



April 2018 UNlverse

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The Pledge Is ON!

Northwest's yearly pledge drive began in March and continues into April. **Our target is \$240,000!**

Our finance team determined that \$240,000 is the amount needed to meet our next annual budget, which will include overdue raises for our staff to keep up with cost of living and one-time expenses related to our ministerial search. During this time of transition, we have the opportunity to make a moral statement about who we are as a congregation and where we're headed.

Why is meeting this specific goal of \$240,000 important?

- The ministerial salary we pay now is below the mid-range guidelines of the UUA and would preclude many ministers from considering coming to Northwest.
- The ministerial search process costs \$7,000 on average.
- Pastoral and administrative staff have not received salary increases in several years.

Our budget is a moral document. It states how we value our congregation, the work it does and how strongly we are willing to support it.

Based on the number of pledges last year (100), the average pledge needed to meet our goal this year would be \$2,400. We are optimistic that our number of pledges will increase this year. Every single pledge will help us meet our goal.

What might be the consequences of not meeting our \$240,000 goal?

- We may not be able to attract the minister we want. It's possible that we might, literally, be out-bid for the services of the minister we desire to help lead Northwest.
- Our excellent staff, regardless of how warmly they feel toward us, still need to survive. There is always a possibility they would leave for a salary that is more in line with their skills and needs. As a result, it would be harder to find a replacement with equal skills.
- We would need to consider painful cutbacks in essential services and overhead needs.

What do we get by meeting this \$240,000 goal?

The list is vitally important. We will be comforted by knowing we have done everything financially we can to:

- Be competitive in the selection of our new minister.
- Ensure stability in our excellent staff.
- Support programs that are at the core of our faith.
- Fund some scholarships for leadership development.
- Provide for minimum basic maintenance of our facilities.
- Pay for basic overhead like insurance and supplies.
- Keep the lights on.

"Stewardship in a Unitarian Universalist community or ministry is not about payment for services rendered or buying your way into personal reward, in this life or another. It is about investing...to create the world you always hoped for, so that it will be there for future generations."

~ Thomas Earthman,
Founder of the I Am UU project



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The Pledge Is ON, continued

How much should I pledge?

It has been suggested that you should pledge an amount that might feel uncomfortable. Each congregant knows what that number is for them. Determine what amount you want to pledge and then, think again, perhaps considering some small personal sacrifice that could allow you to increase the amount.

When does the pledge drive end?

Please pledge today. Volunteers will start calling those who haven't pledged on April 1.



Giving makes everything better.
Including you.

How do I pledge?

You can pledge several ways:

- Contribute online. Log in to Realm [here](#). Under your name, click on "My Profile," then click on "Giving" from the list on the left. Click on the "+Pledge" box. Put the amount in the first box, select "2018-19 Pledge" from the next box and click on the blue "Save Pledge" box to save.
- Drop your pledge into the pledge box in the lobby.
- Mail your pledge to Northwest UUC, 1025 Mt. Vernon Highway, NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30327

If you have questions:

- Speak to any board member or ministry team leader and they will help you determine what will work best for you.
- Call John Montgomery at 530.356.0726 for more information.

Finally, if you have already pledged, THANK YOU! Now, you have only one more task . . . Be sure to ask your fellow congregants if they have made their pledges.

John Montgomery
Stewardship Ministry Team Leader

Building Update

Our application for a permit from the City of Sandy Springs is on target to be submitted in April. The city planning department will review our application and let us know when our request will be heard by the city leaders.

We are getting two additional estimates from contractors. One firm with which we were speaking has decided not to participate due to other commitments. Meanwhile, we are working with an architect on initial drawings.

As of March 20, \$291,000 of the \$619,000 pledged for the expansion has been fulfilled.

Constance Dierickx

Steering Committee Chair



Worship Services for April

Sunday Services Start at 10:00 am

Our Sunday worship services are led by our interim minister, Rev. Jonathan Rogers, guest ministers or members of the Northwest Worship Associates team. The Nursery is staffed and available during services and fellowship.



April 1: Easter and Flower Communion Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers

Worship Associate: Tony Barbagallo

Music: The Northwest Choir

Join us for a multi-generational Easter and Flower Communion celebration. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow. Please bring one or more flowers with you to worship and add them to the large vase at the front of the sanctuary before the service begins. During a special ceremony, you will be invited forward to take a different flower home with you.



