



March 2017 UNiverse

NWUUC NORTHWEST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

We Can't Stop Now

The changes in the external environment have made it abundantly clear that the world needs the message of Unitarian Universalism. Tolerance, acceptance, and justice for everyone no matter where they live, whom they love or what beliefs they hold.



Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a place where we gather in a shared search for meaning and truth. It is a place that helps us maintain the courage to take peaceful

action to build a more civilized and just world. It is a place that teaches us how to oppose the ideas and acts of those who seek to control others, take advantage of weakness or differences or to use violence and manipulation to prevent others from living meaningful lives.

Our acts of peaceful opposition to injustice have increased in recent months and surely, **We Can't Stop Now**. To keep up our efforts, we need a place that will support us, chal-



lenge us and provide a way for collective action. For me, that place is Northwest. If it is, or you wish it to be that place for you, we must support this congregation and the larger association to which we belong. As part of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our actions are bigger and more

impactful (see <https://www.uua.org/justice>).

Our pledge drive is conducted only once each year but the funds we raise fuel us all year long. If

we are to be stewards in the larger world, we need to also be stewards of this congregation. If we are to act collec-



tively, we need a place, a time and rituals that bring us together to sustain us. We need this place.

The pledge campaign – **We Can't Stop Now** – will commence on March 12. You will receive a packet of information and a pledge card. Please complete this and return to Northwest before the end of

March. The Board of Trustees creates the annual budget using the pledges and estimates of other revenue (such as building rental). The board will present the proposed budget at the congregational meeting on May 21.

Think about what good we can do, together, when Northwest thrives.

We Can't Stop Now.

Constance Dierickx
Stewardship Ministry
Team Leader

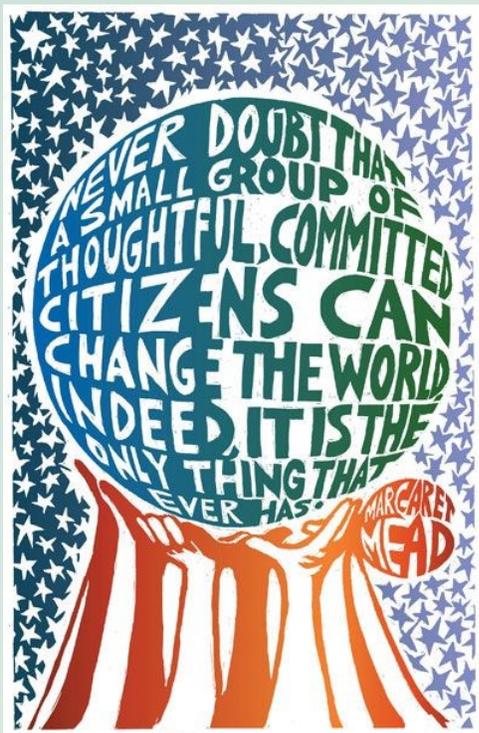


Worship Services for March 2017

Sunday services start at 10:00 am

Reflecting on Our Vision for a Better World

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. The weekly NeUUs has additional information about the coming week's service. Contact our Office Administrator at office@nwuuc.org or stop by the Greeter Table on Sunday to sign up for the NeUUs.



March 5 – We Can't Stop Now

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Lynne Dale

Music – Northwest Passage

Northwest Stewardship Ministry Team Leader Constance Dierickx wrote, "The changes in the external environment have made it abundantly clear that the world needs the message of Unitarian Universalism: tolerance, acceptance, and justice for everyone no matter where they live, whom they love or what beliefs they hold." Do we carry this message? How can we make Northwest that place that joyfully and boldly encourages us to do so?



March 12 – Acting Like a Naturalist

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis

Worship Associate – Constance Dierickx

Music – The Northwest Choir

In the closing chapter of his book *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, biologist E.O. Wilson offers what he believes is the best thing we can each do to save the planet's biodiversity: be a naturalist. Who are naturalists? How do they see the world and what vision do they bring for change? Could this be us?

