



May 2017 UNiverse

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## Welcome to Our New DRE Christina Branum-Martin



I am pleased to announce that Christina Branum-Martin has accepted the position of Northwest UUC Director of Religious Education. Her first day will be Wednesday, May 3.

Christina has a strong background working with non-profit organizations in Houston, Texas including the Linda and Jerry Strickland Family Foundation, Urban Harvest, Catering For Kids, Hospice Care, and Planned Parenthood. She has extensive Unitarian Universalist religious education experience working as an advisor and staff at the Summer Institute YRUU, SWUUSI, and SEUUSI programs. She was the Director of Youth Programs at the Laforet Summer Institute in Colorado for two summers. She has coordinated and led intergenerational events and worship services. Christina has served in many UU religious education volunteer positions including as OWL co-facilitator, RE committee member, Coming of Age mentor and RE class leader.

Community involvement continues to be a strong interest for Christina. She was a volunteer educator and chaplain for Planned Parenthood. She worked with the Center for the Healing of Racism as a leader and organizer. She is currently working with Creating Community 4 Decatur—Black Lives Matter as a member and ministry liaison.

Christina has her B.A. in Philosophy and Biology from the University of Houston. She is studying for her Masters of Divinity and Certificate in Religion and Human Rights at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She will be continuing her study while working with Northwest as our Director of Religious Education. Christina lives in Decatur with her husband and two daughters, who are 16 and 4 years old.

I would like to thank our DRE search committee for their work over the past months to search and find our new DRE. Our committee members are Gwen Kahn, Keith Lockhart, Melissa Niedermeyer, Chrissy Haddad, and Chris Appel. Please join me in thanking the committee and in welcoming Christina to our Northwest home in the woods.

Warm regards,

Kristen Fowks, Northwest UUC Board President



# Worship Services for May 2017

Sunday services start at 10:00 am

*Focusing on Community*

Our Sunday worship services are led by our minister Rev. Terry Davis, guest ministers or members of the Northwest Worship Associates team. The Nursery is staffed and available during services and fellowship. The weekly NeUUs has additional information about the coming week's service. Contact our Office Administrator at [office@nwuuc.org](mailto:office@nwuuc.org) or stop by the Greeter Table on Sunday to sign up for the online NeUUs.



## May 7 – Rising Up (All-Ages Service)

Worship Leaders – Rev. Terry Davis and Northwest “Coming of Age” Middle School Students  
Worship Associate – Hannah Cowart  
Music – Tom Godfrey and the Northwest Youth Band

Throughout the 2016-17 program year, Northwest's middle school students have been participants in a special “Coming of Age” class that has taken them on a journey of personal growth and faith exploration. Join us today as students graduate from their program and – along with their adult mentors – share moving insights about themselves and their beliefs.

*Extended childcare will be available for children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger. All other children are invited to stay for the worship service.*

## May 14 – A Mother to Me

(Worship Café All-Ages Service)  
Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis  
Worship Associate – David Stewart  
Music – The Northwest Choir

Qualities we often associate with mothering – such as compassion, gentleness and understanding – may be found in parents of all genders, as well as teachers, coaches and other persons who were and are special in our lives. Who was like a mother to you? What gifts do you still carry from your relationship? Today we'll honor these people and experiences.

*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!*

*Northwest member Hugh Fordyce, who grew up in Webster, West Virginia – the same town as Mother's Day founder Anna Jarvis – will continue his gracious tradition of passing out long-stemmed carnations to us all. You're invited to take a white carnation if your mother or mother-figure is still living or a red carnation if your mother or mother-figure is deceased.*

# Worship Services for May 2017, continued

Sunday services start at 10:00 am

*Focusing on Community*

## May 21 – First Steps (All-Ages Service)

Worship Leaders – Tom Godfrey and Rev. Terry Davis  
Music – Northwest Passage and The Northwest Choir

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." These words from the *Tao Te Ching* are as true today as they were 2,500 years ago. Sometimes, the most difficult part of tackling a challenge is simply getting started. In this all-ages music service, we'll share stories and songs about the bravery of taking first steps.



## May 28 – Memorial Day: For Whom?

Worship Leaders – Letitia Sweitzer and Michael Cain  
Music – William Fowler

Some of us have personal memories of people lost in the armed services; we grieve for the fallen. Others have not lost a loved one in the service of our country. How can we all find deeper meaning in the celebration of Memorial Day?



