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NWUUC NORTHWEST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

## Worship Services for June 2017

Sunday services start at 10:00 am

### Reflecting on Freedom

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.

#### June 4 – Blessing of the Animals (All-Ages Service)

Worship Leaders – 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.*

#### June 11 – This Land Is Your Land

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis  
Worship Associate – Glenn Koller  
Music – The Northwest Choir

National, state and local parks are a few of the places that we might visit on a summer vacation or simply an afternoon off. Yet, many of our country’s protected and preserved natural recreation areas are not so protected. Climate change, water usage, nearby development and even well-meaning summer tourists and explorers are all creating threats. How might we enjoy our land and water today while ensuring that future generations can do the same?

#### June 18 – From Father to Son

Worship Leader – Rev. Terry Davis  
Worship Associate – Hannah Cowart  
Music – William Fowler

In his acclaimed book *Between the World and Me*, American author, journalist, and educator Ta-Nehisi Coates writes to his 15-year-old son, “I tell you now that the question of how one should live within a black body, within a country lost in the Dream, is the question of my life, and the pursuit of this question, I have found, ultimately answers itself.” As UUs, how are we helping – and how are we doing harm – in the struggle for racial justice? What questions might we ask ourselves and seek answers to together in this faith community?

*This Sunday marks our “Outgathering” and the end of our regular program year. Join us for a community potluck following the service and a chance to say good-bye to Rev. Terry Davis, who will be on summer break June 19 – August 21. Details on page 10.*



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# Worship Services for June 2017, continued

## June 25 – The Make-Believe World of Religion

Worship Leader – Rev. Fred Howard  
Worship Associate – Letitia Sweitzer  
Music – William Fowler

The title of this sermon might appear a bit irreverent, but there is a sound theological basis to the idea of religion as play. Cultural theorists and anthropologists have noted that the elements of human behavior that make us playful are also those that make religion possible. Religion only fulfills its purpose when it functions as a sort of sacred play.

*For nine years Rev. Fred Howard has served as minister of the Valdosta UU Church and continues to work part-time as an emergency room physician. He has special interests in contemplative spirituality, mind-body medicine and interfaith and intercultural exchange. He is a past board member of Project Harvest Hope, which works with our sister Unitarian congregations in Transylvania to promote sustainable economic development.*

## July 2 – Seeing It Differently

Worship Leaders– Glenn Koller and David Stewart  
Music – William Fowler

For resolution of some problems in our lives and in the world, tangible actions are required. Solutions to other issues, however, can be as simple as seeing them differently. We'll explore how breaking the myopic view can serve as a solution to personal problems and how we as UUs can employ a broader-spectrum view – seeing it differently – as a tool to help heal our hurting world.



## Where the Wet and Wild Things Are

Dear Friends,

As I was returning home from a recent morning walk, I noticed a heap of gray feathers in a pile beneath a tree in our yard. Just feathers –no carcass. There were so many of them, I imagined that they might belong to a Mourning Dove. I wondered if our neighborhood tomcat might have taken down a large bird like that, but I had my doubts.

“Looks like the work of a hawk,” my next-door neighbor remarked, inspecting the pile as he walked with his Golden Retriever, George. That sounded like a good guess.

I remember standing at my kitchen sink once, mindlessly washing the dishes and staring out the window into the yard. Out of nowhere, a broad-winged hawk suddenly swooped down and plunged into the foliage of a tree directly in front of me where I had spotted a cardinal's nest



days before. Apparently the hawk had discovered the nest, too – and lunch.

I recall feeling both completely startled and completely in awe.

At Northwest, there are magnificent red-tailed hawks on our property. I can hear them from my office as I work on my computer, shrieking as they sail over the tall pine trees. A member of Northwest's CUUPS group told me once that during an outdoor pagan ritual behind the main building, one sat on a tree limb nearby and seemed content to watch them the entire time.

Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote,

*What would the world be, once bereft  
Of wet and of wildness?*

*Let them be left,  
O let them be left, wildness and wet,  
Long live the weeds and the  
wilderness yet.*

As my annual summer break approaches, I look forward to leaving my ordered life of work for a little while. I'm looking forward to spending more time outdoors where hawks and the wet and wild things are.

Hope you enjoy your wet and wild summer, too.

Warmly,

*Terry*  
Rev. Terry Davis

# Reminiscing

As most of you know, I'll be Northwest's Director of Music for about three more weeks. We will soon have a new Music/Choir Director as I continue in a more limited role as Band Director. As many people can tell you, I am an enthusiastic maker of lists. So allow me to make a list of some highlights from the past six years.

