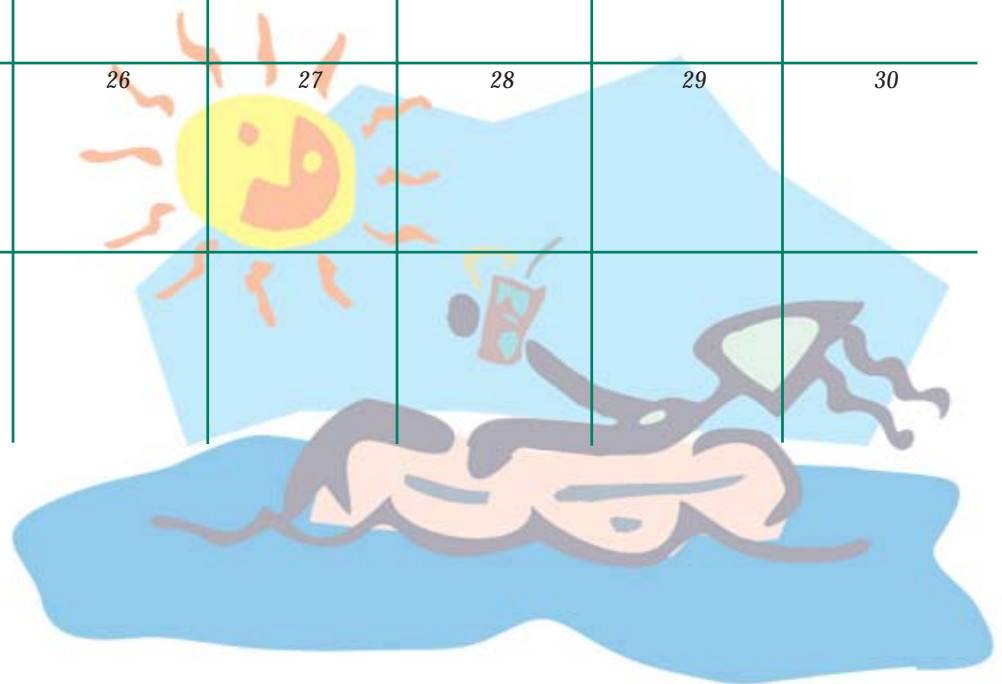


Island Passages

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August 2003

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10 10:00 AM Sunday Service at the church property.	11 8:30 AM "Shooting the Breeze About Seismic Events," Current Affairs Discussion Group at the Lighthouse Cafe.	12	13 4:00 PM Board meeting at Trinity. 7:30 PM Worship Committee meeting at Malcolm's.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 9:00 AM Board Retreat at the home of Roy B.	21	22	23
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SUMMER HAIKU

i close my eyes but
 still see red, the sun burns to
 warm me once again

—exacta

AUGUST SERVICES There are two scheduled services for August. They will be held at the church property approximately two miles northwest of Freeland on the west side of Hwy 525 at 10:00 a.m.

August 10—This service will be a tribute to, and 90th birthday celebration for Jean Houston. Jean is a beloved member of our congregation and longtime Whidbey Island resident. The service will feature music performed and led by Karin B., Linda G., and Al G.

Facilitator: Bill G.

August 24—The Building Committee plans to give an on-site report of its recent progress. Two possible building sites on the property will be marked and two "Phase One" building ideas will be presented. This is an information sharing program intended to familiarize the congregation with the property before decisions are made.

Facilitator: Al G. and the Building Committee

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

First, a thank you to the 20+ who responded to the Committee's questionnaire and survey of the past year's services. We collected lots of valuable suggestions and comments.

It's hard, of course, to summarize such a wide range of comments, but there were several trends:

- Speakers who revealed their deepest thoughts and feelings were much appreciated. It's OK to be passionate!
- Spiritual concepts such as the meaning of my life or death were important. After all, we are a church, not just a service club.
- Lecturing and didacticism are out. State facts gently and let us make up our own minds.
- Talks on ways we can address social and political problems are worth having.
- Somewhat more people liked the congregational talk back, though a significant number didn't.

The Committee is at work on next church year's 48 (whew!) services, and we invite congregants' input and volunteerism. If volunteers don't step forward, we will boldly allocate people to the support tasks of facilitating and bringing light refreshments. Kindly do your best to comply with our doubtless somewhat arbitrary assignments. This year we plan to have the support group for each service slimmed down —just the facilitator and the refreshment person, with other greeting and set-up jobs dished out to whomever happens to be there. This we hope will work smoothly, and avoid endless and generally fruitless passing around of sign-up sheets.

We look forward to a church year of spiritual growth for each of us, and with each of us joining in regularly and enthusiastically. Thanks in advance —a lay-led church cannot function otherwise.

UUCWI—THE FIRST TEN YEARS

Did you know??