Today also kicks off Northwest's 2017-18 Pledge Campaign "We Can't Stop Now." Come learn more about why all of us are needed—mind, body and spirit—to create a vibrant faith community that will equip us to build the world we dream about. See page 1 for more information.



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Worship Services for March 2017, continued

Sunday services start at 10:00 am

Reflecting on Our Vision for a Better World



March 19 – Waking Up (Worship Café Multigenerational Service)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis
Worship Associate – Hannah Cowart
Music – Northwest Passage

Our beloved hymn “Wake, Now, My Senses” suggests that a vision of a world filled with love, justice and peace begins when we become fully awake to what is needed and to our own ability to effect change. What does it mean to be awake? Who and what does it take to rouse us from spiritual slumber?

Worship Café is our every-now-and-then, worship-for-all ages service. The Sanctuary is transformed into a café (tables and chairs), a light breakfast is served, and a “tabletop” service project is offered designed to engage kids and adults. Come join us!

March 26 – A Radical Welcome

Worship Leader – Dana Poss, Acting Director of Religious Education
Worship Associates – The Northwest Children and Youth Music – Dr. Grace Fowler

What does Religious Education mean to us as a faith community, as a denomination, as a movement? What are ways to be engaged in ministry to children and youth? How can we be radically welcoming to our families?

Join the children, youth, teachers and families in our program for this lively service that affirms, no matter our age, religious education can help us grow in our faith. We can all learn together on this path and we are stronger when we discover together.



“In the Spirit” Contemplative Worship Service March 21

Join us for a 30-minute respite from stress in which we 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.

Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest member and musician Traci Montgomery will lead the next service at 7:30 pm on March 21 in the Sanctuary.



Remember the Alamo!



Dear Friends,

A recent trip to San Antonio, Texas, for a Unitarian Universalist social justice immersion experience brought me to the land and story of the Alamo. And, it reminded me that the 13-day siege that ended 181 years ago this month offers relevant insights to events today concerning immigrants and our U.S./Mexico border.

The Battle of the Alamo in 1836 is considered a pivotal event in the Texas Revolution. As the American history lesson goes, English-speaking settlers (“Texians”) who were living in the Mexican province of Texas, staged a revolt and were brutally subdued by Mexican President General Antonio López de Santa Anna, who stacked and burned their corpses. Buoyed by a desire for revenge, the Texians defeated the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, ending the revolution.

Issues of culture and governance were at the center of the settlers’ revolt. One resource provides these details:

Under Santa Anna, the Mexican government began to shift away from a federalist model. The increasingly dictatorial policies, including the revocation of the Constitution of 1824 in early 1835, incited many federalists to revolt. The border region of Mexican Texas was largely populated by immigrants from the United States. These people were accustomed to a federalist government and to extensive individual rights, and they were quite vocal in their displeasure at Mexico's shift towards centralism.

Already suspicious after previous American attempts to purchase Mexican Texas, Mexican authorities blamed much of the Texian unrest on American

immigrants, most of whom had made little effort to adapt to the Mexican culture.

I was reminded by this trip and history that, no matter which side of a border one lives, unrest and rebellion invariably ensue when a person is treated without dignity and respect. It was also interesting for me to read that American immigrants may have been blamed for unrest at the U.S./Mexican border, rather than laws and policies, which may have contributed to the breakdown. Isn’t there similar blame today toward Mexicans and other immigrants for unrest and problems –including taking American jobs and for making our country more violent and unsafe?



The battle cry “Remember the Alamo!” is said to have encouraged the forces of Sam Houston to battle the Mexican Army to their defeat at San Jacinto. Today, it seems we would do well to remember that whenever we fail to treat the Other – immigrants, refugees or anyone from a different land, religion or culture – with the same compassion and respect we desire for ourselves, we engage in oppression of others and of our own human spirit.

May we remember this history . . . and do what we can as people of faith to avoid its repetition.

