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1. MAY 17, 10:00 AM: WE PASS THIS FLAME

In ancient Greek relay races, a lighted torch was passed from one runner to the next to carry on the journey. Today, as we pass the flame from Northwest's familiar and cherished chalice to a new, hand-made bronze chalice, we will hear stories from members of all ages about what it means to be part of a continuing journey of community and faith.

This is a multi-generational worship service. Northwest's long-time chalice will be dedicated to the Children's Chapel and the new chalice will be commissioned.

This Week's Service Contributors:

Worship Leader ~ Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associates ~ Neal Steffin, Michael Steffin and Kell Fagan

Musicians ~ Tom Godfrey (guitar/vocals), David Morgen (guitar), Ed Kilbourne (piano),
Bruce Niedermeyer (bass), James Underwood (percussion) and The Northwest Choir

Sound Associate ~ Brian Freeman

Ushers ~ Sandy Wiseman and Jack Edmonds

Greeters ~ Lyn Ucci and Roland DeWitt

Newcomer Representative ~ Charlotte Alyea

Religious Education Greeter ~ Elizabeth Hickman

Bellwether Bookstore ~ Caroline Romines

Refreshments ~ Glenn Koller, Kristina Banks, Nancy Boothe and Maurice Frank

Nursery ~ Nancy Johnson and Audrey Marroquin
Activity Time ~ MarKay Appel

2. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Children will attend this week's multigenerational service with their parents.
- For children not participating in the OWL program, Activity Time will take place after the multigenerational service.
- The 4th through 6th graders participating in OWL will gather in the Erichsen Room. Due to the content of OWL, new students can no longer join the class.
- Our High School Youth group will not be meeting this week.

3. SECOND HOUR

Sunday, May 17:

- Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
- No Second Hour Programming

Next Sunday, May 24:

- Fellowship Sunday--Lobby
- CUUPS Discussion Group—Erichsen Room
- Women's Social Group—Founders Room
- Seniors on the Go—Community Room

4. ART BY BETH STOKES CLINTON ON DISPLAY THROUGH MAY

Beth Stokes Clinton is a juried member of the Atlanta Artists Center and has studied painting and sculpture in New York City and Alexandria, VA, as well as Atlanta. Her art works have been shown in galleries in several states, and she has been featured in one woman shows at the Buckhead Library and in several churches in Atlanta. Her paintings in our May 2015 art show range from flowers and landscapes to abstracts.

5. SPRING AT THE MOUNTAIN

Mountain Hiking Retreats are returning. Come enjoy 2-5 day moderate hikes with lodging and meals at The Mountain. Current dates are May 17-22 and June 1-3. See the full schedule of activities and register online at www.mountaincenters.org. Check The Mountain notebook on our What's Happening table in the lobby for more details on these and other activities.

6. WANT TO REPRESENT NORTHWEST AT GA?

If you are planning to attend General Assembly in Portland, OR, June 24-28, and want to be considered for one of our four delegate positions, please email your name to the Board Secretary, Lil Woolf, at lwoolf741@bellsouth.net. The Board will be selecting the delegates from interested parties at the Board meeting on May 18. Include the length of time you have been a member at NW and your involvement here and in the wider UU community. Being a delegate means you commit to attending the business meetings each day and voting on issues. It is a rewarding way to serve our congregation and widen your circle of UU friends!

7. MAY 16 COOKOUT POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the May 16 cookout has been postponed until a later date. Please look for an update soon. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Hickman.

8. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MAY 17

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 17, at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be an annual State of the Congregation presentation, a proposed budget to be ratified and a slate of new leaders for 2015-2016 on which to vote. As a member you have the right and responsibility to take part in the governance of our congregation. Per our bylaws, if you have been a member for 30 days prior to any meeting, you are eligible to vote.

Members who cannot be present at a congregational meeting may vote through use of a proxy ballot. The signed proxy ballot identifying the designated and absentee voters must be given to the Board Secretary before the start of the congregational meeting. A quorum for the meeting is 20% of the membership role.

A separate mailing has been sent to all members along with the budget and the slate of candidates.

9. CAC FUNDRAISER, MAY 18 AND MAY 25

Here's a fun, easy and tasty way to support the Community Assistance Center! Your Pie Perimeter, 123 Perimeter Center W, Suite 200, Atlanta, Ga 30346 is doing a benefit for the CAC on Monday, May 18 and Monday, May 25. Your Pie Perimeter will be donating 10% of sales for those who mention CAC at the register from 5-10 pm. Your Pie specializes in made to order brick-oven pizzas, paninis and chopped salads.

10. FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 24

Fellowship Sunday is all about making personal connections and building community. It's your time to... share a leisurely cup of coffee or two with old friends, introduce yourself to and engage with visitors and newer members, browse the offerings in the Northwest Bookstore, enjoy a stroll through our beautiful grounds, or meet with one of Northwest's Small Groups. Or you might choose to expand your fellowship by taking it outside our four walls and into the wider community by participating in an off-site social justice or environmental issues activity with like-minded friends. However you decide to spend it, this time is for you, to connect, to build, and to grow!

Note: The Women's Social Group and the Seniors to Go small groups will meet in assigned rooms during this Fellowship Sunday.

11. CUUPS DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING, MAY 24

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified UUs, educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals. Northwest's Hawk's Hoop CUUPS group invites you join in its discussion and exploration of Earth-based spirituality.

12. MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE MOUNTAIN, MAY 22-25

What are you doing for Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25? Come to The Mountain in Highlands, NC for our 36th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting. Spring will still be breaking out at The Mountain and there will be three relaxed days of hiking, games, music, bonfires and more for the whole family. Want to linger even longer? Check out Appalachian Spring May 25-29 at mountaincenters.org and The Mountain notebook on our What's Happening table in the lobby.

13. CREATIVITY LAB: INTRODUCING UKULELE, MAY 31

On May 31, the Creativity Lab will offer ukulele lessons with Helen Borland during Second Hour. Come even if you don't have one! If you are interested in learning three basic chords on a lovely little instrument, you are welcome to join the Introducing Ukulele session. If you have a uke, please bring it, but it's not required. You'll be able to play 50 songs with these three chords. No kidding! You'll even get a list! Do let [Helen](#) know if you plan to come.

14. ONE GREEN THING: NO MORE BULL



A press release issued on 20 April 2015 formally launched No More Bull as a more intensive approach to addressing climate change. More specifically, No More Bull aims to reverse climate change through food, and to connect food with climate change through musical and other events.

In the last 20 years, during which greenhouse gas emissions have risen by more than 60 percent, many people have lost hope or question what is said about climate change. As a result, No More Bull was created to give people fresh hope and inspiration from a unique case of environmental assessment.

This unique case involves a pragmatic opportunity to replace some of today's livestock products with better, plant-based alternatives. According to Dr. Robert Goodland, former lead environmental advisor at the World Bank, we can reduce atmospheric carbon to a safe level by replacing between 50% and 85% of today's animal-based foods with foods made from plants. Not only do livestock account for 51% of the world's greenhouse gases, switching to plant-based foods would allow large-scale reforestation to draw down atmospheric carbon.

No More Bull proposes that what is most needed to address climate change is inspiration for people to make better choices. More information is available throughout the webpages of [No More Bull](#) and [Chomping Climate Change](#); see especially No More Bull's webpages entitled [Project Rationale](#) and [Project Actions](#).