



December 2016 UNiverse

NWUUC NORTHWEST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Worship Services for December 2016

Service at 10:00 am

The Nursery is staffed and available during services, Fellowship and Second Hour.

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 to sign up for the NeUUs.



December 4 – The Gift of Hope

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – David Morgen
Music – Northwest Passage and 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.

December 11 – Hopefully Waiting

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Hannah Cowart
Music – The Northwest Choir with Dr. Grace Fowler

In the Christian tradition, this is the season of Advent, which is a time of hopeful waiting and expectation. What are you waiting for this season and in your life? How can we move from anxiety to peace as we live with uncertainty and wait for things to unfold?

December 18 – Children's Holiday Pageant and All Ages Service

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis, Dana Poss and the NW Children
Music – Northwest Passage

In this year's pageant, *The Polar Express*, we find that the magic of Christmas is not seen or heard or touched or tasted. It is felt. And for those who choose to feel it, they will know its presence in all their senses.



December 24 – Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Kristen Fowkes and the Northwest Youth
Music – Northwest Choir, Dr. Grace Fowler and special guest Hadrian Mendoza

Join us for this all-ages worship service of holiday stories, carols, special music and candlelight as we welcome Christmas and celebrate the ancient story of the birth of hope. And, stay afterwards for hot cider and cookies!

December 25 – Merry Christmas! No Service

Sneak Peek at January 1, 2017 Worship Service

Service at 10:00 am

January 1 – Walk the Labyrinth 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Begin the New Year with Rev. Terry Davis and others in the Northwest Sanctuary as we give ourselves the gift of walking the labyrinth, which has been generously provided to us by The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

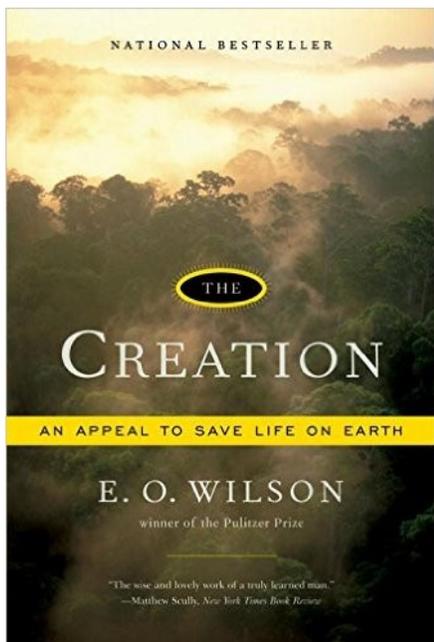
The labyrinth and its many designs date back to prehistoric times. Some think of the labyrinth as symbolic of a spiritual pilgrimage and walk it with an intentional “destination” in mind. Others use the labyrinth to help them quiet the mind and achieve a contemplative state.

For the New Year, you may choose to “leave” your hopes and wishes in the center. Each person does the walk at his or her own pace.

The Sanctuary will be open from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please drop in at your convenience and join the countless many who have found this ancient spiritual practice moving, soothing and refreshing.



Second Sunday Sermon Series on *The Creation* Starts in January 2017



Join Rev. Terry Davis in Northwest’s virtual book club, as we once again read a book that will get us thinking about our faith and values and what we can do to act on them in the world.

Starting in January and running through March 2017, Rev. Davis’s Second Sunday sermon remarks will focus on themes and content from the book *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth* by E.O. Wilson.

Wilson, a Harvard biologist and Pulitzer Prize winner, proposes an historic partnership between

scientists and religious leaders to preserve Earth’s rapidly vanishing biodiversity.

“Our Earth, the Creation itself, is in desperate need,” he writes. “And it is only by working together that we can hope to salvage and protect the vast multitude of life forms that continue to flourish on our planet despite the wanton destruction wrought by human hands.”

Read along! Copies of *The Creation* can be purchased in Northwest’s Bellwether Bookstore.

Do You Realm?

Realm is Northwest's in-the-cloud database and directory. If you are receiving this newsletter or the NeUUs through your email, you're already in Realm. Your entry includes your name and email address, as well as address and phone number(s) if you have provided them.

