



June-July 2015 UNiverse

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CONGREGATION

Summer Solstice Celebration on June 21 *Living Lightly and Happily on the Earth*

Join members and friends of Northwest in awe of the longest day of the year, our Summer Solstice, on June 21. We will give thanks to our Mother Earth as she produces everything we need for sustaining our spirits and our bodies. We will celebrate the abundance of life that makes our beautiful earthly home such an inspiring place to raise our children and their children. We will connect our spirits to each other and to the Earth as we discover sustainable ways we can live with joy and a light footprint.

At 11:30, following the service at Northwest, we will celebrate the bounty of the Earth and our happiness by partaking of food together. Please bring your favorite Earth-celebrating dish to share.



Our CUUPS group will offer an Earth-centered, Litha worship service at 12:30, following the potluck. The Summer Solstice ritual will focus on the Sun Dance ceremony of the North American Plains Indians. The ritual

celebrates the renewal and restoration of the balance of life between people, nature and spirit.

Following the solstice celebration, at 1:00, we will put our minds and hearts to work in laying out plans for Earth Ministry action for the coming year. Our focus will be learning to live lightly and happily on the Earth.

We have invited our fellow UU congregations to join us for our planning session so that we can collaborate on activities across all our congregations in the North Georgia area.

Childcare will be provided, via RSVP to [Keith Kreycik](mailto:Keith.Kreycik@nwuuc.org) (404.840.6668).

Outgathering Potluck, June 14

Please join us for our annual Outgathering Multigenerational Potluck on Sunday, June 14, after the service and Northwest Legacy Society Celebration. Please bring an item to share that feeds six-eight people. Remember to include an identifying label, as well as your name on the container, so we can ensure the dish gets back to you. Paul Ross will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, thanks to the Dunwoody Chalice Group.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!



Worship Services June 2015

Reflecting on Friendship

Service at 10:00 AM

The Nursery is staffed and available during services and Fellowship.

From the second half of June through the end of July, Sunday worship services will be led by the members of the Northwest Worship Associates team, along with several guest UU ministers.

Additional information about the coming week's services is published in the weekly NeUUs. Not getting the NeUUS? Contact Office Administrator Shirley Banks at office@nwuuc.org to sign up.

June 7 – *Blessing of the Animals* (Multigenerational)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Paul Payne
Music – The Northwest Band

Our furry, feathered, finned, and otherwise animals are more than pets to many of us – they are soulful companions who enrich our lives and teach us lessons of compassion, play and responsibility. Bring your well-behaved animal friend with you to this multigenerational service and join Rev. Terry Davis as we offer a blessing to these special members of our families and remember with love those pets we have lost.

For safety and comfort, dogs must be on leashes and cats in crates. If you would like to honor your deceased pet, please bring a photo or other memento and place it on the center table as you enter the Sanctuary.



June 14 – *Give Me a Break* (Outgathering Service)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Neal Steffin
Music – The Northwest Choir

During the summer, many UU ministers go away for several weeks to rest and renew (like Rev. Terry Davis will later this month – see announcement on page 6). What about *you*? Where do you need a

break – and how will you get it?

Please stay for the potluck following the worship service – and bring a dish to share! See page 1 for more details.

June 21- *You've Got a Friend in Me*

Worship Leaders – Northwest Worship Associates
David Stewart and Neal Steffin
Music – Grace Tian Meng Fowler

How has “being a good friend” changed over the years? Have our requirements for friendship increased? How has living within a UU context influenced, and (hopefully) improved our friendships?

June 28 – *The Dynamics of Friendship*

Worship Leaders – Northwest Worship Associates
Glenn Koller and Letitia Sweitzer
Music – Grace Tian Meng Fowler

Establishing, maintaining, and losing friendships is an intricate part of our lives that can bring us comfort and delight as well as disappointment and sorrow. An individual friendship can be lasting or fleeting and can wax and wane with time and circumstances. We will explore the multifaceted dynamics of why and how we need and seek friendships and how we nurture them and sometimes let them go.

Worship Services July 2015

Reflecting on Life

Service at 10:00 AM

July 5 – *Life, Medicine and Death*

Worship Leader – Rev. Kim Palmer
Worship Associate – Paul Payne
Music – Grace Tian Meng Fowler

In our medicalized, death-phobic culture, we often treat aging and dying as conditions to prevent at any cost. But increasingly the quality of life may be at odds with the quality of life that we want. It is by exploring and making known our priorities that we can best hope to be the author of our own life narrative, all the way to its ends.

