



February 2017 UNiverse

NWUUC NORTHWEST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Northwest Turned Out to Support the Women’s March for Social Justice

Nearly 40 members and friends of Northwest joined Rev. Terry Davis in the Women’s March for Social Justice on Saturday, January 21, while several other members went to Washington, D.C. to join marchers from around the country to participate in the largest protest march ever held.



All gatherings around the country and world occurred in a peaceful, often festive, manner. Creative signs were seen everywhere. The rain that marked the morning in Atlanta gave way to dry, clear skies as the marchers began to move at 2 pm from the Civil

Rights Museum down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, ending at the State Capitol.



Police estimated that more than 60,000 people attended Atlanta’s demonstration of solidarity among women, ethnic groups, religious groups, LGBTQ folks, men, children, physically disabled persons and all who support love not hate, and freedom from tyranny and persecution.

Northwest’s unofficial historian Jay Kiskel created a [video](#) highlighting the day and Northwest’s involvement, which has been posted to our website.

An estimated 2.5 million people turned out to support coordinated marches around the world.

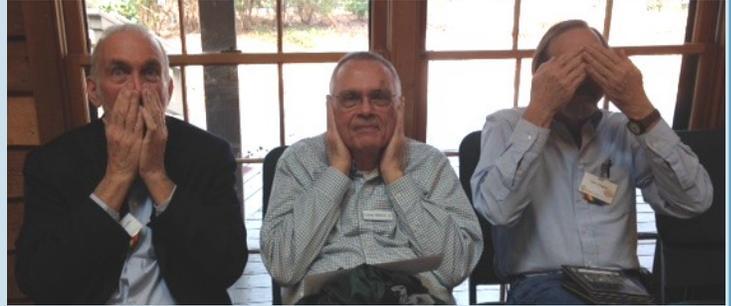


Worship Services for February 2017

Service at 10:00 am
Focusing on Courage

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 to sign up for the NeUUs.



February 5 – Losing Sight of the Shore

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Letitia Sweitzer
Music – Dr. Grace Fowler and the Northwest Choir

William Faulkner wrote, “You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.” Letting go of the familiar and encountering the unknown seems to be the unavoidable – and, perhaps, most frightening – part of exercising courage. How might we have the courage to have courage?

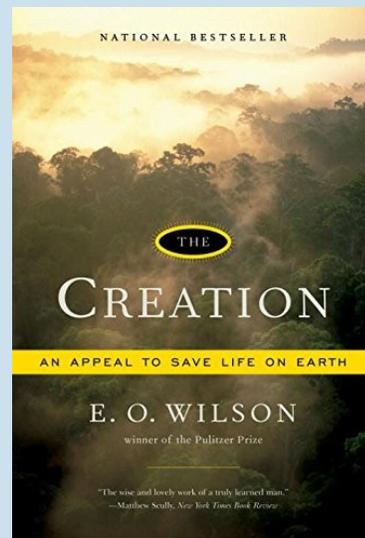


February 12 – Denial Is Not a River

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

Harvard scholar and biologist E.O. Wilson writes, “What I fear most is the pervasive combination of religious and secular ideology of a kind that sees little or no harm in the destruction of the Creation.” He says that human denial poses the greatest threat to the destruction of biodiversity and the decline of the natural world. How might our courage to face the truth change that?

This Sunday is Part 2 of Rev. Terry Davis’s “Second Sunday Sermon Series,” where she explores themes and topics presented in E.O. Wilson’s bestselling book The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth. Read along! Copies are available at Northwest’s Bellwether Bookstore.



Worship Services for February 2017

Service at 10:00 am

Focusing on Courage



February 19 – Holy Impatience

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Barbara Peterson

Music – The Northwest Choir

We commonly hear that to have courage is to face our fears. But, might we also need to be a little fed up? How might impatience – that often-criticized character flaw – propel us forward under difficult circumstances in positive ways?

February 26 – Non-Rational Courage

Worship Leaders – Hannah Cowart and Glenn Koller

Music – Dr. Grace Fowler

As it has been in the past, could religion or nationality once again be used to cause people to be subjected to “special treatment?” Rational thinking might suggest that resistance to such state-sanctioned treatment might not be successful. Can we turn to non-rational sources to summon the courage to resist? We’ll explore how we might employ spirituality and other potentially non-rational sources of courage.



