



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

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Technical Difficulties Zoom Service Audio only

There have been improvements to the main sanctuary computer used for Zoom. Zoom will be available but will be audio only this Sunday. Our tech crew is working to restore service.

Thanks so much to Tom Pocock for his attention to this issue!



This Sunday's Service
September 1st, 2024 10am

This I Believe

**Ruth and Sarah Richards,
Worship Leaders**

**and
Ken Merrell**

Please join us in person or on
Zoom (Audio Only).

Originally brought to UUCWI by Sarah Richards back in the late 1990's, our This I Believe service is a perennial favorite. The This I Believe concept started with the 1951 series by Edward Murrow! We will hear from four of our congregational members who offer their own personal beliefs that help them live live with purpose and mission.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service
September 8th, 2024 10am

Ingathering

Rev. Kate Lore
with
Effie Brown,
Worship Leader

and
Joy Tjoelker
Special Music

Coming Home to a place, a people and more fully to ourselves.



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, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

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

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

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

2 - 4pm Chalice Circle (Cascade Room)

Thursday, September 5

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Announcements and News

From the Board of Trustees

- Do not attend services or indoor activities if you have any new respiratory symptoms such as: runny nose, cough, sore throat, or fever.
- Do not attend services or indoor activities if you are within a five-day window of having been exposed to a known case of Covid.
 - Follow current guidelines for exposure to Covid (can be found on line)
- Because Covid tests may not be immediately positive, it is recommended to repeat testing day 2 and 3 before relying on a negative test.
- Do not return to indoor gatherings until Covid tests are negative.
- Masks are not mandatory but wearing a KN95 or equivalent mask indoors is recommended for individuals who are more vulnerable to infection.
- Eating and drinking indoors is allowed at this time but individuals are advised to use their own judgment regarding their vulnerability.
- Singing in the sanctuary is allowed at this time.

Notice will be sent to the congregation if the Team determines there is a need for any change to its recommendations. Their recommendations are based on information from various sources, including CDC and Departments of Health for Washington State and Island County.

[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 link above

Consider Volunteering: Sign up in foyer or link above.

- 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

[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 has an experienced pastoral care team that offers comfort and presence when times of trauma and distress touch our lives. If you or someone you know might benefit from this offering please consider contacting our coordinator, Kate Sheppard, at pastoralcare@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.



Dedicated Offerings are now even easier! *(And may be untaxed even if you don't itemize!)*

Many of us write monthly checks to contribute to UUCWI's Dedicated Offerings (DOs). Would you rather just write one check and then instruct our administrator how much of it to disburse to each recipient? *You can do this now.*

Have you set up a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) from which you can instruct a check be written to UUCWI for DO contributions? You may support multiple DO recipients that

Also, if you need to make Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA (as many of us older folks must), you can instruct that a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) check be sent directly from your IRA administrator to UUCWI. This has the additional potentially significant advantage that *such a distribution counts against your RMD but has no federal income tax deducted or owed - even if you do not itemize on your federal income tax return.*

There are some limitations and special cases, so check out the [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) website for details; this message is intended to be a "heads up", not official tax advice.

If you'd like to take advantage of this new service from UUCWI, simply have the check made out to UUCWI with DO in the memo line and send a message to admin@uucwi.org with the amount you wish to donate to each DO. Or [use this form](#). You can specify an equal amount to every DO, in which case you need do nothing more until the funds are expended (we'll let you know when that happens!) or you can send an email every month specifying the amount you wish to donate.

Please direct questions about this to Rimmel Nunn, DO Committee Chair, or Dave Cauffman, UUCWI Treasurer. Thank you for your generosity to the community!

- *From the DO Committee: Rimmel Nunn, Jane Spalding, Gary Piazzon, and Dave Cauffman.*



Book Talk

This upcoming Sunday - Sept 1st - our monthly "Book Talk" will gather again to talk

as well as learn about books we might want to add to our reading list! Books can be on any topic. Please join us!



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Leadership Council

Friday, September 13, 10am - noon

"The Leadership Council will meet on Friday, September 13th from 10 am to noon in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars! All leaders - past, current, or potential - are welcome. If you have anything you would like included in the agenda for this important gathering, please send an email to Mavis (webmaster@uucwi.org) by Wednesday, Sept. 11th. We look forward to seeing you!"



Image by DJ Winebrinner

Women's Group

All Meetings 11:00am - 12:30pm

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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UU Hikes

**Saturday, August 31
Double Bluff Beach**

Join in a 2 to 3 mile hike at Double Bluff Beach, just south of Freeland. This will be a beach walk and will include sand and some rocks. Dogs are welcome! The tide will be low early morning and high mid-afternoon.

Time: 10:00 to noon.

Meeting Location: Double Bluff Beach.

Directions: Follow highway 525 and turn west on Double Bluff Road. Parking is at the end of the street.

Carpooling: Invite your friends and arrange carpooling on your own.

Other information: Please contact Clara Beier or Dave Cauffman if you plan to attend so we can arrange to contact you if the hike needs to be cancelled.

Additional information on [Double Bluff Beach](#)



UUCWI Gallery

Cynthia Campbell: HOME

Show opens September 1 and will be on display through October 31
Reception: September 22nd @ 11 a.m.