## The Choir

I can't thank the choir enough for their support. I have been rehearsing the choir every Wednesday night for years. It seems like much of my job is telling them everything they're doing wrong, yet they keep coming back for more! I work the choir pretty hard in rehearsals, and I'm sure they'll all agree that I can be picky, but we also find plenty of time to laugh. It'll feel strange to not be sharing time with these wonderful people on Wednesday nights, but based on the applications we have for the Music/Choir Director position, I am confident they will be in good hands.

## The Sound System and Sound Techs

As Director of Music, I have also been responsible for the sound system. When I first began serving as DoM, we often experienced problems with the sound on Sunday mornings, with mysterious popping sounds and ear-splitting feedback. We acquired a new sound system and later added an improved hearing assistance system and wireless microphones.

Having a great sound system doesn't do much good unless you have someone to run it. We have a handful of folks who take turns running sound. The good work that they do in the



background helps things run smoothly on Sunday mornings.

## What a Blessing

With the help of Elizabeth Hickman, Lori Guy and a roomful of kids jazzed up on Halloween candy, I wrote "What a Blessing," the song we use to sing the children out after Story Wisdom. The first time we sang "What a Blessing" was thrilling. The joy I felt is indescribable.

## The Band

In my second year, I began inviting James Underwood and Bruce Niedermeyer to play with me for services. We kept adding more players, and by the end of that year, we had a full-fledged band. Northwest never had anything like the band before. If "pride goeth before a fall," then I'm about ready to take a tumble, because I'm proud of this band! As I continue on as Band Director, I'm looking forward to making more good music with Northwest Passage in the coming years.

## The Staff

While serving as DRE, Elizabeth Hickman always brought a smile to my face, and I loved watching her work with the children. Shirley, our Office Administrator, brings a calm confidence to the workplace, and

never fails to be helpful. As for Terry, I don't think we could have chosen a better minister. Terry provides gentle yet firm leadership. The stability and order that she brings has helped make my job a lot easier. We are lucky to have Terry.

I like to think that I've helped make a mark on Northwest and moved us in a positive direction.

The choir continues to thrive, we have a good sound system with good people to run it, we have our very own "sing the children out" song, and we have the band. As the mantle of music director is passed on to another, I'm excited about having two music professionals on staff. My time as Director of Music is almost over, but I feel like we're just getting started.

*Tom Godfrey*

Director of Music



# Notes from the May Board Meeting

The hot topic during our Board Meeting on May 15 was planning the Congregational Meeting. We discussed each aspect of the meeting in detail, all the way down to the number of microphones! We hope to create a meeting space that ensures all members have access to information and have the opportunity to provide input throughout the meeting. We also discussed:

## Diversity at NWUUC

Today's political and social climate remind us daily that it's important to put our values into action in everything we do as UUs. We are excited that Rev. Davis plans to delve deeper into the subject of diversity in Fall 2017 with programming and related sermon topics.

## Music Director/Choir Director

Applications are pouring in for the Music Director/Choir Director position! We look forward to hearing updates on the process from the search committee.

## Next Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held on June 19 and will be the last board meeting for Glenn Koller and Becki Gregory. We will say a heartfelt "thank you" to Becki and Glenn and welcome three new board members. Incoming board members are invited to this meeting to help ensure continuity in operations.

In anticipation of her upcoming rafting trip, Becki closed out our meeting with a special reading of the *Boatman's*

*Prayer.* We especially took to heart the blessing that states: "may your mind be set free and your body be set in motion." NWUUC is certainly set in motion and we look forward to embarking on this journey with you!

*Prepared by Hannah Cowart*



## RE-Creation

Thank you all for the warm welcome to NWUUC as your new Director of Religious Education (DRE). The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of new things: new faces, lots to learn, and many new relationships with the families at NWUUC. I look forward to the coming days with anticipation of the joy of learning for the children of this congregation and for all ages. I believe that religious education is a life-long endeavor.

In the spirit of joyful learning, I'm calling the DRE column, RE-Creation. This is first a play on RE for religious education. It is second a play on the double meaning of recreation referring to play, and re-creation, to begin again. One of my favorite hymns, *Morning Has Broken*, celebrates the re-creation of each day. This is the foundation of religious education within a congregation. I am honored to be a part of a congregation that sees such hope in



the new day, in the blossoming of the children as they grow with curiosity and strength to live out their religious values in their lives.

Recreation: playfulness, joy and silliness. These will be the foundation of my work here. Many of you were here my first Sunday and participated in the decorating of my art car covered in chalk paint. The art car was covered in messages and drawings of welcome to me. I learned much about the personalities of the children based

on what was written/drawn and the number of times they returned to add more. The art car will make many appearances in the future months and there will be plenty of opportunities to have more fun with it.

