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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WHIDBEY ISLAND

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September 2004

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Services will be held in two locations this month — please note where each will be. All services will begin at 4:00 p.m.

September 5th — Three Plays

Religious messages can be delivered and received in many ways – sermons are by no means the only one. There are parables, songs, discussions, liturgical dances – and plays. On September 5 three short plays written by UUCWI members Dave Cauffman and Malcolm Ferrier will be presented. Each delivers some sort of message derived from one of the UU principles, Dave's on number 3 (acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth) and Malcolm's on number 7 (the interdependent web – environmentalism). The actors/readers will be UUCWI congregants.

To be held outdoors at the church property on Highway 525 2 miles north of Freeland.

Lay Leaders: Malcolm F. and Dave C.; Membership Representative: Malcolm F.

September 12th— Ingathering with the Reverend Kit Ketcham

Our annual Water Ceremony and Ingathering Celebration will feature stories from members and friends about the spiritual significance of the water they bring to mingle with others. If you gathered a little water representing something special that you experienced during the summer, bring it to contribute to the service. If you didn't collect any during the summer, bring some water from home to represent that special time. We'll sing watery songs, hear watery poems and stories; Reverend Kit Ketcham will offer a reflection on what it means to pool our lives in community.

To be held outdoors at the church property on Highway 525 2 miles north of Freeland. However, if Mother Nature decides to rain on our party, we will move to Trinity.

Lay Leader: Sarah R.; Membership Representative: Baird B.

September 19th— The Elements of Honor with guest speaker Swil Kanim of the Lummi Nation

Mr. Kanim will model the process of creating honor in one's life and inspiring others to do the same. On his violin he will play original compositions from the deepest parts of his heart and tell stories based on the blessings of the four directions.

This service marks our return to Trinity Lutheran Chapel .

Lay Leader: Sally Ann E.; Membership Representative: Malcolm F.

- Children's RE:
Older group — Inherent Worth: What Does It Mean? from the *We Believe* curriculum

September 26th— Unitarian Universalism: The Promise and the Challenge

This sermon, to be delivered by Sandy Welch, was written by the Reverend Marilyn Sewell of First Unitarian Church, Portland. She delivered the sermon in Victoria, BC, during the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest District in February 2004.

at Trinity Lutheran Chapel

Collection Recipient: CASA (See p. 4)

Lay Leader: Sandy W.; Membership Representative: Baird B.

- Children's RE:
Older group — Fair to Everyone from the *We Believe* curriculum

Congregational News & Events

Choir Potluck, September 4th

A UU choir kick-off potluck is scheduled for Saturday, September 4th, at 12:30 p.m. at the church property. All previous members and any new people interested in joining choir are invited. Bring snacks or lunch. We will socialize and have a short organizational meeting after the potluck. Bring ideas also!

The choir will be resuming regular bimonthly rehearsals this month at the Trinity chapel from 2:00 to 3:30 on Sept. 12th and 19th, with a

performance at the service on the 19th.

Our choir is a wonderful mixture of experienced and less-experienced singers who value process more than product. The choir director aims to build confidence and skill, while maintaining an atmosphere of good fun. We will be exploring a wide variety of musical styles, from chants and rounds to classical to rock.

~ Heidi H., Choir Director

North End Koffee Klatch (NEKK) Resumes September 11th

NEKK is back in town! We will meet at Whidbey General Hospital's cafeteria, from 9-11 a.m. on September 11 in Coupeville. WGH has great, inexpensive breakfasts and decent coffee, with plenty of space to accommodate our growing group. Bring a friend from the North End to join us! (South Enders also warmly welcomed!)

~ Rev. Kit Ketcham

Salmon Bake/Potluck, September 12th

Welcome To The New UUCWI Year! After our Ingathering Service at the Church Property, we invite you to attend a potluck salmon bake to start our new year of activities. Baird Bardarson has again volunteered to cook the salmon, and soft drinks/juices will be provided. The cost for the salmon will be \$5/person or \$10/family. Please bring a potluck item to round out the menu.