Warmly,

Terry

Rev. Terry Davis



Would you like your voice to be heard? Are you interested in getting together with a friendly, supportive group of people? Can you carry a tune? If you match this description, then I encourage you to join the choir.

A number of our choir members have moved in the past couple years, and we could use some fresh singers. You don't need to have a strong music reading background. Everyone learns

the music together in our weekly rehearsal, I provide practice recordings for each part, and I am also available for individual help if needed.

Music is a key element in our Sunday services. We do our best to choose music that lines up with the sermon topic on any given Sunday. As a choir member, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to Sunday services in a meaningful way.

Singing with the choir is also a great way to spend time with a lovely bunch of people. We sing together, and we support each other outside of the group. If you are new to our congregation, showing up for choir will guarantee you instant friends!

The choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00, and we generally sing for two services each month.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, all you have to do is show up on a Wednesday evening to get started. If you want to talk to me about it, you can catch me on Sunday or email music@nwuuc.org with any questions.

Tom Godfrey
Director of Music

Dedicated People Needed!

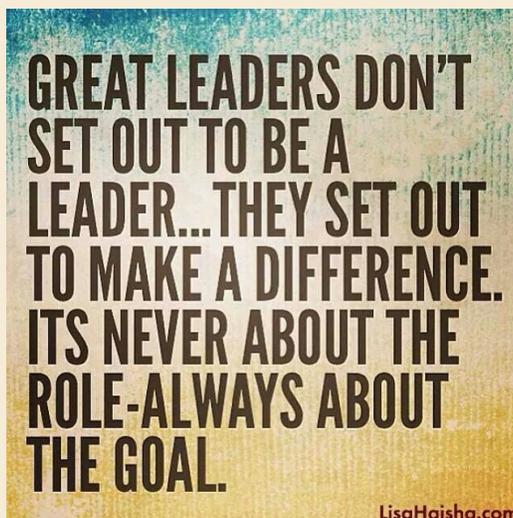


We are looking for a few dedicated people to fill leadership roles at Northwest!

Some current Board members, Ministry Team Leaders and others will be finishing two year terms, which opens spaces for other members bring their energy and interests to Northwest leadership. We'll be recruiting a new President Elect; Trustees at Large; MTLs in Community, Social Justice, and Stewardship; and some Endowment and Nominating Committee members.

If you have an interest in becoming more involved in making decisions for the future of the congregation, please talk to someone on the Nominating Committee—Bill Cox, Maria Drinkard, Chrissy Hassad, David Morgen or Lil Woolf.

We can provide more information on what is expected for different roles, and we hope you will consider serving. You'll be hearing more from us!



LisaHaisha.com

Empower Children To Change the World



- Abby Miller is a 12-year-old musician who collects donations for 4-year-old Taylor Love who suffers from cancer. Most donations come from playing on the street with a collection bucket nearby, no matter the weather.
- Olivia Bouler, an 11-year-old artist and budding ornithologist, raised over \$200,000 for the National Audubon Society to help rescue birds after the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Cameron Cohen was 11 and in a hip-to-toe brace following a surgery for a bone tumor. He spent his time in the brace developing an app for the iPhone. He donates proceeds of the sale of the app to purchase electronics for other pre-teens in the hospital.
- Miranda went on a visit to Africa with her father the summer after she finished Coming of Age. She went on to start a non-profit to raise funds for the women and children of the village to plant crops and build a school.
- A group of upper elementary school children in Salt Lake City found out that a lot full of old barrels may have contaminated the drinking water in their neighborhood. They worked tirelessly for two years to have the state pass legislation to clean the site.

These are just some of the children our kids in RE learned about in the month of February. Our message as adults to them is simple—even someone as young as you are can do something to effect change for good.

In last month's article, I talked about the value of being radically welcoming to children and families and wondered what that would look like for our future. These children are examples of what that looks like. When young children are encouraged to stand up for their own future as adults living on this planet, we all benefit.