April 8: Seeing, Hearing, Feeling, Are Miracles, and Each Part of Me Is a Miracle

Worship Leaders: Hannah Cowart and David Morgen

Music: Northwest Passage

As Unitarian Universalists, our first principle calls for us to concern ourselves with the good of other people whose lives are distant from our own. But amidst discomfort, confusion, defensiveness, and aggression, how can we foster the sort of empathy and understanding that such concern requires? What sorts of stories can we tell to encourage reexamining assumptions and changing minds and hearts? Let's explore how we can connect with one another more deeply.

Flowers and Bunnies and Brunch Goodies!

After the April 1 Service

On Easter morning, our youth will hide Easter eggs along with the canned goods collected for the CAC for the children to find and turn in for prizes. The Easter Bunny will make a visit on Easter morning. Bring your cameras for photo (h)ops.

Following the Easter egg hunt, join us for the Easter Sunday potluck brunch. Please bring a food item to share. Adding an identifying food label and putting your name on the container is much appreciated.



Worship Services for April, *continued*

Sunday Services Start at 10:00 am

April 15: Everybody's Gotta Eat, but Everybody Doesn't

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers

Worship Associate: Tony Barbagallo

Music: The Northwest Choir

A commitment to food justice fundamentally calls us to create a world where everyone has enough to eat. What does it mean spiritually to pledge oneself to this work? How can we bring our food justice efforts into the world in ways that make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others?



April 29: The Friendly Forest

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers

Worship Associate: Brian Freeman

Music: The Northwest Choir

The Friendly Forest is a parable that helps us to understand courage and communication in valuable and nuanced ways.

April 22: Earth Day: We Are All in This Together

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers

Worship Associate: Barbara Peterson

Music: Northwest Passage

Earth Day is a reminder that categories of "us" and "them" matter much less than considerations like equity and sustainability. Join us, as together we explore what equitable and sustainable commitments to environmental justice look like today.



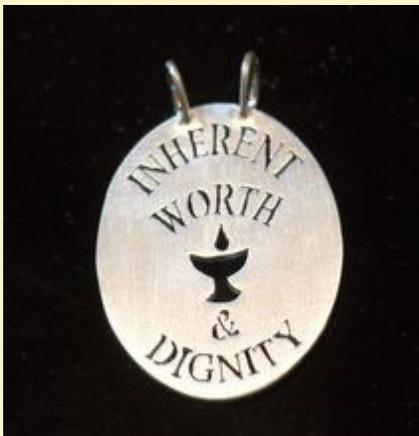
Love in Times of Change



“Love” is enough of an abstract concept that we can easily forget to bring it into the real world. But in 2018, the practice of making our love a lived and embodied part of who we are, and how we take care of each other and a broken world, is of paramount importance. It is central to our goals as a congregation and as an Association.

Kenny Wiley, a religious educator in Colorado and leader in Black Lives of UU, frames the necessity of this practice starkly when he writes:

“To fight for Black lives now is to participate in radical hope. It is to battle for salvation on this Earth. It is to fight for life, for love, for justice. It is to demand more out of the first principle. It is to demand a more perfect faith.”



Last year, I convened a panel of Unitarian Universalists who spoke about times of change in their lives and in their communities, and what it had meant to live our value of love during those transitions. What stuck out to me again and again about their sharing, was the resilience that they had found in themselves and in their communities. It made me feel braver just listening to them. All three had faced events or changes that I could not imagine ever possibly making it through, and had thrived in the aftermath. They reminded me that we are indeed resilient and adaptable beings.

All three of the panelists had been part of groups, congregations and communities that had undergone change. Here, the outcomes were not as uniformly sunny. Some of the communities described had faded away; some had grown so rapidly no one knew quite what to do, and some had morphed into very different entities.

The biggest factor in determining if growth or adaptation could successfully occur was mutual empowerment and trust among the members. Some groups were described as toxic and unhealthy, while others only slowly came to places of letting go and trusting new ways of doing things. In the words of feminist theorist and author bell hooks: “When we face pain in relationships, our first response is often to sever bonds rather than to maintain commitment.”

Our world and our faith movement are asking a lot from religiously liberal communities these days. The way forward is unclear, complicated and high stakes. And we have to get there together. Those are also precisely the reasons that small communities of people, who are experienced in being in loving community and making hard decisions together, are so crucial.

Changes, like in the context and culture of a congregation, can bring pain with them. My hope is that in the change process, we will not sever bonds, but rather deepen them. May we as a congregation and as individuals take such opportunities to grow in the direction of love, trust, and mutual empowerment.