In order to plan the amount of fish to have available, we would very much appreciate an RSVP by September 8 if you plan to attend. However, if your plans are uncertain and you decide to come at the last minute, do not let lack of notice stop you from coming! We look forward to seeing friends old and new at this event!

If Mother Nature decides to rain on our party, we will move to Trinity. Please RSVP to Baird as soon as possible.

Covenant/Mission/Vision/Workshop, September 18th

The first congregational meeting in this new Church Year will be UUCWI's first-ever "Covenant/Mission/Vision Workshop." The CVM workshop will be from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, September 18, at the Masonic Building at Bayview

– a new venue for us. Please put it on your calendar now.

At the workshop we'll produce three key defining declarations:

- A statement of Covenant: an explicit values-based expression of how we agree to interact and work together toward our shared purpose and goals.
- A Vision statement: an expression of united purpose, shared meaning and desires; the reason for UUCWI to exist.
- A Mission statement: a specific assertion of what work we want to do in the world and with whom.

Creating these declarations of who we are as a church community is an important one-time event. In order to receive financial assistance for our new building from the PNWD, we need to have Covenant, Vision, and Mission statements. PNWD expects at least 75% of our members to participate in developing these statements. Pledging Friends are also welcome.

The workshop will be lively, engaging, informative and very specific. The Reverend Nan Geer will lead us. There will be coffee to wake you at the 9 am kickoff, lunch will be provided, and we expect to wrap up at about 3 pm. Let Mavis know if you need childcare to be provided.

Your voice is needed. Bring your dreams and judgment and put your fingerprints in the clay. Come for the camaraderie! Don't miss it!

~ Dave C., UUCWI President

Welcoming Congregation Informational Meeting October 9th

With the growing controversy about same-sex marriage equality and a desire to be better informed and more supportive of our gay/lesbian/bi/ transgender friends and neighbors, the UUCWI board has invited the Reverend Keith Kron, of the UUA's GLBT concerns office in Boston, to meet with us on October 9. Keith will offer information about the UUA's Welcoming Congregation curriculum and program and will answer questions about GLBT issues. Time and place to be determined. Put the date on your docket!

~ Rev. Kit Ketcham

Book Club does Studs Terkel September 21st

Hope Dies Last was compiled when Terkel was 91 years old. His fight for the less fortunate against injustice continues unabated. His stories of the struggles of the people in our great land searching for community and pride has always been nourished by hope.

The book club will meet at the Baird's Tuesday September 21 at 7:30 PM. Expect a lively discussion with everyone getting their chance put in an oar and no one allowed to dominate the conversation. Refreshments will be available. Please phone Baird or Peggy.

Upcoming discussions:

- October 19-*Ciao America* by Beppe Severgnini (Gail A. leading)
- November 16-*Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert Heinlein (Ken M. leading)
- December 14-Annual Holiday Party and Book Exchange
- January 18, 2005-What if All of UUCWI Read the Same Book? *A Chosen Faith* by John Buehrans and Forrest Church at Trinity Lutheran (Dave C. leading)

~ Baird B.

Giving Away Our Collection?!

Unitarians have a long history of social activism, and Universalists have a strong tradition of social equality. The combined UU faith is grounded in "deeds, not creeds" for both ourselves and our greater communities.

Especially now, as we turn our focus toward building our new home, it is important to remember that one of the core purposes of faith communities is to look outside our walls and engage in the wider community. Even our small congregation has the ability to contribute to our community, whether that community is Whidbey Island, the nation, or the world.

Over the last two years, the Social Action Committee has made concerted efforts to engage in and expand our congregation's impact on our greater community. Several of our projects have given UUCWI members who are not part of the committee the opportunity to contribute to social justice projects at a level that is consistent with their ability to give. Our combined donations have a greater impact than our individual efforts would. These projects have included our collection

for a family whose house burned down, our road cleanup, our voter registration drive, and our Baskets for Books scholarship project.

