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October 2010

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3 10 am Service: "The Bones of Leadership" Noonish: South End Lunch Bunch	4 9-11 am Worship Committee	5	6 10 am Men's Group	7	8	9 9 am BrUUunch 1-3 pm North End Koffe Klatch
10 10 am Service: "Advocacy for All Creation" After svc: BOT	11	12	13 7:30 pm EvenSong	14	15	16
17 10 am Service: "Beatrix Potter "	18	19	20 10 am Men's Group	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 Conversation at Kit's
24 10 am Service: "Heroism and Integrity" <i>6 pm: North End Dine Out</i>	25	26	27 5:30 pm CRE	28 10 am South End Koffee Klatch	29 7:30 pm Community Movie Night	30 9am - 2 pm Worship Leader Workshop
31 10 am Service: "Vampires - Who Wants to Live Forever?"						

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From Our Minister



Dear Whidbey Friends,

Our worship theme for October is “Sources of Inspiration: Heroes and History”. During October, we’ll be considering the impact of our heroes throughout history and the characteristics that encourage heroism. My own view is that we all have the innate characteristics of heroes; how we use them is up to us.

The first weekend of October, our congregation will be hosting the Pacific Northwest District board of directors, of which our own Dave Cauffman is Treasurer. This is a privilege, to welcome these hard-working volunteers into our lives for a brief weekend. Some of them will be staying with you and many of them will attend our service on Sunday morning. I hope you will have a chance to get to know them a bit while they’re here. (I’ll be preaching that morning on “The Bones of Leadership” — how does that sound for an October sermon?)

We are underway in our process of creating a Covenant of Right Relations and I hope you’ve had a chance to consider the documents mailed to your home and discussed at the Sept. 26 “potluck with a purpose”. As we receive your thoughts, the document will be tweaked until it meets the needs of the congregation; at that time we will have a congregational vote to ratify it.

I hope that your autumn season is glorious, that your health is good, that the kids are doing well in school, and that we will be together every Sunday morning to experience the support and care of our faith community.

Much love,
Kit

Calender Listings

Our October worship theme is

“Sources of Inspiration: Heroes and History”.

Oct. 3: “The Bones of Leadership: Backbone, Funnybone, Wishbone”

Speaker: Rev. Kit Ketcham

How do effective religious leaders change the world? Who have been some of the effective religious leaders of world history? Of Unitarian Universalist history? Of present day UUism?

Dave Cauffman, worship leader

Oct. 10: "Advocacy for All Creation"

Speaker: Jessie Dye

Why do people of faith care about the environment? What is it in our spiritual DNA that calls us to make sustainable choices and speak up for the Earth? If our faith and values call us to have a commitment to protect human and natural ecosystems, what actions can we take to be effective stewards of Creation?

Jessie Dye, Program and Outreach Director of Earth Ministry, will lead a lively interaction about faith and environment, including current issues in climate and energy and moving Washington State beyond coal.

Worship Leader: Effie Brown

Oct. 13, 7:30 pm: EvenSong

During this month’s evening service of song, meditation and readings we’ll explore some ideas and poetry addressing the link between science and imagination. All are welcome at this quiet, contemplative, candlelight service accompanied by harp music.

Oct 17: "Beatrix Potter

– Her Story Behind Her Stories"

Speaker: Susan Morrisson

Luckily for us, Beatrix wrote letters in addition to her children’s stories. We learn from them her passion for animals and nature. She also kept a secret journal; she wrote about her challenges and where her heart led her. Beatrix Potter, an English Unitarian, was talented in many ways, including art, literature, science, and later sheep raising. She was a visionary in environmental awareness.

Susan Morrisson has just completed her internship with the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist

church, on the heels of an enriching theological education at Seattle University. Her candidacy for Ministry will be completed when she visits the UUA in Boston this fall. She gratefully returns to UUCWI and welcomes the opportunity to worship with us.
Worship Leader: Mavis Cauffman

Oct. 24: "Heroism and Integrity"

Speaker: Rev. Kit Ketcham

How do we define a hero? Our children often consider pop culture figures to be their heroes; who have we adults considered our heroes? What has history shown to be heroic as we look back over the centuries? On this United Nations Day, Rev. Kit Ketcham will celebrate visible and invisible acts of heroism and integrity.