If you've never logged in to your profile, ask our Office Administrator Shirley Banks (office@nwwuuc.org) to invite you. Once you have a log-in, you can edit your own information and look up your contributions.

You can also add your photo, which really helps in connecting names and faces. Let's get connected.



Northwest Board Meeting

Your Northwest Board met on October 24 and we're proud to note progress in some very important areas. Here are some of the highlights:

Meetings in November: By the time of this publication, our congregation will have already participated in the Visioning meeting on November 13 as well as our "Next Steps" meeting on November 20. Both meetings were meant to give interested members and friends the opportunity to contribute their ideas to our Congregation's Vision Statement as well as our upcoming plans to enhance our beautiful space to better accommodate our current and future needs. We hope that everyone was able to participate. Please contact any member of the Board if you have questions or follow up ideas!

Ministry Team Leadership: We noted that some very impactful Ministry Team positions will be coming available soon! These include leadership or co-leadership of the Stewardship, Social Justice, Community and Adult Learning Ministries. If you have been

thinking of becoming more involved at Northwest, now is the time! Please contact a Board member if you want to learn more about any of these ministries.

Combining Forces: An idea has been brought forward to consider adopting an annual social justice focus for the congregation. This could allow us to better use our resources to effect real change in an identified area each year. We think this has great promise and are excited to hear future conversations.

Plans for the pulpit: With the dedication and installment of a new pulpit in the sanctuary, conversations have begun to discuss how to best utilize Northwest's beloved retired pulpit. We are exploring ways to ensure the pulpit is honored, respected and maintained in a way that commemorates its significance to our congregation. If you have ideas, please share them with a board member.

CUUPS Dedication: As announced at the October 30 service, the Board was delighted to approve dedicating

Hawks Hoop CUUPS fire circle on our grounds in honor of Northwest member and founder of CUUPS, Stan Burch, who passed away this year.

Minister Sabbatical: The plan for Rev. Davis' sabbatical is developing nicely. Rev. Davis has identified four ministers to lead worship on a rotating schedule while she is away on her much-deserved sabbatical. The finalized plan, as well as names of the ministers, will be presented soon.

Contemplative Service: We wrapped our meeting up reflecting on another aspect of ministry, the monthly Contemplative Service. It appears everyone that attends these services on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm comes away in awe and appreciation of the experience. Please mark your calendars and try to attend so we can spread the love.

If you have any ideas or concerns, don't hesitate to let us know. And we look forward to the growth, excitement and milestones that lay ahead for Northwest. Happy Holidays to all!

Hannah Cowart

Trustee-at-Large, Board of Trustees

Inviting Ritual In

Dear Friends,

December is here and is a month full of beautiful religious holidays and cultural traditions – Advent, Christmas, the winter solstice, Hanukkah, and the start of Kwanza, just to name a few. And, I imagine one of the things that makes this time of year so meaningful to so many are the rituals that we have associated with them and that we have lovingly maintained either in practice or memory.

In my family, we participated each December in a number of rituals that marked this time of year as special for us.

There was the hunt for the perfect Christmas tree. My father, sister and I would visit several freezing-cold church parking lots in the hope of discovering that fir tree that wasn't too tall, too short, too fat, too thin or too crooked. We always found one that was just right.



There was the cardboard Catholic Advent calendar that provided a clever count-down to Christmas Day. The calendar had a graphic printed on it of a lovely snow-covered village scene, and each house in the scene had perforated windows and closed doors. On each day of Advent, my sister and I would take turns pressing open one of the windows or doors of the village homes. Behind each would be a picture of some gift of the season – a dove, a candle or a lamb, for example – all indicators that the Prince of Peace and Light would soon be arriving into the world and breaking into human history.



There was Christmas Eve midnight Mass and dark red velvet dresses we wore only for this occasion. After Mass, my father would sit with us on the sofa to read Samuel Clements' *The Night Before Christmas*, before we put out sugar cookies and carrots for Santa and his reindeer and headed for bed. The next day: presents under the tree, of course, followed by a mid-day dinner of homemade ravioli and meatballs, a tradition passed down from my father's Italian-American family.