Now, with the permission of the Board of Trustees, the committee will donate one Sunday service collection per month to a charity whose work is consistent with UU values. UUCWI members who are not part of this committee can support, at whatever level they decide, organizations that make a difference in our community.

September's collection will be donated to the Court-Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA) program. Some members will recall Carla Grau-Egerton's presentation at our June 27th service in which she described the formation, goals, and workings of this program representing minors' best interests in court. Some UUCWI members were so impressed by her presentation that they have signed up for training to be CASA volunteers. Our September 26th collection will be donated to CASA to provide training materials for new volunteers.

The Social Action Committee has not yet chosen all the groups and organizations that will receive future collections. If you have a suggestion for a candidate organization, please let me know, and I'll bring it to the committee.

~ Nancy S., Committee Chair

Request for Updated Directory Information

The new UUCWI Directory will be compiled in September. Has your address, telephone number, or email changed this year? Please send Mavis any changes to your contact information.

Road Cleanup

Baird B., Bill G., Bob L., Bill M. and Mike & Nancy S. picked up 80 pounds of litter from Mutiny Bay Road on August 7th. Due to real team effort, we were all finished in less than 2 hours.

The next cleanup will be October 2nd. New helpers are welcome, but county regulations require that we know ahead of time who will be participating. Please contact me if you'd like to help out next time.

~ Nancy S.
Social Action Committee Chair

General Assembly Summary

I was one of 4700 UU's attending the 5-day General Assembly in Long Beach in late June. If it were not for my daughter who insisted I attend with her I would not have experienced this amazing event.

Presiding over the Plenary sessions, Gini Courter just did a superb job in my opinion. It was also a great pleasure to hear William Sinkford speak in person after reading many of his thoughts. Guest speakers included Robert Reich, Amy Goodman, Ed Begley, and Holly Near.

Delegates donated more than \$51,000 to the Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization group for the construction of a permanent homeless shelter. Another \$20,000 was donated by the local Long Beach UU Congregation (my old congregation).

The General Assembly passed a statement of Conscience on Civil Liberties which calls for the resignation of Attorney General John Ashcroft and the repeal of the USA Patriot Act. Delegates including myself passed several Actions of Immediate Witness intended to address recent events. The new resolutions voice opposition to a proposed federal marriage amendment, a call for state and federal laws to require electronic voting systems to produce a voter-verified paper audit trail, urge renewal of the federal ban on assault weapons, and endorse the Alien Torts Claim Act.

Responding to the war in Iraq, the Assembly also called on members to hold the US government accountable for its commitments under the recently passed United Nations Security Council Resolution 1546. In its final vote, the delegates overwhelmingly passed a resolution condemning the use of torture and calling on all people of conscience "to hold accountable any individual, group, organization or nation that conducts, authorizes, condones, or covers up the use of torture."

Lots more happened and is still taking place as a result of these wonderful people. Check the website: www.uua.org/ga/ga04. This was a heartwarming, energizing event that pen and paper won't do justice to. I would encourage everyone in the Congregation who has not at some point experienced a National General Assembly to give it a go.

~ John A.

From Our Minister

Dear Whidbey friends,

As we begin a new church year, I am looking forward to a second year of serving as minister to this warm and loving congregation. I am particularly looking forward to two big events coming up this fall, our Covenant/Vision/Mission workshop on September 18 with the Reverend Nan Geer, and our Welcoming Congregation informational meeting with the Reverend Keith Kron on October 9.

More information about both these events can be found in this newsletter and on the web page; they will be formative events in the life of the congregation, and I urge you to put both dates on your calendar and make a point of attending.

Our first service together this fall will be the annual Water Ceremony and Ingathering, when we pool the waters of our lives and listen to stories and sing songs, all with a watery theme. Here in the Pacific Northwest, water is a main feature of our lives together and this unique ritual pays homage to its meaning, both literally and figuratively.