Jonathan

Rev. Jonathan Rogers



Art Reflects Life

The creative arts are and have always been humankind's method of interpreting life events, ideas, attitudes, etc. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed operas often reflecting the chaotic lives of his royal patrons, much to his continual professional demise at times. George F. Händel composed the *Water Music* orchestral suite for small orchestra as entertainment for a royal cruise hosted by King George I of Great Britain in 1717. Love songs by composers such as Harold Arlen, Marvin Gaye, Cole Porter, Smokey Robinson, Carol King and so many others articulate expressions of the heart.

Archeologists have unearthed countless creative artifacts of bygone cultures and civilizations that revealed significant aspects of those cultures. As we view such



artifacts, listen to musical works and study the lyrics of songs both secular and sacred, we are informed of what and how other humans viewed their lives, surroundings and the universe. Swedish-American poet Carl Sandburg, for example, composed poetry reflecting aspects of Americana and is best known for his descriptive writings of Illinois, his home state.

Americans of African descent during slavery incorporated the music styles of their ancestry with that which they encountered on American shores to create expressions of freedom, heaven, abuse and hope for the future. Negro Spirituals came about to express the pain and cruelty of human bondage by utilizing the combined dialect of their

ancestry and English – thus black dialect. For relaxation, recreation and reflection, they created rhythmic music expressions known as jazz, blues, rock and roll, and rhythm and blues forms. Blues composer and pianist, Thomas Dorsey, born in Villa Rica, Georgia, and known as “Georgia Tom,” transitioned his secular blues stylings during the early 1920s into what is known as Black Gospel music beginning with his musical prayer entitled “*Precious Lord*” – a request for assistance following the death of his wife and child during child birth. The text states:

*Precious Lord, take my hand;
Lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, Precious Lord. Lead me on.*

American poet James Heart composed the poem, “*Stranger, Share Our Fire*,” which was employed by American composer Daniel Moe as an American folk choral work with the text,

*Stranger, share our fire
Here's bread, a sop of stew.
It's all we have ourselves;
It's what we offer you.
The sky swells out with stars
We stare to see the view;
It's all we have ourselves,
It's what we offer you.*

The songs we sing, the orchestral and Big Band works we listen to, and the paintings and tapestries we enjoy are all expressions of life as interpreted by a creative human mind. So when we next experience a work of art, let us be mindful of the creative mind that brought it to pass.

Philip J. Rogers, D.M.A.
Director of Music

Share the Plate: West Atlanta Watershed Alliance



The West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life within the West Atlanta Watershed by protecting, preserving and restoring the community's natural resources. WAWA represents

In honor of Earth Day, our Share-the-Plate in April will support WAWA. Half of all non-designated funds collected during each of the Sunday services in April will go to support WAWA's efforts. If you wish, you may designate all of your donation to the organization by writing "WAWA" in the memo line of your check. These funds will help supply the materials for our upcoming Earth Day service project, during which Northwest members and friends will build a bridge linking additional neighborhoods to WAWA's greenspaces. Please consider generously donating both your time and offering.



African American neighborhoods in Northwest and Southwest Atlanta that are the most inundated with environmental stressors but are the least represented at environmental decision-making tables.

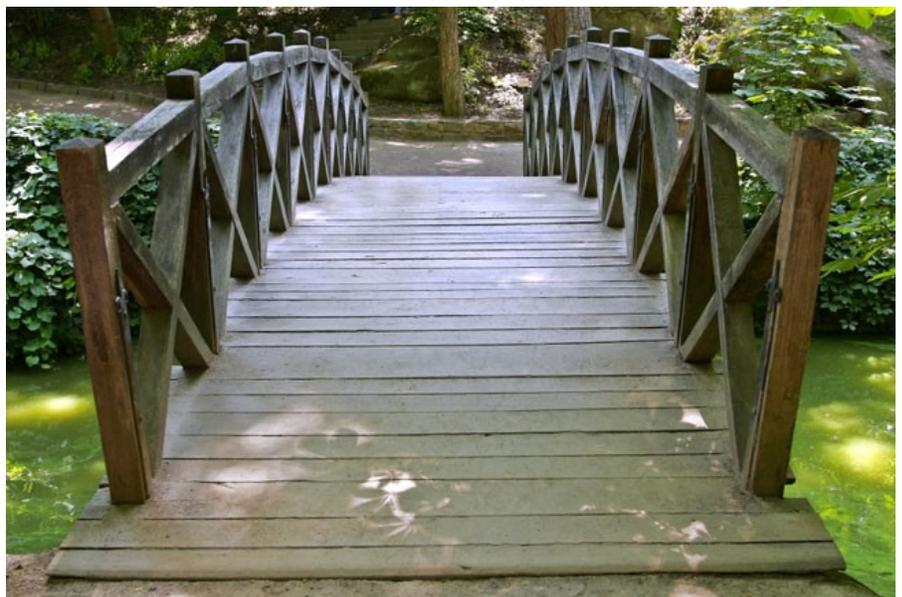
Their symbol is the Wawa ABA or "seed of the Wawa Tree," a West African Adinkra symbol of hardiness and perseverance. On April 8, a speaker from WAWA will discuss the organization and its needs with us during Second Hour.

