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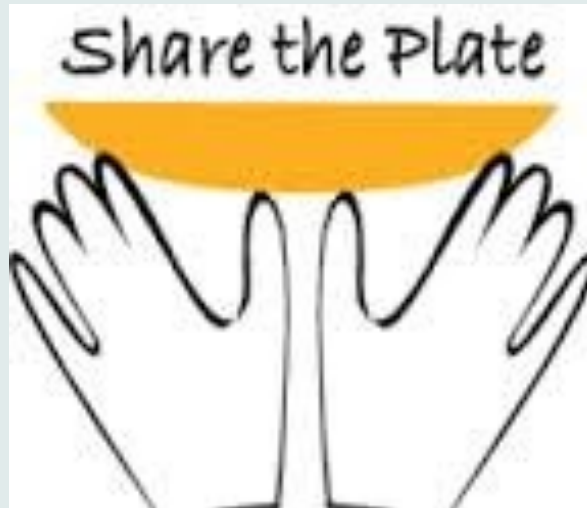
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Have a Heaping Helping of Justice: Share The Plate Comes to Northwest in November

Have you ever been inspired to support one of Northwest’s Donate the Plate (DTP) causes, only to realize that you did not bring cash or your checkbook on DTP Sunday? If you are like many of us, that good intention of contributing later often slips by. Northwest has a solution for that!

Starting in November, we will change to a new approach where we “Share the Plate” (STP) every Sunday. This model has been adopted by a number of UU congregations with great success, resulting in increased cash contributions and increased support for STP recipients, a win-win. Northwest’s board adopted STP as our process for contributing to social justice organizations.

The process goes like this: every Sunday 50% of the undesignated cash in the collection plate will go to that



be split between Northwest and the recipient evenly. If you wish 100% of your check contribution to go to the recipient, note the name of the recipient or “STP” in the check memo line. As always, checks with “pledge” in the memo will go toward your pledge.

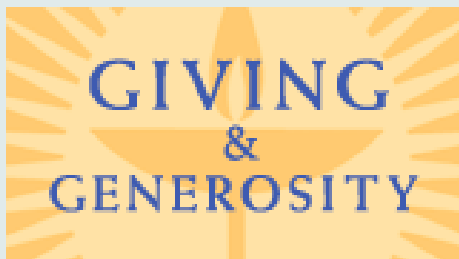
Our Social Justice ministry team is excited to welcome Northwest members Alison Williams and Judy McKinley as they join the Share the Plate team.

month’s designated justice recipient and 50% to Northwest’s operating budget.

STP increases our window of opportunity to contribute as we also have a chance to learn more about the specific justice cause throughout the month. By making a generous contribution to STP on any Sunday, we help promote Northwest’s social justice initiatives and support our beloved community.

The mechanics of STP are slightly different than today’s DTP. If you wish to contribute, you may add cash to the plate on any Sunday or you may write a check with no note in the memo line. These contributions will

The Social Justice Ministry is always looking for worthy organizations to support and welcomes your suggestions for a justice cause. Tell them what areas you are passionate about (for instance: advocacy for greater access to health care, or promoting access to clean water as a basic human right, or whatever cause you champion). Based on input from the congregation, the committee will consider potential recipients using the STP criteria and popular support.



Worship Service November 2015

Reflecting on Memories and Remembering

Service at 10:00 am

The Nursery is staffed and available during services and Fellowship.

Sunday worship services may be led by our minister, Rev. Terry Davis, guest ministers or members of the Northwest Worship Associates team. Additional information about the coming week's service is published in the weekly NeUUs and on our website. Not getting the NeUUs? Contact Office Administrator Shirley Banks at office@nwuuc.org to sign up.



November 1 – We Remember Them

Worship Leader – Paul Payne
Worship Associate – Stan Burch
Music – The Northwest Band

A number of cultures and spiritual traditions use this time in mid-Autumn to remember those who are no longer living. On this Day of the Dead, we will explore ways in which we can remember those who died in recent years as well as those who departed in the distant past. Can taking the time to remember help us hear what their lives might be telling us?

Don't forget that it's Daylight Saving Time. Turn your clock back on Sunday morning (from 2:00 am to 1:00 am). And sleep in an extra hour before arriving to service on Sunday!