Rev. Kim Palmer was called to ministry in mid-life after a long career in environmental engineering. Ordained last year, she serves as an affiliated community minister with the UUMAN in Roswell. She currently works part time as a chaplain at Emory University Hospital where she provides spiritual care to patients, their families, and the staff that cares for them.

July 12—*Going Somewhere, Going Nowhere*

Worship Leader – Rev. Marti Keller
Worship Associate – Jay Kiskel
Music – Grace Tian Meng Fowler

Summers are most typically when we spend some time traveling. At this mid-point of the season, we will explore the tradition of pilgrimage, a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance. A pilgrimage might be a trip to the Holy Land, Greece or Mecca –or, in the case of photographer Annie Leibowitz, Concord, MA, Graceland, TN, and the Ghost Ranch in New Mexico.

Rev. Marti Keller has served as both a parish and beyond congregational minister for 16 years. She is currently the affiliated minister with the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, as well as a widely traveled contributing and consulting minister. Rev. Keller comes from a family of travelers, having visited 49 U.S. states (missing Alaska) and soon 30 countries.



July 19 – *Living in the Here and Now*

Worship Leader – Worship Associate Tony Barbagallo
Worship Associate – Harry Trendell
Music – Jim Pearce

Mistakes, regrets, successes of the past. Hopes, fears, anticipations for the future. But, what about today right now, “you” in the present? Your worship leaders will share some perspectives from our experi-

ences and personal insights that might help you open a dialog with yourself about appreciating life moment to moment.

July 26 – *Little Things Become Big Things*

Worship Leaders – Worship Associates Glenn Koller and Jay Kiskel
Music – Edward Lawrence

As life progresses, retirement and an empty nest should reduce some of the major concerns in our lives.

Why is it then that later life might not seem less stressful? Is it just because little things become big things? Regardless of your stage of life, shifting commitments and responsibilities can seem to keep our stress levels elevated. The Worship Associates will attempt to bring some clarity to this subject by, in part, relating personal experiences in dealing with life changes and the concomitant stress.

Aug 2 – *Life Changes*

Worship Leaders –Worship Associates Letitia Sweitzer and Aruna Rao-McCann
Music – Dustin Cottrell

Whether we resist or accept change, we must adapt to its demands. Our transitions are marked by turning points where our courage and ingenuity are tested and where we are given a challenge to grow.

When Enough Is Enough



Dear Friends,

My friend Karen called me on a recent afternoon to tell me that she made the difficult decision to put down her dog Max. Nearly eight years old, her Boxer/St. Bernard mix had been struggling with health problems for over a year and had lost a shocking amount of weight.

“We both have suffered long enough,” she said. “It’s time.”

Karen loved Max and would do anything for him. And she had – multiple vet visits, different drugs, new diets, and once a trip to an animal emergency hospital when Max fell down and couldn’t get up on his own. After months of trying, Karen finally reached a point where she believed there was nothing that would make Max better.

The process leading up to the decision to let go of someone or something we love can be brutal emotionally and spiritually. “When is enough enough?” we ask ourselves. The answer to this question, of course, is highly personal and different for everyone.

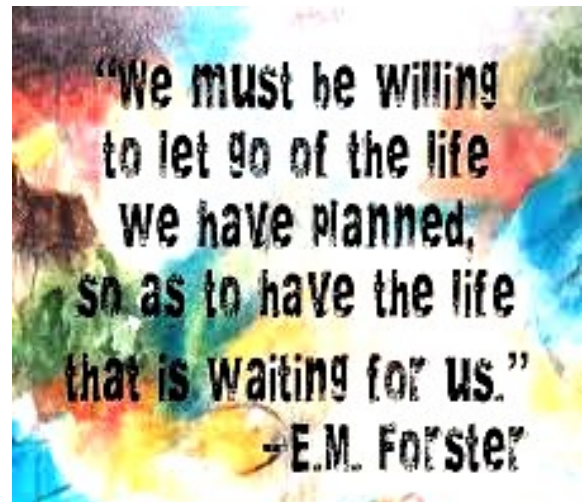
In his book *Being Mortal*, physician and author Atul Gawande argues that a failure of modern medicine and its practitioners is the inability to say “enough is enough” when treating terminally-ill patients and, instead, help them with compassion and care face their deaths. To illustrate his point, he describes the journey of Sara, a 34 year-old woman with a husband, a new baby, and Stage 4 non-smoker’s lung cancer.