These rituals imprinted the December holidays in my mind and on my heart in ways I don't fully comprehend, but that my spirit deeply values. And, while I don't carry all of these childhood December rituals forward in my life today, they nevertheless left me with the desire to create new ones of my own.

Rituals aren't intended to be rational or even understood. Rather, they invite us to participate in a different kind of knowing . . . one that connects us deeply with ourselves, with our cherished communities, and with something greater than ourselves. They integrate the sacred and the profane, creating for us a sense of intimacy with mystery. Their familiarity can be grounding and soothing in a world that hands us change and chaos so much of the time.

My wish for you these holidays is, as you enter this holy winter season, that you may invite back in the December rituals that leave you feeling whole.

With love,
Rev. Terry Davis

Tale of Two Gigs

On Saturday and Sunday nights, I play solo guitar at L'Thai restaurant. I love playing background music. I get paid to practice for two or three hours, and as a bonus, I can people watch.

The prime table for people watching is a table 10 feet directly in front of me. A few months ago, this table hosted a family whose father was a preacher who couldn't seem to turn off his sermonizing button. Any story about school or friends would become a Bible lesson. The family was nice enough. The kids didn't appear to resent the constant preaching. Still, I wondered if they ever got a break from constant Bible quotes and parables.

Fast forward to a couple of weeks ago. I was having an off night. Dissatisfied with my performance, I was starting to mutter under my breath. Another large family sat down at the table. When I finished the song, the grand-

father at the table applauded and complimented me. The family applauded after every song, which just doesn't happen at background gigs. The man continued to compliment me and it became apparent that he knew every song I was playing. It became a bit of a game. I would start playing some of my more obscure songs, and he would still know them. I finally stumped him when I played one of my originals.

At some point, I realized that I had stopped muttering. I was playing pretty well, in fact, and I was thoroughly enjoying myself thanks to the kindness this man and his family were showing me. I began to notice this man's inherent kindness as he interacted with others. He was gentle in speaking with his family, and he often complimented the wait staff, telling them how much he enjoyed the restaurant and how good the food tasted.

This man radiated simple kindness and compassion, and I would guess that nearly everyone who meets him feels lifted up. I know I did. He helped turn a bad night into a great night, and he didn't need to preach a word.

Tom Godfrey
Director of Music



Annual Veterans Clothing Drive Begins Dec. 4

Again this year, Northwest is joining in a winter clothing drive for homeless veterans and others who are not veterans, but who all band together for support. The response from our congregation the past few years has been wonderful and again we will do our best to help as many homeless as we can. The people that Northwest supports each year through this clothing drive sleep under bridges, in alleys and doorways downtown, on the Georgia Tech campus, on various church grounds and many other places.

Our first request, until it gets really cold, will be smaller items so that winter coats, blankets and other bulky items don't have to be carried around all day longer than necessary. What would be most useful now are belts, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, plastic raincoats, sneakers, undershirts and (new) underwear.

We will be collecting coats and blankets later, so hang on to them!

There will be a large box in the Lobby for your contributions beginning December 4.

Contact Mike or Renee Burke with questions at burbros2@yahoo.com.

**HOMELESS VETERAN
WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Holiday Pageant and Holiday Thoughts

If you've seen or read *The Polar Express*, you'll know that it's about a young boy who embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on a train known as the Polar Express. During his adventure he learns about friendship, bravery and the spirit of Christmas.

This time of year my thoughts often turn to those very characteristics. To me, feelings of goodness abound in an almost magical way as people reach out to one another and openly demonstrate kindness more than any other time of year.

In our first session of Wonderful Welcome this year, our youngest class learned about the value of intangible gifts. It's an important lesson in an increasingly digital age where we're pushed to purchase and consume.



This year I'm pleased that our multi-generational pageant is *The Polar Express* as I feel its message is timeless. I hope it brings those feelings of abundance to mind for you, as well. If you or your child would like to participate in the pageant, you may sign up or get more information at the RE Welcome Table in the lobby before Sunday morning services or email me at re@nwuuc.org.