The good news? Empowering these children is SO EASY. Say hello, offer a smile, learn a new name each week, start discussions, get to know the children and families. Then, share your gifts with them. Do you belong to a philanthropic organization? Come discuss it with our children. Do you have a hobby that you're passionate about? Come teach us about it. Share with us your story of becoming a UU. We really would love to hear it. There are so many ways, both large and small, to impact the lives of our children.

When we empower children to create the world they—and we—dream about, we all win.

Dana Poss

Acting Director of Religious Education

Building Expansion Committee Requests Input

Northwest's Building Expansion Committee will be conducting a survey to gather input for the final expansion plan. The first survey opportunity took place during a Second Hour session on February 19. The next opportunity will be during a Second Hour session on March 26. (See page 9.) All are encouraged to visit the Northwest website to view several plan options and then attend the sessions. Additional opportunities to participate in the survey will be available.

The board charged the ad hoc committee to gather input on what Northwest members and friends would like in a building expansion plan. The goal is to get input from as

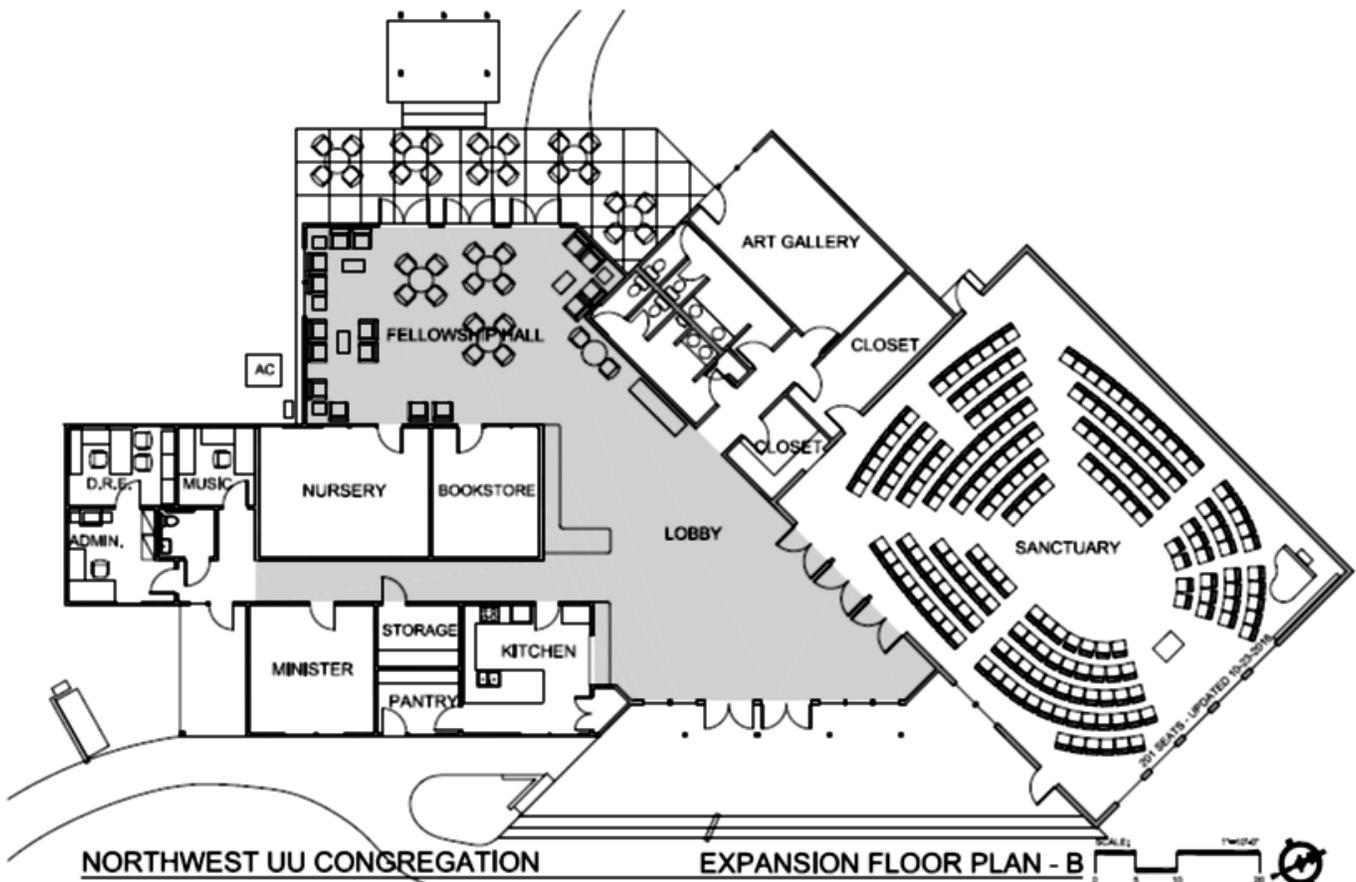
many friends and members as possible before April 1.

