



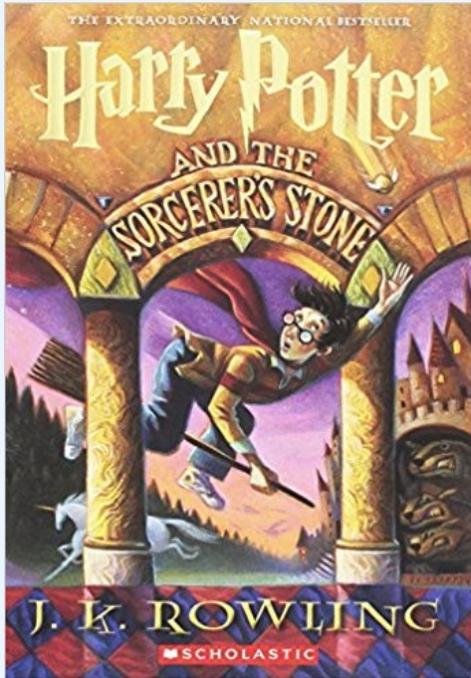
May 2018 UNiverse

NWUUC NORTHWEST
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION

Worship Services for May

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.



May 6: The Liberatory Message of Harry Potter

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers
Worship Associate: Marc von Mandel
Music: Northwest Band

Activists and religious liberals have a lot to learn from the Harry Potter books. Hope, courage, and interdependence are all prominent parts of the Harry Potter message. Come explore how these books can help us to shape and sustain a liberatory mindset in our community and in our world.

May 13: The Hand that Rocks the Cradle; A Sermon for Mothers Day

Worship Leader: Rev. Joan Armstrong Davis
Worship Associate: Hannah Cowart
Music: Northwest Choir

The meaning of Mothers Day as it's celebrated in the US and elsewhere has evolved over the last three centuries. So, too, has the role and meaning of "Mother." Rev. Armstrong Davis will be looking at the history behind the movement to establish a Mothers Day celebration in this country as well as the changing roles of women and the men who support them.



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Worship Services for May, *continued*

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May 20: Bridging Service

Worship Leaders: Rev. Jonathan Rogers and Christina Branum-Martin

Worship Associate: Lil Woolf

Music: Northwest Band

The end of the school year brings opportunities to reflect and celebrate. Join us to observe rites of passage, including the Bridging of our high school seniors and our annual Outgathering ritual.



May 27: If You Feel Guilty, You Are Doing Something Right

Worship Leader: Rev. Jonathan Rogers

Worship Associate: David Morgen

Music: Northwest Choir

Let it go, let it go, that perfect girl is gone! Sometimes we know that it's good to step back from leadership roles for our own sake and for the sake of letting other leaders flourish. But that can feel so abstract, and the need for a group email to get sent out so imminent! In those moments, know that no matter how guilty it makes you feel to not step up and over-function, you are doing something healthy for Northwest.

Northwest 2018-2019 Leadership Nominees

The Northwest Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate for a vote by Northwest members at the congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 20. The members of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee (to be known as the Leadership Development Committee going forward) are Ruth Subramanian, Lil Woolf, Gwen Kahn, Kaye McCall and Kristen Fowks. The leadership names marked with an asterisk are to be approved by a congregational vote. All others are returning leaders. The list of nominees continues on page 3.

Leadership Development Committee

Position	2018-2019	Term Remaining	Serving Until
Immediate Past President	Dave Zenner	1 year term	July 2019
Leadership Development Comm.	Gwen Kahn	1 year term	July 2019
Leadership Development Comm.	Ruth Subramanian	1 year term	July 2019
Leadership Development Comm.	Laura Hall*	2 year term	July 2020
Leadership Development Comm.	Elizabeth Hickman*	2 year term	July 2020

