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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION

Worship Services for August 2016

Service at 10:00 am

The Nursery is staffed and available during services and Fellowship.

Sunday worship services this month will be led by Rev. Terry Davis and 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. Contact our Office Administrator at office@nwuuc.org to sign up for the NeUUs.

August 7 – Is There Great Good Without Great Evil?

Worship Leaders – Glenn Koller and Letitia Sweitzer
Music – Will Fowler

Good deeds and acts – good things – absolutely exist, but does humankind require wickedly malevolent acts in order to precipitate concomitantly great acts of good? We'll explore why it seems so difficult to generate numerous, sweeping, lasting, and very great benevolent acts sans an act of evil, and what we can do about it.



August 14 – Cherish Water, Cherish Life

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Neal Steffin
Music – Dr. Grace Fowler

According to *National Geographic*, the amount of moisture on the Earth has not changed. The water that dinosaurs drank millions of years ago is the same water that falls as rain today. Will there be enough for a more crowded world?



Join us for our annual Ingathering and Water Appreciation Service where we'll celebrate this precious resource and recommit ourselves to protecting it and the many forms of life it nourishes.

Today we celebrate the start of Northwest's regular program year and our shared ministry ahead. A community potluck is planned after the service. Please see page 3 for details.

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Worship Services for August 2016

Service at 10:00 am

August 21 – I'm a Unitarian Universalist

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Tony Barbagallo
Music – The Northwest Band

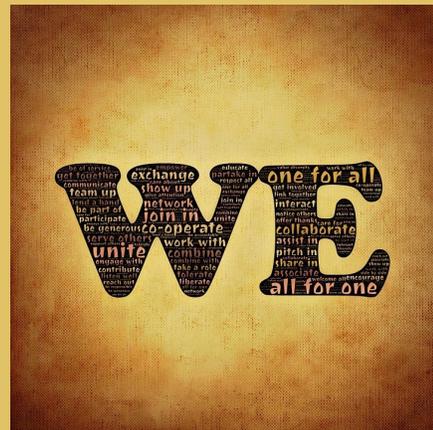


“A *what?*” might be the reaction we receive when we make this declarative statement of our religious identity. When we say we’re a UU or a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation, what are we really saying about ourselves? Does our UU identity build connections or create confusion? How can we be clear – and inviting – to others?

August 28 – You, Me and We

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate—Jay Kiskel
Music – Dr. Grace Fowler

Immigration, migration, Leave or Remain, Black Lives Matter – our diverse and globalized world is inviting us to examine more closely what it means to belong to a community and one another. As religious, political and cultural differences are in closer proximity and fears are stirred, is it possible for us to share what journalist and author Krista Tippett calls “a common life” when it is so hard to find common ground?



New Office Hours for Rev. Terry Davis

Starting August 1, Rev. Terry Davis will be in the office and available for scheduled appointments on the following days:

- Mondays: 1:00- 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Rev. Davis will work offsite on Tuesdays (sermon writing and worship preparation). Fridays are her day off. She will respond to pastoral care emergencies only on these days. To schedule an office appointment, please email Rev. Davis at minister@nwuuc.org or call the Northwest office 770.955.1408.

Reaching Rev. Terry Davis

What is the best way to reach our minister when you need her? Below is her preferred method of communication:

- **For pastoral care emergencies**, call or text Rev. Davis on her cell phone. The number can be found in Realm or contact the Northwest office. Note: Please reserve texting Rev. Davis for pastoral care emergencies and to convey logistical information only.
- **To schedule an appointment**, email Rev. Davis at minister@nwuuc.org or call her at Northwest during her office hours at 770.955.1408.
- **For other matters**, e-mail Rev. Davis or call her at the Northwest office.

All of Us Ministers

Dear Friends,

As I write my first column at the start of a new program year at Northwest, I wonder what changes are in store for all of us. The heartbreaking events of this summer were solemn reminders that the road to justice is long and we're all needed in this struggle to end oppression and achieve peace. I'm also reminded that my own spiritual growth depends upon my willingness to use my privileged social location to help those who experience the pain of prejudice, poverty, and violence.