Our visioning conversations last year made it clear that the congregation wants to expand our buildings so that we can have more space for fellowship and worship. Improvements can help our ongoing efforts to attract new members and to be a welcoming congregation. Improvements in our buildings can also help boost rental income.

Committee members are Mary Perloe, John Hagler, Bill Cox, David Stewart, and Kristen Fowks. The goal is to have the final proposal ready for congregational vote at the May congregational meeting. You can see the current floor plan and several

floor plan ideas for fellowship space and sanctuary expansion [here](#).

Caption: Below is one building expansion floor plan that includes a new fellowship hall and a sanctuary expansion that will increase seating capacity by 50 percent. Other plans can be seen under "From the Board" at www.nwuuc.org.



Adult Learning for March 2017

If you've attended Northwest even once, you've heard us refer to "Second Hour" following the worship service. So what is it exactly?

Second Hour is the time set aside for the religious education and related activities of Northwest's adults, children, and youth. While children and youth religious education is led by our Director of Religious Education, adult learning is handled through the Learning Ministry. Second Hour occurs on Sunday mornings from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, following the worship service and a 30-minute refreshment break.

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 an Earth-centered religious ritual? Learn about and/or get involved in one of the many social justice issues facing us in these uncertain times? 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!

Check out the sessions that will be offered in March and come join in the exploration. Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Learning Ministry Team Leader Laura Hall at laurahallatl@gmail.com.

March 5, 2017

Share the Plate Recipient Presentation: New American Pathways

Please join us after service on March 5 to hear a representative from New American Pathways, our March Share the Plate recipient, discuss their work and how we can get involved. New American Pathways is an Atlanta-based organization dedicated to the successful resettlement of refugees and immigrants. Read more about this vital organization on page 13.



New American Pathways
HELPING REFUGEES AND GEORGIA THRIVE

March 12, 2017



Congregational Meeting to Vote on the Declaration of Conscience

Session Leader: Northwest Board

At the February meeting of the Northwest Board of Trustees, it was decided that the congregation has a historic and important opportunity to respond to the climate of fear and oppression that is growing in our country. Following the service on March 12, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on endorsing a Declaration of Conscience drafted by the UUA and UUSC. See page 11 for more details.



March 19, 2017

CUUPS Ostara Ritual

Session Leader: Cynthia Flot

Please join Hawk's Hoop CUUPS as we celebrate Ostara on March 19. Ostara is the celebration of the spring equinox. The spring equinox is a time for fertility and sowing seeds, a time of renewal and rebirth. We will be taking time to celebrate the new life that surrounds us in nature and meditating upon the ever-moving Wheel of the Year - the change of seasons.

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Adult Learning for March 2017, *continued*

March 26, 2017

Northwest Board Discussion – Moving our Vision Into Action – Building Expansion

Session Leader(s): Board Representatives

Please join our Building Expansion Committee for an information gathering session and discussion on options for expansion. (See page 7 for more details.)



