



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

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**This Sunday's Service**  
August 11th, 2024 10am

**The Three Poisons**

**Rev. Kate Lore  
With**

**Andrea Fink,  
Worship Leader  
and**

**Yana Viniko & Werner Gruenert,  
Special Music**

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

of the mins, that cause most of our problems - individually and as a society. He also offered the antidotes to these poisons, which we will explore in this service.

## 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 18th, 2024 10am

Thoreau's Tax Protest

Members of our Congregation

and

Karen Heather and

Brigitte Tennis

Special Music

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 Disobedience*, was an inspiration to both Gandhi and MLK, Jr.

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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 9***

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

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### ***Saturday, August 10***

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

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### ***Sunday, August 11***

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

After Service Book Talk

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### ***Monday, August 12***

1 - 3pm Chimes Rehearsal

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### ***Tuesday, August 13***

10am - noon [Worship Committee](#) (Zoom)

1 - 3pm Board of Trustees (Cascade Room)

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

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### ***Wednesday, August 14***

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

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

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### ***Thursday, August 15***

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## **Announcements and News**

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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 THERE'S MORE MUSIC IN AUGUST!

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

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Artist Series

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

# 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.

The [Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe journey](#) will convene from July 31 to August 5. Worth attending!

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



### Meet USL's New Student Leaders

USL shared a booth at the [Whidbey Island Fair](#) with Whidbey Climate Action and Greening Congregations Collaborative sharing information on USL, educating about the CO2 Crisis and Initiative 2117 as well as their petition for Island County to Declare a Climate Emergency. If you have not done so yet, please [sign on here!](#)

On the 6th of July, USL held a booth at the Langley Lights at Night event. We had a great time talking to everyone who visited our booth and collected a total of 27 signatures. At this booth, we talked more about who USL is and our current campaign, which is about declaring a climate emergency.

### **Please Sign and Circulate USL's Climate Emergency Petition**

Declaring a Climate Emergency is of the utmost importance for our future which is why USL continues to collect signatures to present to the Island County Commissioners. The Climate Emergency Declaration will help to hold our commissioners accountable with their climate action, and will officially affirm that climate change is a crisis. We now have approximately 150 signatures, but we need more! If you have not signed our petition yet, please [sign on here!](#)

### **Rising Temperatures on Whidbey Island**

As you've probably noticed these past few weeks, the weather has been hot. Very hot. From a statewide drought to record breaking temperatures all across the state of Washington, the effects of this heat can be seen. This island may be small compared to the rest of the world, but we can still make a difference. This is why declaring a climate emergency can help us do our part in reversing and stopping future effects of climate change, including taking steps to ensure we are resilient as a community in the face of them.

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



submitted with edits for brevity on behalf and in collaboration with USL by UUCWI member Gary Piazzon

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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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## 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

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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