Dining for Women Supports Etta Projects in Bolivia, February 12



All women are invited to attend the February meeting of the Northwest Chapter of Dining for Women on Sunday, February 12 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Please email or call Mary Perloe for details and dinner location at

maryperloe@gmail.com or 404.217.8201.

This month we will support the Etta Projects in Bolivia, which collaborates with communities to create sustainable solutions to improve health, sanitation and clean water.

The Etta Projects will train 50 local villagers to become Health Promoters. This program empowers participants to serve as first responders, save lives and effectively advocate for improved health outcomes.

The projects strengthen the voice of indigenous people in their own healthcare. This two-year, comprehensive health and leadership training

program for female Health Promoters will strengthen the connection between local doctors and traditional healers and allow Health Promoters to educate, serve, treat and support their communities.



Generosity, Love and Hell Fire Pepper Jelly

Dear Friends,

There are many things that make me feel proud to serve this congregation. One that is perhaps at the top of the list is Northwest's decision in November of 2015 to give away 50% of the undesignated checks and the cash it collects each Sunday to a non-profit organization that shares our values.



donating proceeds from these sales to establish an eye clinic for our students, as many adults who enter our programs have never had an eye exam and may need glasses or have other eye care needs.

"We started with holding eye clinics twice a year, but the program took off and we hoped

This was such a bold move for a small faith community! It signals to me that you understand that generosity both reflects and fosters spiritual fitness.

Over these last 15 months, Northwest has given away thousands of dollars to help adults, children and animals in need, as well as to protect our natural environment. While the organizations serving these recipients always express their gratitude for our support, it's not often that we get a detailed story of exactly where Northwest's dollars went and how they were spent.

We were treated to one recently, however, by Austin Dickson, who serves as the Executive Director of Literacy Action, one of the most successful adult education programs in the U.S. Northwest's social justice team selected Literacy Action as the Share the Plate recipient in January 2016, and again this past month. And so, Austin returned to visit our congregation on MLK Sunday.

He thanked us not only for the (wonderful!) \$2,700 donation Northwest made in 2016, but also shared with us exactly how our contribution was used. It seems that our dollars were combined with those from the Atlanta All Saints Episcopal Church Women's Guild Hell Fire Pepper Jelly Grant to fund Literacy Action's eye clinic program.

Say what?

Austin explained:

"To raise funds, the women's guild at All Saints makes and sells a hot pepper jelly they have lovingly named 'Hell Fire Pepper Jelly.' They approached Literacy Action about

to add more. So, Northwest's generous contribution in 2016 was added to the Hell Fire Pepper Jelly grant and made it possible for us to add two more clinics last year."

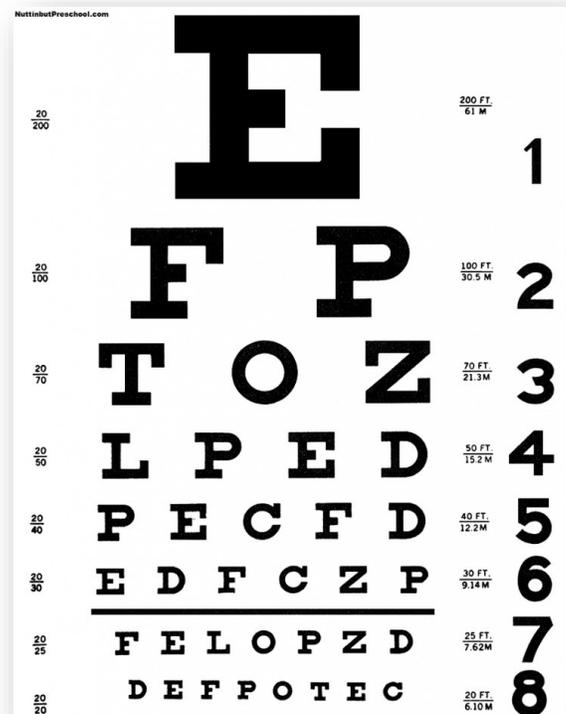
How's that for multi-faith generosity, justice and love? Way to go All Saints and Northwest! Austin's story is a reminder that we never know how big an impact our seemingly small contribution makes.