## June 4 – Blessing of the Animals (All-ages service)

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis  
Worship Associate – Lynne Dale  
Music – Northwest Passage

This is the Sunday where well-behaved four-legged, furry, feathered, and finned friends are welcome! Please bring your pet and join us for a fun and meaningful service where we honor our beloved companions and the lessons they teach us.

*Water bowls and treats will be available on the Front Porch following the service. This service is popular with dog lovers, so crating your kitty, guinea pig, and other non-canine animals is strongly recommended.*

# MEOW! WOOF!

# A Clean Rain

Dear Friends,

Unbeknownst to me, a pop-up shower took place Monday afternoon while I was inside my doctor's office. The white hum noise of the building's air conditioner and the windowless waiting area had concealed any possible clues that the heavens had just opened outside. It wasn't until



away the stains of living, even if only for a little while. And, in my interior landscape, there is something about the way it can clean off smudges of discouragement and stress. A little afternoon rain leaves me feeling fresh, as if my soul in that moment got sprinkled with a little more hope.

What a simple spiritual reset!

my appointment was over and I was heading towards my car in the parking deck, that I caught a whiff of that fresh smell that let me know a rainstorm had passed.

As I exited the dark parking deck, I drove into white muted light and onto a busy downtown Atlanta street that was shimmering wet. The tall, white hotel building on the corner also shined brightly. Two young men,

smartly dressed in patterned blazers and straight-legged pants and wearing loafers with no socks, crossed the street and leapt over puddles. A mist began to cover my car, and I whooshed the windshield wipers a few times to clear off the droplets now mixed with fine pollen dust.

In the cityscape, there is something liberating about the way rain washes

The problems of the world may still hang overhead as the skies eventually clear, but right now my attitude is rinsed in possibility once more . . . and not yet dry.

Warmly,

*Terry*

Rev. Terry Davis

## Notice of Congregational Meeting

### ***Important Bylaw and Building Expansion Votes Require 40% Quorum***

Northwest Congregational Meeting, May 21, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Northwest UUC will hold a congregational meeting on May 21 in the sanctuary at 11:30 am following the service. During this meeting the congregation will vote on a bylaw change and a building expansion proposal that includes a new fellowship hall and improvements and expansion of the sanctuary. These votes will require a 40% quorum, so it is important for members to attend or give their proxy to a voting member by e-mailing the information to Becki Gregory, our board secretary, ([board@nwuuc.org](mailto:board@nwuuc.org)), naming the person who is empowered to cast your vote. Please use the format below.

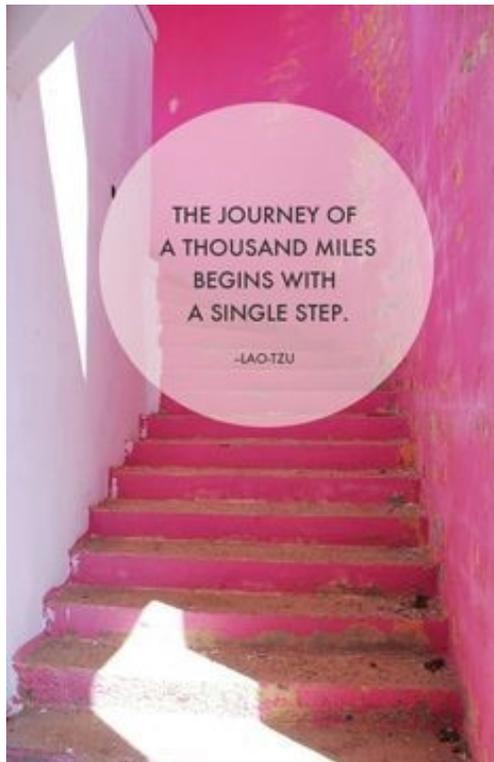
I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby name \_\_\_\_\_ to cast my vote at the Northwest congregational meeting on May 21, 2017.

Our agenda will include annual reports from our president, minister, and finance trustee. Staff and ministry reports will be available in writing. In addition to the bylaw and building expansion votes, we will vote to approve the 2017-2018 operating budget and on our leadership for the 2017-2018 church year. An e-mail notice with supporting materials for the meeting will be sent to members two weeks prior to the meeting.