Northwest 2018-2019 Leadership Nominees, *continued*

Board of Trustees

Position	2018-2019	Term Remaining	Serving until these dates
President	Hannah Cowart*	1 year term	July 2019
President Elect	David Stewart*	1 year term	July 2019
Immediate Past President	Dave Zenner	1 year term	July 2019
Trustee at Large	Pam Freeman*	2 year term	July 2020
Trustee at Large	Barbara Peterson	1 year term	July 2019
Trustee at Large	Katy Lockhart*	2 year term	July 2020
Board Secretary	Letitia Sweitzer	1 year term	July 2019
Finance Trustee	Michael Dierickx*	1 year term (extended)	July 2019

Endowment Committee

2018-2019	Term Remaining	Serving Until
Becki Gregory*	3 year term	July 2021
Mary Anne Ericson*	2 year term	July 2020
Derrick Alford	3 year term	July 2020
Glenn Koller	2 year term	July 2020
Mary Perloe	3 year term	July 2020

Please plan to attend the meeting to vote on the congregation's leadership and the 2018-2019 budget on May 20. Documents about the topics which will be presented for a vote will be distributed two weeks in advance of the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please designate a proxy to vote in your absence and notify the Secretary of the Board, Letitia Sweitzer (board@nwuuc.org), of your choice.

Please use the format below:

I, _____, hereby name _____ to cast any vote on my behalf at the special congregational meeting on May 20, 2018.

Calendar Changes



As many of us know, things tend to wind down a bit in congregational life over the summer. When my family first began attending the Universalist Unitarian Church in Waterville, Maine, in the early '90s, one of the things that attracted us was that there were in fact no services in the summer.

While it is now less common than it previously was for UU congregations to take the summer entirely off, our calendars are still very much connected to the timing of the school year, as they traditionally have been. Here at Northwest the Outgathering and Ingathering rituals mark the end and beginning of the program year, respectively.

Since the early 2000s, many public schools in Georgia and other parts of the country have started as early as July. This change was intended to accommodate the increased standardized testing brought on by the No Child Left Behind policy, according to the *New York Times*. Whether or not you agree with parents who have publicly declared "we want our summers back," the fact is that our local districts start the school year much earlier than in the past. In 2018, the last day of school for Fulton County is May 24, and the first day in the fall will be August 6.

Aligning our worship calendar as closely as possible with the local school year calendar sends the message that we welcome and include families with children. With that in

mind, this year's Outgathering service will be May 20, and our Ingathering service will be August 19 (with a goal of moving the Ingathering date one week earlier in 2019, to complete the transition into alignment).

My final Sunday in the pulpit before attending General Assembly and beginning six weeks of study leave and vacation will be June 17. We will also continue the tradition of a Blessing of the Backpacks on August 5, the day before school will start for many families.



One of the maxims of interim ministry is that people do not grieve change, they grieve loss. For some in the congregation, these dates may conflict with existing travel plans or family rituals, and the calendar transition may represent a loss in the ability to participate in one of these special services. For many of us, the idea of ending our summer travel by early- or mid-August is bizarre and inconvenient.

If any conflict in dates because of this change is the case for you, please let me know, and I will do whatever I can to assist you in taking part remotely, or marking these rituals separately. When we make change in our congregational communities, we do not ever want to leave folks behind, if possible.

Please know that these shifts will help us to lay the groundwork for the future health of the congregation, and will aid our efforts to welcome as many seekers as we can. I am always here to receive input and feedback, so please do not hesitate to email me for an appointment (minister@nwuuc.org) if you would like to talk directly.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jonathan



Pledge Update

On Sunday, April 29, at a special congregational meeting, Dave Zenner discussed the prospect that our 2018-2019 budget might have to be set almost \$35,000 below our comparable budget of this year because of a combination of rising expenses and a reduced number of pledges. Dave Zenner passed out a copy of a proposed budget with the areas where cuts might have to be made, and some thoughtful discussion followed.

Every member and friend of Northwest was asked to consider increasing their annual pledge (or to make a pledge now if they haven't done so) to avoid painful cuts in our programs. Members and friends were asked to go to Realm to post this increase, and to email John Montgomery (jtmonty20@gmail.com) to let us know of their pledge increase.