You **are** making a difference. Let's keep it going!

Love,

Terry

Rev. Terry Davis



Rev. Terry Davis Will Participate in RAICES Program in San Antonio, TX - Feb. 15 - 18

From February 15 – 18, Rev. Terry Davis will join UUA President Peter Morales and others from the UUA in San Antonio, TX for a social justice program sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice. They will be working with the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), a nonprofit organization that works with undocumented women and children fleeing violence in Central America.

Tens of thousands of them have been put into detention centers and fast-tracked for deportation, though the dangers they fled make them eligible for refugee status and asylum in the United States. Most of those who receive legal advice and representation are approved to pursue asylum – and the thousands who do not receive help are often deported back to danger.

Rev. Davis and the UUA group will be meeting with members of RAICES and traveling to the border to offer assistance.



RAICES

Refugee and Immigrant Center for
Education and Legal Services

“In the Spirit” Contemplative Worship Service February 21

Join Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest member and musician Traci Montgomery for a 30-minute respite from stress and concerns as we come together to sing simple hymns, meditate on thoughtful words, light candles and hold the silence.

We call this contemplative experience “In the Spirit” and it is held on the third Tuesday of every month from now through May 17. This month’s service begins at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, February 21.

Ah!



Did You Know...



Northwest members Karen and Edward Lawrence met at Northwest in 1985. Edward had just moved to the area, and he volunteered to help with Valentine's Dance decorations - his first Northwest experience. It was the start of something special, and the creative couple was married at NW in 1989. Volunteering is a very good thing! [Edward shares that Northwest high school student Martin Wallace was an exceptional flutist, and he played at their wedding. Martin now performs professionally in New York City.]

Update from the January Board Meeting

The Northwest Board met on Monday, January 16. Here's a quick snapshot of the meeting:

Stewardship Ministry Team

After a thorough discussion and at the request of the Stewardship Ministry Team, the board has approved to move the Bookstore and Art Gallery from the Stewardship Ministry Team to the Community Ministry Team. The move will officially take place in July when the new Community Ministry Team Leader is in place.

The board also discussed The Hungry Ear Coffee House™. Taking advantage of the new Board Decision Making process, an Ad Hoc committee will be established to outline the working relationship between the coffee house and the congregation, better define how the coffee house fits into Northwest's ministry and develop guidelines for the responsibilities of leadership within the coffeehouse. Options for the future of this event continue to be explored and the board is hopeful that clear guidelines for the event will help its long-term sustainability.



Expansion Plan

A charge for the Expansion Plan Ad Hoc Committee has been completed. The board devoted its monthly Second Hour segment on January 22 to an update on expansion plans. This included announcing the Ad Hoc committee members and summarizing their tasks and the deliverables expected from them.

The committee includes board members and non-board members and was especially developed in an attempt to represent the wide range of views within our congregation. The committee will have quite a task, but we know

they can handle it! We encourage the entire congregation to be supportive and responsive as the committee begins its work.

Sexually Safer Congregation Policy



Sexually Safer Best Practice Congregation

We plan to use the month of April, which is Child Abuse Awareness month, to promote and further educate the congregation on the Sexually Safer Congregation policy. We reached out to the Religious Institute, which manages the Sexually Safer Congregation certification process, to learn best practices for implementing training. After discussing our plans, the Religious Institute honored us by asking to use our training plan as an example for other congregations that have been certified to further their education on this important topic!

Director of Religious Education Search

This job opportunity is posted now and is currently accepting applications. The announcement will close in February and we look forward to hearing from the search committee after they conduct an initial review of the applications.

Bylaws

We continue to review potential changes to Northwest's bylaws. These include increasing the spending limit that requires a congregational vote, better clarifying the quorum requirements for congregational meetings, incorporating leadership development into committee responsibilities outlined in the bylaws and inserting a requirement for the board to conduct a review of all policies on a rolling schedule. In reference to the spending limit increase, the current spending limit is \$5,000 and was established in the 1970's when our budget was considerably less than \$100,000. In keeping with the current bylaws, any changes will be presented to the congregation for vote.