Worship Leader: Gladys Howard

Oct. 31: "Buffy, Sookie, and Who Wants to Live Forever?"

Worship Leader: Mary Goolsby

Why did our Victorian ancestors create the Vampire myth and why this recent upsurge of interest? Is this just the creepy side of youthful frivolity or are there spiritual questions connected with this phenomenon? The Rev. Matthew Johnson-Doyle lent us his sermon on the subject. Come join us Friday evening for the 1922 silent movie, *Nosferatu*, and then Sunday as we explore Johnson-Doyle's thoughts on the subject.

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Oct. 3, Noonish: South End Lunch Bunch

at China City in Freeland. Let Kit know (331-2163 or kitketcham@comcast.net) if you can attend.

Oct. 9, 1-3 pm: North End Koffee Klatch

at Whidbey General Hospital cafeteria. All are welcome!

Oct. 23: Conversation at Kit's

This will be something special, in preparation for our Halloween celebration on Oct. 31. Be afraid, be very afraid – the vampires will be out. Watch for more details!

Oct. 24, 6 pm: North End Dine Out

at China City in Oak Harbor. Let Kit know (331-2163 or kitketcham@comcast.net) if you can attend.

Oct. 28, 10 am: South End Koffee Klatch

We'll meet at Gloria Sherman's, for coffee and refreshments; we'll talk about our heroes and heroines, both current and historical, and share how they have affected our lives. We'll also discuss the future of SEKK and how we might configure it in the future.

Oct 29, 7:30 pm: Community Movie Night

Nosferatu

The vampire mythology is all the rage these days—think *Twilight*, *True Blood*, *Angel*, and not so long ago, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. What is it about this powerful legend that captures our imagination? Rebellion? Passion? Power? Immortality?

Join us on Friday, Oct 29, 7:30 at the church for a viewing of the classic film *Nosferatu* followed with refreshments and a discussion of the film and its themes. Originally released in 1922, director F. W. Murnau's chilling and eerie adaptation of Stoker's *Dracula* is a silent masterpiece of terror which to this day is the most striking and frightening portrayal of the legend.

The viewing and discussion of the film will be a terrific prelude and introduction to our Sunday Service on Oct 31, which will continue the vampire mythology theme as it relates to our human journey.

Oct. 30, 9am -2pm: Worship Leader Workshop

"There are many ways to give to the life and work of this congregation. . ." We hear these words nearly every Sunday, and maybe you're looking to experience a new way of giving to the church. How about becoming one of our Sunday Worship Leaders? An important first step, even if you're just considering the idea, is to attend our workshop on Saturday, October 30, 9am – 2pm, lunch provided. Our current or past worship leader volunteers are also strongly encouraged to come, since we're counting on tapping in to your experience. We interested in all your creative ideas and resources for enhancing the service format. It's sure to be a lot of fun! We'll need to know how many are attending, so please RSVP to Sandy at 579-1577 or sandy.welch3@gmail.com



From the Pres



Musings

There are those who say that the final step in learning [or perfecting] a new skill is to teach it to others. There is probably an element of “pay it forward” in this advice, but I don’t think the purpose is entirely altruistic. I certainly find that whenever I set out to teach something to others – via either oral or written instruction – I am challenged to first demonstrate to myself that I have mastered the skill. Have I fully grasped all the elements? Are there some steps that need further refinement? What have I left out? Preparing to teach someone else your newly acquired skill feels a lot like preparing for the final exam of that college course that is wrapping up.

So, why am I bringing this up – you may be asking. I am wondering what talents, skills you may have that you might teach to others in our UUCWI community. Is there something you might teach our youth group? Could you offer a lesson as an auction item? Do you have a skill that would work well as an adult program?

It’s a win-win situation. Others get to benefit from your abilities, and you get the benefit of refining your skills.

I hope you will give this some serious thought.

Warm regards,
Lois

Announcements

Peace Activities

The Whidbey peace group meets every Saturday at Bayview Park & Ride from 10-11 am. Come join our friendly, interesting group.

Women in Black, a nation-wide organization, meets the 1st Friday of each month just south of the

Bayview Park & Ride on the grass. We display the sign "Women in Black Standing for Peace" from 5-6
Barb Hutton



Nifty Fifties

Let's go to the Hop, oh Baby!

