



**NWUUC** NORTHWEST  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION

**Promoting Religious Freedom, Spiritual Growth, and Ethical Action**

Worship This Week

August 11, 2024

Building a Community with Love at the Center

Join Worship Associates Kailyn Herald-Rhoe and Liz Martin who will be giving reflections on church community. There will be lots of rousing and inspiring music, water communion, backpack blessing and the chance to help build something (top secret fun activity for all!). Then stay afterwards for our Ingathering potluck!

*Did you miss the service last week?*

[Here](#) is the link to it. Passcode r\$8G&bt8

*Enjoy!*

Join us next week, August 18, when our guest speaker will be Rev. Jonathan Rogers, who was an interim minister here a few years ago.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Philip J. Rogers  
Director of Music

## The Gathering Is Upon Us

by Philip J. Rogers

Our music volunteers this summer have been remarkable. They shared of their time and talent to make each service a true expression of hope, peace and joy. Thank you to Peggy Emrey for leading the hymns with Jim Pearce this past Sunday and Edward Lawrence for sharing during the Prelude and Offering. We appreciate your gifts and sacrifice of time.

As we prepare for Sunday, let us take a tip from the song title, *"It's A Family Affair"* by Sly and the Family Stone. What we are evoking this year is the fact that we come together as those who expect to be greater vessels of welcome, inclusion and open mindedness. No one is too young, too poor, too old, too black, too white, too Asian, too whatever. All are welcome to gather and be collective champions of transparent and genuine love for every human seeking community at whatever level. We walk the walk to match the talk.

It's a family affair without distinction of difference since as Maya Angelou stated, *"We are more alike than unlike!"* Our Northwest community deserves it as well as the Atlanta community. Let's do this!!!

So, allow Sister Sledge to lift you to a state of ecstatic bliss as they perform, *"We Are Family"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyGY2NfYpeE>

\*\*\*\*\*

### Looking for Small Group participation?

If you are someone who believes that thoughts and attitudes have the ability to influence how one experiences life, and are interested in joining like-minded people to consciously direct our thoughts towards positive congregational, community, and personal outcomes, see Joe Yowell after service or email at [rjyowell81@gmail.com](mailto:rjyowell81@gmail.com).



## August 11th

Please join us for our Ingathering Potluck right after the service this Sunday! Drop your dish off in the kitchen before the service and enjoy great food and fellowship after!

\*\*\*\*\*

## Religious Education



**RE NEWS**  
**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

**Nursery:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**RE (K-12):** Children and youth will remain in the Sanctuary for this multigenerational service.



***Backpack Blessing, August 11***

It's that time of year again when we are getting ready for the start of another school year! All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to the service for our annual backpack blessing, **Sunday, August 11.**

We also welcome ADULTS to bring your tablets, laptops, work bags, backpacks, or whatever else represents work and/or school, and have them blessed too! This is an all-family service, and ALL AGES are encouraged to participate, not just our children and youth!

In the spirit of ensuring that children have the necessary tools for a successful school year, we will be collecting clear bookbags through August 18th, which will be donated to a local shelter. Please consider supporting children and youth in our local community.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Documentary Night*  
*Friday, August 9 6:45-10 pm*



We will have an In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, August 9th from 6:45 to 10 pm. We are meeting to talk about the documentary, [The Great Hack](https://youtu.be/iX8GxLP1FHo?si=pLXp9s8-L3jOWkAo). Exploring how a data company named Cambridge Analytica came to symbolize the dark side of social media in the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Here is a link to the trailer. <https://youtu.be/iX8GxLP1FHo?si=pLXp9s8-L3jOWkAo> The event will be held in the NWUUC Sanctuary. **We will start the film PROMPTLY AT**

**7:10 PM.** Here is a link to where you can RSVP and find the NWUUC address for the event. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-documentary-night-tickets-946978527267> This is also a Voting Night where we brainstorm and decide as a group what we will watch the following month, so please come ready with your recommendation. Feel free to bring your dinner! Decaf and caffeinated tea will be provided. We will be having potluck style food and snacks! You can check out our Community Documentary Night website for more details. <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>