This will be my fifth year at Northwest (and my seventh year of professional ministry). And, while I'm glad to be Northwest's minister, I'm also glad to know that I'm not the only one. I think of all of us as ministers – persons who feel called to attend to the needs of others and our planet.

Are you ready to join me? Some ministry I'm hoping we'll do together at Northwest this coming year:

- Engage in joyful, meaningful and regular Sunday worship;
- Encourage leadership and volunteerism for spiritual and community health;
- Help our children and youth learn, live, and celebrate our Unitarian Universalist values;
- Support Black Lives Matter and Moral Mondays at the state capitol;

- Strengthen our partnerships with the Community Assistance Center and the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance to address issues of social and environmental sustainability;
- Give of our energy and resources to help other oppressed groups and persons; and
- Explore specific action we might take to reduce violence in our country.

That place deep within each of us that I think of as "soul" is also the place that I believe is longing for our ministry of action. I think the soul of the world is, too. Let's move boldly forward together. See you August 4.

Warmly,

Terry



Ingathering Community Potluck, Sunday, August 14

Join us for our annual Ingathering Sunday and "it's good to get together" Northwest potluck lunch. Please bring a food item to share. Adding an identifying food label and putting your name on your container is appreciated!

Potlucks are fun, but they require extra set-up and clean-up hands. Please let Anne Bennett 770.392.1080 know if you are willing to assist our fabulous Kitchen Crew.

See you on August 14 immediately following the Water Appreciation service!



Highbeams Light Up Hungry Ear Coffee House ON August 6

On Saturday, August 6, Highbeams brings their emotive, high energy folk rock to the Hungry Ear Coffee House. Highbeams have captured audiences all over the Southeast since their first show on New Year's Eve 2012. The trio of brothers—Adam Pendlington, Ian Pendlington, and Stephen Quinn—bring a warm, personable presence and rich three-part harmonies to our stage.

You can see the trio's photos and listen to their music on their website: highbeamsmusic.com.

The Hungry Ear will take a hiatus after this performance to reorganize. The Senior Network will work to restart the coffeehouse. Stay tuned!



UUWomenspirit Fall Retreat October 19-23

Join UUWomenspirit for our next retreat on October 19-23 at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC.

UUWomenspirit is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that has hosted all-women retreats since 1987. Our retreats emphasize and celebrate the Divine Feminine in her many forms.

Our theme for this event is *Moon Energy: Rhythm, Mystery, Illumination*. During this retreat, we will explore the six phases of the moon and how the moon's influence has an impact on us, in both overt and subtle ways. We will also experience moon rituals and share ideas working with the moon's energy to enhance our connection to the Divine Feminine.

For more information about UUWomenspirit, please visit our website, www.uuwomenspirit.org. To reserve your place, call 828.526.5838 or go to the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center [website](#).



Dining for Women Supports the Ashraya Initiative for Children in August

The August Dining for Women program on Sunday, August 28, 5-7 pm takes us to Pune, India and the Ashraya [Initiative For Children](#). The mission of Ashraya Initiative for Children (AIC) is to improve the lives and shape the futures of vulnerable children in Pune, India by advancing educational opportunities, nurturing holistic development and building healthy, empowered communities.

The Trailblazing Girls Project aims to help girls from minority caste communities in India pave the way toward brighter futures through academic support, extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities, professional skills development and increasingly supportive home and community environment.

We love this project because of its holistic approach to working with marginalized communities, emphasis on cultural change and evidence of impact. All women are invited to attend.

Please contact [Mary Perloe](#) for more information or 404.217.8201.



