



**NWUUC** NORTHWEST  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION

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

Worship This Week  
August 18, 2024

Dismantling Racism Requires Overcoming Capitalism

UUs are in the process of formally committing ourselves to "dismantle racism in ourselves and in our institutions." Tracing racism's history on our continent, and how we have historically enshrined it in our governing documents and practices, can give us some clues about its origins and causes. This service will address the most direct way that liberatory communities can pull racism out by its root cause.

About our speaker today:

Rev. Jonathan Rogers is the Faith Coordinator for Freedom University, a freedom school for undocumented students based in Atlanta. He previously served NWUUC as Interim Minister in 2018-2019; his first appearance in the NWUUC pulpit was over a decade ago, leading the offering during the installation of Rev. Terry Davis. Rev. Jonathan really likes helping people, and believes that, as Nelson Mandela wrote, "The purpose of freedom is to create it for others." These days, you can find Rev. Jonathan at Stop Cop City protests, in-patient hospice wards, and at Abundant Luuv UU in Atlanta's West End.

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 9DC1+Fq?

Audio is choppy at first; we apologize.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

Philip J. Rogers  
Director of Music

### **Art Speaks: Dr. Billy Taylor by Philip J. Rogers**

In 1960 composer, Billy Taylor wrote "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free," a jazz piece originally recorded as an instrumental and later released as a song with lyrics by Dick Dallas with the original version, "I Wish I Knew," recorded in 1963.

The evocative lyrics by Dallas express the inner thoughts of the black community in America. The song refers to the fact that in the Pledge of Allegiance, "...with liberty and justice for all" was/is not actualized in the daily lives of persons of color. The first and third verses state,

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free;  
I wish I could break all these chains holding me.  
I wish I could say all the things I could say;  
Say it loud, say it clear for the whole world to hear.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give;  
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.  
I wish I could do all the things I could do;  
Though I'm way overdue, I'd be starting anew.

The 2016 composition "Freedom" performed by Beyoncé refers to this narrative and ends with the words, "Hey! I'ma keep running 'cause a winner don't quit on themselves" as well as, "I had my ups and downs, but I always find the inner strength to pull myself up. I was served lemons, but I made lemonade." Forced to make lemonade!

In conclusion, it is imperative in 2024 to look beyond that which we often choose to ignore and be about actually contributing to make "...with liberty and justice for all" an actual truth... for all.

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

Nina Simone performs

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## Religious Education

**RE Schedule Sunday, August 18, 2024**

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

**RE (All Ages):** All children and youth will be dismissed from the service for religious education activities after the story. There will be an ice cream social for RE families, current volunteers, and potential volunteers in the Chalice House Chapel immediately following the service. Please join us to learn more about a variety of volunteer opportunities to support the RE program this year.

**RE Volunteer and Teacher Information Session:**

RE Teacher and volunteer training will be held on Sunday August 25th at 11:30 am in the Chalice House Chapel. All interested teachers and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

### **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 18th.

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## ***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

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***From the Finance Trustee***

*2023-2024 Books Are Closed*

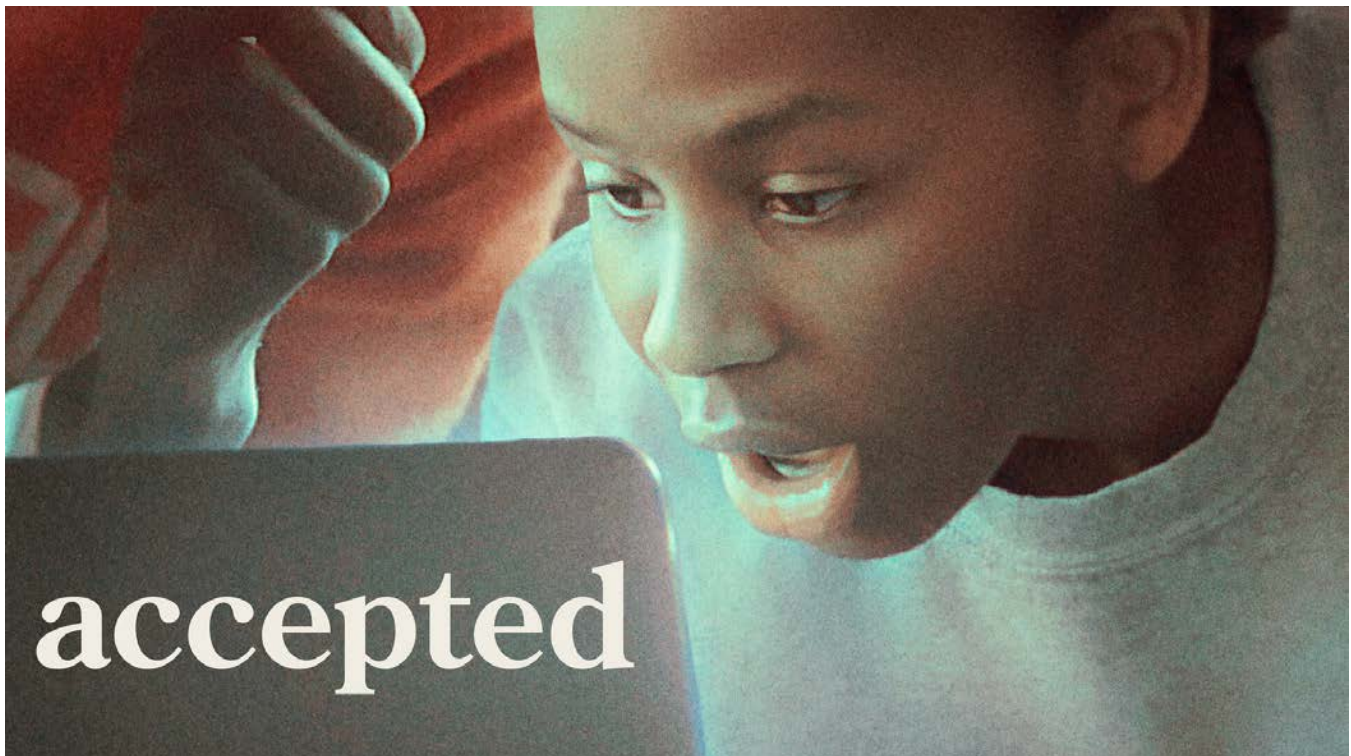
*Northwest's financial records for each fiscal year are finalized on July 31st, one month after the end of the fiscal year. We regret that contributions made after July 31st for the prior year cannot be credited retroactively.*