Immediately following the meeting, the congregation received the exciting news that a generous member has anonymously offered to match each pledge increase or new pledge going forward until our budget is achieved.

In a letter to the congregation on May 1, Dave Zenner expressed the confidence of the Board of Trustees that, through the dedication and generosity of all of our Northwest family, we will gather the financial resources to fulfill our inspiring mission: to create loving community, inspire joy and spiritual growth, and support courageous action.

Here's how to make your pledge on Realm: Log in to the "Member Services" area in the orange bar at the top of the [Northwest website](#) and sign in to your account. Click on your name in the blue bar at the top of the page and press "Profile" from the drop

down list. Select "Giving" from the list on the left. Click on the blue "+Give" button. The next screen shows a window where you can enter the amount you want to contribute weekly, biweekly, monthly or quarterly and, just to the right, select "2018-19 Pledge" from the drop down menu. Select the start date and frequency of your contribution in the boxes below. When you have completed the entries, click the blue button at the bottom that reads "Give."

If you have any questions, please contact Stewardship Ministry Team Leader John Montgomery at 530.356.0726.



April Board Notes

Your Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 17. Here are the highlights:

Ministry Team Activities

Coming off a busy April and our fantastic Earth Day celebration, our ministry team leaders continue to impress us with planning and organizing activities in line with our Food Justice focus! In May, make sure to mark your calendars for our annual spring Gardens & Spaces workday on May 12. More information can be found in the announcement on page 12.

Congregational Meeting Preparation

Another May date to highlight is May 20 which will be a VERY busy day for Northwest. Our children and religious education (RE) teachers will be joining us for an intergenerational service marking the LAST day of Children's RE for this school year as well as our annual Bridging Ceremony. We will also be voting on our 2018-2019 budget, Northwest leadership for the upcoming year (slate of candidates on pages 2 and 3) and the makeup of our Ministerial Search Committee. Please be sure to attend the service and Second Hour on May 20!

Pressing Concerns: 2018-2019 Pledge Campaign

2017-2018 has been a record-breaking year of activity and excitement at Northwest. We have all been juggling our building expansion, our search for a settled minister and ministerial transition activities that include working to improve our

administrative processes and shift in culture to a focus on leadership development.

Among all of this activity, the most pressing issue for the Board of Trustees and the congregation is our current 2018-2019 Pledge Campaign. As of the writing of this newsletter, we had roughly \$170,000 in pledges towards our goal of \$240,000.



The Board recognizes that we have asked a lot of you recently in volunteer hours and monetary support. You may have noticed an increase in our call for volunteers. Many of you have stepped up for the first time or increased your involvement in response.

Throughout the year, you have delivered and our momentum has continued to grow. On one Sunday in April, we were delighted to hear of FIVE new members that "signed the book" and, the following Saturday, our Community Ministry Team organized an outstanding Northwest 101 session as part of the track to membership for another SIX people.

All of our activities speak to a healthy congregation that is budding with energy and excitement for the future.

It is imperative for our future to meet our 2018-2019 pledge goal. We must vote on our budget at the May 20 congregational meeting, which makes the significant gap between our current pledges and the financial requirements to meet our commitments an urgent matter.

Therefore, the Board called a special meeting on April 29. Please see the update from that meeting on page 5.

Please consider deeply how important our community is to you and the importance of this campaign to the future of Northwest and pledge (or increase your pledge) accordingly. If you have not increased your pledge recently, we encourage you to consider doing so. If you are not pledging, now is the time to take the step.

In closing, your Board of Trustees stands beside you as we all actively work to nurture this wonderful faith community. Please contact any board member if you have any questions or ideas and thank you for all you are doing!