Northwest Ministry Team Leaders News and Reports

The Northwest Ministry Team Leaders (MTLs) met for their annual retreat on July 16 to discuss the successes of the past year, goals for the coming year, and challenges faced by the various ministries. Coordinating the activities of all the ministries so that adequate focus can be given to each is a major goal of Northwest's leadership this year. With that in mind, an important agenda item was the development of the church calendar with input from all the ministries.

Dates were chosen for community-wide events such as congregational meetings, holiday potlucks, RE kick-off, pledge campaign kick-off, congregational Gardens and Spaces work days, Northwest 101 classes and others.

The Ministry Team Leaders look forward to an exciting year of working together to meet the needs of our congregation and encouraging the practice of our UU Principles in all we say and do.

If you have comments or suggestions for any of the ministry teams, you can find their email addresses on Northwest's website at www.nwuuc.org under the heading "Ministry Teams" or you can reach them through Realm.



Adult Learning for August 2016

After taking a short break over the summer months, the Northwest Learning Ministry for adults will resume a full-month schedule beginning in September. You can look forward to popular topics such as presentations by Share the Plate recipient organizations, Northwest 201, Creativity Lab, Earth Ministry Videos, Open Meditation. We'll also have the Second Sunday Sermon Discussion Series, Senior Network and Hawks Hoop CUUPS book discussions and observance of pagan rituals. In addition, other adult learning sessions will be added throughout the year on a wide variety of topics, including spirituality, social and earth justice, UU history, community activism, and much more.

Adult Learning is offered during Second Hour, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, following the post-worship fellowship time. Watch weekly NeUUs emails for descriptions of the offerings available on the upcoming Sunday.

August 14

Join us for the first event of the new program year, our annual Ingathering Potluck. See page 3 for details.

August 28

To get a little head start on the adult learning offerings in the new church year, you are invited to join the Northwest Senior Network for their monthly meeting on August

28. This small group ministry is open to seniors, grandparents, retirees and family caregivers. Their goal is to provide support and activities for this age group, with all members free to plan activities or suggest discussion topics.



The topic of this month's meeting will be genealogy. Attendees will be invited to share discoveries they have made about family roots – always an interesting and sometimes surprising enterprise! If you would like to be added to the Seniors Network email distribution list, contact Renee Burke at reneeandmike@mindspring.com.

John Stringer Performs at UUCA Underground Coffeehouse, August 27

The UUCA Underground Coffeehouse welcomes John Stringer back to its stage. John currently serves as CEO/Founder of PolyPlat Records, co-founder of Indiehitmaker.com, Access Consciousness practitioner (B.A.R.S.), and collaboration expert at www.bandingpeopletogether.com.

As the frontman of the indie rock band State of Man, John co-wrote and recorded several albums (including a top 10 best-selling Billboard chart hit single) and performed in nine countries. His music has been featured on major network television, and he is currently touring in support of his debut solo album Limitless Love & Light.

There will be an open mic session and refreshments will be available. The Coffeehouse is located in the Underground Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1597 Interstate 85 Frontage Road, Atlanta, GA 30329. Doors open at 7 pm; music is 7:30-9:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$10, but no one is turned away.

Any questions about the performance or the coffeehouse series (fourth Saturday of each month) should be sent to Tony Knuppel.



Gardens and Spaces News

Chapel renovation: Over the past couple of months, Glenn Kohler has led a team that has wrought great improvements in our chapel including wall repairs, and new paint and lighting. If you haven't already, please check out the improved space!

Gardens and Spaces has also been busy with repairs and improvements including repairing the water line from the street, installing new track lights in the sanctuary, installing a

new toilet in the RE building, and power washing picnic tables in preparation for painting. Thanks to Dave Zenner and Paul Ross for assuming leadership roles in these undertakings!

The vast majority of Gardens and Spaces projects are completed by Northwest volunteers and we are always looking for new faces and talents to help with future projects. Upcoming projects will include replac-



ing the carpet in the Chapel, painting picnic tables and painting the lines in the parking lot. We will also be releasing the dates of four congregational work days soon. These work days will focus on seasonal tasks such as landscaping and seasonal cleaning. Please contact John Hagler or another

member of Gardens and Spaces if you are interested, or you can just show up for an advertised work day!