*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.*

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***Documentary Night  
Sunday, August 18, 7 pm***



Special Virtual Documentary Night will be **THIS SUNDAY, August 18th** at 7pm. This event is in collaboration with [Emory Future Educators Association](#). They are a student-led organization at Emory University, whose mission is to create a space to support students who are interested in pursuing education as a career.

For this event we are meeting in honor of Back To School Month to talk about the film, [Accepted](#). The ambitious students of the TM Landry Prep School enjoyed a remarkable 100% acceptance rate into the country's most elite colleges until an explosive NY Times article exposed the controversial teaching methods of its dynamic founder. **Dan Chen (Director, Producer) will be joining us for a special guest Q&A!**

[Here](#) is a link to where you can watch the film for free.

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## ***Community and Justice News and Thanks***

In-Gathering Potluck Success!

Congratulations Northwest! We achieved something remarkable at our Ingathering potluck last Sunday.

Expecting a good crowd and mindful of our old and fussy dishwasher, we decided on alternatives that align with our **Green Sanctuary** values and our commitment to environmental stewardship.

What did we do?

We used biodegradable plates, flatware, napkins, cups (even for coffee), and paper trash bags to collect them after use.

However, for the plan to work, we couldn't toss liquids into the paper trash bags. Could we do it? Would everyone notice and pitch in?

Yes! We did it. 100%!

Congratulations and thanks to each of you!

Dave Zenner, Justice Ministry

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## NWUUC Donate the Plate Recipient – August, 2024

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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



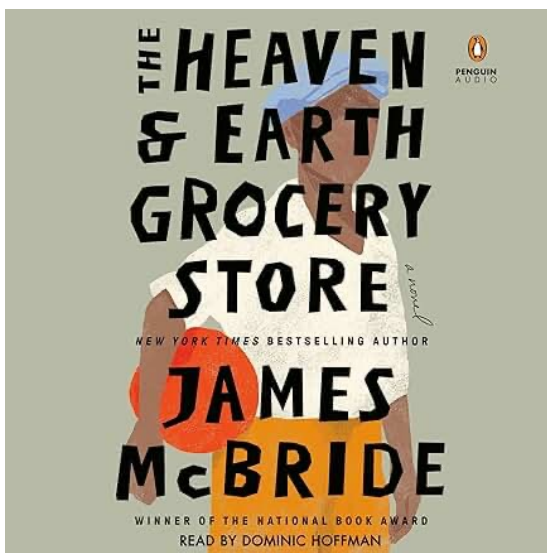
that they can connect with others who are also facing life after the death of someone important to them. Their programs for parents and caregivers provide support, education, and resources to adult family members supporting children or teens while grieving the death of someone important.

In 20 years, Kate’s Club has empowered tens of thousands of 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.

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## 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

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### ***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](mailto:publications@nwuuc.org).

**Marilyn Matlock**, recovering from bacteremia and meningitis is continuing her daily antibiotics infusions. And while she still tires easily she is getting stronger every day.

**Kat Benoy** is still doing physical therapy for her knee replacement and is on target with her progress. She has decided to wait for her other knee to be replaced, probably next year.

**Kathy Miller** continues to slowly recover in Pruitt Health of Austell rehab facility following her fall and a broken humerus two weeks ago. It seems she will need to be there at least 8 weeks. Kathy is such a vital, active person and this time frame is long and difficult for her.

**Chrissy Haddad's** remarkable 96 year-old mother passed away on Friday last week after being in Hospice for a week. Phyllis "Chad" Chadbourne lived a good and full life. Many of us can appreciate what Chrissy's loss feels like. Please keep Chrissy and her family in your hearts.

Please keep Marilyn, Kat, Kathy and Chrissy in your thoughts and prayers. Cards of encouragement, phone calls and emails are a good way to show our love and concern.

If you are going through difficult times and would like emotional support or are

in any situation where support and caring are needed, contact:

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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

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Ingathering was such fun! Here are memories from last Sunday:













