



NWUUC NORTHWEST
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION

Promoting Religious Freedom, Spiritual Growth, and Ethical Action

Worship This Week
September 15 , 2024

Beauty in the Broken Places

In the journey of life, we often encounter broken places—moments of deep sorrow, loss, or imperfection. Yet, it is within these very fractures that the light of resilience and the promise of renewal can shine the brightest. Just as a mosaic is crafted from shattered pieces to form a cohesive and beautiful whole, our broken places can be transformed into sources of profound beauty and strength. When we acknowledge and embrace our vulnerabilities, we invite healing and growth into our lives. In these cracks, where the light seeps through, we find the potential for profound connection and hope. By honoring our brokenness, we not only mend our own hearts but also contribute to a more compassionate and understanding world.

Join Rev. Jenn 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 [J?A2ZkQ6](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Philip J. Rogers
Director of Music
Music Ministry Well Wishes!

September: Music Month of Kindness and Remembrance
by Philip J. Rogers, DOM



Notes on Kindness:

Kindness is free

Kindness is a valuable characteristic that can be given at no cost.

Kindness can be shown in many ways

Kindness can be shown through words or actions, such as speaking politely, helping people, and being supportive.

Kindness can be a part of everyday life

Kindness can be shown in many ways, including being modest, showing empathy, and being respectful.

Notes on Remembrance:

- *We do not remember days, we remember moments.*
- *Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.*
- *The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.*
- *Recall the pain of 9/11 without allowing it to embitter the heart.*

May our heart songs ever be dedicated to kindness and remembrance!

“September Song”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDHVCBFCf6Y>
Nat King Cole



Religious Education

RE Schedule Sunday, September 15, 2024

Nursery: Closed

RE Schedule:

K-8: Children will be dismissed after the story for RE. Children and families are invited to participate in the pancake breakfast and potluck after the service. Playground and activity time will resume next week.

Youth Group: Youth will report to the kitchen at 8:45 a.m to prepare for the pancake breakfast.

RE families are encouraged to donate pancake mix and pancake toppings. Please sign up no later than 6 p m. on Friday, September 13th [Pancake Breakfast Link](#)

Our fantastic youth will be in the kitchen flipping pancakes to share. Many varieties will be represented, including vegan and gluten free!





Are YOU willing to host for a future month? Let me know! We keep these dinners low-key: everyone bring a dish to share (coordinate with the hosts if you wish) and your favorite beverage if you wish. We always enjoy the casual intimacy of meeting in members' homes which generates the best of conversations. Any suggestions for improvements? Please share your thoughts with me at JudyLamb218@gmail.com or 404-406-2369

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024; 5:00 PM

Where: John McManus's Brookhaven home
1245 Brooklawn Dr Brookhaven, GA 30341



NWUUC Retreat to Epworth By the Sea 1/31-2/2

Our annual retreat this year will be at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, GA, January 31 to February 2! Epworth has beautiful, comfortable accommodations and meeting rooms.

*Meal Plan: Friday Supper through Sunday Lunch

*Rates are per person, based on the number of adults staying in the room together, and include lodging for 2 nights, 6 meals, and meeting room.

Most rooms have two queen sized beds. Triples and Quads have to share beds

BUILDING: Single (1 per room) Double (2 per room) Triple (3 per room) Quad (4 per room)

Turner Lodge \$420.12 (single) per person \$293.08 per person(double) \$232.74 per person (three) \$208.44 per person (four)

In Room with Adults Child (ages 3-12 years) \$59.56 per child Teen (ages 13-17 years) \$130.84 per teen

Retreat programming will be planned in conjunction with Liz Martin and programming for kids will be available for families that sign up. **People can register and pay in REALM, and only half needs to be paid now (We are taking payments for the next two weeks!) and the other half must be paid by December 15. See QR code below, or register [here](#).**





Your Justice Team has selected Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) as our September Donate the Plate recipient.