Sara did everything imaginable to fight her rapidly-advancing terminal illness. She went through multiple rounds of chemotherapy. She had radiation and surgery. She aggressively pursued an experimental drug options. Her doctors were with her every step of the way. And, yet, Gawande observes that, throughout the process, he and other physicians were avoiding what they all believed was the inevitable: that no matter what they did, Sara’s cancer was not fixable. He writes:

“In an era in which the relationship between patient and doctor is increasingly miscast in retail terms – “the customer is always right” – doctors are especially hesitant to trample on a patient’s expectations. You worry far more about being overly pessimistic than you do about being overly optimistic. And talking about dying is enormously

*fraught. When you have a patient like Sara, the last thing you want to do is grapple with the truth.*¹

Gawande didn’t think that Sara was wrong for aggressively attempting to prolong her life. Rather, he regrets that he wasn’t able to be more frank with her about a conversation about death and dying. By inviting Sara into an honest conversation, Gawande believed he might have helped her examine ways she might improve the quality of her current life and be better prepared for her unavoidable death.



A painful truth – previously hidden from view, either intentionally or unintentionally – has a time and place to be revealed. Whether it be about an incurable illness, an unsustainable job, or an untenable relationship, the moment when “enough is enough” eventually arrives and the truth becomes known and unavoidable.

With Sara, with Gawande, and with Karen, they each walked that journey towards the truth in their own way and on their own timetable. May we each have the freedom – and the courage – to do so.

Warmly,

Terry

Rev. Terry Davis

1 Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal* (Metropolitan Books, New York, NY: 2014), 168.

Summertime and the Living Is Busy

Like the average schoolteacher, I have my summers off, but I'll be plenty busy.

We'll be combining the band and choir one service each month starting in September. With this new musical direction at Northwest, there will be some wrinkles to work out, but I can prevent some stress by writing band/choir arrangements over the summer.



I'm also very much looking forward to attending the UU Musicians Network conference in Boston at the end of July. I always learn something new at the conference, and I've established a reputation as a good guitarist who is willing to play for others' workshops and services. When I'm not attending workshops, I'm looking forward to

participating in whatever musical opportunities arise at the conference. Additionally, the only time I've been to Boston was for a few hours when I was touring with an Air Force band. It'll be nice to spend a few days there.

I'll continue teaching private guitar and piano lessons over the summer. With some students taking the summer off, I typically teach about half as many lessons as I teach during the school year. As usual, I'll devote the extra time to practicing the guitar. Much of that practice time will be devoted to a fall recording session, when the Godfrey and (Lori) Guy duo will head to the studio to lay down tracks for our first CD.

Performing is a big part of my life. I perform with Godfrey and Guy every Friday at a quaint little restaurant called Noosh Persian Bistro. We've been playing there for over a year, which is an exceptional run for a restaurant gig, and it appears that we'll be performing at Noosh for some time to come. And we will, of course, take any other gigs that come our way.

All of this probably sounds like a lot to cram into a summer, but believe it or not, this is pretty relaxed compared to my usual schedule. I'll look forward to returning in August, refreshed, re-charged, and ready for another good year at Northwest.

Tom Godfrey
Director of Music



Book Notes—*Invention of Wings*

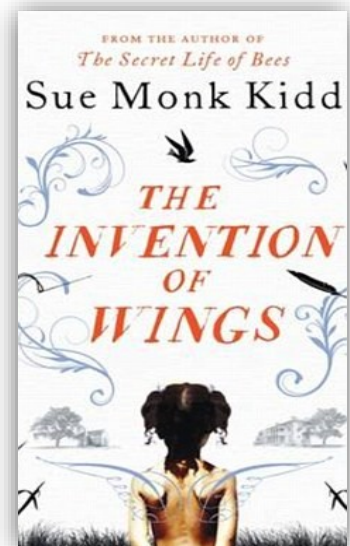
The Northwest UUC Book Groupies will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by master storyteller Sue Monk Kidd (also author of *The Secret Life of Bees*) at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9 in the Community Room.