May our many days ahead of recreation, re-creation, and learning through RE be full of learning, joy and laughter and Art Car fun!

*Christina Branum-Martin*  
Director of Religious Education

# Adult Learning for June 2017

The Learning Ministry will be winding down the church year in June, with the last session on June 18. We will then take a break from Adult Learning Second Hour activities during the summer months. This will provide a well-deserved rest for all the hard-working Adult Learning session leaders and organizers, as well as our dependable child care workers. After enjoying our summer break, we'll kick off the 2017-18 Adult Learning program in September, renewed and ready to engage in a variety of insightful and fulfilling learning opportunities.

The June schedule is a little lighter than usual, with sessions offered only on June 11 and June 18.

## June 11, 2017

### Share the Plate Recipient Presentation: Transylvania Partner Church

Session Leader: Kay McCall

We will have a second hour presentation on the Partner Church Council and our Transylvanian connections on Sunday, June 11. All are invited. Please note this is the second Sunday, not the usual first Sunday. Read more about the Partner Church Council below.

## June 18, 2017

### CUUPS Litha Earth-based Ritual

Session Leader: Harry Trendell

Please join CUUPS as they celebrate Litha, the summer solstice, also known as Midsummer, at their circle off the back porch. Litha is traditionally a fire ceremony filled with joy and laughter. Come and help spread the cheer and start summer off right!!



# Social Justice News

## Share The Plate with Our Partner Church Council in June

Let's finish the STP church year with a big gift to our partner churches. The Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council encourages and supports almost 200 congregational partnerships between American and Canadian Unitarian Universalists and Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists around the world.

These relationships weave together the lives and stories of people who share our fundamental affirmations of freedom of conscience in matters of religion, tolerance for those with different beliefs, a reasoned approach to religious ideas and a willingness to grow and change in our religious

understandings. Our money helps to sustain these old churches, many of which house beautiful art work and are symbols of the birth of Western religious freedom. Our youth raised funds and traveled to Transylvania in 2012 to see these churches and to help develop bonds of friendship. Our donations in June will help continue that tradition. Please give generously.



## Habitat for Humanity and Interfaith Connections

We have an opportunity for Northwest volunteers to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build again this year. Last fall we worked with HFH and members of several temples, churches, congregations and mosques to build a house in a south Atlanta neighborhood. This year we hope to have a pre-build meet up to get to know the members of the other faiths and congregations. It's an opportunity to advance two of our goals in Social Justice. The dates are Sunday, August 13 and Sunday, September 24. If you are interested in participating, contact Tony Barbagallo.

# The Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Presents

## Jimmy Robinson and Lily Kiara, June 3

Join us at the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ on June 3 for more great music and good times.

Jimmy Robinson is a guitarist, composer and vocalist from New Orleans who has been recording and touring for more than 40 years. He has received critical acclaim for his unique virtuoso approach to the guitar and his compositional skill. He tours the world, opening concerts for everyone from Chick Corea and Bela Fleck to Jeff Beck, John McLaughlin and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

Lily Kiara is a folk-pop singer-songwriter, based in Amsterdam. She plays songs that have evolved into individual vignettes and stories which hook the listener into rapt attention,



concerning human rights intertwined with personal journeys. Her latest CD has been released in the U.S. by Zip Records.

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. 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.

## Great Programming at General Assembly, June 21-25

General Assembly 2017, the annual national meeting of Unitarian Universalists, will be held June 21-25 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The programming promises to be compelling and timely.

Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is this year's Ware Lecturer. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges



eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults. He has received the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the

Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award. In 2015, he was named one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. Last year we read and discussed Stevenson's book *Just Mercy* as part of our Second Sunday Sermon Series.

On June 23, we will join the Love Resists campaign to resist hate and fear. The event will start with a brass band-led "second-line" style procession to the event site, a tradition established by black New Orleansians to

## LOVE RESISTS

express grief and celebrate life, which has offered cultural resistance to systemic oppression for generations. A short

program starting at roughly 5:45 pm will feature both community and UU activist voices and honor General Assembly's New Orleans partner organizations. Get energized and sustained in community for the loving resistance we'll bring forward together.

On Sunday, June 25, we will hold the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. The service will be led by Rev. Mara Dowdall, senior minister of the First UU Society of Burlington, Vermont. A Philadelphia native, life-long Unitarian Universalist and a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Mara worked in national politics before her call to ministry.



Our delegates are Lil Woolf, David Zenner, Jay Kiskel, and David Stewart with Hannah Cowart as an alternate. Our minister, Rev. Terry Davis, represents Northwest as a GA delegate as well.

