SONDHEIM, MIRANDA, SCHWARTZ, RODGERS, AND MANY MORE

UUCWI MEETING HOUSE - 20103 WA-525, FREELAND

A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$25 AT THE DOOR

FRIDAY &  
SATURDAY,  
AUGUST  
9, 10, 16, 17  
7:00PM

## AN AFTERNOON OF CLASSICAL PIANO MUSIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 4pm

We once again welcome Michael Carroll on Saturday, August 24, at 4 PM for a matinee performance of classical piano selections. Mike is an accomplished concert pianist who has been performing in the Seattle area since the 1990's. He currently lives in Port Ludlow. As is customary at the Artis Series, light refreshments are provided by the Music Committee.

A suggested donation of \$25 at the door is appreciated and all are welcome!



of Whidbey Island Artist Series

Classical Elegance and Romantic Drama

# Michael Carroll, Pianist



**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 24  
4:00PM**

**Suggested Donation \$25 at the Door**  
20103 WA-525, Freeland, WA

# WILDFIRE

**Sat. August 24**

**9am - 5pm at WICA**

**Whidbey Island Center for the Arts**

**[BUY TICKETS NOW!](#) Light lunch available.**

**on WHIDBEY?**

*Will it happen*

**HERE?**

Presented by [WHIDBEY CLIMATE ACTION](#) and [WICA](#)

**THINK THE UNTHINKABLE:** The wind scorches, the air chokes, and all you can see is smoke and leaping flames. **WILDFIRE!** *Can you get out? Where can your family be safe? What can you take with you? How can you protect your home and belongings?*

Remember Lahaina... British Columbia... and much of western North America on fire? Remember Paradise - under threat again - where 85 people died? Survivors ask too late what they could have done to avoid this tragedy and loss. **Let's NOT be them!**

***Buy tickets now at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts for this important all-day event.***

Experts, government and community leaders will explore with us how climate change is making wildfire more likely here and everywhere, how the County is preparing for fire emergencies, what steps to take now to "harden" our homes and property, what to do in case of fire, and how Island County residents can protect and restore the natural systems that lessen our risk and keep us safer.

**THE WORLD IS CHANGING. WE MUST ACT NOW.** Join us - and your neighbors - and find out what we can do.

TICKETS: <https://tinyurl.com/WildfireonWhidbey> MORE INFO: [whidbeyclimate.org](http://whidbeyclimate.org)

## 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-

## NO AUGUST MEETING

There will be no NCI meeting in August. We are taking a break from meetings while there are so many wonderful canoe journeys and powwows happening this summer.

We will return to meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in September, via Zoom.

## PORCH STORIES at Island County Museum, Coupeville

Island County Historical Society Museum has a summer series called [Porch Stories](#), free one-hour programs on the porch from 2-3pm every Wednesday. Indigenous speakers are scheduled **August 28**.

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## Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



### Whidbey Island Fair Recap

Thank you to everyone who could stop by and join us at the Whidbey Climate Action fair booth! As well as everyone who was able to volunteer to help us run the booth. We had a great time talking to everyone and we were able to share ways on how we can ensure a better climate in the future. During this event, we gathered over 40 signatures for our climate emergency campaign!

Kalku Alexander and Desiree Andrews on behalf of USL

submitted by UUCWI member and USL liaison Gary Piazzon



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# Social Environmental Justice

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*"Failing to plan is planning to fail." Eben Fodor*

## Coming Events:

**8/24/24 Whidbey Wildfire Conference** - Climate scientists call the period we are in the Pyrocene era aka the Age of Fire. At the conference you will learn what the prospects and solutions of this threat are for Whidbey & our region. Paradise is no more. Lahina can happen here. 9 AM to 5 PM Visit [WICA website](#) for tickets- only \$20. Learn more [here](#)

**9/5/24 - Why Vote "No" on I-2117?** ex WA State Rep Dave Anderson explains why I- 2117 which will be on the ballot in November is a malicious attempt to undermine Washington's very effective and promising Climate Commitment Act. 6PM at St Hubert's in Langley. Read more [here](#)

## Educate Yourself & Act:

**Learn Where Our Local Candidates Stand Re: the Climate/Ocean Crisis-** WCA has asked them and recorded their responses [here](#):

**Impacts of Population Decline on Planetary Health:** [Sci-American](#)

**Whidbey Environmental Action Network** invites you to use your voice to shape a sustainable, resilient future. There are a number of opportunities to do that [here](#).

*"There is a demonic force (the fossil fuel industry) against which we fight for our very lives. If we survive as a species, a bif 'If', we need to develop a radical sense of humility and subordination to the Earth as a sacred place." - Rev. Jon Lupa UUC*

submitted by UUCWI founding member Gary Piazzon

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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.

**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](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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