Inspired by the true story of 19th century abolitionist, suffragist and Charlestonian Sarah Grimke, whose most popular pamphlet directly influenced Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Kidd has worked her magic to give us the story of Sarah trying to break the bonds of patriarchy and Southern bigotry and of her

contemporary and friend, Handful, seeking freedom from the inhuman bonds of slavery.

The just-released paperback of *The Invention of Wings* is available in Bellwether Bookstore at 15% off the cover price.

The Book Groupies will NOT meet in July.



Love Made Visible



The congregation met for its annual meeting to approve the budget and elect leaders for the 2015-2016 year. Soon, you will have an annual

report that describes the many activities of the professional staff as well as the ministry teams. The list is impressive! The work of dozens of friends and members make all this happen. It is love in action.

Northwest runs, to a great extent, on this love in action; volunteers whose talents never cease to amaze. I am deeply grateful to the many who give time, talent, and sometimes supplies to take care of our home in the woods.

The other type of fuel is needed as much. Money. As our Finance Trustee, Allen Rider, says, "Georgia Power

only takes cash." Some expenses have increased—healthy expenses. Bringing our Minister's salary to the mid-range of fair compensation is important. Our fair share to UUA was increased. We can think of these expenses or acts of love, commitment and appreciation, as I prefer to do.



As the board worked on the budget, we decided to set an aggressive goal for fundraising. In the face of this

goal, we felt slightly daunted and wondered if you might as well. Given that, we asked the congregation to consider a special gift to jump-start the fundraising.

On Friday, May 15, a message went out asking for a love offering. Before the start of the service on Sunday, we had raised over \$2,500 and by the end of the congregational meeting, that number had more than doubled. This is love in action! Some people made verbal commitments to add to the fund, so we know this total will grow.

I am delighted that this congregation shows commitment through volunteerism at Northwest, social action in many spheres and that we make our love manifest with the funds needed to ensure this is a nurturing place.

Constance Dierickx
President, Board of Trustees

Rev. Terry Davis on Vacation and Study Leave June 21-August 4

Rev. Terry Davis will be on vacation and study leave beginning Sunday, June 21. She will be back in the office starting Wednesday, Aug. 5 and in the pulpit beginning Aug. 16.

Northwest members with pastoral care emergencies during this time (such as life-threatening illnesses, injuries, or deaths) can contact Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis at 404.275.0236.

Northwest members with non-emergency pastoral care needs can contact the following members of the Northwest Care Corps Team:

- Linton Hopkins (lch9067@gmail.com)
- Lil Woolf (lwoolf741@bellsouth.net)

Members of the community seeking assistance, please visit Northwest's website for resource information:

www.nwuuc.org/ministry-teams/community/care-corps-resource/.



What a Year!



This has been a wonderful year for Children's Religious Education at North-west! Our older children have learned our UUA

Tapestry of Faith curriculum and completed an OWL class for 4th – 6th graders and we have an active high school youth group. We have added more music to RE and the children have participated in six Children's Chapels and several multigenerational services. We also had a fun-filled holiday pageant entitled "The Perfect Tree." Finally, we've had several special Activity Time events and fire safety

drills so that our children know what to do in case of an emergency.

I continue to feel blessed to work with the families and children here. The support and volunteerism given to the Children's Religious Education program is what makes it possible to impact the faith development of our

children. Unitarian Universalist youth are encouraged to affect the world around them, and as they become adults, go confidently out into the world.

As our year comes to a close, we look forward to our summer program which will focus on Faith Stories from

Around the World. We will lift up a story from a different religious faith each week. We will participate in activities and have discussions about its meaning and the way we can make its lesson relevant in our own lives.

I hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer and joins us on Sunday mornings!

Elizabeth Hickman
Director of Religious Education



Final Session: The Principles Behind the 12 Steps, June 7

Millions of people around the world have been able to recover from compulsive and addictive behaviors thanks to spiritual programs based on the Alcoholics Anonymous "12 step" program. However, the moral virtues and spiritual principles behind the 12 steps offer anyone an opportunity for reflection and change.

On June 7, Rev. Terry Davis will lead a final Second Hour program on "The Principles Behind the 12 Steps." Using the small group format, exercises, and discussion, we will cover the principles behind Steps 10 - 12 (perseverance, spirituality and service).