# A New Step in Your Spring

Autumn is my favorite season, but spring runs a close second. With its shorter days and colder temperatures, winter usually puts me in a sort of stasis. During the wintertime, I usually keep things at an even keel and am reluctant to start new projects. In the spring, I start to thaw, in a sense, and I warm up to the idea of new projects and adventures. As the days warm up and grow longer, I begin to feel more energized and ready to try new things.

We all have projects and dreams that we'd like to pursue. Maybe you also feel a new surge of energy in the spring. Maybe you'll take advantage of this feeling and try something new or tackle that big idea you've always been kicking around in your mind.



One of the most challenging things about pursuing any new challenge is taking that first step, such as buying building supplies, signing up for violin lessons or buying a plane ticket. After that first big step, you look around, realize that it wasn't as scary as you thought, and then you can take the next step, and the next after that.

In this month's music service on May 21, we'll be exploring stories and songs about dreaming big and taking first steps. I'm looking forward to sharing some experiences with you while making music with the band and the choir. I hope that we can help encourage you to put a new step in your spring!

*Tom Godfrey*  
Director of Music

## Earth Ministry Pot Luck Dinner, May 21

Celebrate spring with your Earth Ministry friends!

Join us for great food and fellowship at a potluck dinner and discussion on May 21 at 5 pm at the home of Mani and Ruth Subramanian. See Realm for the address or call Tom or Linda Couch for more information at [tcouch4921@aol.com](mailto:tcouch4921@aol.com) or [706.766.7847](tel:706.766.7847).



## Got to Love This!

A grateful Sandra Niven was rescued after the service on Sunday, April 9, when Tom Couch noticed she had a flat tire and notified her. Several gallant NWUUC guys helped Tom change the tire and send Sandra on her way with instructions for getting the damaged tire fixed. A great caring NWUUC community in action!



# Adult Learning for May 2017

Northwest's adult learning program is offered during Second Hour, 11:30-12:30 on Sundays, immediately following the worship service and a 30-minute refreshment break. This is a great opportunity to explore topics such as spiritual practice, social and environmental justice, community outreach, Earth-based spirituality, Northwest's vision, book discussions, art exploration, seniors group, and much, much more. Sessions are led by our minister, church leaders, members, friends and invited guests.

If you'd like to request the addition of an adult learning session, contact Laura Hall at [laurahallatl@gmail.com](mailto:laurahallatl@gmail.com) with the topic, session leader (if not yourself), first and second choice of date and a brief description of the activity. Second Hour goes on hiatus during the summer.

Check out what's happening during Second Hour in May!

## May 7, 2017



Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc.

### Share the Plate Recipient Presentation: Planned Parenthood Southeast

This month Northwest supports the work of Planned Parenthood Southeast. Please join us during Second Hour on May 7 as PPSE's President and CEO Staci Fox provides an update on the organization's important work and discusses how we at Northwest can support that work.

Read more about this vital organization on page 9.



## May 14, 2017

### Mothers' Day

In honor of Mother's Day and family activities, no adult learning is scheduled on May 14.

## May 21, 2017

### Congregational Meeting

There will be no Second Hour on May 21. All members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting. See pages 4 and 8 for more information.

## May 28, 2017

### Northwest 201

Session Leader:  
Dave Zenner

Northwest 201 offers Northwest members and friends the opportunity to explore deeper connections with the activities of NWUUC.

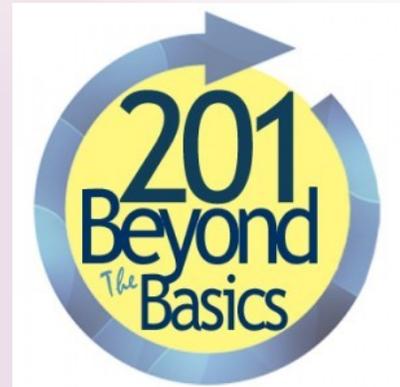
On May 28 we will focus on how we work

together to make this a beloved community to which we want to belong and which we are eager to support. We will hear from leaders of several Ministry Teams, as well as from representatives of our Religious Education program for children and youth. These leaders will shine a light on the many ways we sustain the warmth and supportive nature of "Our Home in the Woods," and will offer ideas on how you can make those deeper connections that add so much value to the Northwest experience. Whether you're new to Northwest or a long-time member or friend, all are welcome!