November 8 – Insights That Lead to Life Change

Worship Leaders – Lynne Dale and Letitia Sweitzer
Music – The Northwest Choir

While many life transitions just happen to us, many we make a decision to invite. Often we make those decisions based on new insights. Sometimes these insights come from gradual realization; often they come from a one-liner someone says to us or a bit of wisdom we read in a book. How many of these "light bulbs" have lighted the way to your important life changes? How can the memory of these unexpected sparks of inspiration guide you forward with courage and excitement?

November 15 – Then, Now and Forevermore

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associates – Tony Barbagallo and Aruna Rao-McCann
Music – The Northwest Band and Join-in Choir

The faith of our youth – whether it was Unitarian Universalism, some other religious tradition, or none – leaves us with profound memories . . . memories that helped bring us to this moment in our lives and spiritual journey. What were they? Why do they remain so powerful? So important?

This is your Sunday to join the choir! No prior experience needed – just show up at 9:00 am this Sunday for a 30-minute rehearsal . . . and you're in! See page 5 for more details. Children's Chapel will be at 11:30 am in the Chalice House Chapel.

Worship Services November 2015

Reflecting on Memories and Remembering

Service at 10:00 am

November 22 – The Bread of Our Lives (Multigenerational Service)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Jay Kiskel

Music – Tom Godfrey and Grace Tian Meng Fowler

This time of year, many of us find comfort and connection celebrating our heritage or traditions old and new. In this multi-generational service, you are invited to bring a bread to share that hold special memories for you – one from an old family recipe, a holiday tradition, or simply a long-time favorite – as we gather with gratitude for this faith community and the coming of Thanksgiving.

See page 7 for details.



December 6 – Everything Is Holy Now (Worship Café, a Multigenerational Service)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Lynne Dale

Music – The Northwest Band

Comparative religion writer Karen Armstrong wrote, “I believe in holiness and sacredness in other people. It doesn't mean that the clouds part and I see God. That's a juvenile way of thinking about it.” So, what does it mean, then, to see the holiness in everyone and everything? Let's explore this topic together!

Join us for Worship Café, Northwest's casual and interactive service for all ages! A light breakfast and beverages will be served before the service . . . and you're welcome to bring them into the Sanctuary during the service. Stay afterwards for the congregational meeting. See page 7 for details.

November 29 – Memories: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Worship Leaders – Glenn Koller and Harry Trendell

Music – Grace Tian Meng Fowler

No, Clint Eastwood will not be attending Northwest on this date! Not all memories are created equal some are good and happy, some bad or embarrassing, and some too ugly to talk about. Two reflections, presented by members of the Northwest Worship Associates team, endeavor to shed some light on the “perception” of memories and their impact on one's individual quest for spirituality and enlightenment.



Walk Towards Trouble

Dear Friends,

I imagine that those of us who attended the UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI in June of 2014 will not forget Sister Simone Campbell. I know I won't. She is a powerful, humorous, and plain-spoken advocate for social justice. As she talked about the need for all of us to help secure affordable healthcare, fair wages, decent housing and other rights for the poor and disadvantaged, she advised us to do something simple and courageous: walk towards trouble.

She said:

[Videographer] "Andy Fredricks asked me this question. He said, 'Well Sister Simone, it seems like whenever there's trouble, you walk towards it. Most people run away.' And I got thinking about it. And I realized that all of our spiritual leaders, when there are broken hearts or pain in our world, they have walked towards it. They walk towards the pain in order to embrace, touch, heal. Now, that means if the high-level leaders do that, isn't that the witness that we all try to follow?"¹

It seems that many of our Unitarian Universalist congregations are doing just this – walking towards trouble. In recent weeks, more than a few of them who have posted signs and banners stating their support for the Black Lives Matter movement have encountered vandalism, theft and worse.

In Kirkwood, MO, a suburb of St. Louis and predominantly white community, a Black Lives Matter yellow banner, which was hung on the side of Eliot

Chapel's historic building, was desecrated. A black line was spray-painted through the words and the image of heart next to them. The letters "F U" were scrawled in black paint across the top of the banner.

My colleague, the Rev. Barbara-Gadon, said in a Facebook post, "Well, Eliot Chapel has officially entered the vandalism club. We're calling the police and ordering two new signs, so we can be ready for next time. Fifty-one days is pretty good. Sad. Angry. Determined."

Fifty-one days is how long the sign hung outside before it was vandalized. Rev. Gadon and the Eliot congregation have been involved in the Black Lives Matter movement since Michael Brown's death in Ferguson in August of 2014.

In Chicago, IL, a UU church in the upper middle class Beverly community deleted words from an electronic sign that supported the Black Lives Matter movement after an outbreak of bitter criticism and threats on social media.