Northwest Earth Day Service Project: A Bridge to the Community, April 21

To celebrate Earth Day this year, Northwest will combine forces with the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA) and others to build "a bridge to the community" on Saturday, April 21.

Starting at 8 am, we will work with men from Mentor Discover Inspire (MDI) to construct a foot bridge to connect the residents of the Oakland City neighborhood with the beautiful nature trails at WAWA's 26-acre Outdoor Activity Center. We'll meet at the cul-de-sac of Montreat Avenue in Southwest Atlanta.

We need your help to build this bridge connecting the Oakland City neighborhood to the WAWA Outdoor Activity Center.



More Great Programming at The Mountain

From Sustainability to Climate Justice, May 20-25

We feel better when we take small steps toward sustainability, like recycling and shrinking our personal carbon footprint, but the scale of the global challenge is vast. Responding to the comprehensiveness of climate justice issues, this conference will broaden your understanding of:

- the science of climate change and its worldwide impact
- opportunities for addressing climate justice – personally, locally and globally
- the importance of self-care in the work of climate justice.

Homecoming Weekend and Annual Meeting, May 25-28

Join us for The Mountain's Annual Homecoming Weekend. This Memorial Day tradition is an intergenerational three-night weekend full of fun, family and fellowship with a diverse set of workshops for all ages. On Saturday afternoon, we will hold The Mountain's Annual Meeting and Report to Mountain Members.

MountainCamp, June 10-July 28

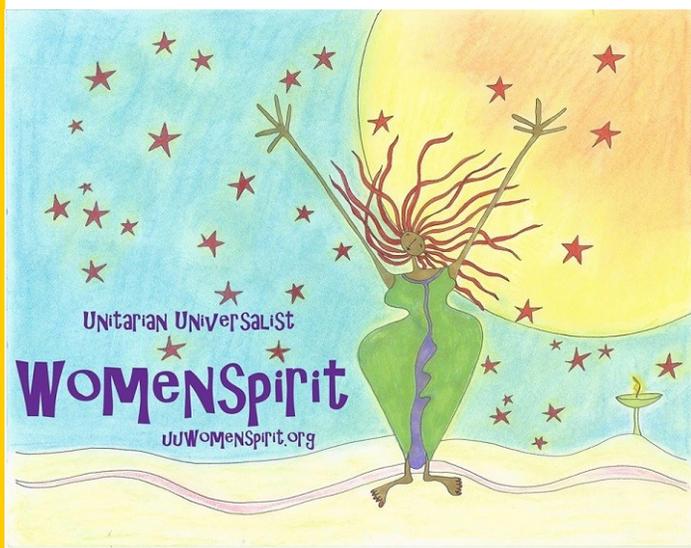
For 35 years, The Mountain has provided enriching youth summer camp programs filled with recreation, adventure, education and creativity. The 4:1 camper to counselor ratio and professionally trained staff create a safe environment where campers are treated with respect and kindness and celebrated for their individual talents.

Camping sessions are offered for 1st-12th graders. Some of the exciting activities and workshops campers experience while at Mountain Camp include: arts and crafts, drama, music, campfires, outdoor survival skills, international field games, low and high challenge courses, whitewater rafting, swimming, canoeing and hiking. Check The Mountain website for camp dates for each age group.

For more information or to register for any or all of these programs, go to themountainrlc.org.



Celebrate the Sacred with Other Women at UU Womenspirit, May 16-20



Bring your sacred self to The Mountain this spring to be refilled at the UU Womenspirit Institute, May 16-18, and Gathering, May 18-20.

Let us gather once again with other women as we hold space together and invite the sacred into our lives. We will embark on interior journeys that welcome and celebrate the Goddess in every aspect of our days.