### Northwest Senior Network

Session Leaders: Renee and Mike Burke

This group is comprised of seniors, retirees, grandparents and family caretakers who provide a network of support, a ride, companionship for an activity or anything else that may come up. We have three ongoing events each month to which everyone is invited: Hungry Ear Coffeehouse, which occurs the first Saturday of the month; LUUnch BUUnch, on each third Wednesday of the month; and our Second Hour activity on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our meetings have covered a wide range of topics, from learning about Hinduism to learning about senior scams. Anyone in the group is invited to present a program or we might just sip our coffee, chat and get to know each other better. New members and friends are always welcome!





# Notes from the April Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on April 17 at 6:30 in the Chalice House.

Kristen Fowks presented the report of the Building Expansion Committee, together with proposals for the agenda and the process at the May 21 Congregational Meeting.

The report includes ballot language for congregational votes on construction of a new fellowship hall into the back patio and expansion of the sanctuary. See article on page 8 for more details.

The votes will authorize the board to organize a capital campaign to fund the projects and to negotiate construction loans as necessary.

The board discussed procedures for discussion and voting at the meeting. The board will not implement a congregational expansion decision unless there is a two-thirds majority. The trustees will review the congregational meeting proposals and vote on them electronically before May 7.

The board considered the agenda for the May 21 congregational meeting and decided that it will include the minister's report. Other reports from staff members and Ministry Team Leaders will be provided in written form.

Dave Zenner summarized preliminary discussions with an interested party about a long-term rental of the Chalice House.

Bill Cox summarized the bylaw amendment which would reduce two specific quorum requirements from 40% to 20%. The reductions would affect "Amendments to Bylaws" and "Deferral of Decisions to the Congregation" in Article VI, Section 3A. Our quorums for these actions are currently higher than those of nearby UU congregations.

David Morgen reported that the nominating committee is almost finished with its slate for the Congregational Meeting.

David Morgen reported for Hannah Cowart that the early-April service and Second Hour discussion about

our policy for a "Sexually Safer Congregation" went well and helped to emphasize the policy and its importance.

Rev. Terry Davis reported that she is talking with an Atlanta ministerial colleague who serves on the faculty at Emory's department of religion and who is also an expert on diversity about a future worship service and Second Hour discussion. At the board's request, Rev. Terry will meet with our UUA Southern Region Consultant to solicit best practices and other information on congregational covenants to present to the board.

The board appointed four lay voting delegates to the General Assembly meeting in New Orleans in June. The delegates are Dave Zenner, Lil Wolf, David Stewart and Jay Kiskel. Hannah Cowart will be an alternate.

Michael Dierickx reported on the 2016-17 budget and the pledge drive, and reminded the Trustees of a special Board meeting to finalize the 2017-18 budget on Tuesday, April 25.

*Prepared by Bill Cox*

## Please Support the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Once a year at our Christmas Eve candlelight service, we collect funds for the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Your contributions are used throughout the year to help Northwest members and friends, as well as members of the wider community, with expenses for basic needs.

In the past year, your contributions:

1. Assisted a mother and her teenage daughter, whose apartment home was completely destroyed by a fire.
2. Covered a few nights' stay at an extended stay hotel for persons who needed temporary shelter.
3. Helped with rent payments.
4. Purchased a MARTA Breeze card.
5. Made car repairs.

Our MDF account is getting low. Could you help with a contribution? Please make your tax-deductible checks payable to Northwest and write "MDF" in the memo line. They can be mailed to Northwest to the attention of Rev. Terry Davis or dropped by the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity! Your care makes a difference for those who need a helping hand.

# The Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Presents Julie Gribble and Godfrey & Guy, May 6



Join us at the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on May 6 for an evening of delightful music. Singer-songwriter Julie Gribble opens the set with her award-winning stories of love and life in her unique Americana/country/pop style.

Godfrey and Guy take the stage after the break to perform vocal selections ranging from Sinatra to Sting. Godfrey and Guy perform a refreshing blend of jazz classics and folk rock that showcase Lori Guy's vocal talent. Featuring easy swing and Latin grooves, Northwest Director of

Music Tom Godfrey provides elegant accompaniments and playful solos to complement Lori's sultry vocals. Joining Godfrey and Guy are special guests Reed Lukat (tenor sax) and Hadrian Mendoza (trumpet), who are

both featured on Godfrey and Guy's new album, *You and the Night*, available at [www.godfreyandguy.com](http://www.godfreyandguy.com).