Fundraising Auction Coming Nov. 6

Hula hoops, coonskin caps, poodles and pink whatever! The Nifty Fifties promises to be the grandest UUCWI auction yet. This year’s annual fundraiser takes place on Saturday, November 6. After the Stewardship Drive, this is our largest fundraiser of the year. All net proceeds go to the operations and administration of UUCWI.

Contributions from friends and members are what make it happen! Please decide very soon what you will offer for the bidding. It could be a dinner, an event, lessons, gardening services, an outing – there are endless possibilities. For each donated item (more than one is encouraged), a Promise Form must be completed. Forms are available at UUCWI or on the website.

Completed Promise Forms must be returned to Co-Chair Toyon C or Frances W – the sooner the better – in any case no later than October 31. Returning your form early helps assure the information is entered accurately into the catalog.

The evening will feature a meal of 50’s-style (comfort) food, beverages, and music including Bill Haley, Elvis and Pat Boone. The attendance cost will be just \$10. Correct attire for the event will include poodle skirt, bobby socks, saddle shoes, or a leather jacket. Guys might also consider sporting a D.A. (Brylcream helps).

Many members and friends will be assisting in making this the best and most fun fundraiser ever. Mark your calendar and return the Promise Form soon.

Sunday Service Survey

The Worship Committee is excited to begin a new church year of Sunday services. Rev. Kit will continue to grace our pulpit two Sundays a month, and you'll see many of our tried-and-true annual favorites—Soap Box Sunday, Abraxas, This I Believe, Flower Communion, Jamal, Bill Graves, and Larry Daloz. But we also aspire to bring an enriching program of new topics and speakers. To help us better understand your Sunday service experience and expectations and plan accordingly, our committee has prepared a Sunday Service Survey (see attachment). Please fill it out and return it via email to uadmin@whidbey.com, or bring it to church and drop it in the box at the Hospitality Table. We look forward to your input!

Wa State Uu Voices For Justice News

Annual Legislative Conference On November 6

Join UUs from across the state at WA State UU Voices for Justice's 5th Legislative Conference on November 6, 10 am-3pm, at the Olympia UU Congregation.

Economic justice will headline this year's agenda, focusing on the need to provide critical state services through equitable tax policies. Speakers will also address important social and environmental justice issues that will come before the 2011 Legislature. A conference packet will provide ideas for ways you can effectively bring UU values of justice and equity to our legislators.

Receive updates on the Legislative Conference at www.uuvoiceswa.org, or contact UU Voices Coordinator Carol McKinley at coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org to register or for more information.

Saratoga Chamber Orchestra

The SCO will present its first concerts of the season on Monday, October 18 in Coupeville at the Performing Arts Center and on Tuesday, October 19 in Langley at SWHS. Both concerts begin at 7:00 PM. Featured will be works by Wolf-Ferrari, Respighi and Schubert's Symphony No. 3. Legh Burns will conduct. Many musicians familiar to UUCWI are members of the orchestra including Kat Fritz, William Dolde, Gloria Ferry-Brennan and Peggy Bardarson. Please support this fine Whidbey organization. Tickets at the door.

Committee News

Choir News

Several choir members gathered at church for a retreat and potluck in early September. Over a delicious lunch we discussed plans for the coming year and scheduled our volunteer choir directors for each month. Here's the schedule:

October – Linda Good

November and December – Mavis Cauffman

January – Frank Allen

February – Nola Allen

March – Gladys Howard

April – Mavis

May – Linda

June – Ken Merrell and/or Dave Sweetwood

There will be a rehearsal on October 3 after church and then on Oct 10 we'll rehearse before church at 8:45 and sing at the service that day.

Mavis reported on attending the UU Musicians Conference in Madison, WI in July. It was hugely inspiring and she brought back lots of new music. She's also seriously considering applying to the UU Music Leadership Credentialing Program which hopefully would result in an augmented music program in the congregation. The Music Committee has endorsed this, as has the Board, Worship Committee, and Rev Ketcham. One idea might be to have sessions for anyone interested in working on basic musicianship/sight reading. Let Mavis know if you're interested.

We would love new voices in the choir! If you're interested, contact Linda or any of the monthly "choir directors" about the music they've selected.

The prayer of our souls is a petition for persistence;
not for the one good deed, or single thought, but
deed on deed, and thought on thought, until day
calling unto day shall make a life worth living.

W. E. B. Du Bois
Reading #494

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