This is not a 12-step meeting, but, rather, an opportunity to engage in a deeper discussion on basic principles that affect how we understand ourselves and our relationships with others.

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Lunch with TED

June 17: The Case for Engineering Our Food

Do you have a knee-jerk reaction against genetically modified plants and foods (GMOs)? Come explore this controversial issue looking at it with the eye of a scientist. Bring your lunch and join us Wednesday, June 17, 11:45 am to 1:15 pm for discussion and fellowship in the Community Room. You can preview the [TED talk](#) or just come and watch it with us. For more information or to recommend a topic contact [Marcia Kreycik](#).

As a proponent of sustainable agriculture using the most appropriate technologies, UC Davis researcher Pamela Ronald's holistic

vision startles some. But the success of her genetic tinkering is uncontroversial: it shows that genetic improvement is a critical component of feeding the world without further destroying the environment.



July 15: Why We Laugh

Did you know that you're 30 times more likely to laugh if you're with somebody else than if you're alone? Cognitive neuroscientist Sophie Scott shares this and other surprising facts about laughter in this fast-paced, action-packed and, yes, hilarious dash through the science of the topic.

This talk may seem silly but it is full of insights! Come to Lunch with TED on Wednesday, July 15, from 11:45 am till 1:15 pm for discussion and fellowship in the Community Room. You can preview the [TED talk](#) or just come and watch it with us. Be prepared to laugh out loud!



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SECOND HOUR PROGRAMS

June 7

The Principles Behind the Twelve Steps

Session Leader: Rev. Terry Davis

Rev. Davis will complete this four-part series on the basic principles behind the "twelve-step" program. Please see page 7 for more information.

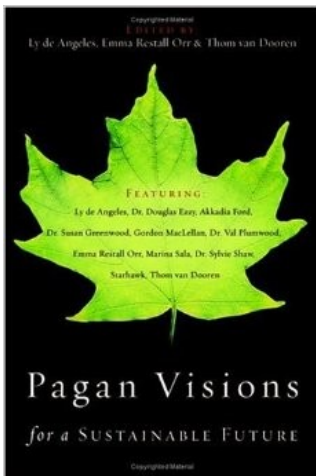
CUUPS Discussion Group

Session Leader: Stan Burch

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified UUs, educating people about Paganism, promoting inter-faith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals.

Starting on June 7, Northwest's Hawk's Hoop CUUPS group invites you join in its discussion of *Pagan Visions for a Sustainable Future*, edited by Ly de Angeles and others. The

book is recommended by the national board of CUUPS and is available at our Bellwether Bookstore. We will discuss the first three essays during the June 7 Second Hour.



Zen Buddhist Meditation

Session Leader: Julie Medlin

Zen, or Zazen (za meaning sitting, and Zen meaning meditation in Japanese), refers to seated meditation. That is, it is a way of self-discovery which is practiced while sitting on a cushion or chair. It is the experience of living from moment to moment, in the here and now. Zazen is an attitude of spiritual awakening, which when practiced, can become the source from which all the actions of daily life flow - eating, sleeping, breathing, walking, working, talking, and thinking. Whether you've been meditating for years, or would like to explore this spiritual practice for the first time, you are welcome.

June 14

Outgoing Potluck

No Adult Learning

Please see page 1 for more information.

Potluck
Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

June 21

CUUPS MidSummer Ritual

Session Leader: Stan Burch

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you. - Maori proverb

Join CUUPS in celebrating the Summer Solstice and the turning of the Wheel of the Year, the ever changing cycle of life, death and rebirth. The ritual will focus on the Plains Indians' Sun Dance ceremony that renews and restores the balance of life between people and nature. Please see page 1 for more details.



We will take a break from Adult Learning Second Hour activities during the summer months, beginning June 28 through the Ingathering Service on August 16. Adult Learning Second Hour activities will resume with Fellowship Sunday on August 23. Enjoy your summer!

Welcome New Members!

Tom and Linda Couch



Verna Barrett



Both Tom and Linda Couch were raised in Rome, Georgia as Baptists. They find at Northwest an environment supportive of spiritual thinking and hope to continue their journey in that regard.

