



Island Passages

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July 2010

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From Our Minister



Dear Whidbey friends,

As I finish up the last details of our program year together, I am pleased with our growth and progress and am looking forward to all the new beginnings of the next year. Last month I told you about all the things I thought we had accomplished as a congregation. This month I want to talk about the future.

As you may know, the Worship Committee has used a theme for each of the past several years; we have explored our UU Sources, our UU Principles, and our UU Theology. In the coming year, we will explore sources of inspiration, spiritual stimuli such as nature, art, history, music, literature, humor, and justice.

Our August theme will be Nature and as part of that theme, we will offer our first Animal Blessing service, outdoors, to which we will be able to bring our pets and domestic animals, to express our gratitude for their companionship and service. We'll have more details in the August newsletter.

Another exciting "first" will be our opening presentation of the Science/ Ethics/Meaning symposium; we will co-sponsor this series with other Whidbey Island groups and focus on science topics that are engaging and may serve to lessen some of the anti-education, anti-science, anti-intellect mood that threatens our progress as a society.

An ad hoc task force has drafted a possible Covenant of Right Relations, which will come to the congregation in the fall, for consideration as a way for us to enhance the spirit of community that we already have here at UUCWI.

I will be on my summer break during the month of July and will be traveling a bit, goofing off on the island a bit, and singing a few gigs with my band Bayview Sound. You might be able to catch us at Useless Bay Coffee Co. on July 24

between 11-2 or at the WISH benefit on Aug. 7.

In addition, I'll visit family in eastern Washington and Oregon and I plan to do some camping on the Olympic Peninsula as well. Of course, I will always be available to you in case of serious emergency. I will leave my itinerary with Lois Chowen, our prez, so that she can contact me if necessary.

Have a great summer and don't forget to bring back a little vial of water from your summer experiences to share at the Water Ceremony/Ingathering service on Sept. 12!

Much love,
Kit

Calender Listings

July 4: "From Independence to Interdependence"

Once again, we celebrate the privilege of living in these United States and honor the values of our founders who dedicated their lives to assure our freedom and independence. At this time of great challenge for our country and for the Earth, we are called to move beyond national and personal independence to choices for the good of all life. We invite you to join in a Declaration of Interdependence on behalf of all peoples, all living beings, and of the Earth herself.
Worship leaders: Mark and Effie B.

July 11: "Everything Music"

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life"
—Berthold Auerbach

Music has its own special methods for replenishing and refreshing the soul. And our UUCWI congregation is blessed with many talented and spirited musicians—from young to old, classical to blues. On this "Everything Music" Sunday, we will feature many splendid performances, include sing-a-long songs, and celebrate the joy of music.

Worship Leaders: Ken M. and Sandy W.

July 18: "Dances of Universal Peace"

were envisioned by founder Murshid Samuel Lewis as a context creating conditions that might allow people to have a direct experience of the sacred, without doctrine or dogma. The dances encourage world peace by actively honoring diversity; promote

local peace by dancing in community; practice personal peace by immersing ourselves in simple sacred phrases and movements inspired by the world's spiritual traditions. Everyone gathers into a circle; simple movements and sacred phrases are quickly taught and easily learned; the dance begins. The dances explore different cultures' approach to the divine. Hopefully, one catches a glimpse of the one truth where the world's sacred paths converge. If you would like to open your heart, pray with your body and blend your voice with friends, please join us.

Come dance and sing with Bob, Gaea, Linda, Lisa & Michael of the Whidbey Dance Team. For more information about the Dances of Universal Peace, visit www.whidbeydup.com.

July 25: "Family Service"

This service will offer a chance to share songs, games, and some activities with whole families participating. We are still in the planning stages to create fun for all ages, with shared time together and some shared thoughts as well. Come one, come all!
Worship Leader: Joann R.

July 12, 6 pm: July Book Group Potluck

The Book Group will meet for a pot luck at UUCWI. This will be a good time to plan for our book discussions next year. So, bring your ideas and recommendations. The book previously scheduled for next Fall has been cancelled and we have a clean slate. You may want to share ideas or reviews ahead of time with those of us who usually attend these events. New members will be welcomed with open arms. Come join us. We meet the second Tuesday of every month.
Mary G.

July 17, 9 am – noon: Work Party at UUCWI

Please come help spruce up the property. It's lots of fun and we even get some "work" done! Jobs for all skill and energy levels. Coffee and goodies provided.

July 29, 5:30 - 8:30 pm: Fun On Whidbey

We are celebrating and toasting the arts just north of Freeland at the Holmes Harbor Cellars winery. We will drink a featured wine (Cabernet Sauvignon), enjoy a gourmet appetizer, hear eclectic guitar, and view weaving as well as silver jewelry. The cost is \$15. Go north from Freeland on Honeymoon Bay Road. 4591 Honeymoon Bay Road is on the left. This is not for the under-21 crowd. Reservations are necessary due to space limitations, so call them asap at 360 331-3544.

