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NWUUC NORTHWEST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

## Join Us in Social Justice

Justice is at the core of our faith. Our Northwest congregation is called to make a positive difference in our wider communities. The Social Justice Ministry Team coordinates our work to serve, raise awareness, and support and partner with organizations who fight injustice. Here are some ways to join us in harnessing love’s power to effect change in the world and in our community this month.

### North Georgia UU Social Justice Cluster Meeting, Nov. 12

The next quarterly meeting of the North Georgia UU Social Justice Cluster will take place at Northwest from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 12, and all members are encouraged to attend. This is a coming together of congregants from all of the north Georgia UU congregations who are interested in social justice. The agenda includes congregational reports, Gun Sense by Frank Casper and a look at the upcoming 2017 GA legislative session. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what we and our fellow UUs are doing and how to get involved. For more information, contact [Tony Barbagallo](#).

### International Rescue Committee November Share the Plate Recipient

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises. Founded in 1933



at the behest of Albert Einstein, the IRC works in over 40 countries and 26 U.S. cities helping people to survive, reclaim control of their future, and strengthen their communities.

The IRC’s locally funded regional office in Atlanta resettles over 1,000 refugees each year and serves an additional 2,500 refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers in the state of Georgia with a diverse offering of services that ensure families are empowered to rebuild their lives in communities throughout the state. Services include safe housing, healthcare and behavioral health services, multi-level English proficiency classes, occupational preparation and training, employment services, enrichment programming for teen-agers, and immigration and legal services for the refugee and immigrant community of greater Atlanta.

### Habitat for Humanity Second Chance, December 3 Sign Up Now!

A handful of Northwest UU members had a great time working with other faith communities on September 16 to complete an interfaith build project. Christian, Humanist, Jewish and Muslim congregations worked elbow to elbow on the house, through the heat and the rain. And they loved it.

Board President Kristen Fowks and SJM Team Lead Tony Barbagallo had the privilege of attending the dedication ceremony and receiving the hammer plaque, which will be displayed in the next few weeks.

Many of us who wanted to participate, but couldn’t make the date, are getting a second chance. Northwest will participate in another build on Saturday, December 3, when there will be no conflict with Sunday service. We will have the opportunity for about six members on this build. If interested, contact [Tony Barbagallo](#).



# Worship Services for November 2016

Service at 10:00 am

Focusing on Healing

***The Nursery is staffed and available during services and Fellowship.***

Our Sunday worship services are led by our minister Rev. Terry Davis, guest ministers or members of the Northwest Worship Associates team. You can find additional information about the coming week's service in the weekly NeUUs and on our website. Contact our Office Administrator at [office@nwuuc.org](mailto:office@nwuuc.org) to sign up for the NeUUs.

## November 6 – Picking up the Pieces

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Hannah Cowart

Music – Northwest Passage and Join-In Choir

The work of healing after a deeply painful experience can be one of life's most challenging journeys. How do we pick up the pieces and move on? If unkind words and actions from others were involved, how do we avoid bitter resentment? Today we explore what it means to recover from pain, rediscover wholeness within, and reconnect to others and the spirit of life.



## November 13 – The Lost Art of Condolences

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – David Morgen

Music – The Northwest Choir with Dr. Grace Fowler

*New York Times* columnist and PBS host Bruce Feiler says that the rules of expressing sympathy “have become muddled at best, and concealed in an onslaught of emoji at worst.” Why can offering condolences to a person who is grieving be so difficult? How might we get more comfortable with the “D” word? What can we say or do that is meaningful and *real*?



## November 20 – Behind the Baked Loaf Bread Communion Sunday and All Ages Service

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Letitia Sweitzer

Music – Northwest Passage

Behind every homemade loaf of bread there lies a meaningful story about favorite people, places and experiences. What's yours?

Bring your favorite homemade or store-bought bread with you this Sunday and share your loaf and story with us as we head into Thanksgiving and a time of gratitude and connection.

*Bread will be served and distributed during Sunday worship. Children and youth are encouraged to stay for the service and participate. (Religious Education will be cancelled on this day).*



# Worship Services for November 2016

Service at 10:00 am

Focusing on Healing

## November 27 – Time to Heal??

Worship Leader – Glenn Koller

Worship Associate – Jay Kiskel

Music – Dr. Grace Fowler

Nations heal. Individuals heal. Time, it is said, heals all wounds. But is time a necessary catalyst for healing and to what degree do nations and individuals actually heal? We'll explore the many facets of healing including what we as individuals and as members of the UU movement can do to facilitate healing.