We plan to participate in the Earth Ministry and social justice issues and look forward to becoming part of a community of people who engage in thoughtful dialogue about our common concerns and work together to take meaningful action.

Verna Barrett grew up with four boisterous brothers and sisters in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of southern West Virginia. She attended Methodist, Catholic and Presbyterian churches, but first became aware of Unitarianism when invited by her Minneapolis neighbors to join them at their local UU Congregation in 1968. She views Northwest as a comfortable environment where she can both gain and give support to the open, similar-minded, warm-hearted people she meets here.

Congregational and Board Meeting Updates

At this year's annual meeting in May, the congregation voted to accept the proposed budget for 2015-2016, \$301,911, with little discussion and no amendments. To kickstart the ambitious fundraising for the new budget, a "love offering" was taken before and during the meeting resulting in over \$5,000 generously given. Proxy voting was used for the first time at this meeting and it worked more smoothly than the former method of absentee voting.

The new officers and leaders of the congregation were elected, all of whom will have pictures in the August issue of the UNiverse. Rev. Terry, DRE Elizabeth Hickman, DOM Tom Godfrey and President Constance Dierickx all gave their annual reports. These reports and those of the Ministry Teams will be available soon in paper (limited copies) as well as on the nwuuc.org website.

Highlights from the May Board Meeting:

- The Perry Johnson Award recipient was unanimously agreed upon and will be recognized at the June 14 worship service.
- The delegates for General Assembly were selected: David Morgen, Allen Rider, Keith Kreycik and Dave Zenner, with Lil Woolf as an alternate.
- Out-going President Constance Dierickx volunteered to lead the Stewardship Ministry Team next year and has already begun planning a dinner/dance fundraiser for August 8.
- The Retreat for the new Board was set for Saturday, August 1.



Happenings at The Mountain

MountainCamp 2015

There is still time to register for MountainCamp with spots available in our Traditional Camps (Senior High I and II, Intermediate I or II, Elementary II). For more information, visit the [mountaincenter website](http://mountaincenter.org).

Fun and Adventure Week: June 29-July 5

This is evolving into a great week for youngsters to bring their parents and/or grandparents to The Mountain for fun together. Many options include a Great Smokey Mountain Train ride, guided rafting on local rivers, zip lines...and hiking, of course. Campfire and s'mores, constellation lessons and evening trips to the local ice cream shop! Perhaps some new trails and a rock scramble---all customized around the abilities of our participants. Some excursions have extra charges, but none are required as we build this collaborative week of family fun, fellowship and growth. Enjoy July 4 in the cool of the NC mountains!

Register immediately at www.mountaincenters.org.

Health and Wellness Retreat: July 21-24

This weekday retreat is designed by long time yoga teacher and life skills leader, Cathy Woods. Spend time with yourself and like-minded others in self care and renewal.

Family Camp: July 26– August 2

A camp for families and friends of all ages to come together for traditional MountainCamp activities. Parents, children, grandparents are all welcome for this inter-generational camp experience.

Now Hiring

The Mountain is now accepting applications for seasonal kitchen positions. Work days will typically fall on weekends with the possibility of a few week days. Schedule/hours subject to change based on business needs. Basic duties include prep/cooking and cleaning. Minimum Qualifications/Job Requirements:

- Able to work a flexible schedule.
- Must be able to follow recipes and directions.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Must be teamwork oriented.

To apply, email your resume to charity.alston@mountaincenters.org.



Music at The Hungry Ear Coffee House™

Bluegrass and British Invasion, June 6

Cedar Hill Bluegrass Band, an award-winning bluegrass group from Atlanta, gives a high energy show, featuring variety, comedy and entertainment, tight harmony, unique vocal arrangements, and masterful picking on the five-string banjo, mandolin, acoustic guitar and electric bass. They have a diverse repertoire that includes traditional and contemporary bluegrass, golden oldies from the 40's through the 80's, classic rock n roll, gospel, country, folk, pop, and jazz. Members of Cedar Hill are Jim "Duck" Adkins on banjo and vocals, Bob MacIsaac on guitar and vocals, David Ellis on mandolin, fiddle, dobro and vocals, and Jerry Zee on vocals and electric bass.