This past Wednesday at my monthly North Georgia UU religious professionals meeting, two of my ministerial colleagues – one from Lawrenceville and the other from Dahlonega – shared stories of violent reactions from community members to their congregations' support of the movement.

And, not so long ago, someone complained to me, "I'm so tired of hearing 'Black Lives Matter.' I think all lives matter."

On this last point, I believe only someone who has enjoyed privilege in our society and has not felt the social, political, and economic effects of racism could make a statement like that. If all lives mattered, I believe we wouldn't need a black lives matter movement. African Americans are incarcerated at six times the rate of whites. One in six black men had been incarcerated as of 2001. If current trends continue, one in three black males born today can expect to spend time in prison during his lifetime.²

If black lives mattered, do we really think that we'd continue to see such disparities in incarceration statistics?

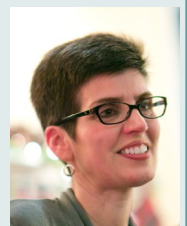
The acts of vandalism and violence against UU congregations are just one more reason why we must walk towards trouble. As Sister Simone Campbell said, we must try to follow the witness of those who are leading the way towards justice. We mustn't remain silent when we know others are taking brave action.

How can Northwest show its support for our African American siblings and our fellow UU congregations? I would like to hear your ideas: minister@nwuuc.org.

Warmly,

Terry

Rev. Terry Davis



1 <http://www.uua.org/economic/ga/ware-campbell>, accessed October 15, 2015.

2 <http://www.naacp.org/pages/criminal-justice-fact-sheet>, accessed October 15, 2015.

Slow Down!

On Mondays, I teach a very talented piano student. I'll call her Emily. She is eight years old. Unlike most students, Emily has no problem whatsoever finding time to practice at home. She's highly entertaining, too, with a quick wit and a great sense of humor. Emily is one of those students who make a teacher look good. The one major challenge I have is



that she only wants to play fast. I constantly preach the benefits of practicing slowly. She will begrudgingly play slowly when I tell her to, but I'm fairly certain that she only plays fast at home. I've tried to convince Emily that it would be boring if music were fast all the time. She's not buying it.

At the rate she is improving, Emily will outgrow my piano teaching skills in a

few years. Her new teacher will be able to offer a wealth of piano knowledge that I don't possess, but there will be some overlap. I would love to see the look on Emily's face the first time her future piano teacher says "Slow down!"

I know where Emily is coming from. As a young, precocious musician myself, I also wanted to play fast. Slow music

was "boring." As I grew older, I began to understand the benefits of slowing down, both in life and music. I like fast music. It's fun! To a listener, fast music is often more easily understood, but there is a beauty in experiencing the gradual unfolding of slower phrases.

As she matures as a person and as a musician, I'm sure that Emily will eventually understand the benefit of slowing down. It's an important lesson for all of us to learn.

Tom Godfrey

Director of Music



Join-In Choir Returns Nov. 15

Love to Sing?

- You will sing with the regular Northwest Choir and the Northwest Band.
- The music will be fun and easy to learn. You don't have to know how to read music.
- Singers of ALL ages are invited. This is a terrific opportunity for families to sing together!

Northwest now offers a musical opportunity for singers who are unable to attend Wednesday choir rehearsals:

- Join-In Choir meets the third Sunday of every month for a 9:00-9:30 rehearsal and sings at the service that morning.

If you are interested in Join-In Choir, contact Tom Godfrey at music@nwuuc.org or call/text 404.718.9894.

Care Corps Drivers Needed

The Care Corps team frequently gets requests from Northwest members and friends for rides to doctors' appointments and for same-day surgical procedures. Can you help?

If you are a Northwest member and are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Rev. Terry Davis at minister@nwuuc.org.

How Can I Best Live My Principles?

Alone we are a raindrop
Together we are an ocean!



I recycle at my house, I remind my children to take shorter showers and turn off lights. We don't litter and I become angry when I see mistreatment of the environment. I have strong beliefs about the importance of every person on Earth regardless of "religious background, gender, ethnicity, age, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression;" and everyone's right to have access to the basic items in life that many people take for granted. I am a good UU!

The thought came to me, "What can I do, together with others, to TRULY impact the **world** with the principles I believe are important to us all?" It seems to me that the power of "me" and the power of "us" is the ability to share our principles with others. We

involved with the children because they will be the ones leading the charge for long after we're gone. We can save a tree AND we can share our faith in order to save thousands of trees. We can work for justice by standing on the steps of the capital AND we can share our faith's message that everyone deserves affordable health care, an education, and that millions of people deserve the benefits of comprehensive immigration reform.