## December 4 – The Gift of Hope

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – David Morgen

Music – Northwest Passage and Join-In Choir

The approaching holiday season can elicit feelings of joy and sorrow . . . and hope might be the best possible gift we can give and receive. Who or what gives you hope? How are you bringing hope to others? Let's tell some stories.

*Rev. Terry Davis wants to learn your stories of hope giving and hope receiving! Email her at [minister@nwwuuc.org](mailto:minister@nwwuuc.org) by Nov. 20 with your story and let her know if it may be shared (with or without your name) during this Sunday worship service.*



## In The Spirit, November 17

Looking for a time and place to quiet your mind and connect to your spirit? Try Northwest's 30-minute contemplative worship service "In the Spirit."

Led by Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest member and musician Traci Montgomery, you will experience soothing music, soft candlelight, simple prayers and lots of silence. Join us on November 17 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.



# Awe, It Feels Good!



Dear Friends,

Recently, I took my daily morning walk a little earlier than usual. The sun had not yet risen. The full moon was big and glowing, and I could make out the dark spots on its surface—that pattern of solidified lava beds leftover from a time when there were active lunar volcanoes. The streets had not yet become filled with office-bound zip-ping cars and morning Joe-sipping drivers, and so the faint predawn light and beaming orb felt like they were all mine in that moment.

I was in awe.

While I strive to take time to appreciate the natural world each day on my little neighborhood hikes, it seems like the more awe I experience, the better I feel. And, I'm not alone. Awe and wonder, says author and columnist Paula Spencer Scott, may be the secret to health and happiness. She cites studies that confirm that regular experiences of awe help us feel a greater sense of belonging, enable us to see things in a new way, and make us nicer and happier. Researchers are even discovering that awe reduces the inflammation linked to depression and strengthens our immune system.<sup>1</sup>

While there are some pretty magnificent things to see and experience on this beautiful planet of ours, Scott says that we don't have to travel far or do anything extravagant to connect to awe and wonder. We can easily find awe in everyday life by:<sup>2</sup>

1. Dropping the devices to gaze at the clouds or stars.
2. Visiting a local, state or national park.
3. Taking an Awe Walk in your neighborhood, noticing things as if for the first time.
4. Describing to a friend or write about a time you once felt awe.
5. Visiting a museum or planetarium.
6. Getting up early to watch the sun rise.
7. Playing amazing music.

I'm learning that whenever I think I don't have time to participate in one of these awe-inspiring activities is precisely when I should! I gather now that morning walk may be doing more than saving my spirit . . . it may very well be saving my life.

Warmly,

*Terry*

Rev. Terry Davis



1. "Feeling Awe May be the Secret to Health and Happiness," by Paula Spencer Scott, *Parade*, Sunday, October 9, 2016.
2. Ibid.

# Never Too Late to Learn

Like most musicians, I get a thrill from performing, but it's not applause that drives me. The thing I enjoy most about music is that there is always something new to learn . . . a new song, a new scale exercise, and so on. There is so much to learn about the guitar and music in general that no one can learn it all in one lifetime. As long as I'm studying music, I'll never be bored.

Some of our choir members are branching out and learning new things. I recently spoke with a newer choir member who wants to learn how to read music. Before I was Northwest's music director, I taught a six-week crash course in how to read music. I still had the course materials on file, so we agreed that I would print them out and we would work through them before choir.

Another choir member overheard us and also expressed interest in the class materials. Sensing a need, I emailed the rest of the choir and now we have five choir members who have begun working through the "how to read music" materials with me.

As a choir director, I am pleased to be helping some of my choir members learn to read music because it'll help them more quickly learn to sing their parts. It's also fun to see that they are interested in learning more. Maybe they'll never be music theory geeks like me, but by exploring music further, they'll gain a deeper insight into how music works and become better singers in the process.

*Tom Godfrey*  
Director of Music



## UUs March in Atlanta Pride Parade

UUs from all over the metro Atlanta area met downtown on Sunday, October 9, to participate in the biggest Pride Parade in the Southeast. Our contingent of yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts brought loud cheers, smiles and high fives from many people lining the streets of the parade route. Kester Chau, Helen Borland and Jay Kiskel represented Northwest in the march.