I invite you to bring a small amount of water from some spiritually significant summer event or place to our service on September 12 at 4 p.m. at the church property. We will pool our waters, which will later be purified and used for significant occasions in the life of the congregation such as child dedications and house blessings. (Symbolic water from the kitchen tap is just fine; we will also provide water and small cups for anyone who forgets and wants to take part.)

See you soon!
Much love,
Kit



Building Committee Update

The primary emphasis of the Building Committee over the past year has been on developing a final site plan for our property; this has included inventorying the best trees on the site, mapping the main site features, getting input from forest experts, completing a septic design, talking with Highway Department officials, presenting a preliminary plan to the county planning office, and then designing the roadways and parking areas and identifying the best building location to preserve as many of the largest, healthiest trees as possible.

The plans were presented to the congregation for input, and many suggestions were received and incorporated into the final plan which was then approved by a vote of the full congregation at the May congregational meeting.

Since May, the Building Committee focus has shifted to on the building itself and coordination with the Capital Campaign Committee. Michael Boyd, Langley architect, was selected to develop preliminary building concepts, plans and a model so that these can be presented to the congregation in conjunction with the Capital Campaign. We look forward to developing these plans and additional input from congregation members. And we are especially hopeful that this planning and the Capital Campaign will lead to the start of our new church building soon.

Committee membership has expanded to include Mavis C., Sandy W., Patricia B., Toyan C., Marjorie L., Peggy B., John A., Baird B. and Roy B.

~ Roy B., Chair

“Build It and They Will Come”

(but first you must raise the money)

The Capital Campaign is On Its Way: October 16 to October 31, 2004

Mark your calendars: The Capital Campaign to fund the first phase of our own meetinghouse is scheduled to start with a complimentary Kickoff Dinner (not a potluck) on Saturday evening, October 16. The actual canvass will be from October 17 to the 31st. The “Sermon on the Amount” will be given by District Executive Janine Larson at the service on Sunday, October 10.

The Capital Campaign Committee has been working for over a year to plan this project in cooperation with the Building Committee and Board of Trustees. We feel good about the timing of this canvass; our congregation is growing, we have oversubscribed to our Operating Budget, new programs are being developed, and we have our own minister to inspire us as we embark on this exciting venture.

It is our goal to raise \$400,000 from all sources, pledges, grants and loans. About half of this we hope to raise from within the church family of members and friends over a flexible three-year time frame. The UUA and PND offer a variety of First Home grants and Building loans to which we will apply.

This is truly a “faith-based” undertaking. We believe the dream of our own building on our beautiful property can come true. By sharing the resources of our diverse congregation, from the “widow’s mite” to the five figure gift, we will “build it and they will come.” And then we will witness more effectively to our community and country about the blessings of liberal religion: our belief in the right of conscience and democratic process, our sense of responsibility for the earth our home, and respect for the worth and dignity of every person.

~ Peggy B.

Capital Campaign Committee Chair

Calling All Members!

Are you pleased with your involvement in UUCWI and the enrichment it brings to you via friends and intellectual/spiritual growth? Mightn't some of your friends gain something too? Every study of how to gain members shows that personal contact is the best way — bring your friends along. That sounds simple, but UUCWI isn't much good at it.

The urgent plea is therefore to all members and friends to make a steady effort to get their friends to give us a try. Every week we all encounter dozens of people. It shouldn't be hard to mention UUCWI and issue an enthusiastic invitation. Invite friends to come to a service, movie night or book group meeting, or even to participate in a Social Action program

~ Malcolm F.

Membership Committee Chair

Summer's End Resolutions

By Dave C., UUCWI
President



Officially, summer won't end until September 22, but for practical purposes, once the kids return to school and the ferry lines return to normal as the vacationers return to the mainland, it's over. It might even rain. UUCWI's services return to the 4 pm time slot on August 29, and on September 19 we move back indoors to Trinity.

The return to work and school – a real lifestyle change – has always been a good time for me: a time to review and set goals, to plan, to get organized, and to get enthusiastic and serious about making the dreams into reality. So I'm again reviewing my life goals and formulating my September resolutions and plans.