It's like a raindrop that becomes part of the ocean. We can impact a few with our messages of love and acceptance or we can be intentional about sharing our principles with as many people as we can who will then share the message with others, and so on.

have the ability to dramatically increase the impact we have on our world by being deliberate about sharing our beliefs, because the message of UUism is a message worth sharing.

It's opening our doors to grow our faith. It's everyone becoming

It's an exciting thought isn't it?

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of 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 and peace, liberty and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Elizabeth Hickman

Director of Religious Education



Atlanta Pride Parade a UU Success!

Dozens of yellow-shirted UU's from north Georgia congregations marched en masse at the Pride Parade on Sunday, October 11 with hundreds of other participants and thousands of cheering observers! For a quick glimpse of the fun and excitement, you can watch this 90 second video: [Atlanta Pride Parade 2015](#)



November 22 - Bread Communion Sunday



As a liberal faith community, Northwest is enriched by the different backgrounds, cultures and traditions that we share with one another. And, as Thanksgiving and the winter holidays approach, this is the time of year when gathering to share a meal with family and friends can have special meaning.

To honor the importance of “breaking bread” together and sharing who we are with one another, Rev. Terry Davis will be leading a special “Bread Communion” multi-generational service on Sunday, November 22 where you are invited to bring a pre-sliced special bread from your family tradition (or simply a personal fa-

vorite) to share with the rest of the congregation. Gluten-free options are welcome, but NO NUTS please (as we have children that are allergic).

All of the breads will be gathered on a community welcome table in the Sanctuary, and bread-bringers will have a chance to say a few words about why their bread is special. Later during the service, the Northwest children will help with passing slices around to share.

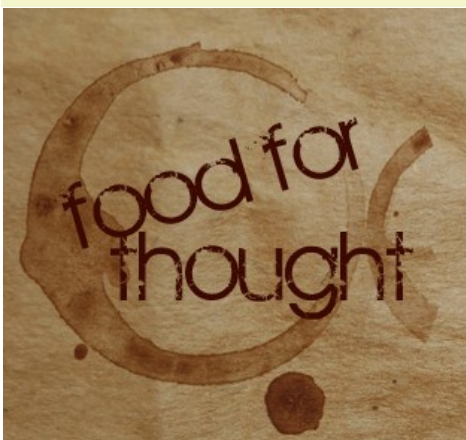
So come hungry and enjoy this time of community, diversity and thanksgiving. For more information, contact Rev. Terry Davis at minister@nwuuc.org.

“Worship Café” Multigenerational Service, December 6

Coffee, juice, mini-bagels, café-style tables and chairs, butcher paper and crayons for the kids – all in the Sanctuary during the 10:00 am worship service.

What? Yep . . . it’s Worship Café, a new multigenerational worship led by Rev. Terry Davis. Join us for singing and a different kind of “sermon” about finding the holy in everything that will have meaning for us all.

For more information, contact Rev. Terry Davis at minister@nwuuc.org.



LUUNCH BUUNCH RETURNS!

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Please join us with your brown bag lunch on Wednesday, November 18 from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm in the Art Gallery for discussion and fellowship.

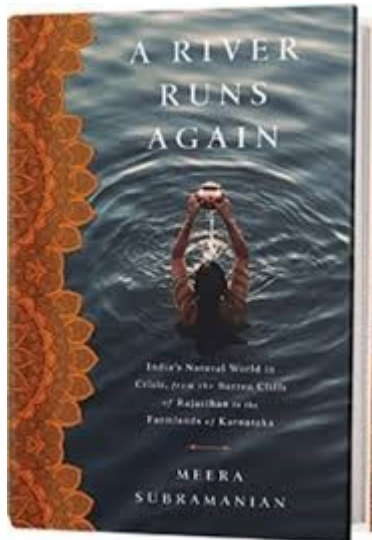
Bob Thacker has agreed to coordinate. Come with ideas for discussion topics and how you'd like this group to evolve.

***A River Runs Again: India's Natural World in Crisis* by Meera Subramanian on Nov. 10**

For our November 10 meeting, the Northwest Book Groupies will discuss *A River Runs Again: India's Natural World in Crisis* by Meera Subramanian, daughter of our own Ruth and Mani Subramanian.