May Brings Life, Blossoms and Expectations

Of all the months in the year, May seems to possess some of the most positive aspects. For students, May represents an end to classes, the beginning of fun with friends, commencement and thoughts about future endeavors. We have fond thoughts and/or memories of our mothers and the honor, flowers and treats they deserve on Mother's Day. Gardeners gear up for summer "weeding" and nurturing of flowers, herbs, and edible produce patches. Brides and grooms also prepare for that summer wedding and all the festivities involved.



Our expectations are kindled and given new wings in our creative minds. The season of spring that May encompasses seemingly allows us to smile more, dream more and be more enthused about ourselves, our families and our friends. Songs of love have a fresh new meaning while visits to art galleries and botanical gardens

and zoos become a part of our planning process.

Whether it is the life we hope to see come from the ground or the life giving advice and training we have attained from our mothers, the lives and careers students of all ages hope to build or build upon after school, or even the lives two

people plan to develop with one another, May simultaneously engenders vision and thoughts of events past, present and future.

As a community let us commit to give a fresh smile, a fresh word of encouragement and a fresh outlook on life as we share of ourselves and continue to bring the blessings and joy of May to one another.

Philip J. Rogers, DMA
Director of Music

Building Update on Use Permit Process

Our congregation voted last summer to construct a fellowship hall, to expand our sanctuary and to conduct a capital campaign to finance the expansion. The steering committee charged with implementing the expansion has been working toward securing the necessary approval from the City of Sandy Springs and recommending the contractor-architect team.

Over the past two months, the team has been working on the application for permit which requires several surveys. Now that the application is complete, we will go through the formal process of submitting documentation and answering any questions that the City of Sandy Springs zoning team may have. The application review process will take several months.

While the permit review process is underway, our steering committee is meeting with additional contractors and our

architect. The committee is tracking our progress on collecting capital campaign pledges. As of this writing, Northwest had collected \$286,000 of the \$619,021 pledged. Northwest will need about \$700,000 for construction based on preliminary estimates.



Share the Plate: Many Hands Peace Farm at The Mountain



Many Hands Peace Farm (MHPF) is a nonprofit farm associated with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in the foothills of the Appalachian Range. The mission of MHPF is to produce holistic foods for guests of The Mountain, a UU-affiliated facility, and to be an educational model of regenerative agriculture for positive change.

With global climate change, corporate hegemony and food insecurity threatening more and more people every day, small-scale regenerative farming is a cornerstone of the food justice movement. MHPF educates campers, school groups, volunteer groups, congregations and other people of all ages. They aim to equip others with the seeds, plants, mushroom spawn, and knowledge needed to get started on the path of food resilience.

MHPF has its hands in ethical foraging, chicken husbandry, organic vegetable production, perennial fruit and nut production and mushroom cultivation. The farm seeks to sequester all paper, cardboard, and food waste generated on site through composting and mycoremediation systems.

May's Share-the-Plate will support the Many Hands Peace Farm. Half of all non-designated funds collected during each of the Sunday services in May will go to support the farm's good work and education. If you wish, you may

designate all of your donation to the organization by writing "MH Peace Farm" in the memo line of your check. Please consider donating as generously as you are able.

You can learn more about the farm on May 6, when we will be joined during our service and Second Hour by Ben Galindo and Joey Kyle, the co-managers of Many Hands Peace Farm, who will be discussing the farm's current and future projects and how you can help your local food justice movement in your own backyard and your community.



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.