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Update from the January Board Meeting, *continued*

Northwest's beloved pulpit: Continuing our legacy

Northwest member Stan Lebow designed, constructed and donated our previous pulpit to NWUUC. It holds a special place in the hearts of many of our members and friends. With the installation of our new pulpit, the board considered many options for a future permanent home for the pulpit built by Stan. The board has approved for the pulpit to be renovated and have a plaque affixed describing its origin and our continued wishes for its place within the UU faith. Then, the pulpit will be donated with love and respect to The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center in Highlands, NC. The board believes that this placement will allow the pulpit its deserved space in our faith tradition and enable us to physically see the pulpit in use during our trips to The Mountain. We are excited about this new home and honored to have a piece of Northwest integrated as a permanent fixture at The Mountain.



Northwest's Congregational Covenants

Congregational Covenants are the cornerstone of the UU faith. They help ensure that we create and maintain an environment that encourages spiritual growth on a personal and congregational level. Recognizing the importance of covenants, Rev. Davis is reaching out to professionals at the UUA to learn how other congregations ensure their covenants are fully integrated into congregational life.

Our meeting closed with a reading from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that reminded us to always seek the good in others. We hope that Northwest continues to be a place where the good in each of us is celebrated and put to use toward our worthwhile mission. Please contact any board member if you have any ideas or questions.

UUCA Third Thursday Cinema Presents *Tricked* February 16

Modern-day slavery is alive and well in the United States, as thousands of victims are trafficked across the country to satisfy America's \$3-billion-a-year sex trafficking industry. Meet the pimps, the johns, the police, the parents and the victims of the thriving sex trade in this comprehensive and daring documentary that uncovers one of America's darkest secrets. The film aims to raise public awareness and start conversations around the compelling need to end this modern-day slavery.

The film will be shown on February 16 at 7 pm. A \$3 donation is suggested for the evening, which includes refreshments and a moderated discussion. Sponsored by the Peace Network. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta is located at 1191 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta 30329.



UUA/UUSC Declaration of Conscience

The Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee prepared the following Declaration of Conscience “affirming our core values and declaring our willingness to put them into action.” Sign the Declaration [here](#) and join the UUA in standing on the side of love and protecting the most vulnerable among us:

At this extraordinary time in our nation’s history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech,



And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.



Around the time this month’s newsletter comes out, I’ll be moving into a new apartment. My landlady wants to sell the property. Even though she is waiting until spring to put the place on the market, I started apartment hunting right away. I would have had to move sooner or later, and I wanted to take my time in finding some new digs. As luck would have it, I found a new place about a week after I started

looking. My new place is about the same size, and it’s only five minutes from Oakhurst, where most of my students live.

My initial reaction to the prospect of moving was one of dread, but now I’m getting into the spirit of the move. Moving is a big task, but I find that I’m almost enjoying the process this time – almost. I’m

optimistic about this move, and I enjoy thinking about new possibilities that new surroundings can bring. There will be new streets to explore on foot and new neighbors to meet. Even practicing guitar will feel a little newer in a different setting.

Just as I find myself imagining the new possibilities that will be presented with a new living space, I also find my-

self excited about potential changes to Northwest’s building. Expanding and improving our space is quite a bit more complicated than moving from one small apartment to another! Plans are still being discussed, and there is a lot of work to be done before anyone even picks up a hammer. Even though any kind of serious construction is a long way away, I like to imagine our building with more open space for gathering. It made a huge difference when we took out a wall in the lobby and installed a beautiful counter. Whichever plan we eventually implement, I think the impact on our space – and on us – will be enormous. I can’t wait!

Tom Godfrey

Director of Music

Radical Hospitality: Some Tips for Welcoming New Families

I know it's February BUT can I just start by saying, I love January! It's so rife with "new-ness" and possibility and, my personal favorite, the faces of many new people who have dedicated (or rededicated) themselves and their families to attending worship services together in the new year. Maybe it was a resolution they made, maybe after attending holiday services with extended family, they decided to reconnect to their religious roots, maybe they are seeking sanctuary in a world that can sometimes feel like fear is beginning to be a bigger force than love. Whatever the reason, I'm so happy to meet them and see their smiling faces each week.



If we practice radical hospitality and kindness, a willingness to share and be open, and the very essence of love – if we do this right, these families will stay with us. The new faces of January become the members and friends of tomorrow who are engaged and active. We have a tremendous gift to offer this community just as our new folks have talents and treasure to share with us.