- Our church had its first public planning meeting at Clinton Progressive Hall on Sunday, March 7, 1993 at 3:30.
- We were officially incorporated as a church on September 13, 1993.
- Our name used to be South Whidbey UUC, but was changed to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island because we wanted to include all of the island in our planning.

Happy 10th Birthday to Us!

ANTICIPATION

from Dave C., President of the Board

Signs of the season

It is still summer but in one respect it feels like December! There are rustlings and scurrings, snippets of hushed, earnest conversations, papers and packages discreetly, almost invisibly, handed from one person to another—just as there are when we anticipate Christmas.

Anticipation: Latin roots: ante (before) and capere (to take), meaning "to take beforehand."

Some of us come to services, enjoy the music, drink in the sermon, partake of the fellowship and coffee, and depart, hopefully fulfilled and better for the experience, reassured that our liberal values are shared.

Many of us reap a double benefit, however! We have "partaken beforehand" – anticipated the event. By serving on the teams that focus on advancing the programs of our lay-led congregation, we experience a double dose of fellowship and inspiration.

Imagination

The essence of anticipation is imagination. Imagination is the wellspring of our ability to change reality. It is the discovery of opportunity. The dedicated and enthusiastic people working on your congregational committees – worship, music, education, pastoral services, social action, building, ministerial search, membership, canvass, capital campaign – are imagining and creating our future.

Sharing

Won't you help anticipate – and create – our future together? Sharing good work multiplies the blessings of it. Join one of our busy teams. Contact the chair of the committee where your interest lies, or any board member. Do it today! With your help, it is going to be a wonderful 10th anniversary year.

START READING!

On September 16 at Gail A.'s house, the UU Book Club will be discussing *Atonement*, by Ian McEwan. All are welcome. Please RSVP.

Ian McEwan's Booker Prize-nominated *Atonement* is his first novel since *Amsterdam* took home the prize in 1998. But while *Amsterdam* was a slim, sleek piece, *Atonement* is a more sturdy, more ambitious work, allowing McEwan more room to play, think, and experiment.

Set during the seemingly idyllic summer of 1935 at the country estate of the Tallis family, the first section of this thought-provoking novel ambles through one scorchingly hot day that changes the lives of almost everyone present.

This novel is a compelling exploration of guilt and the struggle for forgiveness.

A MESSAGE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Unitarians in South Africa (we are few and far between) are seeking to promote Unitarianism in South Africa. For this we need to raise some funds.

No, we are not looking for a donation!

We are selling Unitarian Greetings Cards from our web site. They are high quality cards that depict an African Flaming Chalice.

The cards can be viewed and purchased at this URL: <http://unitarian.co.za/unitarian-greetings-cards.html> or via our home page at: <http://www.unitarian.co.za>.

Many thanks,
Peter Mansfield
 43 Waverton Road
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ECONOMIC JUSTICE

"No to the FTAA! Yes to Life! A Workshop for Engaged UUs in the Seattle Region"

The proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) treaty threatens our environment, families' livelihoods, human rights, and democracy. But there are proven alternatives! Join us Sunday, August 19, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rainier Valley UU Congregation, 4620 South Findlay Street, Seattle. This workshop is a chance to ask questions, explore the issues, meet people who share your concerns, and discuss ways to stop the FTAA and work for justice in the global and local economy. Sponsored by UUs for a Just Economic Community and Community Alliance for Global Justice. For more information, directions, or to RSVP, please contact UUJEC-PNWD at: coordinator@uujec-pnwd.org.

SOME AUGUST OUTDOOR FUN

The Skagit UU Fellowship has invited us to an event on August 17. They will have a picnic and mountain biking or hiking session sponsored by the Skagit UU Rolling Thunder Bicycle Club at Ebey's Landing starting at noon.

Directions: Just north of Coupeville on Hwy. 20, turn left on Libbey Road and follow it 1.5 miles to Hill Valley Drive. Turn left and enter the park. Exact location of picnic area will be determined later. Bring your own picnic lunch. For more info, contact Matt McDaniel at 360-428-1831 or mlmcdan@earthlink.net

SIMPLICITY CONFERENCE

Discover the links between simplicity, peace, sustainability, social justice, and spirit! Attend the Simplicity conference on Sunday, August 24 at the Seattle University Ballroom from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Find out about the exciting new "Take Back Your Time" campaign (www.timeday.org). Featured speakers include Duane Elgin, Vicki Robin, Cecile Andrews, Wanda Urbanska, John de Graaf, Michael Schut, and Jerome Segal. Registration \$25. To receive more information on this conference co-hosted by Seeds of Simplicity and The Simplicity Forum, go to www.seedsofsimplicity.org Or call Cecile Andrews at 783-1152 or cecile@simplicitycircles.com

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