Signs that declared UUs belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and their right to love and marry whomever they want, were greeted with whoops of approval and applause. It was a good day in Atlanta!

You can get a sense of the event and UU support [here](#).



# Earth Ministry Potluck, November 20

Come celebrate and enjoy real food with your Earth Ministry friends and watch some short video segments by the "Nourish: Food + Community" initiative. Foodies like Michael Pollan, Anna Lappe', Alice Waters and Jamie Oliver will inspire us once again to know our farmers, eat local, choose slow rather than fast food, non-GMO, organic and Fair Trade goodness. We'll talk about a whole town that has gone meatless for one day a week.

Join the food revolution and tell the group what diet works for you in terms of personal health and environmental sustainability. We'll gather on November 20 at 5 pm at Bob and Suzy Thacker's home.

Contact Tom or Linda Couch for information at [tcouch4921@aol.com](mailto:tcouch4921@aol.com) or 706.766.7847.



## Coming of Age Program Begins



We've just completed our first full month of Religious Education classes at Northwest for the 2016-17 program year! I am grateful for the warmth you have shown me as I've been getting settled in. It has been a joy to get to know the families and children. We have some amazing teachers, advisors and facilitators working with our children and youth. This year, we are offering a curriculum that I'm particularly passionate about, our Coming of Age (CoA) program for middle school youth. I am fortunate to have been involved in this program numerous times over the last decade.

I've witnessed CoA team members minister to youth and help create strong bonds, many that last for a lifetime. As youth prepare to leave childhood, they are maturing physically, cognitively, emotionally and spiritually. This maturation opens the door for a greater understanding of their faith. CoA offers new ways to experience Unitarian

Universalism and provides a safe environment for questioning. The mentor retreat and high ropes challenge course as well as service opportunities in the congregation and community help youth build connections. These experiences accompany them on their journeys of spiritual self-awareness. The creation of their own credo helps youth grow more confident in their beliefs and deeper in their faith. The Rites of Passage service at the end of the program year invites the congregation to celebrate this ministry and the journey of our youth from childhood to adolescence. The transition is profound and amazing to behold. I'm grateful to our wonderful team of facilitators: Pam Freeman, Tom Hartnett and Gwen Kahn. They have an extraordinary amount of wisdom and heart for this program.

We are also recruiting mentors and would love to have you be part of our team. If you are at least 25 and are available for a weekend retreat in February and have two hours a month to devote to the program, we have youth who would love to learn from you! (Yes, YOU!) You don't need to have all the answers or be an expert in Unitarian Universalism. You will find that your faith as a UU will also grow during the course of your mentorship. We invite you to join us for the challenges and joys as we work to reach across the generations and build trust and understanding.

*Dana Poss*

Acting Director of Religious Education

# UUCA Third Thursday Cinema Presents *Plastic Planet*

We live in the age of plastic. It's cheap and practical, and it's everywhere - even in our blood. But is it a danger to us?

On November 17 at 7:00 pm, Third Thursday Cinema presents *Plastic Planet*, an informative documentary by director Werner Boote, whose grandfather was one of the early manufacturers of plastic.

For example, plastic stays in the ground and water system for up to 500 years. It is found on every beach in the world. Numerous studies have proven that the chemicals it releases migrate into the human body and may contribute to or cause grave health problems, from allergies to obesity to infertility, cancer and heart disease.

Traveling to 14 countries, Boote asks manufacturers, scientists, government officials and consumers questions that concern all of us:



- Why don't we change our consumption behavior?
- Why is the industry not reacting to apparent dangers?
- Who is held accountable for hills of garbage mounting in deserts and seas?
- Who wins in this game?
- And who loses?

He interviews the world's foremost experts in biology, pharmacology and genetics to shed light on the perils of plastic to our environment and expose the truth of how plastic affects our bodies and the health of future generations. (Edited from *Rotten Tomatoes*.)

A \$3.00 donation is suggested for the evening, which includes refreshments and a moderated discussion. The program is sponsored by the Peace Network.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta is located at 1911 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, 30329. Enter top steps. Proceed down left hallway to last room on the left, Room 210.

## SAVE THE DATE: Death With Dignity, Dec. 4

Mark your calendar for December 4 when a representative from Final Exit Network will be talking to us during Second Hour on death with dignity issues.

More details will be forthcoming in the future Northwest publications.