Even if you didn't hear Meera at the Decatur Book Festival or on NPR's *Living on Earth* on Sunday, October 11, you will still want to read and discuss this excellent example of "investigative journalism as story." The five stories, chaptered as Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether, have been called optimistic and provocative by *Kirkus*. Pick up a copy at Bellwether Bookstore and join us at 7 pm in the Art Gallery as we discuss this book.

The Book Groupies meet the second Tuesday of most months. All readers are welcome.



“In the Spirit” Contemplative Worship – November 17

Do you long for a meditative worship experience? One that uses silence, candles, prayer, and simple singing to soothe you and help you connect to the deepest part of yourself?

If you do, join us on November 17 at 7:30 pm (and the third Tuesday of each month) for Northwest's new contemplative worship experience. Called "In the Spirit," it is a brief service (approximately 30 minutes) led by Rev. Terry Davis and Music Director Tom Godfrey. For more information, contact Rev. Davis at minister@nwuuc.org.



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Festive Fall Auction, November 14

Our legendary auctioneer Tony Barbagallo will once again entertain us with his wit and wisdom while cajoling us to bid higher and higher!

We have some very fun donations for the auction on November 14. Dinners, wine, coaching for aspiring writers, hand-knitted items, beautiful jewelry from Silpada, a condo in Asheville for the weekend, a gift card for Buckhead Life Restaurant Group and more!

We are accepting donations (until November 5). Suggestions:

- Dinner party – your own menu and specialties
- Holiday party
- Academy Awards Party
- Movie Night
- Symphony Tickets
- Braves Tailgate Party
- Music lessons
- Language instruction
- Art

Details: Dinner at 6:00. Auction at 7:00. Tickets are \$10 for the dinner.

Reserve your spot: Send an email to Lil Woolf at lwoolf741@bellsouth.net before Nov. 10.

Donate: Send an email to Constance Dierickx at csuitedoc@yahoo.com with a description of the item. This is a live auction and will be lively!



7 on the 7th

7 on the 7th lifts up our seventh principle and instills respect for the web of all existence of which we are a part. The 7th principle also demonstrates an appreciation of nature's beauty, excitement, and mystery.

On November 15, please join us for "Animals Matter" as we discuss compassionate treatment of all living creatures. We will be collecting donations for the humane society and we might have a few furry friends visit. We will be collecting: dog toys, cat toys, chew bones or treats, rope toys, squeak balls, canned food, cat litter, towels, sheets, blankets, carpet pieces and newspapers.



Children's Chapel on November 15

Our youngest Northwest members get a chance to experience all the warmth and magic that Sunday worship can be! Director of Religious Education Elizabeth Hickman and Director of Music Tom Godfrey will lead a 15-minute, kid-friendly worship service starting at 11:30 am in the Chapel.

All children are welcome. They'll be invited to sing favorite hymns, hear a story and message, and participate in their own rituals . . . just like the grown-ups do! Adults are welcome, too.

Afterwards please join us for our all-congregational Northwest program 7 on the 7th. See more in the article on this page.

For more information on Children's Chapel, contact Elizabeth Hickman re@nwuuc.org.



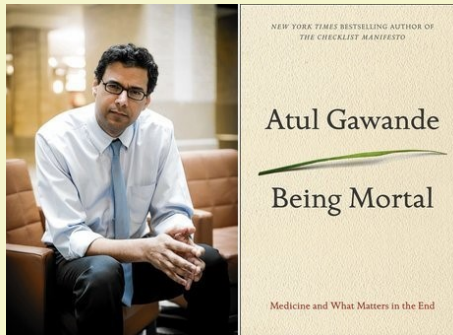
Children's
Chapel

November Second Hour

November 1

What Matters in the End(Part II)

Session Leader: Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis



Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis will conduct the second session on the book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Gawande's basic premise is that while the medical profession is focused on extending life, the desire of most of us is to live with a sense of well-being right to the end. Gawande writes:

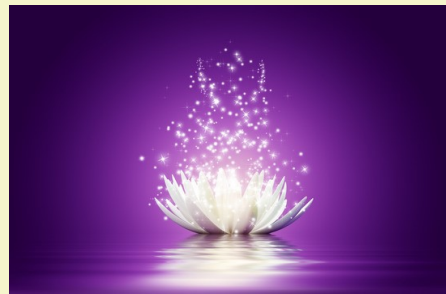
The waning days of our lives are given over to treatments that addle our brains and sap our bodies for a sliver's chance of benefit. They are spent in institutions – nursing homes and intensive care units – where regimented, anonymous routines cut us off from all the things that matter to us in life. Our reluctance to honestly examine the experience of aging and dying has increased the harm we inflict on people and denied them the basic comforts they most need.