Mountain Camp, June 10-July 28

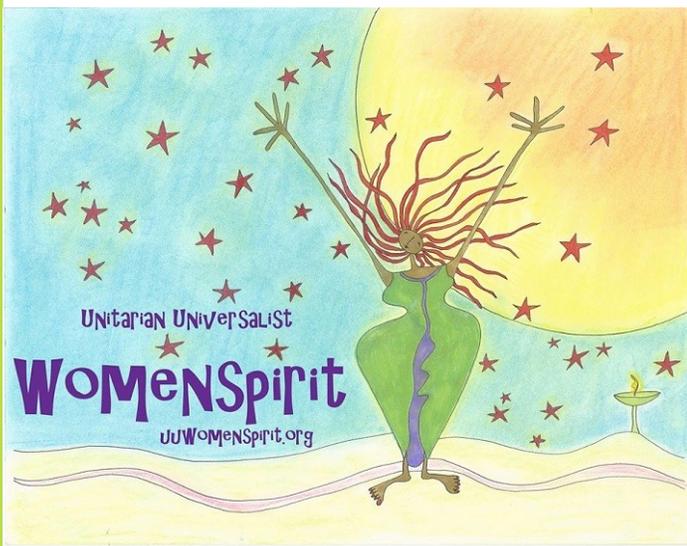
For 35 years, The Mountain has provided enriching youth summer camp programs filled with recreation, adventure, education and creativity. The 4:1 camper to counselor ratio and professionally trained staff create a safe environment where campers are treated with respect and kindness and celebrated for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

Adult Learning/Second Hour

Join us during Second Hour for our adult learning program, where we explore topics and issues related to our UU 7 Principles in a small-group, informal setting. We meet most Sunday mornings from 11:30 am -12:30 pm in various locations on the church campus. Note that nursery care and activities for children are provided until 12:30 pm so that parents can fully participate in the adult learning program.

We will complete our Food Justice focus this month by learning about small scale regenerative farming from a UU-affiliated organization. Take a look at the following offerings in May and join us as we learn together.

May 6



Share the Plate Recipient Presentation: Many Hands Peace Farm at the Mountain

We will be joined during the service and Second Hour by Ben Galindo and Joey Kyle, the co-managers of Many Hands Peace Farm, who will be discussing the farm's current and future projects and how you can help your local food justice movement in your own backyard and your community. Read more about Many Hands Peace Farm on page 8.

May 13

CUUPS 101, Chapel

Have you ever wondered what CUUPS is about or what they are doing up there in the woods? Please join Cynthia Flot as she explores the types of earth centered religions and then delves into what Northwest CUUPS is all about. Bring an open mind and be ready to learn during CUUPS 101.



May 20

Congregational Meeting – No Adult Learning



May 27

Northwest Seniors Network (Art Gallery) and the Beyond Coffee Social Group (Chapel)

The Seniors Network is comprised of older adults who gather to discuss topics such as retirement, elder care, and grandparenting, provide support to one another, and plan social activities at various times and places around town. If you would like to join the group and be added to the email distribution list, please send your name and phone number to Renee and Mike Burke at reneeandmike@mindspring.com. Or just come to the gathering in the Art Gallery to meet other group members and join in the fun.

The **Beyond Coffee Social Group** is for those who don't yet identify with the Seniors Network, but who want to connect with others in a relaxed, informal setting. Whether you are a Millennial, Gen X, Baby Boomer, or something in between, you are welcome.



Religious Education

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings."

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1810.

The month of May ushers in a celebration of the Religious Education program. The RE program winds to a close during the end of the year worship service on May 20. We will honor the RE program leaders and celebrate the graduating seniors from the Youth Program. Come celebrate with us.

The graduating seniors we celebrate:

Jared Freeman

Sean Appel

Mia Branum-Martin



The religious education program leaders we honor:

Suzy Alford

Chris Appel

MarKay Appel

Jill Benton

Stephanie Bullard

Bill Cox

Sandy Davis

Karen Edmonds

Mary Anne Ericson

Adia Fields

Brian Freeman

Pam Freeman

Kuruvilla George

Chrissy Haddad

Tom Hartnett

Elizabeth Hickman

Nancy Johnson

Gwen Kahn

Katy Lockhart

Aruna Rao-McCann

David Morgen

Melissa Niedermeyer

David Stewart

NoShell Suite

Dana Suite

And many more activity time volunteers!

And Looking Forward to Next Year . . .

What a year this has been in RE!