# Adult Learning for November 2016

Northwest's Adult Learning program is offered on Sunday mornings during Second Hour, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm following the worship service and a 30-minute refreshment break. A variety of learning opportunities are offered on topics as wide ranging as spiritual growth and practice, working for social justice, UU history, pagan belief and practice, environmental and sustainability issues, building community, and practicing our UU principles in our daily lives. Check out Northwest's monthly newsletter and the weekly publications for session titles, locations and other updates.

You are invited to participate in our Adult Learning program by attending sessions, suggesting learning topics for future sessions, and/or offering your services as a session leader. To submit suggestions, please contact Laura Hall at [laurahallatl@gmail.com](mailto:laurahallatl@gmail.com).

## November 6

### Share the Plate: International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic well-being, and power to people devastated by conflict and

disaster around the world. In Atlanta, the organization provides critical services to refugees and immigrants. On November 6, J.D. McCrary, executive director of the Atlanta IRC, will speak with us during Second Hour about the IRC's accomplishments in 2016 and volunteer opportunities available.

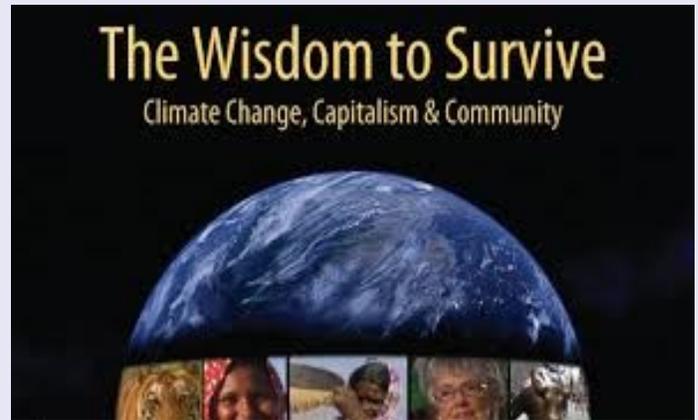
## November 13

### Do Humans Have the Wisdom to Survive?

Session Leader: Tom and Linda Couch

Video Screening: *The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism and Community*

The November Second Hour session will take us further into the moral questions regarding our relationship with



the Earth. The film *The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism and Community* catalogs the ways our human understanding is evolving and consequently the ways that the climate change movement is converging with the social justice movement, the 99% movement, the women's rights movement, the LGBTQ movement, and the sustainable food movement. Our dawning knowledge is leading us to link all of these causes because the problems they address stem from the same root: the darker side of human nature.

In last month's Earth Ministry Second Hour we learned of biologist Edward O. Wilson's beliefs about how we evolved to inherit a dual nature. Humans have an innate love for the life process, a deep feeling for the planet that is our home, and for the other species inhabiting it with us, but people like Wilson are calling for us to write the next chapter of human history differently. So, are we self-aware enough now to override the self-destructive side of our natures? Wilson thinks we can because we have another dimension to our character. Humans savor a cause larger than themselves. Wilson believes that in the fight the greatest progress is made.

In *The Wisdom to Survive*, Joanna Macy, eco-philosopher and activist concurs: "If you want an adventure, boy what a time to choose to be alive, to get a chance to find out what you have inside you . . . what you have to discover in terms of what we can do together. You were born into this and you're here to love it and to see that it goes on."

If you have questions about the movie, please contact Tom or Linda Couch at [tcouch4921@aol.com](mailto:tcouch4921@aol.com) or 706.346.1634.

# Adult Learning for November 2016

## **November 13, continued**

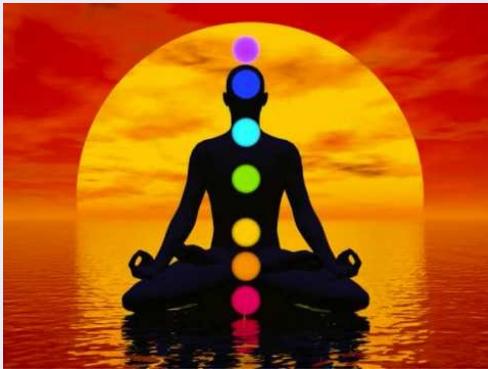
### **Embracing our Northwest Vision**

Session Leaders: Members of the NW Board of Trustees

Join this session led by our board members to discuss and refine what our vision statement is for the future of our congregation. What we heard from the congregation is that we want to be welcoming and have engaging worship services and programming. We want to improve our facilities and grounds to provide space for fellowship and worship. We want to provide a strong RE program and learning for all ages. We want to be engaged in social justice within the community and spread the word about UUism and Northwest. What would it mean to our community if we embraced our vision and put it into action?