The following article came across my desk recently and I thought this would be a great time to share it. It has many different iterations in many houses of worship and its origins have become muddled, so I'm not sure who to attribute it to but I think its message is a good reminder for each of us -- new and old alike. The following adaption was shared with me by Jane Podell who serves as DRE at the UU Congregation of the Hudson Valley:

To the parents of our young children, we believe children belong in holy places so . . .

Relax! Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our sanctuary.

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the minister, service leaders, musicians, etc.

Sing the hymns and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you feel you must leave the service with your child, you are free to do so, but please come back as you are able.

To the members and friends of our church . . .

The presence of children is a gift to our community and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.

The way we welcome children in this holy space directly affects the way they respond to being in community, to the divine, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

And don't forget to give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

What a beautiful message! Be kind, be generous, be welcoming, warm and understanding. Make this your spiritual practice. Reach out to a new person, either an adult or a child. Learn their name. Seek them out and say hello each week. Cultivate a relationship. We really do have a chance at the beginning of each year to plant seeds in our garden and then joyfully watch them grow. Remember the old saw, "If you don't hear crying, the church is dying."

Blessings to you all, dear ones, as we learn and grow together.

The RE Team would love to get an idea of who reads our articles! If you've made it all the way to the end of this piece, please come by and see us at the RE Family Desk in the lobby on Sunday mornings for a special treat. (One per customer, please.)

Dana Poss

Acting Director of Religious Education



Adult Learning for February 2017

Northwest's Adult Learning program is a great way to expand your horizons and experience that special sense of belonging when you come together to learn in a small group setting. Would you like to explore your own spiritual growth and practice or experience a pagan religious ritual? Learn about or get involved in one of the many social justice issues facing us in these uncertain time? Gain a clearer understanding of environmental and sustainability issues and how you can have a positive impact on our world? Or would you just like to get to know people better and become more connected to Northwest? If so, this is the place for you!

Our 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. Check out the sessions that will be offered in February and come join in the exploration.

Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Learning Ministry Team Leader Laura Hall at laurahallatl@gmail.com.

February 5

Share the Plate Recipient Presentation: Phoenix Boys Association

Session Leader: Robert Kent



On Sunday, February 5, Robert Kent, Phoenix Boys Association executive director, will speak with us about the organization's work and how we can become involved. Phoenix Boys Association provides a path to opportunity, citizenship and leadership for at-risk boys living in areas of concentrated poverty in West Atlanta. The association runs a full scouting program, facilitates a company-based workplace mentoring program and provides individual assistance in the areas of health, education, teen employment and the juvenile justice system.

The association started in 1994 in the Bankhead Courts public housing community and is now run as a partnership between its sponsor companies and adult program graduates. PBA has a clean 22-year safety record operating under difficult circumstances and offers safe and convenient volunteer opportunities to be effective with at-risk children.



CUUPS Imbolc Ritual

Imbolc, also known as St. Brigid's Day, is an ancient festival of Earth-centered religions that marks midwinter in the solar calendar and is a time to prepare to come out of the dark time of the year and into the light of spring, as our days become longer and the nights shorter. This is the time of celebration for the Goddess Brigid, who teaches us about healing, home, hearth, birth, inspiration, and the work we must do inside and outside ourselves to walk out of the cold of winter and into the warmth of spring. All are welcome to join our community for this ritual, held in "Stan's Circle" (recently named in honor of Stan Burch), as we prepare our minds, our spirits, and our communities for the turning of the Wheel of the Year.

February 12

Second Sunday Sermon Discussion—The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth

Session Leaders: Linda Couch and Tom Couch

Join Earth Ministry Ministry team leaders Tom and Linda Couch for a discussion of the themes and topics presented in E.O. Wilson's book *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, the focus of Rev. Terry Davis's Second Sunday Sermon Series. Let's find out what's happening to the biodiversity of our planet and what we can do to save species and ourselves.

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Second Hour for February 2017, continued



February 12, continued

DRE Search Committee Open Forum

Session Leader: Gwen Kahn

The Search for our new permanent DRE is well underway. We'd like to give you an update on our activities thus far. We have posted our position on the LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association), the UUA Southern Region Newsletter, as well as all the Atlanta area congregations. Here is the [job posting](#).