Families may also choose to learn more about a UU-specific holiday tradition, Chalica. Chalica is a week-long celebration of our Unitarian Universalist principles. The holiday

first emerged in 2005 out of a wish to have a holiday organized around Unitarian Universalist values.

Chalica begins on the first Monday in December and lasts seven days.

Each day, a chalice is lit and the day is spent reflecting on the meaning of that day's principle and doing a good deed that honors that principle. You can find out more by visiting the UUA's [website](#).

May your holidays and Holy Days be joyful and may the magic and the wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year.

Dana Poss

Acting Director of Religious Education

Our Guest Performer on December 24: Hadrian Mendoza



We welcome a special guest for our Candlelight Service on December 24. Hadrian Mendoza will appear as a soloist and will also help accompany the choir and Dr. Grace Fowler on Christmas Eve.

Hadrian Mendoza is an active member of the Atlanta music community. He has performed and recorded with a variety of local and international artists including Lady Gaga, Duffy Jackson, Joe Gransden, Cloudeater, The Shadowboxers, Tierra Cali, ATL Collective, Drive-By Big Band and the Atlanta Trumpet Ensemble. He is on the board of directors for one of Atlanta's oldest big bands, the Sentimental Journey Orchestra, and is a member of Big Band Contractors, LLC.

Hadrian has performed at the Atlanta Trumpet Festival, the Atlanta Jazz Festival, the Johnny Mercer Celebration Concert, the Jazz Education Network Conference, the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Awards and the Spoleto Music Festival. He has also performed in the musical *I Dream* at the Alliance Theater and has played lead trumpet in local productions of *Guys and Dolls*, *Leader of the Pack* and *Once upon a Mattress*.

In 2012, Hadrian performed at Atlanta Symphony Hall for the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China's Celebration of China-U.S. Friendship. His original trumpet lines have been featured on tracks on NBC's *Metromix Soundcheck* and the U.S. Billboard Top 200, Top R&B/ Hip-Hop Albums and Top Rap Albums.

Hadrian will begin medical school in 2017 and is interested in psychiatry and medical oncology.

Share the Plate Supports Prison Education Program, December 4

December's Share the Plate will benefit the continuation of The Chillon Project, a unique college degree program at Arrendale State Prison in Alto, Georgia. Educators from Life University, Emory and Candler School of Theology are collaborating to provide a college level curriculum to a select group of inmates at the prison, under the auspices of Life University. Northwest's own David Morgen is one of the participating educators.



In the first year 15 incarcerated students were selected from an initial pool of more than 60 applications, which was narrowed to 40 by an admissions committee of Life University faculty. Two faculty members then interviewed the 40 applicants before selecting 15 finalists for final review by Dr. Jana Holwick, Dean of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies at Life University.

The Chillon Project offers an Associate of Arts degree in Positive Human Development and Social Change, with the plan to expand this after three years to also offer a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The curriculum, based on the concept of secular ethics, is a rigorous interdisciplinary degree focused on providing

the skills and knowledge necessary for creating positive and sustainable social change. It includes coursework in positive psychology, business and social entrepreneurship, peace studies and other disciplines. It also includes lab components for the cultivation of inner values, emotional and social intelligence and contemplative practice.

Studies show that education and training are the most powerful tools to rehabilitate prisoners and break the cycle of recidivism. This program also demonstrates our principles by affirming the worth and dignity of all humans. We hope Northwest will share generously in support of this potentially life-changing program.

Habitat for Humanity Build, December 3



Northwest will support a second interfaith build this year on Dec. 3. The five slots are already filled and our team is ready to go.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the build in September, despite inclement weather. Let's hope for fair skies and moderate temperatures as our team joins others from faith communities around the city to work on creating more affordable housing in Atlanta's neighborhoods.

Calling All Elves

Decorate Northwest, Dec. 3

Join us to "deck the halls" of Northwest on Saturday, December 3, 8:30 am until noonish. Come when you can. All assistance is welcome!



We also need help on Thursday, Dec. 1 to prepare the decorations. To help, please contact Anne Bennett (770.392.1080 or anne.bennett@gmail.com) for location and specifics.