The sessions will cover such issues as aging, healthcare and housing choices, hospice and, most important perhaps, the difficult conversations to be had with family and others that all those issues entail. To get the most out of the discussions, you are encouraged to read *Being Mortal*, which is available in our Bellwether Bookstore.

Open Meditation

Session Leader: Gregory Byrd

This meditation group recognizes that there are many different types of meditation and is open to exploring a variety of meditative practices and interests, including simply seeking calmness of mind. This approach encourages participants to seek new ways of connecting with their spiritual and emotional lives and allows for a sharing of different meditative practices. Whether you've been meditating for years, or would like to discover this spiritual practice for the first time, you are welcome.

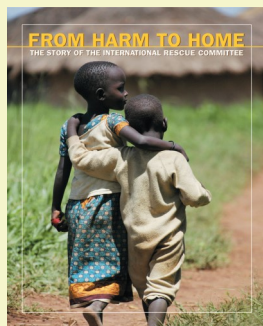


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Share the Plate: IRC

Session Leader: Ellen Beattie

We are pleased to have fellow UU Ellen Beattie from UUCA present a Second Hour program on the refugee crisis in the Middle East. Ellen is the Regional Director for the US Programs Atlantic Region for the International Rescue Committee, our Share the Plate recipient for November.



The Stained Glass Window: 100 Years

Session Leader: Jay Kiskel

On November 8, 1915 the stained glass windows in our Northwest sanctuary were dedicated in a new Unitarian church built on West Peachtree Street. The windows, known as the Founders' Windows, include the inscription "In honor Rev. George Leonard Chaney - Caroline Isabel Chaney" in recognition of their service in the 1880s to establish the Unitarian faith in Atlanta.

Come join Jay Kiskel in the Sanctuary to celebrate this 100th anniversary. Jay will also provide an overview of our Unitarian and Universalist history in the Atlanta area over the past century.



November 15

Open Meditation

Session Leader: Gregory Byrd
(see November 1, above)



More November Second Hour Offerings

November 15

Creativity Lab—Community Mural

Session Leaders: Helene Johnson and Pam Zenner

In conjunction with and as a follow up to the Second Hour book discussions on *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, the Creativity Lab will provide an opportunity for you to participate in a mural-making activity in which you can create art, the written word, or both, about your thoughts and feelings surrounding the issues of aging and death.

Because these issues can be difficult and emotional to contemplate, this hands-on, visual, and interactive activity may help you to work through some of these issues and express them in a creative, powerful way. Once completed, the mural will be displayed in the Art Gallery for sharing with the rest of our Northwest community.



November 22

Fellowship Sunday

Fellowship Sunday is all about making personal connections and building community. It's your time to share a leisurely cup of coffee with old friends, engage with visitors and newer members, browse Northwest's Bellwether Bookstore, 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!



Small-Group Meetings on Fellowship Sunday:

Northwest Senior Network

The Northwest Senior Network is comprised of seniors, retirees, grandparents and caretakers who gather to discuss life issues, provide support to one another, and engage in social activities. If you would like to join the group and be added to the email distribution list, please send your name and phone number to [Renee and Mike Burke](#). Or just come to the meeting in the Art Gallery.



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 interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals.

Northwest's Hawk's Hoop CUUPS group invites you to join in a continuing discussion of *Pagan Visions For A Sustainable Future* edited by Ly de Angeles and others. If you don't already have the book, it can be purchased at Northwest's Bellwether Bookstore.



November 29

Post-Thanksgiving Sunday – Fellowship only.



Dining For Women Sunday, November 22

Calling all Women! Join us for our November Dining for Women gathering. We will get to know one another and learn about and support Hope Through Health. HTH believes that everyone deserves access to high quality healthcare regardless of the latitude and longitude of their

birthplace. The organization delivers effective, efficient, community-based healthcare in neglected settings like Togo, West Africa. To learn more, go to www.hthglobal.org.

The DFW grant will empower 25 female Community Health Workers (CHWs) to provide maternal and child healthcare to 3,500 pregnant women and children under age 5 in the Kozah District of northern Togo, leading to reduced rates of maternal and child morbidity and mortality.

This month's dinner is Sunday, November 22, 5-7 pm.

Please contact Mary Perloe (404.217.8201) for more information, dinner location and to sign up!