The program is robust, and the playground is full after meaningful classes. We look forward to some downtime this summer as we plan for the next year beginning in August. Some highlights of next year will be the continuation of the new Spirit Play classroom for preK and kindergarten

and expansion of the program for 1st and 2nd grade. Our 3rd – 5th grade will explore Unitarian Universalist values. Younger Youth will begin a session of Our Whole Lives (OWL), a comprehensive sexuality curriculum. Older Youth will begin the year brainstorming discussion topics, social justice outings and multi-faith religious exploration.

We all look forward to being present for the children and youth in the coming year as their own Unitarian Universalist values evolve in their lives.

Christina Branum-Martin
Director of Religious Education

Spring Cleaning and Workday, May 12



Spring has sprung and it is time for our annual gathering to spruce up Northwest inside and out. Everyone is invited to join in on Saturday, May 12, from 9 am to 4 pm for cleaning, gardening, repairs and improvements. There will be jobs for every skill and ability level. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Come for an hour or come for the day. Enjoy working with friends and making a difference.

In the Spirit Goes on Hiatus for the Summer

In the Spirit vesper services will not be held from May through August but will resume in September. We look forward to sharing this quiet, contemplative time with you in the fall.

Traci Montgomery and Lil Woolf



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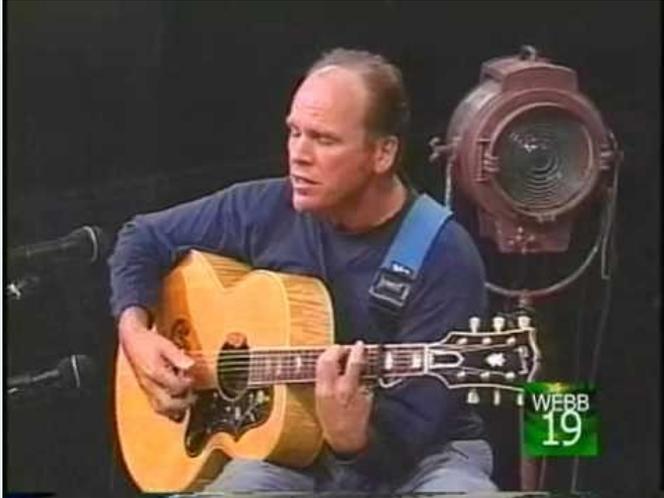
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The Hungry Ear Coffee House™ Presents the Music Listening Room Concert featuring Matthew Kahler and Jimmy Robinson! May 5

MATTHEW KAHLER:



A Georgia native, Matthew Kahler made his way to Atlanta in the early '90s and became a part of the small group of singer songwriters who helped form the now legendary community of indie music put together by Eddie Owen of Eddie's Attic fame. Matthew, Shawn Mullins, the Indigo Girls, Jennifer Nettles, Clay Cook, John Mayer, Andy Offutt Irwin and more started what we now think of as Georgia indie music at its finest.

Matthew is so respected among his peers that he receives accolades from John Mayer saying that "Matthew has written some of my favorite lines." Kristian Bush of Sugarland calls Matthew "the unleashed one," and Zac Brown says that "Matthew Kahler is one of the reasons I started songwriting."

JIMMY ROBINSON:



Jimmy Robinson has been recording and touring for more than 40 years. He has received critical and audience praise for his unique virtuoso approach to the guitar and his rich compositional skill. He studied classical guitar and composition at Loyola University in New Orleans and The Eastman School of Music in New York.

Doors open at 7:30 pm on May 5, 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 appreciated. Bring a friend and a few extra dollars to buy refreshments during the break and to support the performers.



Art Gallery Exhibit for May and June: John C. McManus

The prints in this exhibit are from the John C. McManus collections of “people, places, and things.” The collection dates from 1954 when McManus received his fifth birthday present, a Kodak Brownie, which is still in his possession and in good working order.

Strictly a black & white photographer for years, McManus began working in color in 2001. He accepted the digital advance that year and has since evolved to the point of producing large format (13 x 19) color prints, using available software only to manipulate light and shadow features.

Born and raised in the Southeast (NC, SC and GA), McManus continues his law practice as a trial attorney for the construction industry in Brookhaven, GA.