September brings UUCWI, as well, to a special planning opportunity, or cusp, this year – our Covenant/Vision/Mission (CVM) workshop Saturday, September 18, 9am to 3pm, at the Masonic Hall at Bayview. The Board of Trustees has delayed some of its annual decision making until it hears the directions we set as a congregation at this important event. We need 75% of members to attend to have a successful workshop.

Here are a few of the UU-related resolutions I'm making. I hope they're yours too:

1. Participate in the CVM workshop. Contribute ideas and encourage others to do so, to ensure that the results represent a consensus of the community.
2. Personally welcome new visitors who attend services. Tell them about our other activities that may interest them. Recognize them when they return.
3. Plan to make a meaningful contribution in the upcoming Capital Campaign without decreasing the pledge to the operating fund.
4. Finish reading *A Chosen Faith* by John Buehrens and Forrest Church (Beacon Press) before the January 18 discussion session.

Making resolutions in September seems to me to be much more timely than making them at New Year's, and I put more "resolve" into the

September commitments. At this time of year when the choir restarts, and Kit returns to us from her vacation, and we come together happy to be in community again, why not ask yourself: How do I want to improve myself, my church, my country, and my planet?

2003-04 Budget Report

This is the summary report of income and expense for the operating budget for the fiscal year - July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004:

Income:	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$31,000	\$33,504
Non pledge support	\$1,000	\$308
Sunday collection	\$1,400	\$1,746
Interest income	\$150	\$70
Fund raising	\$2,500	\$5,324
Misc income	\$650	\$410
Total	\$36,700	\$41,362
Expense:		
Office expense	\$3,986	\$3,742
Facilities	\$5,200	\$3,906
Salaries	\$20,830	\$20,108
Worship service	\$4,900	\$4,960
Music	\$4,140	\$3,470
Dist & Natl dues	\$3,310	\$3,060
Misc	\$2,630	\$2,645
Total	\$44,996	\$41,891

As you can see from the numbers above, final income and expense came very close to balancing for the last fiscal year. Income increased above the budget estimates thanks to the efforts of all of the congregation members! So, from a financial standpoint we had a successful year. And with our first year with our new minister, Kit Ketcham, we had a varied worship and music program and many interesting activities. I believe it was a very successful year.

~ Roy B., Treasurer

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

This year in the UUCWI CRE we will be working from the *We Believe* curriculum — *Learning and Living Our Unitarian Universalist Principles*.

This will be a fun year! We will visit at least two other places of worship and discuss the religious beliefs of each place. One visit will be to the Tahoma One Drop Zen Buddhist Monastery and the other is still to be determined – perhaps the children can help me with the decision. I am planning to get a few guest speakers and the dates of those talks and the field trips will be printed in our monthly newsletters.

Please join us for a hour of fun and thought as we all grow our spiritual garden.

In peace and fellowship,
Craig S., CRE Coordinator

New "Primary" CRE at UUCWI

In talking with visiting families recently, it has become even more evident that we need a CRE class specific to the young children who are a bit too old for childcare. Carol Wright does a wonderful job with the toddlers, as does Craig Sobottka with our more numerous older ones. But we're missing a program for the ones in between whose interests are so different from those of the preteens and teenagers. The Board of Trustees feels it is important to offer a comprehensive values-based program that parents can see has a place for their children as they grow up. The CRE Committee would like to see this program in place. Visitors with children have said as much.

So – I'm researching curricula for that group and will volunteer to pull the materials together and start the program on September 19th when we return to Trinity for our Sunday services. I will, however, need help in the form of assistance and occasional "substitutes." In accordance with church policy, all volunteers will receive a routine Washington background check; for this reason we need the list of volunteers in advance.

If you would be willing to help with this, even just once or twice during the year, please let me know. You won't have to dream up activities – we'll have resources for that, and we'll have all necessary materials in place. What I envision it requiring would be getting the teacher materials for the session and familiarizing yourself with the

story/discussion/project for the week. If we can do this well, it will be a valuable contribution to our church and larger community.