The ad hoc Building Expansion Committee was charged by the Board to gather input on what building improvements we want and need. Members Mary Perloe, John Hagler, Bill Cox, David Stewart and Kristen Fowks will be asking members and friends to participate in a survey to help us formulate a building expansion proposal that meets our needs.

Visit <http://nwuuc.org/2017/02/06/hybrid-expansion-plan/> to see our current floor plan and several ideas for fellowship space and sanctuary expansion.

4th Sunday

Northwest Senior Network

Session Leaders: Mike and Renee Burke

The Senior Network's 55 members—retirees, grandparents and family caregivers—meet monthly on the fourth Sunday to discuss topics as wide ranging as Hinduism, famous UU women, cruising, African art, behavioral styles and more. Join us on March 26 in the Art Gallery for our latest discussion. Contact Renee and Michael Burke at reneeandmike@mindspring.com to learn more.

Successful Homeless Clothing Drive Wraps Up

Thanks to all the Northwest members and friends who generously donated to our drive. Many homeless veterans and others received warm coats, blankets, underwear and more. Fortunately, this has been a fairly warm winter for those living on the streets. We hope to donate more sleeping bags, as they were frequently requested. Hold on to any you might have for us. Thank you for sharing with those who have so little. Your generosity means so much!



DRE Search Extended

The search for a permanent director of religious education continues. As we have not procured the desired pool of candidates, we have asked the board to extend Dana Poss's contract until the end of June. This will allow our search to intersect with the time of the year when such searches are most commonly conducted. Like ministers, DREs typically change positions between church years. We will extend our search to the end of March with the expectation that the new DRE will start July 1. Contact Gwen Kahn at gwenkahn@gmail.com with any questions or feedback.

See What's Coming 'Round The Mountain

Things are hopping at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center this spring. Don't miss out!

MountainCamp: First off, register NOW for summer camp. Registration closes March 31. MountainCamp offers something for the artsy and outdoorsy, first-timers and veteran campers and any kid from age 6-18. Check out the dates and costs [here](#).



Easter Work Weekend: Come to The Mountain April 14-17 and enjoy free lodging for participants in the Saturday work projects and leaders in the children's programming. Want to relax instead? That's cool, too. Just sign up and say what you want (or don't want) to do! On Sunday, the whole family will enjoy special Easter activities.

Music Week: Join Joe Jencks and Mindy Simmons and other UU musicians in the first ever week of music on The Mountain, April 16-21. Come for all six days or just a few—and bring your instrument!



Small Group Ministry Workshop, March 18

We humans are story tellers, and the stories we recount have the power to heal and transform us. We need expansive spaces where we can make friends and meaning; supportive circles where we can tell old stories and create new ones about ourselves, our lives, our hopes, and our dreams. Small Group Ministry or Covenant Groups are such circles.

Join us on Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 4010 Canton Road, Marietta, GA, for a small group workshop. Coffee and refreshments will be available starting at 9:15 am. Rev. M'Ellen Kennedy, a UU and Sufi minister and cofounder of the UU small group ministry network, will lead the session.



This workshop offers an opportunity to (re)experience and learn how we create and facilitate these groups to optimize their inspirational and transformative qualities. It's a perfect refresher for current facilitators and a fine exposure for potential facilitators and others. We'll experience small groups together in the course of the morning.

Fee: \$20. Register using the form below. Contact Rev. M'ellen Kennedy at mellenken@aol.com or [802.377.2999](tel:802.377.2999) with any questions.

Registration: Mail the form below to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy, PO Box 339, Bristol, VT 05443, with an enclosed check for \$20 made to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy.

Name:
Email:
Phone:
Affiliation (congregation or organization):
Past experience with facilitation and/or small groups?
Pressing question, idea or need?

Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on a Declaration of Conscience, March 12

The Northwest Board of Trustees encourages members to attend a special congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, March 12, at 11:20 am. At the meeting, the congregation will consider whether to respond to an extraordinary joint appeal from the UUA and the UUSC to support a Declaration of Conscience addressing recent threats which violate the cherished Principles of Unitarian Universalism.