This is our second open forum, designed to enable anyone to share their ideas and aspirations for our RE Program. The committee will use these suggestions and ideas as we move into the interview phase of the search so the person selected will most closely match the congregation's wishes and expectations.

The DRE Search Committee expects to have a recommendation for a permanent DRE by the first of March. Any suggestions or ideas can always be shared directly with the committee by reaching out to any member of the search committee: Gwen Kahn, Keith Lockhart, Melissa Neidermeyer, Chrissy Haddad or Chris Appel.

February 19

Board Forum

You're invited to join our Northwest board members for a Second Hour session on moving our vision into action. Board members will be available to answer questions or consider your ideas about how we can fulfill our vision.



Want to Join the Art Gallery Management Team?

Session Leader: Helene Johnson

We know there are lots of creative people in our midst, both here at Northwest and among our friends. We would like to continue to share one another's creativity through our wonderful Art Gallery, but to do so, we need your help. Would you consider being on the Northwest Art Gallery management team? Let's share the effort! Come meet with us on February 19 to explore how, by working together, we can ensure that the Art Gallery remains a vibrant expression of the artistic souls within our community!



February 26

Death with Dignity

Session Leader: Julia Hanway

Mark your calendars for a special Second Hour presentation. Julia Hanway, a representative from Final Exit Network, will speak to us on issues of Death with Dignity, issues that can often have an impact on our quality of life. For instance, there is the ethical/moral dimension of the right to end life on one's own terms, the challenge of defining and achieving a "good death" given the realities of modern medical technologies and systems, the importance of planning to defend one's end-of-life options and rights, and the national movement to pass physician aid-in-dying laws that demonstrate compassion for those who face intolerable and hopeless suffering.

Northwest Seniors Network

The Northwest Seniors will join the Death with Dignity session on February 26.

MARCIA DOUGLAS, FEATURED ARTIST AT UUCA'S WINE, CHEESE, AND THE SPOKEN WORD, FEBRUARY 11

Marcia Douglas was born in the United Kingdom, but her writing is shaped and informed by Kingston, Jamaica, where she grew up. She is currently an associate professor in the creative writing program at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Novelist, poet, scholar of African-American and Caribbean literature, as well as performer of a one-woman show *Natural Herstory*, she has received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Poetry Book Society Recommendation from the British Arts Council, and most recently had her last novel, *The Marvellous Equations of the Dread: a Novel in Bass Riddim*, long-listed for the Republic of Consciousness Prize for Small Presses.

An open mic session between the two sets offers local poets the opportunity to share their work.

Wine and other refreshments will be available. Doors open at 7 pm; readings are from 7:30-9:30 pm. Suggested admission donation is \$5. PLEASE NOTE: The readings may contain adult content and language.



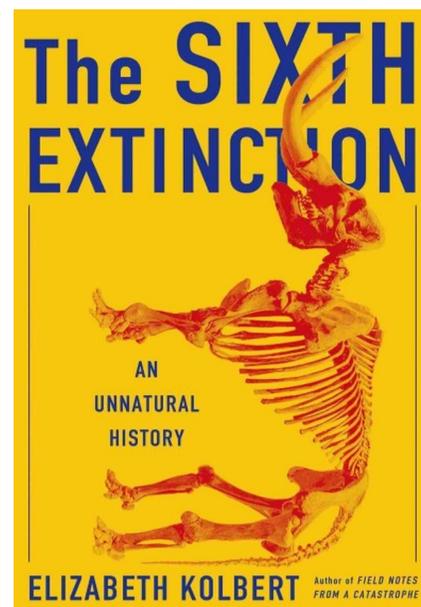
Book Groupies Discuss *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, February 7

On Tuesday evening, February 7, the Book Groupies will discuss *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Elizabeth Kolbert. It is widely accepted that we are currently in the sixth extinction, predicted to be a devastating extinction occasioned by us, *Homo sapiens*.

With an educational overview of evolutionary and ecological science, Kolbert interweaves various scientific disciplines and research to show how we are causing the disappearance of so many forms of life. This is perhaps the most pressing issue of our time.