On a somewhat separate note, will the owner of the red and black Homelite pressure washer, please contact [John Hagler](#) or [Anne Bennett](#)?

Volunteer for Hungry Ear!

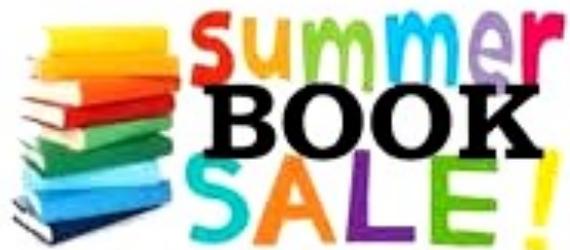


The Hungry Ear has been our wonderful coffeehouse for 25 years at Northwest with great music and performers plus great attendance. It needs our help! Think about being a volunteer on the first Saturdays of the month. An Information Table will be set up on Sundays in August in the lobby to answer questions you may have or contact Charlotte

Alyea at calyea@mindspring.com for more information. If you would like to experience great music, good snacks, and see what the volunteers do, come to the next performance on Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 pm. See page 4 for more about the performance.

Bellwether Bookstore Sale

Northwest's Bellwether Bookstore is reducing inventory this summer. Come hunt for treasure on our shelves—you'll surely find great reads and fascinating explorations of current issues! We will be selling used paperbacks for \$1 and hardbacks for \$2. Selected new hardbacks will also be reduced. Stop by and find your new favorite book!.



Ingathering Picnic and Workday, Saturday, August 27

Everyone is invited to join in a day of comradery and accomplishment. In conjunction with the RE folks, Gardens and Spaces is sponsoring a day of general clean up and repair work. Lunch, snacks and refreshments are provided.



Meet new people, see old friends, and help get our home in the woods ready for the new year. There are jobs for every level of skill and enthusiasm from dusting to gardening to carpentry.

Come for the day or just a few hours as your schedule permits. We start at 8:00 am. Coffee and a bite to

eat at 7:45 am. Lunch at 12 noon. Quitting time and happy hour at 4:00. We look forward to seeing you, rain or shine.



Mid South Chalice Lighter Call: UUC of Gwinnett

The UU Congregation of Gwinnett in Lawrenceville, GA (UUCG) seeks Chalice Lighter funding assistance for their first compensated Choir Director. The congregation is committed to creating a high quality music program under the direction of a professional choir director and sees this as essential to growing their worship program into a vibrant, multigenerational gathering space.

Contributions to UUCG will be a gift to support their growth as well as the overall growth of Unitarian Universalism across the Southern Region. Chalice Lighters, please give generously!

How to contribute (please note, this information is new for this call!):

Online contributions may be made via the UUCG website at this [link](#) or visit www.uucg.org, select "Upcoming Events" and then select "Donate."

Check contributions should be made payable to "UUCG" (with a memo line notation "Chalice Lighters") and mailed to UUCG, 12 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. The closing date for this call is August 15, 2016.



Northwest Welcomes Leanne McDaniel as Retreat Workshop Leader, Oct. 8

LeAnne McDaniel believes that words can be a powerful vehicle for transformation in the world. She's passionate about letting go of what no longer serves, connecting deeply with herself and others and growing her understanding of compassionate communication. She is based in Atlanta. As President of Georgia Nonviolent Communication, she facilitates a compassionate communication practice group most Fridays. LeAnne lives with her husband, Chip, and beloved yellow lab, Forte.

About the Saturday Morning Workshop

We've been trained from birth to compete, judge, demand and diagnose... and to think and communicate in ways that create distrust and alienation, rather than connection. This 3-hour workshop will explore how Nonviolent Communication can be a powerful tool for peacefully resolving differences at personal, professional, and political levels.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for an exceptional experience at our mountaintop retreat center on October 7-9.