Montana Skies in Special Performance at the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on November 7

Come hear the stunning duo Montana Skies in a special performance at the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on Saturday, November 7. The name, Montana Skies, is a metaphor for musical freedom and joy. With the full spectrum of an orchestra and the energy of a rock band, Montana Skies' music thrills with a sound much bigger than any two instruments should rightfully produce.

This eclectic duo—Jenn Adams on cello and six-string electric cello and Jonathan Adams on guitars—utilizes amplified acoustic instruments with a modern twist. In concert the duo delves into music from Pink Floyd to Vivaldi, as well as their own award winning originals that have been featured everywhere from NPR to the Travel Channel.

Montana Skies' touring has taken them all across the US, Canada and to Asia and Russia. Combining elements of classical, jazz and the face melting power of rock n' roll; Jonathan's guitar wizardry and Jenn's blazing electric cello combine to create a sound that is truly remarkable. Called everything from chamber rock to psychedelic strings- rest assured, this ain't your granny's chamber music.

Please note that for this special performance there is an ticket price of \$20. Northwest's Sanctuary is transformed into a classic coffee house for the evening. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the performance begins at 8:00. As always, canned good donations for the Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs are much appreciated.



Homeless Veterans Winter Clothing Collection

The word is already out. This coming winter is projected to be worse than last year! We simply must get started now in the collection and distribution of clothing to Atlanta's homeless persons; more than 60% are veterans and 70% of those are Vietnam vets.

The last two winters Northwest members and friends have responded very generously and our recipients have been extremely grateful for our help. We hope we can do even more for those shivering on the street this year.

There is a blue plastic box by the clothing rack for collection of coats, jackets, sweaters, heavy shirts, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, heavy socks, street shoes, sneakers and boots, blankets, sleeping bags, pants, belts, and rain gear for men.

Women make up about 3-5% of the homeless persons we encounter, however a good warm jacket, sweaters, and other warm items will be gladly accepted and distributed to several locations downtown that serve homeless women. For more information, contact Mike Burke [770-491-6817](tel:770-491-6817).



Rev. Terry Davis on Vacation, Oct 29-Nov. 8

Rev. Terry Davis will be on vacation and unable to return emails and phone calls during this time.

Northwest members and friends with a pastoral care emergency, please contact Northwest Community Minister Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis at [404-275-0236](tel:404-275-0236). For non-emergency pastoral care matters, please contact Northwest Office Administrator Shirley Banks, who can connect you with a member of the Northwest Care Corps team.

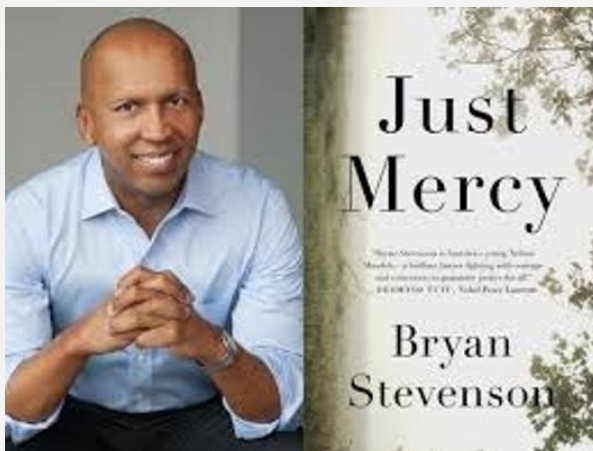
UUA Common Read and Second Sunday Sermon Series - Coming in January 2016

Join Rev. Terry Davis and your fellow Northwest members and friends as we participate in the UUA's "Common Read" program . . . and Rev. Terry Davis presents her new "Second Sunday" sermon series starting in January 2016 to explore the selected book's themes in greater depth.

The 2015-16 Common Read selection is *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson, a *New York Times* bestseller and the winner of the Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction.

Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Jus-

tice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our



criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Copies of *Just Mercy* will be available soon at Northwest's Bellwether Bookstore.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Birthdays

Barbara Kilbourne	11/02
Richard McComas	11/02
Robert Niedermeyer	11/03
Donna McComas	11/04
Abby North	11/05
Teagan Flot	11/06
Kaye McCall	11/06
Helen Borland	11/07
Nathan Barbagallo	11/08
Katie Kilbourne	11/08
Sara Swint	11/10
Maggie Davis	11/12
Tom Hartnett	11/14
Jim Frost	11/20
Bill Cox	11/22
Joan Armstrong Davis	11/22
Linton Hopkins	11/22
Brian Williams	11/24
Glenn Koller	11/25
Jane Echols	11/27
Mary Perloe	11/30

Anniversaries

Keith Kreycik	11/02/2008
Marcia Kreycik	11/02/2008
John Montgomery	11/02/2014
Traci Montgomery	11/02/2014
Vance Arbuckle	11/03/2007
Doyle Jones	11/03/2007
Larry Wallis	11/03/2007
Dave Zenner	11/03/2007
Sandy Davis	11/04/2012
Linda Irving	11/07/2010
Bruce Niedermeyer	11/07/2010
Melissa Niedermeyer	11/07/2010
Eileen Taylor	11/07/2010
Letitia Sweitzer	11/09/2006
Laura Montgomery	11/10/2011
Aruna Rao-McCann	11/11/2004
Arlene Thomason	11/11/2012
Becky Ferguson	11/13/2011
Jim Frost	11/13/1983
Kathy Frost	11/13/1983
Barbara Peterson	11/13/2011

Clarence Rosa	11/13/1988
James Underwood	11/13/2011
Nicholas Newell	11/14/2010
Fran Wolff	11/15/1992
Bill Woolf	11/15/1987
Lil Woolf	11/15/1987
Beth Stokes Clinton	11/16/2008
David Self	11/25/1984
Jean Johnson	11/29/2009
Roger Johnson	11/29/2009
Martha Spencer	11/29/2009



Cool Stuff for Cool Days at The Mountain

Youth CONs: A Youth CON is a gathering of youth from congregations all over the southeast (and sometimes beyond!) for a weekend program filled with a variety of workshops, activities, good food, a safe environment and warm, cozy cabins. Youth participate in all activities, share with new friends in small get-to-know-you groups, bond during free time and contribute to times of fun and reflection. Contact [Elizabeth Hickman](#) for details.

- Elementary (3rd – 5th graders): November 13 - 15
- Intermediate (6th – 8th graders): November 20 - 22
- Senior High (9th – 12th graders): December 4 - 6

Thanksgiving: November 25 - 29: Join us on The Mountain this year for Thanksgiving! Let us take care of the cooking and cleaning while you enjoy this time of thanks. Packages available for commuters, short stays, and three- and four-day stays. Go to <http://themountainrlc.org/programs/> for more information.

Host Your Next Event: Looking for a great place to host a retreat, conference, yoga class, wellness event, leadership training, or board meeting at The Mountain? To learn more about the possibilities, visit www.themountainrlc.org or contact Nancy Plate at nancy.plate@themountainrlc.org.

For more information on these and other Mountain programs see the Mountain Notebook on the Community Table in our lobby.





November 15

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Second Hour, 11:30 am
Children's Chapel, 11:30 am
Religious Education, 11:45 am

November 17

In the Spirit, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

November 18

LUUnch BUUnch, 11:45 am, Art Gallery
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

November 19

Third Thursday Cinema, 7:00 pm, UUCA

November 22

Bread Communion Multigenerational Worship Service, 10:00 am
Second Hour/Fellowship Sunday, 11:30 am
Religious Education, 11:30 am
Dining For Women, 5:00 pm

November 29

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Fellowship Only/No Second Hour,

November 1

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Second Hour, 11:30 am
Religious Education, 11:30 am

November 4

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

November 7

Hungry Ear Coffee House™, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

November 8

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Second Hour, 11:30 am
Religious Education, 11:30 am

November 10

Book Groupies, 7:00 pm, Art Gallery

November 11

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

November 14

Festive Fall Auction, 6:00 pm

Office Hours for November

End-of-year holidays are approaching, and with them come changes to the office schedule. During November, Office Administrator Shirley Banks will be in the office:

Week of November 2: 9:30-4:00 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday;

Week of November 9: 9:30-4:00 Tuesday and Thursday due to Veterans' Day;

Week of November 16: 9:30-4:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday;

Week of November 23: 9:30-4:00 Tuesday and Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

You can reach the office by email at office@nwuuc.org, or by phone at [770-955-1408](tel:770-955-1408).



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November UNiverse Newsletter

Publications Available Online

If you have a print version of the UNiverse and want more information about any programs featured here or about others happening this month, please go to our website (nwuuc.org) and access the electronic version under the Publications tab. You can use the live links in these electronic publications to easily contact event organizers and while you're there, you can read more about our congregation, its programs and services.

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.