He has been fortunate enough to travel widely through the years. Most recently he traveled to South Africa on a photo safari with his fiancée and fellow Northwest member, Judy McKinley. While there, he captured images of his favorite “lions in repose.”



May Joining Anniversaries

05/23/1971	Carmen Noakes	05/09/2010	Marge Zanella
05/01/1975	Anne Coogler	05/06/2012	Sharon Reynolds
05/11/1980	Karen Lawrence	05/27/2012	Nicholas Barbagallo
05/05/1991	Shelley Hartnett	05/05/2013	John Hagler
05/05/1991	Tom Hartnett	05/26/2013	Cynthia Flot
05/26/1999	Barbara Kilbourne	05/26/2013	Melinda Jerry
05/26/1999	Ed Kilbourne	05/26/2013	Tamela Smith
05/11/2001	Marti Wilson	05/26/2013	Dana Suite
05/17/2004	Lynne Dale	05/26/2013	NoShell Suite
05/30/2010	Nathan Barbagallo	05/18/2014	Julie Rooks
05/30/2010	Jordan Dale	05/15/2016	Marie Molinet
05/30/2010	Cole Hickman	05/15/2016	Fernando Orfila
05/30/2010	Katie Kibourne	05/06/2017	Judy McKinley
05/30/2010	Luke Newman	05/06/2017	John McManus

May 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
05/24	Jonathan Rogers
05/25	Edward O'Connor
05/29	Shelley Hartnett
05/30	Daltrey Suite





May 13

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

May 16

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

May 20

Worship Service, 10 am
Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am,
Sanctuary

May 23

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

May 27

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

May 2

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

May 5

Hungry Ear Coffee House, 8 pm,
Sanctuary

May 6

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

May 8

Book Groupies, 7 pm, Art Gallery

May 9

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

May 12

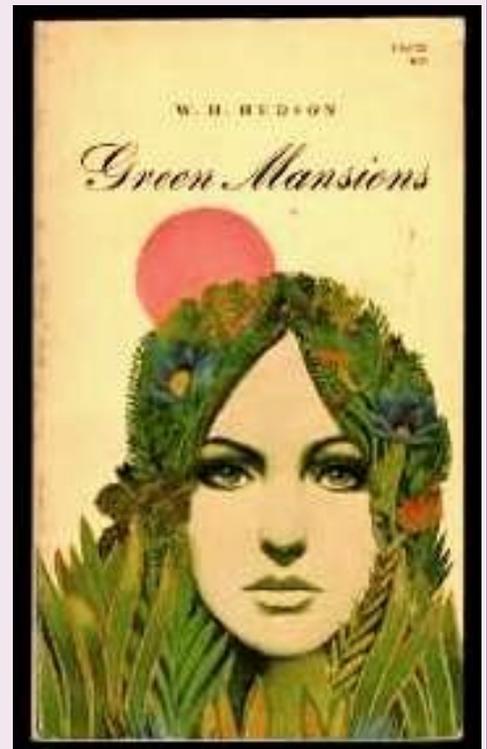
Gardens & Spaces Workday, Grounds,
9 am-4 pm

Book Groupies Read *Green Mansions*: *A Romance of the Tropical Forest* This Month

On Tuesday, May 8, the Northwest Book Groupies will meet at 7 pm in the Art Gallery to discuss *Green Mansions: A Romance of the Tropical Forest* by British-Argentine naturalist William Henry Hudson.

This is a story of adventure and exotic romance in the 'green mansions' of the primeval Guyana jungle of southern Venezuela when a failed revolutionary traveler meets wood-nymph Rima. Hudson is well-known for his natural history writing and this book, when republished in the 1920s, eventually ignited the 20th century ecological movement. *Green Mansions* is considered a poignant meditation on the loss of wilderness and the dream of a return to nature.

This book is available in our Bellwether Bookstore in the lobby. All readers are welcome to join us for the discussion.





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Northwest UUC Mission Statement

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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.