A letter to UU congregations from The Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and Hon. Thomas Andrews, president and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, stated in part:

“In these extraordinary times we must be united in purpose to protect the values of our democracy and those vulnerable populations among us . . . There is a sense of urgency, and a need for vigilance. And there is clarity that we must act, not alone, but together. We need everyone—including you, your congregation, your friends, and your colleagues. As a first step, we have prepared a Declaration of Conscience stating in

the strongest possible terms our commitment in these troubling times. By signing the declaration, individuals and congregations will be affirming our core values and declaring our willingness to put them into action . . .

Thank you for your concern, vigilance, and willingness to act.”

The Declaration Northwest members will vote to endorse follows:

DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a liberal religious community founded on the heritage and Principles of Unitarian Universalism. At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to reaffirm our profound commitment to our 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, 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 justice, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations. 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.

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.

*The Members of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Sandy Springs, Georgia*



The Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Presents Little Country Giants, March 4

Atlanta band Little Country Giants plays Americana music —anything from folk and bluegrass to blues and jazz. The group is based on the songwriting talents of Russell Cook and Cameron Federal. Cameron and Russell say they found the backdoor into folk music and American music through the Grateful Dead!

Our Sanctuary becomes the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on the first Saturday of each month. Join us March 4 for this thoroughly enjoyable performance. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8:00 pm. \$5 suggested donation at the door and canned goods for the Community Assistance Center (OurCAC.org) in Sandy Springs are always welcome. Please bring cash to express your appreciation for the musicians and to purchase 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 Coffee House!



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Want to Represent NW at GA?

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the UUA. This year, it will be in New Orleans from June 21-25. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and delegates vote on policy. If you are interested in attending as a Northwest delegate, please contact Kristen Fowks at president@nwuuc.org by April 15. Northwest is entitled to four delegates to represent our congregation, plus Rev. Terry Davis, but anyone can attend the conference. Early bird discount registration ends May 1, however housing can be reserved beginning March 1, and rooms closest to the events book very quickly. A general planning meeting will occur in May for everyone planning to attend GA from Northwest.

Infant Equipment Needed for Refugee Families

The Friends of Refugees program in Clarkston provides support to refugee families from Congo, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar and other war-torn countries. Pregnant women often have no baby equipment or supplies. Infant car seats and small beds (Pack n' Plays, bassinets, co-sleepers) that can fit in crowded apartments are particularly needed. For more information, contact Rebecca Cabral, cabralrj@bellsouth.net or 770.366.3883.



Share the Plate for March Supports New American Pathways



American Pathways, both with our treasure and our efforts.

Please join us after the service on March 5 to hear a representative from New American Pathways talk about their work and how we can get involved. And please give as generously as possible this month, to show that we continue to believe that the United States is a place where all are welcome and can succeed.

New American Pathways is an Atlanta based organization dedicated to the successful resettlement of refugees and immigrants. In 2016, New American Pathways welcomed 502 refugees and asylees from 16 countries. Currently, most of their clients are coming from Burma (Myanmar), Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Congo.

New American Pathways' vision is to promote safety, stability, success, and service for individual refugees and refugee families in Georgia. They offer five distinct program areas that focus on jobs, education, cultural integration, individual and female empowerment and building strong families.

In this time of xenophobia and uncertainty, where the future of the United States as a welcoming place of opportunity for immigrants and refugees is increasingly challenged, it is more important than ever to support the efforts of non-governmental organizations like New



Why Become a Member of Northwest?

So you've been attending Northwest regularly for a while, volunteer occasionally, and even make an annual financial pledge (thank you), but never quite made it official by signing the membership book? Wondering what the benefits of being a Member are?

The tangible local benefits are being eligible to vote at Congregational meetings (next one will be May 21) and holding a Board or other leadership position. As a member on record

with our national Organization (UUA), you will receive the quarterly magazine *UU World*, which will give you the big picture of what our denomination is doing. The intangible benefit is the sense of belonging, being part of our Northwest family of members.