## Outgathering Potluck Brunch, June 18

Join us following the service on June 18 for our annual Outgathering Potluck luncheon! Please bring a dish to share as we close the congregational year and welcome summer in style. Remember to put your name on your serving dishes so we'll know to whom to return them.



## Office Administrator's Vacation Schedule

The Office Administrator will be away from June 22 - July 4, returning to the office on Wednesday, July 5. Volunteers will check the office during that time. Thank you, office volunteers!

## Getting Started with Helping Refugees

Respondents to our congregational survey expressed an interest in aiding refugees as part of our Declaration of Conscience commitment. Here's an update on our progress in this area:

Lil Woolf, who is heading this area, spoke with members of both the International Refugee Committee and New American Pathways, both of whom have been Share the Plate recipients this year. Both groups ask sponsors to make a financial commitment to a family. However, there are other ways to be involved, such as helping with English lessons and driving to doctor appointments. These options are being pursued.



Lil is also following up with Friends of Refugees. Rebecca Cabral has been involved with an arm of this organization, Embrace Refugee Birth Support, and we will be doing more with them.

Another opportunity has come our way via Mark and Mary Perloe. They attended a dinner that was sponsored by yet another organization called

Empowering Refugees Atlanta, where a Syrian family cooked and served an entire ethnic meal for about 24 people for which each participant donated \$50. The food was purchased with that money and the rest was given to the family. After the dinner the family provided a short program about their country and experiences. This allowed the guests to get to know each other and enabled offers of help to take place. The Perloes found this to be a moving and meaningful experience—as well as a delicious meal. A dinner will be held at Northwest on September 30. Updates will be posted in the NeUUs.

# Welcome New Members!

We are delighted to welcome five new members to Northwest. Read on to learn more about them and the paths that brought them here—then reach out to extend your personal welcome to them!

## **Melissa Mulvaney**

I was born and raised in Centralia, Illinois, in the center of the southern third of the state. Religiously, I come from a Judeo-Christian upbringing - dedicated in a Baptist church as an infant, baptized in a First Disciples of Christ church as a child, and confirmed in a Methodist church as a youth. I converted to Catholicism in my mid-20s, but later fell away from the Catholic church.

I look forward to giving Northwest UU Congregation my talents, time and effort as freely as I can while keeping a healthy balance between my family, patient and personal responsibilities. I hope to be able to build deep and lasting friendships with members of the Northwest community that provide a way for me to sustain and be sustained throughout all of the seasons of my life and the lives of my family.



## **Joe Keller**

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but have since lived in Michigan, Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky, California, and Georgia. I was raised a Catholic, but began losing interest in Catholicism during college. Melissa and I began attending a UU church in North Carolina after Melissa came across UU literature on line.

I hope to share and receive experiences in our common search for spirituality. I also look forward to the influence of this community on my son's spiritual and social development.

## **Judy McKinley**

I grew up in Glenview, a suburb of Chicago. After college, I moved into Chicago for two years before moving to Atlanta in the early '70s.

Our family was very involved in the Glenview Community Church, a nondenominational Protestant church that prepared me perfectly for becoming a UU when I moved to Atlanta. Their mission statement included "a welcoming congregation . . . to members in the community from diverse religious backgrounds," "committed to social justice." In the late '70s, I found UUCA.

I expect that John and I will make NWUUC our spiritual home. As my health stabilizes and as retirement opens new possibilities, I will start with rejoining the choir, meanwhile exploring other avenues for involvement to see what calls to me at this point in my life.

## **John McManus**

I was raised in High Point, NC and Athens, GA and brought up Catholic.

I look forward to companionship in our search for spiritual peace.

## **Kim Kendall**

I was raised primarily in Ft. Worth, Texas. I also lived in Minneapolis; Morgantown, WV; and Chicago.

I was a member of the Disciples of Christ church before becoming a Unitarian Universalist. My father told me frequently, as I was growing up, that you always have to give back to the Earth for the oxygen you use during your lifetime. Taking his words to heart, I became a teacher and school administrator in Title One schools for 38 years.

I feel that I can continue on this path by being a member of the Unitarian Universalist church.





## Intergenerational Family Camp and More at The Mountain, July 23-30

Who says adults can't go to camp? Spend a week at The Mountain with or without your kids. Intergenerational Family Camp welcomes parents, children, grandparents—everyone!

Come enjoy the beauty of the North Carolina mountains while participating in workshops, crafts, hiking, campfires, music and singing and storytelling. Or simply relax and reflect as you spend time on the decks or in the woods.