Thanks!

~ Mavis C.

How to Lend a Hand

As we begin a new church year, committee chairs are reviewing their membership lists and finding a few empty seats. If you have interest in any of these positions, please contact the chairs listed. You'll be helping the whole congregation, and you might find you like the results!

- The Membership Committee, oddly enough, is looking for a few new members. Two specific goals of this committee are to get people in the door on a Sunday and, once we have newcomers' names, to shepherd them into full membership. If you'd enjoy making a few phone calls a month and helping to coordinate activities for visitors/new members, please let Malcolm F. know.
- The Capital Campaign Committee is open to anyone with an interest in fund-raising, finance, and related fields. The committee needs the assistance of anyone with experience in banking, mortgages, and loans related to building projects. The committee is putting the finishing touches on plans for the Phase I fund-raising for our first building on the property. Please contact Peggy B.
- The choir always welcomes new members! The only requirements are a love of music, the ability to match pitches (learn by ear) and willingness to attempt regular attendance. (See related article on page 2). Contact Heidi H.
- The new Communications Committee is forming and will hold its first meeting this month. This committee needs some help putting together a list of media and good outlets for publicity on the island, including contact people. If you have information to share, please contact Nancy S.
- The Children's Religious Education (CRE) program needs a few occasional substitute

teachers and volunteers. Please see the article on page 8 or contact Mavis C.

Patricia B. has volunteered to serve as both our new Refreshment Coordinator and our Publicity Coordinator. If you see Patricia, give her a big thank you (and if you are able to give her some assistance, let her know!).

And many thanks to all congregants who completed and returned their Volunteer Interests questionnaires. If you haven't yet completed yours, ask me for one or print it from our website: www.whidbey.com/uucwi/documents/VolunteerInterests.pdf.

~ Nancy S., Volunteer Coordinator

Caring Connections Committee

The CCC will be meeting soon. The current members will be contacted by phone. If anyone is interested in joining or knowing more about this committee, please contact me at 360-730-1955.

~ Carol B., Chair

Member News & Notes

Sharing Cultures

Toyan C. recently shared a bit of Guarani culture with a youth group at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue. Wearing a traditional dress (*tipoi*), she spoke briefly with the summer class about this indigenous Bolivian group and then led the students in a traditional dance. Toyan's participation was part of Global Cultures, a weekly summer program at East Shore Unitarian teaching young people about different cultures; the emphasis this year is on indigenous peoples. Toyan returned last December from two years of working with the Guarani as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Peace Forum September 11th

September 11, 2004, will be remembered on Whidbey Island with an all-day Peace Forum at the Greenbank Grange off Highway 525 on Bakken Road in Greenbank. Sponsored by Coupeville Peace and Reconciliation (CPR), the forum will be free and open to all, with a complimentary picnic lunch at noon and a large, fenced backyard for the kids throughout the day.

The program will begin at 9:45 a.m. with

readings, meditations, and visualizations of world peace and reconciliation led by Jack and Sue Tingstad. At 10:45 a.m., the fiery and popular Erin Hart, commentator for KIRO 710 radio, will speak on the current political scene. Ms. Hart will be open to questions and comments from the audience.

Lunch will be at noon, followed at 1:00 p.m. by the Bill of Rights Theater Project which will perform skits of actual incidents arising from the USA PATRIOT Act, with open discussion following each one. ACLU lawyer Dan Lerner will explain conflicts of portions of the PATRIOT Act with the Bill of Rights.

At 3:00 p.m., Liz Goldstein and members of Teen Peace in Port Townsend will discuss military recruitment in the schools, the possibility of the draft, and how to file for conscientious objector status. All day there will be nonpartisan voter registration and a wide variety of free information materials. Items will also be available for purchase. For further information, call (360) 678-1562.

~ Patricia B.



Sandy W. and her son Evan won the Bocci Ball tournament this summer. The tournament was a Service Auction item.

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