If you're considering membership, a good place to start is Northwest 101, our semi-annual orientation program where you'll learn some UU history and how Northwest works, including ministry team leaders letting you know how you can get more involved. Long-time UUs can skip this if they want. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 9 am-noon. Call or email [Ruth Subramanian](#) to learn more or sign up.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Becki Gregory	03/01
Tammy Clabby	03/07
Mark Perloe	03/07
Nancy Johnson	03/08
Paul Ross	03/09
Adelaide Kahn	03/14
Thomas Vinton	03/14
NoShell Hedges	03/18
Steve Stern	03/19
Jax Bush	03/20
Rebecca Cabral	03/23
Harper Bush	03/27
Robert Thacker	03/29
Cole Hickman	03/30
Jean Johnson	03/30

Joining Anniversaries

Beryl Grall-Petty	03/10/1985
Jay Kiskel	03/20/1988
Lissa Newman	03/12/1999
Heather Steffin	03/09/2008
Neal Steffin	03/09/2008
Becki Gregory	03/08/2009
Deborah Ross	03/26/2013
Paul Ross	03/26/2013
Renee Burke	03/16/2014
Sherree Meyers	03/13/2016
Robert Scully	03/06/2016



Need a Nametag?

If you want a laminated nametag:

- Fill out a yellow form attached to the newcomer packet at the Greeter Table.
- Attend several Sunday services.
- Fill out a pink nametag request form at the Greeter Table.
- The Nametag Team will create new nametags after several requests have been submitted.
- The team will notify you when your nametag has been placed on the stand. Look for yours alphabetically by last name.



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March 1

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

March 4

Hungry Ear Coffee House™, 8 pm,
Sanctuary

March 5

Worship Service, 10 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Fellowship, 11 am
RE and Second Hour, 11:30 am
Band Rehearsal, 11:30 am

March 8

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

March 12

Worship Service, 10 am
Activity Time, 10:15 am
Fellowship, 11 am
Congregational Meeting, 11:20 am
RE, 11:30 am

March 14

Book Groupies, 7 pm, Art Gallery

March 15

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

March 19

Intergenerational Worship Service,
10 am
Fellowship, 11 am
RE and Second Hour, 11:30 am
Band Rehearsal, 11:30 am

March 21

**"In the Spirit" Contemplative
Worship**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

March 22

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

March 26

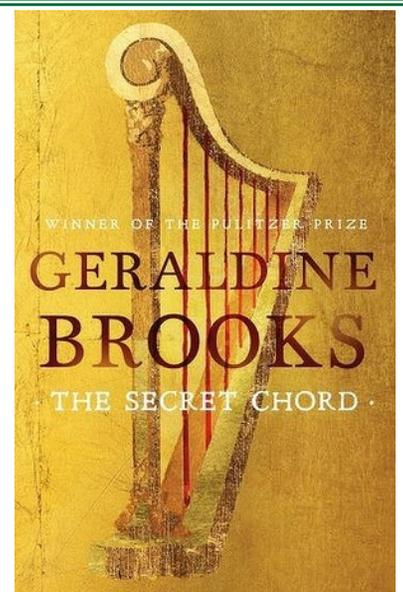
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RE and Second Hour, 11:30 am

March 29

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Book Groupies Discuss *The Secret Chord*, March 14

At 7 pm on Tuesday, March 14, join the Northwest Book Groupies in the Art Gallery to discuss Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks' *The Secret Chord*. Set in Second Iron Age Israel, this unvarnished saga of ambition and betrayal follows the life of the enigmatic King David of biblical fame as told by his courtier Nathan. Brush up on the stories of David and Goliath, David and Bathsheba, and more. As one reviewer wrote, "David is interesting, not for his status as the most beautiful man in art history, but rather for his matrix of contradictions . . . the Bible's ultimate Machiavellian." Copies of *The Secret Chord* are available in our Bellwether Bookstore. 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:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.