The program runs from July 23-30, but you can come for all or part of the time, whatever fits your schedule.

Registration Fee includes:

- Lodging
- Meals, including dinner on arrival through lunch on departure
- Use of assigned facilities
- Participation in program activities

### **8 Day / 7 Night Package (July 23 – 30)**

Adult: \$526 per person, double occupancy

Youth: \$245 (ages 8-17)

Children: FREE (ages 0-7)

### **6 Day / 5 Night (July 23 – 28)**

Adult: \$376 per person, double occupancy

Youth: \$175 (ages 8-17)

Children: FREE (ages 0-7)

### **3 Day / 2 Night (July 28 – 30)**

Adult: \$150 per person, double occupancy

Youth: \$70 (ages 8-17)

Children: FREE (ages 0-7)

Youth and Children must be accompanied by and lodged with a registered parent/guardian.

August 14-18, The Mountain will present Connection through Companionship. Companionship circles are a new group practice designed to enhance mutual connection and deepen self-awareness in small groups of trust, openness and empathy. The program will be led by Rev. Roy Reynolds and UU lay leader Trudy Deyle. The 5-days/4 nights rate is \$490 per adult (double occupancy) or \$630 per adult (single occupancy).

You can learn more about both programs and register at [themountainrlc.org](http://themountainrlc.org).

# June Birthdays and Joining Anniversaries

## Birthdays

Gail Hyde	06/02
James Underwood	06/02
Laura Kearns	06/03
Linda Irving	06/04
Caleb North	06/05
Christina Branum-Martin	06/06
Jay Kiskel	06/12
Nathan Roberts	06/13
Jo Williams	06/16
Audrey Marroquin	06/20
Martha Spencer	06/21
Constance Dierickx	06/26
Mark Livezy	06/30
Karin Stern	06/30



## Anniversaries

Cathryn DuBow	06/02/1993
Richard DuBow	06/02/1993
Tammy Clabby	06/28/2009
Hannah Johnson	06/09/2013
Valerie Johnson	06/09/2013
Gregg North	06/09/2013
Melanie North	06/09/2013
Kristan Wagner	06/23/2013
John Maynard	06/23/2013
Alison Williams	06/01/2014
Brian Williams	06/01/2014
Jamie Williams	06/01/2014
Jesse Williams	06/01/2014
Jessa Fagan	06/08/2014
Marc von Mandel	06/16/2014
Mary Jo Guy	06/22/2014
Linda Couch	06/07/2015
Tom Couch	06/07/2015
Verna Barrett	06/14/2015
Jay Hall	06/14/2015

## Rev. Terry Davis' Summer Schedule and Pastoral Care

Summer is almost here and our minister Rev. Terry Davis will be taking time off for rest and renewal. Her schedule is as follows:

June 18	Last Sunday in pulpit before summer break
June 19–25	Attending UUA General Assembly, New Orleans, LA
June 26–Aug. 20	On summer leave
August 21	Returns to Northwest office
August 27	First Sunday back in pulpit

For non-emergency pastoral care needs during this time, please contact a member of the Care Corps team: Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis, Maria Drinkard, Lil Woolf or Linton Hopkins. Rev. Davis can be reached on her cell phone if there is a pastoral care emergency; her contact information can be found in Realm.



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### June 3

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

### June 4

**All-Ages Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**RE**, 11:30 am  
**No Second Hour**

### June 7

**Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

### June 11

**Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**Summer RE**, 11:30 am  
**Second Hour**, 11:30 am

### June 14

**LUUnch BUUnch**, 11:45 am,  
Art Gallery

### June 18

**Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**Outgathering Potluck**, 11:30 am

### June 25

**Worship Service**, 10 am  
**Activity Time**, 10:15 am  
**Fellowship**, 11 am  
**Summer RE**, 11:30 am

### Mark Your Calendars!

Northwest All-Congregation Retreat,  
October 6-8 at The Mountain

## Dining For Women, June 11

All women are invited to join us Sunday June 11 from 5-7 pm for Dining for Women. This month we support the [Early Marriage Prevention Initiative](#) in Balkh Province, Afghanistan.

This project serves to implement the second phase of an early marriage prevention program for 500 girls attending two girls' schools in Northern Afghanistan.

We love this project because it is very specific and locally developed in Afghanistan to reduce early marriage and raise awareness in the community about the benefits of delaying marriage. The project occurs in successful schools and includes great collaborators.

To RSVP and get details of the dinner location, contact Mary Perloe at 404.217.8201 or [maryperloe@gmail.com](mailto:maryperloe@gmail.com).



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## June 2017 UNiverse Newsletter

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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.