\*\*\*\*\*

***The Mountain News!***



**Adult Farm Camp - August 19 - 23, 2024**

Roll up your sleeves and experience the joy of farming firsthand. From planting seeds to harvesting crops, you'll gain practical skills and a deeper appreciation for the regenerative practices that fuel our farm-to-fork philosophy. Enjoy edible plant and mushroom foraging, create medicinal products from our ingredients, learn how to propagate and cook with the local vegetables, and much more!

**Learn more and register:** [www.themountainrlc.org/adult-farm-camp](http://www.themountainrlc.org/adult-farm-camp)





EMORY UNIVERSITY

Goizueta Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

# A Healthy Aging Event in Sandy Springs

Sunday, August 25, 2024  
1:30PM - 4:00PM



**Monica Parker, M.D.**  
Neurology



**Ted Johnson, M.D., MPH**  
Geriatric Medicine



**Felicia Goldstein, Ph.D.**  
Neuropsychology



**James Lah, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Neurology

## What to expect:



**Free Memory Screenings**

Nurses will be on site to do easy and gentle memory screenings.



**Understanding Dementia**



**Healthy Aging Resources**



**Where & When:**  
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church  
471 Mount Vernon Hwy. N.E.  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Make your reservation to attend or have a memory screening at <https://mtvernonhealthyaging.eventbrite.com>

or email Emilie Bush - [epbush@emory.edu](mailto:epbush@emory.edu)





\*\*\*\*\*

## NWUUC Donate the Plate Recipient – August, 2024

NWUUC Donate the Plate Recipient – August, 2024

Back To School Month is celebrated every August to gear up parents, teachers, schools, and students for a season of education.

This Month, your Justice Team has selected Kate's Club as our Donate the Plate Recipient.



Kate's Club mission is to empower children and teens, their families, and young adults facing life after the death of a parent, sibling, caregiver, or someone important to them. They're working to create a world in which it's okay to grieve.

In 2003, Kate's Club launched in Atlanta, GA with a gathering of six children for a social outing at a bowling alley and has matured into a dynamic, statewide nonprofit that has helped more than 10,000 grieving children and teens, their families, and young adults understand how to cope with their grief and know they are not alone.

Kate's Club is a place where being separated from someone important to you can be connective. Where experiencing a death can mean entering a new chapter of life. And where missing someone can lead to feeling seen. In this club, grief is challenging but it's also growth — an example of how every part of life can become a chance to have a positive experience if you're supported and among a community.

Their programs are guided by the National Alliance for Children's Grief's Standards of Practice. Kate's Club grief support programs for kids, teens, and their families focus on

social connections, improving healthy coping strategies, and building confidence and self-esteem. Kate's Club provides grief support programs for young adults (18–30) so that they can connect with others who are also facing life after the death of someone important to them. Their programs for parents and caregivers provide support, education, and resources to adult family members supporting children or teens while grieving the death of someone important.

In 20 years, Kate's Club has empowered tens of thousands of griever throughout Georgia through direct service, education and advocacy.

Please consider giving generously to let Kate's Club know that NWUUC wholeheartedly supports each of their important initiatives. Text "DONATENWUUC" to 73256.