The registration deadline is May 9 and no registration will be accepted after that. Early bird registration (before April 15, 2018) saves \$20 per adult/per event. Register at www.uuwomenspirit.org.

Adult Learning/Second Hour

Our adult religious education program occurs on most Sunday mornings from 11:30-12:30. This meeting time, which we call Second Hour, follows the worship service and a 30-minute social time/refreshment break. The adult learning program offers sessions on a wide variety of topics, such as social justice issues, the environment, spiritual practice, Earth-centered worship, community-building, small group social interaction and many others. Note that nursery care and activities for children are provided until 12:30 so that parents can fully participate in the adult education program.

Food Justice Focus Update

The congregation-wide *Food Justice Focus* continues in April with a Share-the-Plate recipient presentation from the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance. We will also have two opportunities to hear about the impact on our environment and on our bodies as a result of the food we purchase and consume during Second Hour: the “Living Longer, or the Low-Carbohydrate/High-Fat (LCHF) Lifestyle” session and “Urban Homesteading with the Stewarts” session and field trip.

April 1

Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck

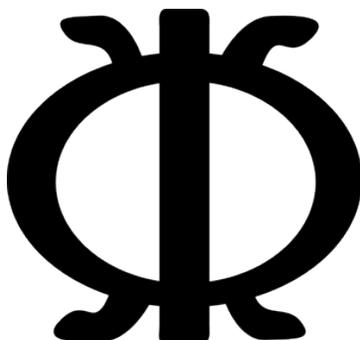
No Second Hour. Enjoy the festivities!



April 8

Share the Plate Recipient Presentation – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA)

Learn more about WAWA’s work and the upcoming bridge project on April 8, when we will be joined by the chair of WAWA’s Board of Directors, Na’Taki Osborne Jelks, PhD, MPH,



during the service and Second Hour. She will provide additional information about the vulnerable communities that WAWA serves and the advocacy and education that they provide.

Dr. Jelks is an Atlanta pioneer in environmental stewardship education in Atlanta. She is also a nationally recognized leader in providing urban communities and youth of color with environmental stewardship opportunities through hands-on watershed and land restoration initiatives, environmental education and training. She was recognized by the White House in 2014 as one of its “Champions of Change.” Join us in the chapel for her presentation.

April 15

Artist’s Reception for Katy Lockhart

Come chat with Katy Lockhart, our exhibitor in the art gallery for March and April and see some of her works on display. Katy (also known as Firefly Studios) is sharing a selection of her latest ceramics work as she explores the wall plate as canvas. Wall hangings as well as 3D and functional ceramic work are on display and available for purchase.



Living Longer or the Low-Carbohydrate/High Fat Lifestyle (LCHF)

In this country, more than a third of adults are obese and the trend is going up to 50% in the not too distant future. Aubrey de Grey, a Cambridge, UK, researcher (he wrote *Ending Aging*, 2007) says that every day 100,000 people die prematurely and obesity is obviously a part of that problem. While low-carb living is often used to lose weight, people stay with it because of numerous health benefits.

Presenter Jon Hoskin, PhD, Food Science, will discuss how the LCHF lifestyle concept dovetails with many other healthy practices that lead to better overall health and a reduction of some types of disease. This Second Hour session will provide a way to learn about better food choices and how those choices can lead to a better life. We will meet in the chapel.

Adult Learning/Second Hour

April 22

Earth Day Celebration

See the description of Earth Day activities on page 14.

The Senior Network and the Beyond Coffee Social Group will not meet on April 22 so everyone can participate in the Earth Day Fair.

April 29

Urban Homesteading – The Health and Environmental Benefits

This Second Hour presentation in the chapel will introduce David and Barbara Stewart's agricultural adventure. We will discuss the health benefits of eating our own organic food as well as the challenges of growing the food without traditional chemicals. We will also talk about the environmental benefits related to the extreme localness and sustainable nature of the farm. Finally, David and Barbara will answer any questions you might have about how you can improve your ethical eating.

You are invited to enhance your understanding of this life-style choice by joining in a field trip to the Stewart's home later in the afternoon.