### **Open Meditation**

Open meditation offers an opportunity to participate in meditation and to learn about different types of meditative practices and their benefits, including stress reduction and mindfulness. Prior experience with meditation is not required. All are welcome!



## **November 20**

### **Embracing our Vision—NW Spaces Improvements**

Session Leaders: Members of the NW Board of Trustees

One of the results of our visioning conversations last year was our desire to improve our buildings and grounds so we can have more space for fellowship and worship. These improvements can also help our efforts to attract new rental income to bolster our operating budget. During this Second Hour session, Board members will lead a discussion of options for creating fellowship space and expanding our worship space.

### **Creativity Lab**

Session Leaders: Pam Zenner and Helene Johnson  
Program details TBD

### **Open Meditation**

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## **November 27**

### **Fellowship/Small Group Sunday**



On the fourth Sunday of each month, we dedicate Second Hour to fellowship, through an extended social time and small group ministry. This is your opportunity to get to know our newer members, engage with our visitors or catch up with old and new friends while enjoying refreshments provided by our wonderful kitchen crew. Fellowship Sunday also provides an opportunity for members of our small groups to meet. Currently we have one small group that meets on the fourth Sunday:

### **Northwest Senior Network**

Session Leaders: Renee and Mike Burke

The Senior Network is comprised of seniors, retirees, grandparents, and caregivers, who gather to discuss life issues, support one another and plan social activities around town. To be added to the email list, contact Renee and Mike Burke at [reneeandmike@mindspring.com](mailto:reneeandmike@mindspring.com). Or come to the Art Gallery to meet other group members and join in the fun.

# Exhibit of Ancient Soi Now in the Art Gallery

We are fortunate to be able to share Dr. Robert Scully's collection of art by Ancient Soi,\* an acclaimed artist from Kenya, in the Gallery at Northwest for the months of October and November. Robert will give a talk about Soi at the Second Hour meeting of the Senior Network this Sunday in the Art Gallery.

Soi is recognized as one of Kenya's finest contemporary self-taught artists. He was born in 1937 in Machakos, Kenya, a stronghold of the Kamba tribe. Best known for their decorative wood carvings, the Kamba farm and raise cattle.

Soi grew up in Kajaido, Kenya where the Masai herding peoples predominate. Cattle are central to the Kamba and Masai economy and social life.

This bovine focus is often reflected in Soi's work. Raised a Catholic and educated at a mission school, his art frequently expresses Christian symbolism and imagery, blended and syncretized with complex Kenyan traditional

cosmology and practices. Several large canvases created by Ancient Soi adorn prominent Kenyan churches; others embellish Nairobi embassies, corporate buildings, galleries and homes.



*\*Ancient is his first name, not referencing his age*

## Gardens and Spaces Workday, November 19

Your Gardens and Spaces Ministry is holding a workday on Saturday, November 19. All are invited to join us for a day of fellowship while helping keep our campus in good shape. There will be a variety of jobs to suit your interests and abilities. Join us for the day or for a few hours as you can.

Coffee and light breakfast will be provided from 8 am to 10 am, lunch at noon and happy hour at 3 pm to celebrate a job well done! We hope to see you there!



# Hungry Ear Coffeehouse™, November 5

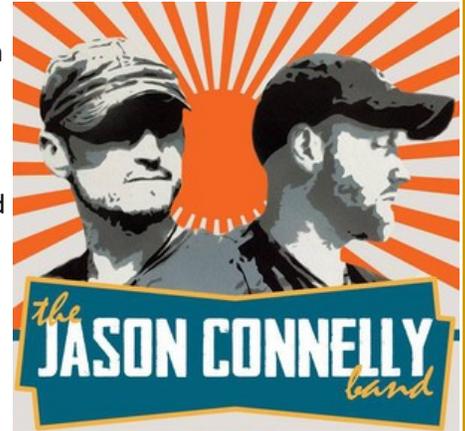
Join us on Saturday, November 5 at the Hungry Ear Coffeehouse for a magical night of music, inspiration, and fun! We are proud to present Cindy Lou Harrington and The Jason Connelly Band as November's entertainers.