Announcements



Results of UUCWI Board Elections

Elections to fill vacancies on the Board were held during the Annual Congregation Meeting on June 6.

Members of the Board for 2010 -11 are pictured above. From left to right: Rev. Kit Ketcham; Janis H., Trustee; Mark B., Trustee; Lois C., President; Roy B., Trustee; Dallas H., Secretary; Tom B., Treasurer. Missing: Sally E., Trustee. Congratulations and thanks to our new Board.

Online Information for New UUs or Anyone Curious about UUism

There are two free online, self-paced courses for New UUs at the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF). You do need to register, but that's a simple, quick process. Go to www.uurgl.com and then check "Especially for Newcomers". CLF is (mostly) an

From the Pres



Gratitude

Gratitude is one of those gifts that enrich both the recipient and the giver. Have you ever noticed how good you feel upon seeing someone's face light up when you tell them how much you appreciate their efforts? Two hearts are warmed.

The ending of one "church year" and the beginning of a new one seems like a particularly appropriate time to express gratitude to all those who contribute so much to keeping our congregation healthy. [Of course, anytime is a perfect time to express gratitude!!]

If we list all of our committee members and chairs, worship leaders and presenters, board members, work party helpers, ushers, greeters, refreshment servers, newsletter contributors, musicians and choir members, RE staff and volunteers, auction organizers, visiting stewards, and our minister and administrator we would name just about every member and friend of the congregation! So, here is a great big thank you to each and every one of you.

During the coffee and conversation period after each Sunday service, please take a moment to thank several of the folks who have made that service possible. And don't forget the 'behind the scenes' elves who help to make it all a reality.

Summer is upon us! Wishing you all a safe and joyous summer season.

Warmest regards,
Lois

online resource for UUS far-flung from a brick and mortar congregation. It is supported and funded by pledges and donations, but trial memberships are available.

Committee News

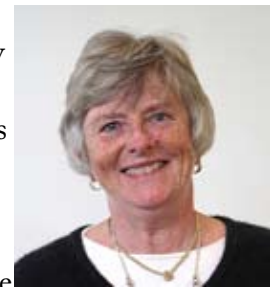
Visual Arts News: New art exhibit for July/August

We are pleased to announce that the three artists whose work will be on display over the summer months in our foyer Gallery are Judith Burns (acrylic & acrylic collage), MK Sandford (photography), and John Blubaugh (oil). You will have an opportunity to meet and talk with these artists at a reception after Services on July 11th.

UU Who's Who

Elisabeth "Libby" R.

I was born & raised in Woodstock, Vermont, where my dad was the local veterinarian. I stayed with a family in Austria as a community ambassador before attending Vassar College and then completing my Master's degree in French at the Sorbonne and Middlebury College. In 1973 I left New England for points west, never to return! Before retiring in 2004, I taught English literature in college and secondary schools in five states and overseas. Currently, I provide professional development workshops for teachers in the Northwest Educational Service District. My partner Dave S. and I have been together for ten years.



I am passionate about my three children and my three grandchildren! I love spending time with friends. I like to be physically active, especially walking and cycling. I love traveling, reading, playing bridge, and caring for the livestock and pets on our 20-acre farm. I enjoy supporting the causes and organizations I believe in. Leisurely reading the NY Times with a cup of strong coffee in the morning is heaven after 40 years in the classroom!!

After retiring, Dave and I looked for a community where we would belong. UUCWI has become that community. I want to support UUCWI as it continues to grow and develop as a caring community seeking truth and understanding.

GIVE GIVING GAVE

I walked all trembly to the door
And asked the widow's mite
Is there some more that you might give
To set the World aright?

She smiled real big and with a grin
Invited me to enter
She asked whereto the last year's gone
Alas, I said, we'd spent her.

"I'll scrape the bottom one more time
There's change there on the floor
If this don't do it nothing will
Your know I'm darn near poor.

"And don't forget the rich ones, though
Harder them to enter,
Through a needle, through the eye
To be a ten percenter"

In fact we all gave all we could
I couldn't be more proud
On the side of right we stood
Our action spoke real loud

So much to do, so little time
To save the world and then some
So thank you brother for your dime
Now let's go out and win some

*Baird B.
Canvass Chair 2009-2010*

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If you wish to contact any of the Board members, call UUCWI voice mail at 360-321-8656.

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Our minister and chaplain are available for rites of passage ceremonies (including ceremonies of commitment or union) and pastoral visits.

Director of Religious Education: Vanessa K.

Newsletter Information:

News, announcements, events, and other items concerning the UUCWI Congregation or the UU principles are welcome. Please submit to the editor:

Celia B.

Submissions may be edited at the editor's discretion. Ads will not be printed.

Items submitted after press time will appear in the following month's newsletter if appropriate.

Time-sensitive late items will be posted with the announcements and/or on the calendar on our web site.

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