Join us at 7 pm in the Art Gallery to discuss this book, available in our Bellwether Bookstore.

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month but decided to meet a week early in February to avoid conflicting with Valentine's Day. All readers are welcome.



Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Presents John Cable and Billy Gewin, February 5

Just returning from Wales, John Cable and Billy Gewin will be introducing new material from *The Red Planet*, a trans-continental project involving some of the best English and Welsh folk musicians.



John Cable is a veteran musician who began his career in the late 60s. After serving as lead guitarist and vocalist for Texas country rock pioneers, Colours, John became a member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. In 1976, they became the first American band in history to perform in the Soviet Union. John became the first

American to lecture at the Moscow Conservatory of Music on the history of Western Blues and Rock music.

John has performed on The Tonight Show, Don Kirshner's Rock Concert, The Midnight Special, Austin City Limits and the Grand Ole Opry. He has performed in some of the great concert venues as well, including Wolftrap, Carnegie Hall and Red Rocks. John still occasionally plays with NGDB leader, John McEuen.

Billy Gewin is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, singer-songwriter and studio engineer with three CDs to his credit. He studied music at Georgia State University and has played with various duos, trios, and bands in the Atlanta Metro area. Billy is the owner of Cave Cricket Studios. Check out Billy's music and recording studio services at billygewin.com

The record *Whiskey and the Waves* will be available in February.

Our Sanctuary becomes the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on the first Saturday of each month. Doors open at 7:30 pm; music starts at 8 pm. Suggested donation of \$5 at the door. Bring a little extra cash for donations for the musicians and light refreshments sold at the break. Please bring canned goods for the Community Food Bank. BYOB and a friend or two. Tables provided.

See you at the Hungry Ear!!



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

02/02	John Reeves
02/02	Ryan Steffin
02/03	Penny Raney
02/05	Elizabeth Hickman
02/05	Arlene Thomason
02/07	Sharon Cameron
02/07	David Stewart
02/15	David Cohen
02/15	Anne Coogler
02/15	Fran Wolff
02/15	Dave Zenner
02/17	Bruce Niedermeyer
02/19	Jordan Dale
02/20	Gabriel Stewart
02/24	Dianne Cox
02/25	Ella Morgen
02/25	Larry Wallis
02/28	Deborah Ross

Joining Anniversaries

02/08/1975	Hugh Fordyce
02/05/1995	Chrissy Haddad
02/13/2005	Laura Hall
02/15/2009	Karen Reagle
02/15/2009	Allen Rider
02/14/2010	Tom Godfrey
02/07/2013	Julie Jordan
02/16/2014	Jane Echols
02/16/2014	Laura Kearns
02/08/2015	Barbara Stewart
02/08/2015	David Stewart
02/14/2016	Danny Sample
02/14/2016	Gina Sample

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February

February 1

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

February 4

Hungry Ear Coffee House, 7:30, Sanctuary

February 5

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

RE, 11:30 am

Second Hour, 11:30

February 7

Book Groupies, 7:00 pm, Art Gallery

February 8

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

February 12

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

RE, 11:30 am

Second Hour, 11:30

Band Rehearsal, 11:30 am

February 15

LUUnch BUUnch, 11:45 am,

Art Gallery

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

February 19

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

RE, 11:30 am

Second Hour, 11:30

February 21

“In the Spirit” Contemplative

Worship, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

February 22

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

February 26

Worship Service, 10:00 am

Activity Time, 10:15 am

RE, 11:30 am

Second Hour, 11:30

Mark Your Calendars: Notable Upcoming Events

Get out your new 21017 calendars and circle these dates!

April 22

Northwest 101

Wondering if membership at Northwest is the next right step for you? If so, please plan to attend Northwest 101. Recent visitors and friends will receive an invitation. Please contact Ruth Subramanian ([770.452.1921](tel:770.452.1921)) for additional information.

June 21-25

UUA General Assembly, New Orleans, LA

Join Rev. Davis, the Northwest contingent and thousands of other UUs at GA this summer! There will be workshops, singing, great speakers, worship, general sessions and a rally to encourage action on a critical social justice issue. Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, will deliver the Ware Lecture this year.

October 6-8

Northwest Congregational Retreat

Join us at The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center in Highlands, NC, for another great retreat!





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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.