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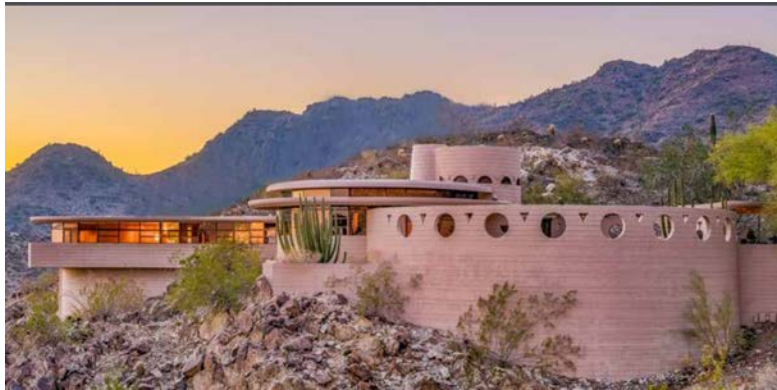
Promoting Religious Freedom, Spiritual Growth, and Ethical Action

Worship This Week
August 25, 2024

Architecture and Our 7th Principle, Part 2

Dave Zenner will present Part II of his June service: “Architecture and our 7th principle: “respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.” In June we looked at how European conquest of North America had largely obliterated the indigenous and sustainable architecture of Native Americans and enslaved Africans.

On Sunday we will look at the state of indigenous and earth-friendly architecture beginning where we left off in June. And we will look at how those architectures variously respect or disrespect the interdependent web of all existence.



Join us at 10 am in the sanctuary or online with zoom at <https://nwuuc.org/zoom/>.

Did you miss the service last week?
*[Here](#) is the link to it. Passcode [me*7JqQ&](#)*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Philip J. Rogers
Director of Music

The Music of Autonomy
by Dr. Philip J. Rogers

“Well done is better than well said.”
-Benjamin Franklin

*“Life is either a daring adventure
or nothing at all.”*
-Helen Keller

*“The journey of a thousand miles
begins with one step.”*
-Lao Tzu

“I would rather die of passion than of boredom.”
-Vincent Van Gogh

“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.”
-Wayne Gretzky

*“You will face many defeats in life,
but never let yourself be defeated.”*
-Maya Angelou

*“The only place where success comes before work
is in the dictionary.”*
-Vidal Sassoon

*“Do not let making a living
prevent you from making a life.”*
-John Wooden



Religious Education

RE Schedule Sunday, August 25, 2024

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

RE (K-8): All children will be dismissed from the service for religious education activities after the story. Playground and activity time will end at 12 noon.

Youth Group (9-12 and 8th grade OWL graduates)

Youth group members will be dismissed from the service after the story.

Call for RE Volunteers and Teachers

RE teacher and volunteer training will be held on Sunday August 25th at 11:30 a.m. in the Chalice House Chapel. All interested teachers and volunteers are encouraged to attend. Please contact our DRE, Adia Fields-Udofia for more information at re@nwuuc.org.

Backpack Donation Drive

The RE program is collecting backpacks to support children in our local community as the school year begins. Please consider donating a backpack and placing it in the donation bin in the lobby. The last day to make a donation is **Sunday, August 25th.**

Board Announcements

From the President



The Committee on Ministry (COM) has successfully completed the ministerial search that they commenced some 3.5 months ago. I am pleased to announce that the **Reverend Jennifer (Jenn) Dalton**, M. Divinity, has agreed to serve as NWUUC's part-time contract minister for the next year, beginning September 1.

Jenn has three grown children – Amelia, Paige & Malachi – and resides in Kennesaw. She and her children are well known to some of us at NWUUC.

Jenn first came to NW some twenty years ago after one of her children requested that she attend Sunday school. Jenn was an active member at Northwest for several years serving as a Worship Associate, a board member, a middle school RE teacher and a Coming-of-Age class instructor for high school youth.

Jenn received her call to ministry while at Northwest and applied to the Candler School of Divinity at Emory where she received a full scholarship. Jenn focused on

chaplaincy and pastoral care for some time and later completed a parish ministry internship where she led services, created an adult RE class, assisted with an OWL program, and actively participated in the social justice ministry. Jenn served as a deacon offering pastoral care for two years. Jenn currently works at a non-profit where she has helped people find employment for the last three years. She has also served as a guest minister at the Mountain Light Unitarian Universalist Church in Elijay for the past twelve years. In addition to all these accomplishments, the COM received glowing recommendations from all her references.