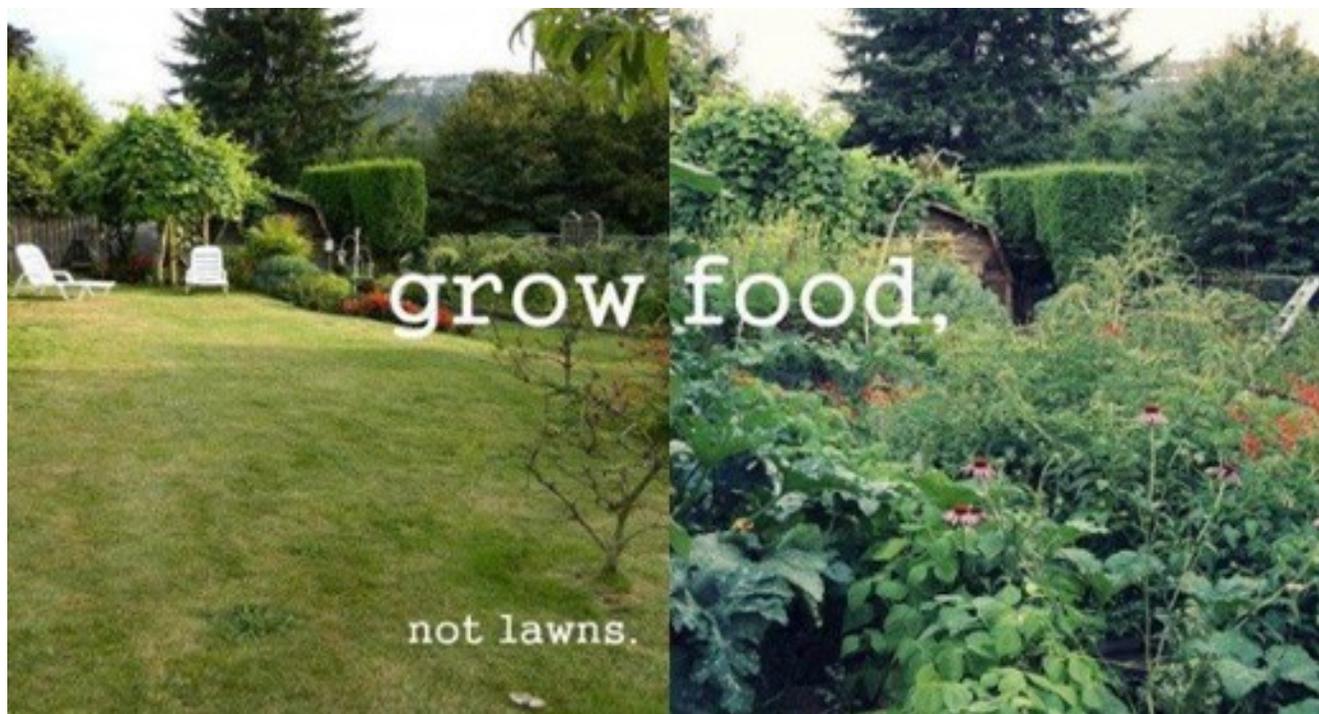


Field Trip to the Stewart Urban Homestead

2 pm-4 pm Open House
1079 Bank St, SE
Smyrna 30080
(678) 453-8358

Come see the Stewart's vision of a homestead firsthand! Scattered through the interactive host-led tour are raised beds for vegetables, fruit trees, rain barrels, a compost bin, berry bushes and canes, a chicken tractor full of hens and a bee hive.

We welcome Northwest members and friends to come see what there is to see as well as ask any questions about the setup. We hope to see you there!



Learn More About Us and UUs-- Sign Up for Northwest 101, April 21

Have you been wondering if membership at Northwest is the next step for you? Interested in learning about Unitarian Universalism and the Northwest UU Congregation? If so, please plan to attend the semi-annual Northwest 101 class on Saturday, April 21, 9 am - noon in the chapel.

Recent newcomers and friends will receive an invitation. Please contact Gina Sample, ginamaddox86@gmail.com or (706) 339-0104, for more information.

Requesting a Northwest Nametag

If you would like to replace your yellow newcomer nametag, please follow these steps:

- **Take a Newcomer Packet with an attached yellow Newcomer info form** and return the completed form at the Greeter Table. You will start receiving Northwest's weekly and monthly email publications.
- **Wait until you have attended several Sunday services before requesting a laminated nametag.** Attending Northwest 101 Orientation class on April 21, Second Hour sessions and other events will help you become more familiar with our congregation.
- Fill out a **pink Nametag Request form** at the Greeter Table.
- The Nametag Team will laminate the nametags after several individuals have submitted requests. They will notify you when your tag has been hung alphabetically by last name on the stand near the front door. Wearing your nametag as often as possible – whether it is yellow or white – allows others to know you and enhances your connection to Northwest.