Louis Robinson, a British singer, songwriter, performer and producer, brings his "British Invasion show" to the Hungry Ear Coffee House for the second act. These songs of the 60s include hits by the Beatles, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Paul Simon (who worked in pubs in England while writing his songs), Dusty Springfield, and Herman's Hermits. Louis will be joined by Adrian and Dustin Cottrell and Bob Bakert.

This month's coffee house will be on June 6 in the Northwest Sanctuary. The performance begins at 8:00 pm and doors open at 7:30. Please consider a donation of \$5. Canned goods for the Community Assistance Center (CAC) are also happily accepted.

You Are Invited to the Northwest Legacy Society Milestone Celebration

Northwest members and friends are invited to the short celebration (about ten minutes) of the first major milestone of the Northwest Legacy Society (NWLS) on Sunday, June 14, immediately after the service and before the pot-luck lunch.

The event will take place in the Endowment Fund corner of the Lobby next to the kitchen counter. We have surpassed the \$100,000 threshold and can now make contributions up to 5% of the equity! Come see our NWLS membership plaque that has grown to 48 names. Please join us for this celebration!



More to Celebrate!

Congratulations to the following individuals who celebrate summer birthdays and joining anniversaries! We wish you all many more!

June and July Birthdays

6/2 James Underwood
 6/3 Laura Kearns
 6/4 Linda Irving
 6/5 Caleb North
 6/12 Jay Kiskel
 6/17 Maurice Frank
 6/17 June Mask
 6/20 Audrey Marroquin
 6/21 Martha Spencer
 6/26 Constance Dierickx
 6/30 Mark Livezy
 7/1 Aruna Rao-McCann
 7/2 Sean Appel
 7/4 Richard DuBow
 7/4 Dominic Stewart
 7/6 Dempsey Hickman
 7/7 Sarah Beth Nelson
 7/12 Brian Freeman
 7/12 Beryl Grall-Petty
 7/12 Pam Zenner
 7/14 Nick Barbagallo



7/15 Phil Mask
 7/17 Ria Lehman
 7/20 Micah North
 7/21 Lil Woolf
 7/23 Michael Steffin
 7/27 Pam Freeman
 7/27 Shelia Manely
 7/31 Ilene Goldman
 7/31 Michael Manely

Joining Anniversaries

06/01/2014 Alison Williams
 06/01/2014 Brian Williams
 06/01/2014 Jamie Williams
 06/01/2014 Jesse Williams
 06/02/1991 Woody Bates
 06/02/1993 Cathryn DuBow
 06/02/1993 Richard DuBow
 06/08/2014 Jessa Fagan
 06/09/2013 Hannah Johnson
 06/09/2013 Valerie Johnson
 06/09/2013 Gregg North
 06/09/2013 Melanie North
 06/09/2013 Marc von Mandel
 06/22/2014 Mary Jo Guy
 06/23/2013 Kristan Wagner
 06/23/2013 John Maynard
 06/28/2009 Tammy Clabby

Donate the Plate Recipient on June 7: Atlanta Humane Society

On Sunday, June 7, we celebrate our own pets at the Blessing of the Animals service. Our pets are fortunate to have “adopted” good UU families, but not all pets are so blessed! Our collection for DTP this month will support the efforts of the [Atlanta Humane Society](#) (AHS). Please give generously!



and neutering, dog training and educational programs, and a veterinary clinic.

Unlike many other animal shelters around the country, the AHS never euthanizes because of space or time constraints. In 2008, the shelter provided care and adoption of over 7,300 animals, and the clinic accommodated nearly 7,000 medi-

AHS is the oldest private charitable organization in Atlanta, founded in 1873. The AHS is an Atlanta pet adoption center with a proven track record of helping the city’s homeless, abused, and neglected animals. They offer many additional public-wide services, including a Canine Play Yard for potential adopters, spaying

cal cases/visits.

AHS has multiple ways to [get involved in a volunteer capacity](#). Contact volunteer@atlantahumane.org for more information.

Volunteer with CAC



Are you looking for a rewarding way to spend some of your free time? Consider joining our Social Justice team each month as we partner with the Community Assistance Center. CAC is the primary agency

serving individuals and families of Sandy Springs and Dunwoody who need help in preventing hunger and homelessness due to low income or an unexpected income loss.

Where: 1130 Hightower Trail, Sandy Springs GA

When: Third Saturday of each month, 8:30-11:00 am

Who: Anyone age 13 and older is welcome!