Adult Learning for December 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. Topics range from spiritual growth and practice to working for social justice, UU history, pagan belief and practice, sustainability issues, building community and practicing our UU principles in our daily lives.

NOTE: Due to the upcoming holidays and the annual congregational meeting, the December schedule is a bit lighter than usual. But you will still have several opportunities to learn and grow with your wonderful Northwest community. Hope to see you at Second Hour!

Contact Learning Ministry Team Leader Laura Hall at laurahallat@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

December 4

Share the Plate: The Chillon Project

On December 4, Thomas Fabisiak from The Chillon Project will speak to us during Second Hour about the program, its participants and their success.

The Chillon Project is December's Share the Plate recipient. The program enables selected inmates at Arrendale State Prison in Alto, Georgia to pursue a unique college degree program. Educators from Life University, Emory and Candler School of Theology collaborate to provide a college level curriculum to a select group of inmates at the prison under the auspices of Life University. Northwest's own David Morgen is one of the participating educators.

December 11

Congregational Meeting

Plan to attend the congregational meeting after the service on December 11 when we will discuss our vision for the future. All members will receive details from the Board prior to the meeting.



December 18

Creativity Lab: Gift Wrapping with Friends

Do you have a gift or two that you still need to wrap? If so, let's do it together! Grab your gifts, some gift wrap, ribbons and your holiday spirit and join us for a wrap party with friends. Everyone is welcome to join in. Please RSVP to Pam Zenner at pzennerhome@gmail.com so we will have a good idea of how many people plan to come and we can prepare accordingly.

Transylvania, Anyone?

A pilgrimage to Transylvania, Unitarianism's birthplace, is both a spiritual and historical journey. Rev. Terry Davis will lead a group from Northwest on this amazing voyage in August 2017. Are you interested? Please join us on during Second Hour to participate in a Skype conversation with John Dale, pilgrimage director with the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. Learn more about this amazing journey and get your questions answered. Contact Rev. Terry Davis at minister@nwuuc.org for more information.

December 25

Church Closed—Merry Christmas!

In The Spirit Contemplative Worship Service, December 15

In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, why not take a lovely 30-minute break to rest your mind and body and refresh your spirit? Join Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest member and musician Traci Montgomery for Northwest's "In the Spirit" contemplative

worship service, held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Bring yourself (and a friend, too) and encounter soothing music and hymns, simple prayers, a candlelight ritual and lots of silence. *Ah!*



Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Holiday Show, December 3

Hungry Ear Coffee House™ is proud to present Peace & Harmony for the holidays with Mockingbird's Wing and Lashbrooks on December 3!



Mockingbird's Wing is an acoustic band made up of four diverse musicians. Barbara Hotz is a singer-songwriter with deep roots in Mexico and a love of the old standards. Jonathan McBee is a multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter out of Chicago. Paul Pendery is a well-traveled singer-songwriter whose songs evoke soulful stirrings and happy feet. Suzy Schultz adds vocals, flute and cello to the Mockingbird sound. The band will perform holiday music for this special presentation.

Rhonda and Troy Lashbrooks are singer-songwriters, entertainers, music producers and the hosts of the Hungry

Ear Coffee House™. Their soulful roots music and retro-rock remakes create a unique blend of harmony-rich music, driven by powerful vocals and thoughtful and precise guitar arrangements. Their band will perform a mix of 60s and 70s music and much loved holiday tunes!

Doors open at 7:30 and the music at 8:00 pm. There's a \$10 suggested donation at the door and canned goods for the Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs are always appreciated. For the holiday show, there will be a donation box for a local charity donation as well. You may also want to bring a little cash for refreshments and the musicians.



Spread Joy to Local Families with CAC!

You can help local families in need with food and gifts for children this holiday season through the Community Assistance Center (CAC)!