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. A donation of \$5 is suggested at the door. Canned goods for the Community Assistance Center (<http://www.ourcac.org>) in Sandy Springs are always appreciated. Please bring cash to support the performers and to purchase merchandise and refreshments during the break. BYOB, bring a friend, tell a friend, and be ready for a night to remember!



## News on the Building Expansion

Based on the recent survey, the Building Expansion Exploratory Committee (Bill Cox, Mary Perloe, John Hagler, David Stewart and Kristen Fowks) reports that about 80% of our community favored an expansion to create a Fellowship Hall in the area that is currently the back porch. A similar percentage of members and friends supported expanding the sanctuary.

We are seeking a quote from a general contractor so we can provide financial context for the May 21 congregational vote on the expansion.

As currently imagined, the Fellowship Hall expansion is expected to be larger in square footage and cost than we initially reported to the congregation, but it now includes an expansion of the bathrooms; a sprinkler system to bring the building up to current code requirements; new

roofing, siding and insulation for the sanctuary; as well as other necessary minor improvements to our physical plant.

We anticipate that the expanded Fellowship Hall will generate significant additional income through weddings, graduation ceremonies and other special occasion rentals for which the current space is not suitable.

Please plan to attend and vote on May 21 on whether NWUUC should begin a capital campaign to fund these expansions.

# May STP Supports Planned Parenthood Southeast



This month Northwest is proud to support the work of Planned Parenthood Southeast. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s oldest and largest provider of family planning and related healthcare services.

Every year, Planned Parenthood Southeast meets the healthcare needs of more than 16,000 women and men in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. In addition to providing affordable, high-quality medical care, PPSE educates thousands of young people, parents, and youth-serving professionals. PPSE also advocates for public policy initiatives that support healthcare access for everyone. Now more than ever, PPSE depends on generous gifts from those who recognize how vital its work is to so many individuals and families.

On May 7, PPSE’s President and CEO will lead the discussion during Second Hour. Please see page 6.

# Mountain News

## Still Space for Your Campers!

There are still spaces for summer camp for your little campers. One and two week sessions run from June 11—July 8 for children 6-14.

## Memorial Day Weekend and Annual Meeting, May 26-29:

When those first 90-degree days hit Atlanta towards the end of May, you can head to cooler temperatures at The Mountain for the long Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29. This intergenerational weekend is full of fun, family and fellowship with a little bit of work mixed in. On Saturday afternoon, we will hold The Mountain’s Annual Meeting and Report to Mountain Members.

For more information on these programs, contact Guest Services at [gsoffice@themountainrlc.org](mailto:gsoffice@themountainrlc.org) or call 828.526.5838. More information may be found in The Mountain Notebook on the community table in the lobby.



# Translate Your Passion Into Action

Our recent congregational survey identified three top action items to advance our principles in these unsettling times:

- Sponsor an immigrant or refugee family in partnership with one of our STP-supported organizations.
- Actively seek to create a forum for interfaith dialog at Northwest.
- Form a letter writing community to inform and petition leaders on issues of import.

David Morgen has agreed to coordinate the letter writing community. Members will gather weekly to write

letters (to leaders and the public) advocating for policies and laws that align with our UU principles. The group meets every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Art Gallery.

Lil Woolf is contacting our STP recipient organizations that work with immigrants and refugees—New American Pathways and the International Rescue Committee—to see what sponsoring a family will require.

If you are willing to lead the interfaith forum activities, please contact Social Justice Ministry Team Leader Tony Barbagallo.

Individuals interested in participating in one or more of these action areas are encouraged to join the Realm groups that have been created and will be used to coordinate our efforts. (Please contact the office administrator at [office@nwuuc.org](mailto:office@nwuuc.org) if you need help communicating through Realm.) We encourage members and friends to form and initiate a plan on how to proceed with the action areas for their groups. The Social Justice Ministry team will be available for guidance and support.

Please join one or more of these groups and translate your passion into action!