What: Receive fresh food deliveries. Get food out of cars, weigh, mark, and shelf food.

Our goal is to have a core group of volunteers who can rotate into this monthly project so that we can share the fun and build community. Contact Marcia Kreycik to be added to our list.

Dining For Women Supports Indego Africa

On June 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm, Dining for Women will meet to share a potluck dinner and support Indego Africa.

Indego Africa is a 501(c)(3) social enterprise that supports women in Rwanda through economic empowerment and education. It partners with cooperatives of female artisans and sells their handmade jewelry, home décor, and accessories through its e-commerce site, boutiques worldwide, and collaborations with major brands.

Through training, women gain the tools to become financially independent. Learn more at www.indegoafrica.org.

Contact [Mary Perloe](mailto:Mary.Perloe@indegoafrica.org) (404.217.8201) for more information and the June meeting location. DFW will not meet in July.



Join the Fun!

Volunteer at the Hungry Ear CoffeeHouse™

We are looking for folks to come join us as volunteers for Hungry Ear from our own congregation. We want you to know this is **your** coffee house! Other UU churches have coffee houses (it's a long tradition), but we have one of the, if not THE very best. We have more top-notch performers and often set the standard for others to follow.

We invite you to come participate and "try us out" as a volunteer at the Hungry Ear Coffee House. We enjoy fun and camaraderie as we work to make sure attendees have a great experience. It's important that we as a congregation continue to maintain the

quality of service and team work for which our coffee house is known, so we are seeking new volunteers from Northwest to join us to further our presence at this wonderful monthly event.

Hungry Ear Coffee House is on the first Saturday of every month. It is so much fun, and a great get-away with our own people, as well as many from its outreach, some of whom have followed it for years. To join us please call [Mani Subramanian, 770-452-1921](tel:770-452-1921) (H) or [678-488-0524](tel:678-488-0524) (C) or [Sharon Cameron, 770-333-0131](tel:770-333-0131).



Come Put Our Seventh Principle into Personal Action



On Sunday, June 7 at 5:00 pm, Mani and Ruth Subramanian will host an environmental justice action event—a gathering and pot-luck dinner at their home, focusing on specific steps we can take in our own lives to address climate change.

We won't be discussing, debating, or lamenting global warming. We will be taking action to make real personal changes that will make a difference to the *Interdependent Web of All Existence of Which We are a Part*. Please plan to attend (bring a dish to share) and live out our Seventh Principle.

RSVP to Mani Subramanian.



JUNE AND JULY CALENDAR

June 3

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

June 6

Hungry Ear Coffee House, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

June 7

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Outside Play, 11:30 am, CH

Second Hour, 11:30 am

Seventh Principle Event, 5:00 pm, Subramanians' home

June 9

Book Groupies, 7:00 pm, Community Room

June 10

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

June 14

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

NWLS Celebration, 11:15 am

Outgathering Potluck, 11:15 am, CH

No Second Hour or RE

June 17

Lunch with TED, 11:45am-1:15 pm, Community Room

June 21

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

MidSummer Ritual, 11:30 am

Outside Play for Children, 11:30 am

June 28

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

Dining for Women, 5:00 pm

July 5

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

July 12

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

July 15

Lunch with TED, 11:45am-1:15 pm, Community Room

Deadline for August UNiverse

July 19

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

July 26

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

August 2

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time/Faith Stories, 10:15 am

CH=Chalice House

Summer Hours

During the summer, the minister and staff at Northwest have different schedules to accommodate conferences, vacations and other events.

Rev. Terry Davis will be gone from June 21 until August 5.

Elizabeth Hickman, Director of Religious Education will be working from 9:00 am—noon on Sundays, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Mondays and 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Tuesdays.

Director of Music Tom Godfrey will be on summer break from June 15 until August 12 (when choir rehearsal resumes).

Office Administrator Shirley Banks will be out of the office June 1-5. She will work from 9:30 am—3:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June. She will be in the office on July 6 from 9:30 am—4:00 pm, then on leave through July 30. On July 31, she

will be back in the office from 9:30 am—4:00 pm.





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Northwest UUC Mission Statement

Our congregation creates loving community, inspires joy and spiritual growth, and supports courageous action.

Unitarian Universalist Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ◆ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ◆ Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- ◆ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ◆ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ◆ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ◆ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ◆ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.