**Cindy Lou Harrington** is an award-winning singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist with five independent album releases. She credits her work as a special education teacher as the inspiration for her song, *Let Me Win*, which was performed at the 1996 Paralympics Torch Ceremony and has been used statewide at Special Olympic events. She is proud to call Georgia her



home and often performs with her daughters as the harmony-pop group, "The Harringtons."

**The Jason Connelly Band** features Jason Connelly, an American singer/songwriter and Ben Kriff, the band's lead guitarist and also a songwriter. The combination of Jason Connelly's voice and rhythmic guitar and Ben Kriff's lead guitar melodies will leave you wanting more and humming their creations for the rest of the day.



Doors open at 7:30. Music starts at 8:00. \$5 suggested donation at the door and canned goods for the Community Assistance Center ([OurCAC.org](http://OurCAC.org)) in Sandy Springs are always appreciated. A donation basket will be passed for the performers. Please bring cash for performers, merchandise, and refreshments served during the break. BYOB, bring a friend, tell a friend, and be ready for a night to remember at the Hungry Ear!

## Dining for Women Supports Amman Imman, November 20

This month Dining for Women partners with Amman Imman: Water Is Life, an organization that empowers and helps preserve Africa's most vulnerable indigenous people, to support Herds for Economic Resiliency (HERds).

HERds is a livestock lending program and fodder bank that operates in the village of Tangarwashane in the Abalak District of Tahouga State in Niger. HERds aims to support children's nutrition and women's economic independence. Women will be trained in herd and fodder management to successfully start their own small businesses.

We will meet on Sunday, November 20, from 5-7 pm for a potluck dinner. Please contact [Mary Perloe](mailto:Mary.Perloe@dfw.org) for details and to RSVP.



# Consider Youth Cons!

## Dates Through November and December

A Youth CONFERENCE is a gathering of Unitarian Universalist youth and advisors 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 the activities, share with new friends in small get-to-know-you groups, bond during free time, contribute to times of fun and reflection and grow spiritually through worship.

Children and youth participating in Youth CONferences attend as a part of a group sponsored by their congregations. Volunteering adult advisors, volunteering Peer Advocate Leaders (PALs), volunteering PAL Mentors and Mountain Staff work together to supervise the youth.

Check The Mountain Notebook on the What's Happening Table in our lobby for dates of the age-specific CONS or find more information on [www.themountainRLC.org](http://www.themountainRLC.org).



## IF YOU MISSED EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN IN OCTOBER, CHECK OUT NOVEMBER'S PROGRAMS!

Join the Ens and Outs group from UUCA for some mountain hiking and fellowship. Hike at The Mountain on November 14-16 - or sit on the deck and veg out. Cost is \$85 per night. Make your own reservations by calling [828 526 5838](tel:8285265838).

The schedule:

- Monday—Leave Atlanta about 10 AM Monday. Hike on the way to The Mountain. Arrive for dinner at The Mountain.

- Tuesday—Hike to Scaly Mountain (about 7 miles, not too difficult) or to Glenn Falls, closer to 8 miles and more difficult.
- Wednesday—Either hike at The Mountain or head home.

Contact Nancy Wylie at [nancywylie@mindspring.com](mailto:nancywylie@mindspring.com) or [404 256 1172](tel:4042561172) for carpool and any other details.

# Celebrate Thanksgiving at The Mountain, November 23–27

Save the Date for Thanksgiving 2016. Why not leave the cooking and cleaning to The Mountain while you enjoy friends, family, and fellowship?

The Mountain has hosted a traditional Thanksgiving celebration for family and friends each year since 1979. Participants enjoy the abundant and festive food and a wide variety of activities including workshops, evening programs and bonfires.