Jenn will continue to hold her current position at the non-profit and will serve as a half-time minister at Northwest working an average of 20 hours each week. She will be leading 18 services and participating in church activities over the next year. Other duties will include pastoral care, staff supervision, holding office hours, attending meetings, leading special events and overseeing Congregation programs and operations administration in collaboration with the Board of Trustees. Remaining services will be led by a rotation of guest ministers along with lay led services by Worship Associates.

I would like to express my thanks and congratulations and that of the Board of Trustees to the members of the Committee on Ministry -- Kristen Fowks, Veta Tucker, Lil Woolf and David Zenner – for a job well done. When you have the opportunity, please thank them for their dedication, long hours of work, and for successfully completing a critical ministerial search in a very short amount of time.

Pam Freeman
President
Board of Trustees

From the Finance Trustee

2023-2024 Books Are Closed

Northwest's financial records for each fiscal year are finalized on July 31st, one month after the end of the fiscal year. We regret that contributions made after July 31st for the prior year cannot be credited retroactively.

Of course, we are grateful to receive funds anytime! Your contributions will be recorded in the calendar year in which they are received and are fully tax-deductible for that year.

In September, the Finance Trustee will issue a Finance Report for 2023-2024 and host a second-hour meeting to discuss our financial condition.

A Note from Rev. Jonathan Rogers, our guest speaker from last week:

Regarding his affiliation with Freedom University Rev. Jonathan says this. There is a need for volunteer drivers to pick up undocumented students at their homes, drive them to class in downtown Decatur, and bring them back after class. Students come from all over the Metro Atlanta area. The need for drivers has increased greatly the last two years, because none of the students have DACA since new applications were ended in the Trump administration, and have not been re-started under Biden. Classes are Saturday afternoons, starting in mid-September. They are usually 3-5pm, with student drop-off at 2:45. Ideally we ask folks to commit to driving weekly for the 14-week semester, but it's OK to partner up and share driving duties, or just be an occasional backup driver also. Volunteers have a mandatory 1-hour orientation session before classes start, and are asked to send proof of vaccination, driver's license info, and proof of insurance.

www.freedom-university.org has info about the program, and <https://vimeo.com/328273743/ede4420620> is a great video for hearing from the students about Freedom U.

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.

We are working on updating our website, www.nwuuc.org, and have begun putting the weekly newsletter online. Please look for it there! There is much more we hope to bring you on it, including new pictures of Board members and Ministry Team Leaders (MTLs).

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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.

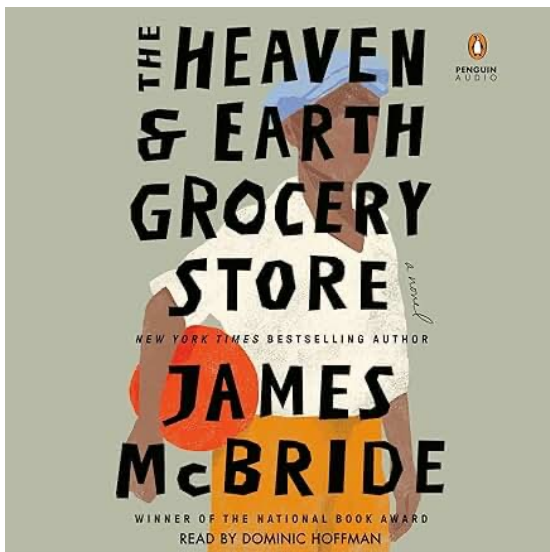
Their programs are guided by the National Alliance for Children's Grief's Standards of Practice. Kate's Club grief support programs for kids, teens, and their families focus on social connections, improving healthy coping strategies, and building confidence and self-esteem. Kate's Club provides grief 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 grievers 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.

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. Book Groupies

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.

Adam Hicks is thankful that his aunt's condition has improved. She was hospitalized for lung cancer and couldn't even swallow. Now she is home and able to eat. We share Adam's joy for his aunt. He's also thankful for people actively fighting for Palestinian rights.

A joy to share from **Marie MacBain**: Last Saturday was husband **Joe Yowell**'s birthday. "We are thankful for his (undisclosed) years. Teddy & I (and hopefully many of you) look forward to the coming one together". Happy belated birthday, Joe! You are on our list now.

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

Don't see your birthday? We probably don't know it! Send it to 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
Joe Yowell	08/17
Jill Benton	08/31

Happy August Membership Anniversaries!

Judy Seaman	08/21/2005
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