Soothe Yourself with *In the Spirit*, April 24

Looking for some respite from your busy life? Join Traci Montgomery and Lil Woolf for the next *In the Spirit* contemplative service on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We'll center ourselves with readings, music, candles and silent meditation.



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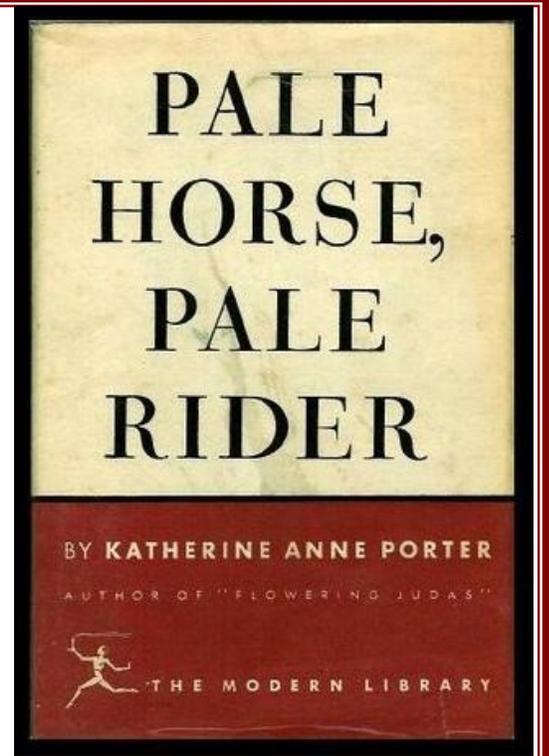
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Book Groupies Read Katherine Anne Porter This Month

The Northwest Book Groupies return to the classics on April 10 when we will discuss some of Katherine Anne Porter's most famous short stories. We will meet in the Art Gallery at 7 pm to discuss *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* (about the 1918 flu epidemic), *Noon Wine* and *Old Mortality*.

Porter won the 1966 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her *Collected Stories*. A master storyteller of the explicit Jamesian period, she tells her multilayered tales in beautiful and intelligent prose. All readers are welcome.

Bellwether Books in our lobby has copies of the book available for purchase.



Hungry Ear Features Emerging Artists, April 7

The April 7 show at the Hungry Ear Coffee House™ will present an exciting new series of Atlanta's emerging artists and rising stars!

Headliner Jonathan Peyton joins the short list of exceptional singer-songwriters to win the coveted Eddie Owen Open Mic Shootout AND first place in the Undiscovered Artist Series at MadLife Stage and Studios! He recently opened for Merle Haggard's sons, Ben and Noel Haggard, and continues to push his career forward with a refreshing sense of integrity and professionalism.



Jacob and Chelsea Hamilton's (Wendlo) beautiful voices blend with a power and sweetness that will take your breath away! Just starting out on their journey as husband

and wife and as musical partners, they will soar in the years to come.



Singer-songwriter Cat Carter will open the show. She is an up-and-coming artist who has gained recent acclaim for her creative, cross-genre style.

Doors open at 7:30 pm, when Northwest's sanctuary once again becomes the Hungry Ear Coffee House. The performance starts at 8 pm. A \$5 donation is requested and canned goods for the Community Assistance Center (CAC) are always appreciated. Bring a friend and a few extra dollars to buy refreshments during the break and to support the performers.

Enjoy Our Earth Day Fair, April 22

Come enjoy fun and meaningful activities for the whole family at the Earth Day Fair at Northwest Sunday, April 22.

The coffee and fellowship time will feature a food fair including a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) table and packages of fair-trade coffee for sale. The kitchen crew will provide healthy, earth-friendly fare to enjoy and some Earth Ministry team members will bring in vegetarian, organic and locally sourced dishes.

Again, this year the Northwest Youth will host their always anticipated table but with some new ideas for 2018. Try to be first in line for that! Everyone can also join in looking through a microscope at the Bioblitz table and see insects important to pollinating

our food supply. There will be art activity tables for the kids. After our regular worship service, the eco-movie *Rare* will be shown in the sanctuary, the second in a series about photographer Joe Sartore capturing images of the world's rarest species. The letter writing table was a

big hit last year and so will be returning.

There will be lots of activities to choose from as we celebrate Earth Day 2018.