Food: Give families the gift of choice for their holiday celebrations with donations of grocery store gift cards from Kroger or Publix. Bring gift cards to CAC or donate online at www.oucac.org. *\$10 helps an individual, \$20 helps a couple and \$30 helps a family.*

GIFTS: Make children's wishes come true! Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays with CAC and give children gifts from their

wish lists. Children are from local families who have received assistance from CAC in the past year. Find children's wish lists and "adopt" online! Please spend \$50 per child and bring your new and unwrapped gifts to the CAC Gift Center www.ourcac.org/adoptafamily.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Emma Davis	12/02
Anthony Kahn	12/04
Melanie North	12/04
Ellie Lockhart	12/05
Virginia Nelson	12/06
Evelyn Alford	12/08
Maria Drinkard	12/08
Karen Lawrence	12/10
Judy Seaman	12/12
Caroline Romines	12/20
Flore Vinton	12/20
Beth Clinton	12/22
Darin Kahn	12/22
Chloe Morgen	12/22
Peter Tartikoff	12/25
Roland DeWitt	12/26
Ethan Freeman	12/26
James Taylor	12/26
Brock Stitts	12/27
Dana Suite	12/28
Allen Rider	12/29
Letitia Sweitzer	12/30
Joy Hickman	12/31

Joining Anniversaries

Rebecca Cabral	12/04/1996
Mani Subramanian	12/04/1988
Ruth Subramanian	12/04/1988
Joyce Buis	12/06/1968
Mark Livezey	12/06/1998
Marian Lynch	12/06/1987
Nancy Boothe	12/07/2014
Gregory Byrd	12/07/2014
Lori Guy	12/07/2014
Audrey Marroquin	12/13/2012
Anne Bennett	12/16/1990
Don Langham	12/16/1968
Marian Langham	12/16/1968
Edward Lawrence	12/16/1984
Sarah Beth Nelson	12/16/2012
John Nelson	12/16/2012
Gene Zanella	12/16/2012
Darin Kahn	12/23/2012
Helene Johnson	12/24/1977



LUUnch BUUnch, December 21

Join us for the LUUnch BUUnch discussion group on Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the Art Gallery. LUUnch BUUnch meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm. It offers an opportunity to gather with others and engage in a lively discussion on a wide variety of topics. If you'll be away for the holidays, mark your calendar for our next session, Wednesday, January 18 and join us then.



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DECEMBER

December 3

Deck the NW Halls, 8:30 am
Hungry Ear Coffeehouse™ 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
Habitat for Humanity, Offsite (full)

December 4

Worship Service, 10:00 am
RE Pageant Rehearsal, 10:15 am
Second Hour, 11:30 am
Band Rehearsal, 11:30 am
Coming of Age Brunch, 11:30 am

December 7

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm Sanctuary

December 11

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
RE, 11:30 am
Congregational Meeting, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

December 14

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

December 15

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

December 17

RE Pageant Rehearsal, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

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December 21

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

December 24

Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

December 25

No Service—Merry Christmas!

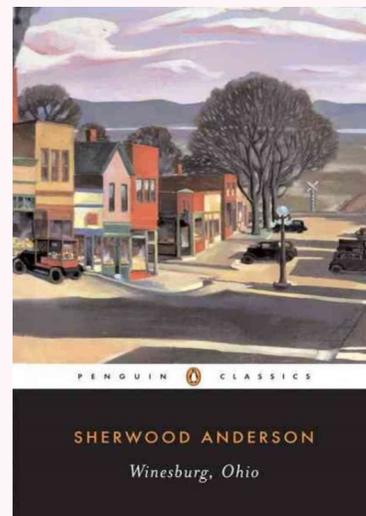


Book Groupies: No December Meeting *Read Winesburg, Ohio for January 10 Discussion*

The NWUUC Book Groupies will not meet in December. We will gather again on January 10 when we will discuss the classic *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson. This collection of interrelated short stories influenced many of our most prominent American writers—Hemingway, Faulkner and Fitzgerald to name a few—and draws a vivid portrait of a typical small Midwestern town in the early 1900s.

We will meet at 7 pm in the Art Gallery. Copies of *Winesburg, Ohio* are available in our Bellwether Bookstore.

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





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December 2016 UNlverse Newsletter

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If you have a print version of the UNlverse 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.