# May Birthdays and Joining Anniversaries

## Birthdays

05/02 Valerie Johnson  
 05/02 Swani Vinton  
 05/03 Wesley Hickman  
 05/03 Rebecca Reeves  
 05/08 Nancy Johnson  
 05/08 Nancy Warnick  
 05/08 Gregg North  
 05/10 Darrick Alford  
 05/12 Paul Payne  
 05/15 Becky Ferguson  
 05/16 Stephanie Dietz  
 05/19 Jack Edmonds  
 05/19 Marian Lynch  
 05/19 Greg Pattison  
 05/21 Renee Burke  
 05/21 Dianne Farrelly  
 05/22 Kristina Banks  
 05/23 Deb Andrews-Gautney  
 05/23 John Wienert  
 05/23 Marge Zanella  
 05/25 Edward O'Connor  
 05/29 Shelley Hartnett  
 05/30 Daltrey Suite

## Anniversaries

05/23/1971 Carmen Noakes  
 05/01/1975 Anne Coogler  
 05/11/1980 Karen Lawrence  
 05/05/1991 Shelley Hartnett  
 05/05/1991 Tom Hartnett  
 05/26/1999 Barbara Kilbourne  
 05/26/1999 Ed Kilbourne  
 05/11/2001 Marti Wilson  
 05/17/2004 Lynne Dale  
 05/30/2010 Luke Newman  
 05/09/2010 Marge Zanella  
 05/06/2012 Sharon Reynolds  
 05/27/2012 Nicholas Barbagallo  
 05/05/2013 John Hagler  
 05/26/2013 Cynthia Flot  
 05/26/2013 Melinda Jerry  
 05/26/2013 Tamela Smith  
 05/26/2013 Dana Suite  
 05/26/2013 NoShell Suite  
 05/18/2014 Julie Rooks  
 05/15/2016 Marie Moline  
 05/15/2016 Fernando Orfila



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# The month of *May*

## May 3

**Letter Writing**, 6:30 pm, Art Gallery  
**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## May 6

**Hungry Ear Coffee House™**, 8 pm,  
Sanctuary

## May 7

**All-Ages Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**RE and Second Hour**, 11:30 am

## May 9

**Book Groupies**, 7 pm, Art Gallery

## May 10

**Letter Writing**, 6:30 pm, Art Gallery  
**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## May 14

**Worship Café All-Ages Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**No RE or Second Hour**

## May 17

**LUUnch BUUnch**, 11:45 am,  
Art Gallery  
**Letter Writing**, 6:30 pm, Art Gallery  
**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## May 21

**All-Ages Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**Congregational Meeting**, 11:30 am  
**Earth Ministry Potluck Dinner**, 5 pm,  
Subramanians' home

## May 24

**Letter Writing**, 6:30 pm, Art Gallery  
**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## May 28

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

## May 31

**Letter Writing**, 6:30 pm, Art Gallery  
**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

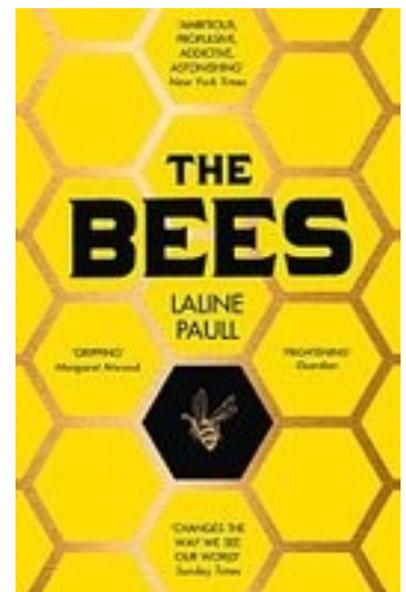
## Book Groupies Discuss *The Bees*, May 9

Earth science and science fiction meet in this thought-provoking novel, *The Bees* by Laline Paull, which the Book Groupies will be reading for our next meeting. Sticking closely to actual apian biology and behavior, Paull explores the remarkably complex and sophisticated social world of bees and challenges us to draw comparisons to our own society (and congregational

life). Join us in the Art Gallery for the discussion at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 9.

The Book Groupies meet the second Tuesday of most months. All readers are welcome. Contact [Penny Raney](#) to learn more.

*The Bees* is available in our Bellwether Bookstore.





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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:

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.