\*\*\*\*\*

### ***Caring for Our Feathered Friends***

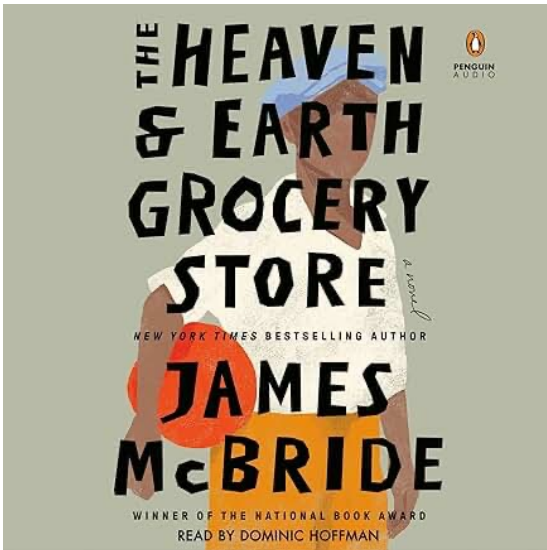


Did you know that John McManus installed 8 bird feeders on our property? He continually refills them, too! John also monitors seasonal bluebird nests in the bird houses.

Thank you, John, for keeping our birds happy, allowing us to enjoy them.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Book Groupies



The NWUUC Book Groupies are not meeting this summer but we will resume our Zoom meetings on Tuesday Sept. 3 at 7 pm to discuss **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride. This popular novel and winner of the National Book Award has been called his best work and a stunning page-turner! Check for copies in our Bellwether Bookstore at reduced prices.

If you would like to join our Zoom meeting for the first time please call Penny Raney (770)

551-8817 with your email address so you can be sent the meeting information.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **OUR NW FAMILY CARE CORPS:**

If you have a joy, sorrow or concern to share with the congregation, please send your news to any member of the Care Corps or to

publications@nwuuc.org.

**Kathy Miller** fell from her scooter last week and has broken her right humerus. She is currently in a rehab facility and is hopeful she will be released in 20 days. Please keep Kathy in your thoughts and prayers.

We send healing thoughts to **Marilyn Matlock** as she is finally home after her meningitis diagnosis and will be having daily IV antibiotics for several days as she recuperates.

If you are going through difficult times and would like emotional support or are in any situation where support and caring are needed, contact:

Maria Drinkard, 678-644-6480

Karen Edmonds, 770-851-9295, leader

Brian Freeman, 404-626-0298

Linton Hopkins, 678-938-8858

Valerie Johnson, 470-209-9864

Lil Woolf, 404-276-6189

(770) 955-1408 Office Hours M-F, 9 am to 5 pm [office@nwuuc.org](mailto:office@nwuuc.org)

\*\*\*\*\*

Don't see your birthday? We probably don't know it! Send it to [publications@nwuuc.org](mailto:publications@nwuuc.org) so we can recognize you.

## Happy August Birthdays!

Gwen Kahn	08/01
Jordan Goldman	08/03
Michael Dierickx	08/04
Kristen Fowks	08/09
Jenn Miller	08/10
Chrissy Haddad	08/13
Hannah Cowart	08/16
Anne Bennett	08/17
Jill Benton	08/31

## Happy August Membership Anniversaries!

Judy Seaman                      08/21/2005

## Leadership July 2024-June 2025

### **BOARD PRESIDENT**

Pam Freeman    [president@nwuuc.org](mailto:president@nwuuc.org)

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Russ Martin

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Tony Barbagallo

### **FINANCE**

Constance Dierickx   [finance@nwuuc.org](mailto:finance@nwuuc.org)

### **SECRETARY**

Marilyn Matlock

### **BOARD TRUSTEES AT LARGE**



Becki Gregory  
Laura Hall  
Cole Hickman

**YOUTH BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Lily Alford

**MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS (MTLs)**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – John Hagler

COMMUNITY – Gwen Kahn and Melissa Niedermeyer

COMMUNICATIONS – Lil Woolf      [publications@nwuuc.org](mailto:publications@nwuuc.org)

JUSTICE – Dave Zenner

LEARNING – Kristen Fowks

RENTALS – Mary Anne Ericson and Beryl Grall

STEWARDSHIP – Lynne Dale

WORSHIP – Maddie Maynard

**Staff**

Adia Fields-Udofia, Religious Education Director [re@nwuuc.org](mailto:re@nwuuc.org)

Dr. Philip Rogers, Music Director [music@nwuuc.org](mailto:music@nwuuc.org)