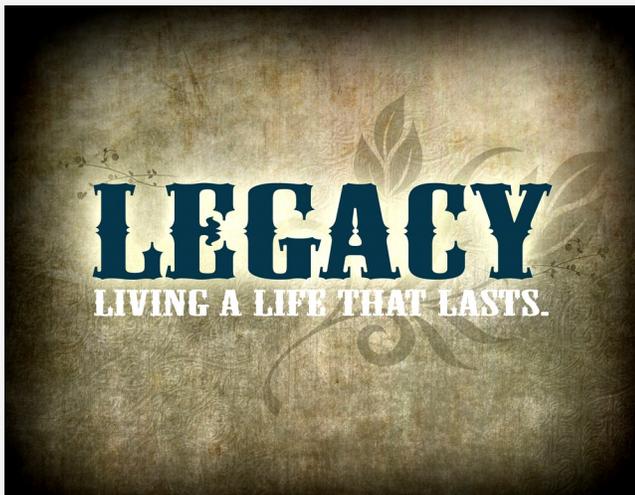
Hardy souls hike Mountain trails while many gather round roaring stone fireplaces for storytelling, games, and relaxing. Activities include yoga, building traditional gingerbread houses, Pilates and Alexander Technique, ropes courses and field games, story

telling, sound healing, and more. This traditional weekend of blessings and thanks ends with Sunday Morning Community worship, full hearts and minds.

See our Mountain Notebook on the What's Happening Table in the lobby for more info on registration and other details, call [828.526.5838](tel:828.526.5838) or go to [www.themountainRLC.org](http://www.themountainRLC.org).



## Legacy Society Ceremony for Roger Johnson, November 6



Join Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest Endowment Committee Co-chair Mani Subramanian along with Roger Johnson's family and Endowment Committee members for a brief ceremony honoring Northwest member Roger Johnson, who was a member of the Northwest Legacy Society and died on April 22 of this year. The event will take place on the front porch of the main building at 11:15 am on Sunday, November 6 and will include the installation of a nameplate on the Endowment Fund memorial plaque.

The Legacy Society is comprised of Northwest members and friends who have named the congregation in their wills or estate plans. For more information, please contact [nwuuc.endowment@gmail.com](mailto:nwuuc.endowment@gmail.com).

# 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
Ann O'Connor	11/15
Henry O'Connor	11/16
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
Sherree Meyers	11/30
Mary Perloe	11/30

## Joining 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
Aruna Rao-McCann	11/11/2004
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
Fran Wolff	11/15/1992
Lil Woolf	11/15/1987
Beth Stokes Clinton	11/16/2008
David Self	11/25/1984
Jean Johnson	11/29/2009



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# November

## November 2

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## November 5

Hungry Ear Coffeehouse™ 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## November 6

Worship Service, 10:00 am  
Activity Time, 10:15 am  
Legacy Ceremony, 11:15 am  
Second Hour, 11:30 am  
RE, 11:30 am

## November 8

Book Groupies, 7:00 pm, Art Gallery

## November 9

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30, Sanctuary

## November 13

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

## November 16

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

## November 17

In the Spirt Worship Service, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## November 19

Gardens and Spaces Workday, 8:00 am

## November 20

Worship Service, 10:00 am  
Second Hour, 11:30 am  
Dining for Women, 5:00 pm, offsite  
Earth Ministry Potluck, 5:00 pm, offsite

## November 27

Worship Service, 10:00 am  
Activity Time, 10:15 am  
RE, 11:30 am  
Fellowship Hour, 11:30 am  
Senior Network, 11:30 am, Art Gallery

## November 30

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Book Groupies Discuss *Ordinary Grace*, November 8

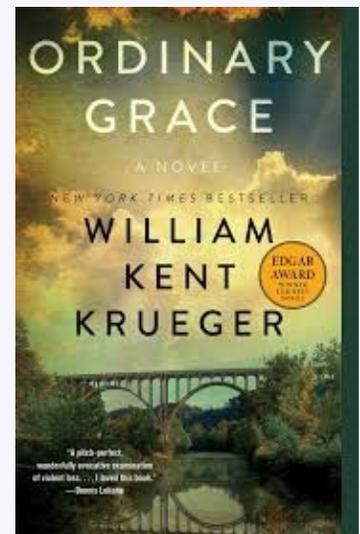
The Book Groupies will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, author of the award-winning Cork O'Connor series, on November 8 at 7 pm in the Art Gallery.

Considered a coming-of-age novel reminiscent of Stephen King's *Stand by Me* and Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*, this novel is set in 1960s Minnesota. *Ordinary Grace* has been called Krueger's best work and an

examination of how grace can work through suffering.

*Ordinary Grace* is currently available in our Bellwether Bookstore. The Northwest Book Groupies meet the second Tuesday of most months. All readers are welcome to join us.

Contact [Penny Raney](#) to learn more.





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### Northwest UUC Mission Statement

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

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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.