There will be plenty of time to relax, be with family and friends, hike, do crafts, enjoy the clean mountain air and eat wholesome, delicious meals. Our youth will have their own activities while the adults are in their workshop. A detailed schedule will be available in The Mountain notebook on the What's Happening table in the foyer.

Early Bird rates have been extended until August 29: \$170 per adult for two nights, youth 8-17 \$70, children 0-7 FREE. Add \$35 per night for a single room. After Aug. 7, adult prices rise \$10 per night.

Register at www.TheMountainRLC.org or call 828.526.5838. For more information contact [Penny Raney](#), [Rebecca Cabral](#), [Mani Subramanian](#) or [Ruth Subramanian](#). Need partial/full scholarship? Let Mani know your financial need.



Nelson Trimble Performs at UUCA Wine, Cheese and the Spoken Word, August 12



UUCA's Wine, Cheese, and the Spoken Word series features Nelson Trimble on Friday, August 12 at 7:30 pm in the Underground Theatre. Nelson J. Trimble, III, aka Sparatic General, hails from Atlanta. His inspirational words have established him as one of the area's premier spoken word artists. His story is told in *Prison Prayer and Poetry: Overcoming Circumstances*, published in 2014.

An open mic session between the two sets offers local poets the opportunity to share their work. Wine, soft drinks, and cheese will be available. Any questions about this event should be sent to [Carol Welter](#). The UUCA Underground Theatre is located at [1597 Interstate 85 Frontage Road, Atlanta, GA 30329](#). Doors open at 7 pm; readings start at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$10, but no one is turned away.

PLEASE NOTE: The readings may contain adult content and language.

August Birthdays and Anniversary

Birthdays

Gwen Kahn	08/01
Jordan Goldman	08/03
Nancy Tartikoff	08/03
Vance Arbuckle	08/04
Michael Dierickx	08/04
Kristen Fowks	08/09
Luke Newman	08/10
Tifenn Vinton	08/10
Tom Godfrey	08/10
Chrissy Haddad	08/13
Hannah Cowart	08/16
Anne Bennett	08/17
Hugh Fordyce	08/21
Don Langham	08/23
Grace Tian Meng Fowler	08/23
Ben Sellers	08/25
Martin Sheline	08/29

Joining Anniversary

Judy Seaman 08/21/2005



Save the Date! Fall Auction, October 22

Come for dinner, fellowship and good-natured competition for goodies such as dinner with friends, weekends away, private lessons, original art and tickets to exciting events!

Share the Plate on Summer Break

Share the Plate is taking off the months of July and August.

We encourage everyone attending to be generous to our own Northwest Community and drop some love in the plate for Northwest over the summer when you are here.



Share-Our-Plate

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AUGUST CALENDAR

August 6

Hungry Ear Coffeehouse, 7:00 pm

August 7

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

August 9

Book Groupies, 7:00 pm

August 14

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

Ingathering Potluck, 11:15 am

August 21

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

Dining for Women, 5:00 pm

August 27

Workday and Ingathering Picnic, 7:45 light breakfast, works starts at 8:00 am

August 28

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

Second Hour, 11:30 am

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Book Groupies News

The Northwest Book Groupies will gather on September 13 to discuss *The King History Forgot* by Northwest member Dr. Robert Scully (center, photo).

Dr. Scully's historical novel is based on the oral traditions of the South African Ba-Phalaborwa tribe which he collected during his years as a Peace Corps Volunteer with them. This is an engrossing and educational story of nineteenth century South Africa informed by Dr. Scully's knowledge of the archaeology and anthropology of the area.

Join the Book Groupies and Dr. Scully for our discussion. All proceeds from sales of the book through Bellwether Bookstore will go to Northwest. Buy your copy this Sunday during Fellowship time.

The Book Groupies meet the second Tuesday of most months at 7 pm in the Art Gallery. This summer we are not meeting in August. All readers are welcome.





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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.