April Joining Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Charlotte Alyea	04/25/1982	Susan Hollows	04/29/2012	Luna Marroquin	04/01
Jack Edmonds	04/12/1987	Hannah Cowart	04/06/2014	Violet Marroquin	04/03
Karen Edmonds	04/12/1987	Roland DeWitt	04/20/2014	Peg Gary	04/04
Donna McComas	04/30/1995	Peter Gillis	04/27/2014	Michael Burke	04/05
Richard McComas	04/30/1995	Paul Payne	04/27/2014	Melissa Niedermeyer	04/05
David Morgen	04/21/2007	Amanda Walsh	04/27/2014	David Niedermeyer	04/06
Kaye McCall	04/22/2007	Dan Walsh	04/27/2014	Ruth Subramanian	04/06
Joan Armstrong-Davis	04/21/2010	Katy Lockhart	04/10/2016	Heather Steffin	04/11
Stephanie Dietz	04/10/2011	Keith Lockhart	04/10/2016	Jesse Williams	04/11
Bob Thacker	04/10/2011	Jill Benton	04/17/2016	Priscilla Hopkins	04/13
Maria Drinkard	04/15/2012	Marty Bush	04/17/2016	David Self	04/13
Pam Zenner	04/15/2012	Joe Keller	04/30/2017	David Morgen	04/15
Charles Boyd	04/29/2012	Melissa Mulvaney	04/30/2017	Gene Zanella	04/17
				Penny Orfila	04/24





April 19

A Fierce Green Fire, 7:00 pm, UUCA

April 21

Northwest 101, 9 am, Chapel
A Bridge to the Community, 9 am,
 WAWA/Montreat Ave.

April 22

Worship Service, 10 am
 RE, 10:15 am
 Earth Day Fair, 11:30

April 24

In the Spirit, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

April 25

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

April 29

Worship Service, 10 am
 RE, 10:15 am
 Second Hour, 11:30 am

Save the Date!

Congregational Meeting, May 20

April 1

Worship Service, 10 am
 Easter Egg Hunt, 11 am
 Easter Potluck Brunch, 11:30 am

April 4

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

April 7

Hungry Ear Coffee House, 8 pm,
 Sanctuary

April 8

Worship Service, 10 am
 RE, 10:15 am
 Second Hour, 11:30 am

April 10

Book Groupies, 7 pm, Art Gallery

April 11

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

April 14

Second Saturday Workday, 9 am-noon

April 15

Worship Service, 10 am
 RE, 10:15 am
 Second Hour, 11:30 am

April 18

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

See *A Fierce Green Fire*: The Battle for a Living Planet, April 19

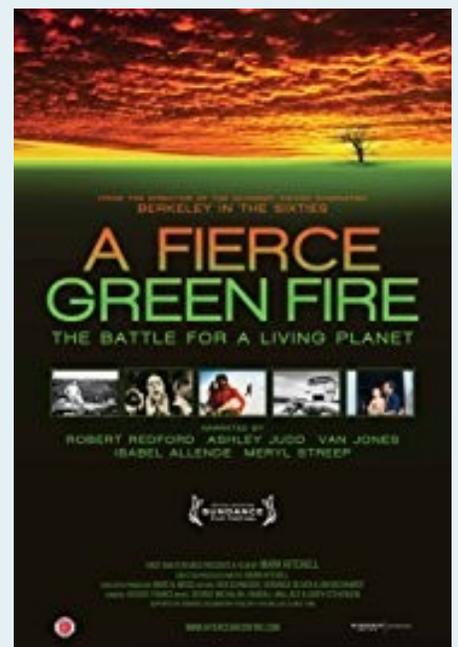
On April 19 at 7 pm, UUCA Third Thursday Cinema will present this first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement – grass-roots and global activism spanning 50 years from conservation to climate change.

Directed and written by Mark Kitchell, Academy Award-nominated director of *Berkeley in the Sixties*, and narrated by Robert Redford, Ashley Judd, Van Jones, Isabel Allende and Meryl Streep, the film has won acclaim at festivals around the world.

Inspired by the book of the same name by Philip Shabecoff and

informed by advisors like Edward O. Wilson, *A Fierce Green Fire* chronicles the largest movement of the 20th century and one of the keys to the 21st. It brings together all the major parts of environmentalism and connects them. It focuses on activism, people fighting to save their homes, their lives, the future – and succeeding against all odds.

The \$3 donation suggested for the evening includes refreshments and a moderated discussion. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA) is located at 1911 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta 30329.





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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.