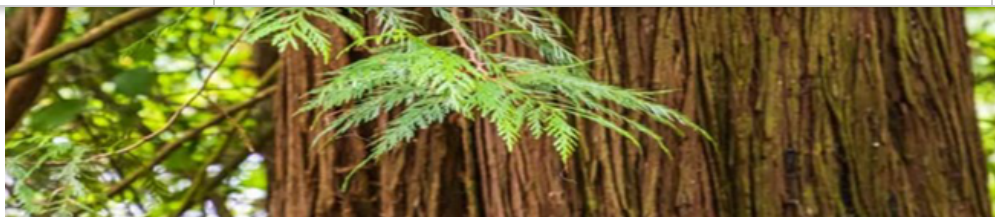
Please join the UUCWI Visual Arts Committee for a reception Sunday September 22nd following the service. We will celebrate "Home" by Cynthia Campbell

Cynthia Campbell, a local Native American, will be displaying her mixed media Art in our UUCWI Foyer Gallery from September 1 to October 31.

Artist's Statement

I was born on this land, grew up here in the company of the wild, along with my ancestors, my family. Walking through the woods and along the beach has always been a big part of my life. I like finding a piece of cedar, or madrone, or a stone or piece of flat rock and using that to incorporate an image or form. I have recently been weaving in the Sduhubs, Snohomish, tradition. To be totally authentic I would need wooly dog fur, but since they have been extinct for a while, other wools and wool blends work well and are fun to use. It's also fun to incorporate local traditional and present day elements into the weavings, and to imagine the people I could have traded with back in my great great Grandmother Oliver, Zah toh litsas', day. I also seem to have gone off on a feather tangent...

This land and all it has given and retained is, to me, home.



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](#).

NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2024

Stay tuned for our themes as we begin meeting on the second Wednesday of every month.

Documentary Film showing in Seattle this week, August 23-29:

[Sugarcane: The Horrific Past at Indigenous Boarding Schools](#)

Filmmaker Julian Noisy Cat confronts the dark history of Native boarding schools, into which children were forced for decades — a story that was, for him, deeply personal.

NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: MAY 2024

[The Friends Committee on National Legislation](#) (FCNL) advocates for legislation that will protect tribal sovereignty and treaty rights. You can sign up for monthly updates. This group makes it easy to take appropriate action. They include many links to articles.

The FCNL August newsletter includes two articles:

[Native Boarding School Report Tells the Truth But Doesn't go far enough](#)

[Native American Legislative Update](#)

[TIMELINE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND NATIONS.](#)

The UUCWI service on May 2 focused on how the UUs have centered social justice issues throughout the years. This timeline brings in the ways that UU individuals and congregations have both supported Native people and been complicit in promoting colonization.



[Join "No! on 2117" for a Weekend of Action \(9/7 & 9/8\)!](#) "No! on 2217" has organized opportunities during their Weekends of Action! As the largest grassroots campaign in Washington, with a coalition of over 400 partner organizations, they rely on dedicated volunteers and supporters like you to reach your neighbors and community. You will be distributing educational materials without door-knocking or initiating conversations with residents. The kickoff location for this event will be posted shortly. Members of our local organizing teams will have everything you need at the event itself —bring yourself, a charged phone, and some water! Thank you for your dedication to Washington, and we look forward to organizing with you!
Island County Door to Door Leafletting .

Whidbey Climate Action hosts "Vote "No" on I-2117?" Presentation- Thursday 9/5 6PM at St Hubert's Catholic Church Langley - 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.. Learn more [here](#).

Gary Piazzon USL/UUCWI liaison



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



Join the "NO on I- 2117" Campaign to defend Washington State's Climate Commitment Act - A malevolent, wealthy man has successfully paid signature gatherers to get three anti-climate initiatives on the November ballot which would repeal three pro-climate acts passed by the legislature. I-2117 is most egregious of the three. If passed, it would prevent Washington from acting to protect citizens, forests and salmon from impacts of toxic carbon pollution. Among other things it would terminate the effort to upgrade our ferry system, protect our forests, salmon and frontline communities, who suffer most from industrial pollution and the climate/ ocean crisis (30% of funds raised by CCA's cap & Invest strategy would go to projects in their communities. 10% to tribes). The CCA has already raised over \$2 billion dollars. The statewide "No on 2117" campaign is gaining traction on Whidbey with door to door leafletting and at the ferries. Learn more [here](#) and take the pledge to vote No! [here](#).

- **"Why Vote "No" on I-2117?" Presentation- Thursday 9/5 6PM at St Hubert's Catholic Church Langley** - 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.. Hosted by Whidbey Climate Action. Learn more [here](#).
- **Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8 -Island County Door to Door Leafletting · No on 2117** -During our leafletting events September 7th and 8th you will be distributing educational materials without door-knocking or initiating conversations with residents. The kickoff location for this event will be posted shortly. Members of our local organizing teams will have everything you need at the event itself— bring yourself, a charged phone, and some water! Thank you for your dedication to Washington, and we look forward to organizing with you! Sign up [here](#).

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](#).

lives. If we survive as a species, a big '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

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.

WEDNESDAY AT NOON.

Please send all submissions to UUCWI Staff at enews@uucwi.org.

Thank you!



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