



# Island Passages

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WHIDBEY ISLAND

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## August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00a Service: Thoreau on the Land	7 9:00a Worship Committee meeting at Trinity	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00a Service: Question Box Sermon	14	15	16	17	18	19 9:30a Adopt- A-Road cleanup (p. 3)
20 10:00a Service: Unheard Voices of Unitarian Universalism -- Ruth's Story	21	22 newsletter deadline	23	24	25	26 9:30a -3:30p Workshop: Building Healthy Religious Community (p. 3)
27 10:00a Service: Opening Spirituality	28	29	30	31		

Additions and updates can be found on the calendar on the congregation's website:

[www.whidbey.com/uucwi/](http://www.whidbey.com/uucwi/)

**August services are held at 10:00 a.m. on the church property two miles north of Freeland on the west side of State Route 525. A sunhat and sunscreen are recommended.**

**August 6th — Thoreau on the Land  
with guest speaker Larry Daloz**

Thoreau never made it this far west, but he surely would have loved it. Thoreau practiced a dialogue with the natural world around him — he knew the specifics of whatever place he stood — he could name the local birds and plants; he studied its geology and natural history. Wear your walking shoes in preparation for a delightful exploration around our 4 acres with Larry Daloz. Using all our senses, we'll "channel" Thoreau as we see, hear, touch, smell and experience this place anew, imagining what he might have thought and how he might have responded. We'll ponder the relationship between nature and spirituality as we commune with the natural world we inhabit.

Larry Daloz grew up in Thoreau's neighborhood but now lives on Whidbey Island where he is a semi-retired senior fellow of the Whidbey Institute. He is known (some would say notorious) for his special affection for the little things: mosses, lichen, and liverworts.

*Lay Leader: Terri A.*

**August 13th — Question Box Sermon  
with minister the Reverend Kit Ketcham**

The Reverend Kit Ketcham will respond to the congregation's questions about life, love, and Unitarian Universalism. Congregants will have an opportunity to submit questions before the service, and Reverend Ketcham will respond to as many as possible during the sermon time. All questions will be listed in the September newsletter and will be used as fodder for sermons during the upcoming church year.

Members of Reverend Ketcham's Vashon Island congregation will be visiting on August 13 and all are invited to Reverend Ketcham's home for a

picnic following the service. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Directions will be available at the service.

*Lay Leader: Frank A.*

**August 20th — Unheard Voices of Unitarian Universalism: Ruth's Story**

The UUCWI Readers Theatre Company will present this play written by one of our most popular guest speakers, The Reverend Amanda Aikman. It is the story of the spiritual journey of Ruth, who is a professional tarot card reader, is descended from four generations of atheists, has a Buddhist husband, discovers a very open-minded UU congregation and minister, and ultimately comes out of the closet and is baptized as a UU Christian. Sandy Welch will star as Ruth. The director is Bill Graves with production advice and assistance by the Reverend Aikman.

*Lay Leader: Peggy B.*

**August 27th — Opening Spirituality  
with the Reverend Doctor Gretchen Woods**

Spirituality is a word bandied about but not often defined by Unitarian Universalists. It is often identified with one particular practice. Let's open our perspective to a broader understanding, using world religions and UU thinkers to guide us.

The Reverend Woods is currently senior minister of the Corvallis UU Church in Oregon. She has a Master of Religious Studies from John Carroll University in Cleveland Heights, OH, and a Doctor of Ministry from Northwest Theological Union. She has taught at Northwest Theological Union, Wesley Theological School in Washington, DC, and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry.

*Lay Leader: Mary G.*

## Congregational News & Events

### Adopt-A-Road Cleanup, August 19th

We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot at Trinity to carpool to Mutiny Bay Road. Wear comfy shoes and sunscreen as we pick up litter along Mutiny Bay Road between Bush Point Road and the highway. Please let Nancy S. know if you plan to help. She'll have hard hats, vests and litter tools for all.

### Workshop: Building Healthy Religious Community, August 26th

Do you often wonder what a healthy religious community might look and feel like? Have you wondered if it is possible to co-create one anywhere? What would leadership in such a group look like? The Reverend Gretchen Woods will lead this workshop in which we wrestle with some of these questions together, along with sharing some concrete suggestions from Parker Palmer, M. Scott Peck, and Starhawk.

The workshop will be held 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Tom and Terri's house. So we have an accurate count of participants for food (we'll probably have pot luck salads and sandwich makings) and materials planning, please call Tom B. or Terri A. to confirm your attendance and to get directions.

### A Peek at Next Month

Mark your calendars for these September services:

- September 3rd, 10:00 a.m. on the property, a Soap Box Sunday
- September 10th, 4:00 p.m. on the property, our Ingathering Service with the Reverend Ketcham and salmon bake/potluck
- September 17th, 4:00 p.m., return to services at Trinity Lutheran; CRE program will resume

Note both the times and places of services as these are not always our traditional ones.

### 2005-2006 Treasurer's Report

Budget	48,600.00
Total Operating Fund Income	\$48,774.00
Total Expenses	-\$47,150.00
Surplus	\$1,624.00
Reserve Account	+\$18,216.54
Operating Fund Total	\$19,840.54
Construction Account	\$90,385.45
Combined cash on hand as of 07/01/06	\$110,225.99

~ Kathleen B., Treasurer

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UUCWI is proud of our commitment to openly welcome people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and belief systems. Anyone who agrees to promote the seven UU principles is welcome to become a part of this congregation. If you would like to join us but have not completed the membership process, please contact us at 321-8656 for more information.

## Member News & Notes

### Women in Black

Women in Black is a worldwide movement. We wear black and stand in silent vigil to mourn the losses and injustices created by a violent approach to disagreements between governments. All of us, including our sons and daughters and families and friends in the military, deserve to have our leaders work for peaceful resolutions to conflict. We appeal for finding ways of living with justice and tolerance. We ask you to reflect on the aggression occurring in Iraq and in other countries around the world and also in our homes, in ourselves, and against the earth itself. Let our stand remind us there is a limitless capacity for healing wounds of all kinds. Together, we can move forward into a world we would love to pass on to future generations. We hold our vigil the first Friday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Langley. To learn more about Women in Black, visit [www.womeninblack.org](http://www.womeninblack.org). Please join us!

~ Linda G.

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**Minister:** Kit Ketcham (360-331-2163)

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

**Newsletter Information:**

News, announcements, events, and other items of  
general interest to members of the congregation  
should be submitted in writing by the deadline to  
editor Nancy S.

Short faxed items

may be acceptable; call or more

information. 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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