(GAIN) is a non-profit organization that protects and empowers immigrant survivors of crime and persecution, including asylum-seekers and immigrant survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. GAIN’s staff attorneys, paralegals, and navigators provide direct service to its clients while also building a volunteer force of attorneys, whom they recruit, train, and mentor. Through direct representation as well as its pro bono program which multiplies its impact, GAIN assists over 1,000 clients and family members each year.

Since 2005, the GAIN Asylum program has assisted immigrants fleeing harm and persecution abroad by providing legal representation for their asylum cases. Asylum-seekers in Georgia face one of the steepest immigration court denial rates in the nation. However, having an attorney can multiply the chances of success for these clients, who have been forced to flee their home countries due to harm and/or persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

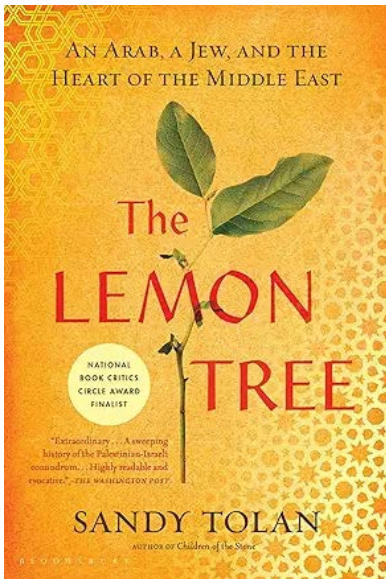
Founded in 2010, GAIN’s Victims of Violence program provides access to quality immigration legal representation for survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other crimes. Through direct representation as well as its pro bono program the Victims of Violence program provides immigrant victims access to otherwise unobtainable legal representation, which lays the foundation for their ability to escape abusive/exploitative situations, be reunited with loved ones, and access the tools they need for ongoing safety and stability.

Please consider supporting GAIN’s important work this month, by texting “DONATENWUUC” to 73256 and selecting “Donate the Plate”.

~Documentary Night this Friday~



We will have an In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, September 13th from 6:45 to 10 pm. We are meeting to talk about the documentary, [Do Not Resist](#). Filmed over two years in 11 states, this film examines the increasingly disturbing realities of the rapid militarization of police forces in the United States. Here is a link to the trailer. https://youtu.be/4Zt7bl5Z_oA?si=GhpK5luVyldlwGh 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 for the event. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-documentary-night-tickets-984968957667> 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/>



Book Groupies October 8th

The NWUUC Book Groupies will meet Tuesday, October 8th, at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. Besides being a sweeping history of the Palestinian-Israeli conundrum it is also the tale of a simple act of faith between two young people , one Israeli and one Palestinian, that symbolizes the hope for peace in the Middle East and also provides some insight to the struggles between Israel and Palestine.

If you would like to join us on Zoom , please call Penny Raney at 770-551-8817 and leave your name and email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

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.

From **Adam Hicks**: “My aunt is at the end of her life. She is in the hospital with lung cancer and is no longer responding or able to breathe on her own. She is my Mom’s sister. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Also, this week my Mom's college roommate passed away from pancreatic cancer." We send love and healing thoughts to Adam and his mother.

From **Liz and Russ Martin**: "Our son Ian had surgery on his fractured ankle on Tuesday, September 3, and is on the healing journey. Now he is 10% more metal!"

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 September Birthdays!

Tiley Rooks	09/02
Kyle Thomas	09/04

Cynthia Flot	09/07
Marilyn Matlock	09/08
Jaiya Thomas	09/10
Lily Alford	09/13
Isabel Ericson	09/17
Max Ericson	09/17
Karen Edmonds	09/18

Happy September Membership Anniversaries!

Constance Dierickx	09/08/1991
Michael Dierickx	09/08/1991
Tony Barbagallo	09/15/1996
Kristen Fowks	09/15/1996
Elizabeth Hickman	09/14/1998
Dempsey Hickman	09/14/1998
Brian Freeman	09/21/2003
Pam Freeman	09/21/2003
Linton Hopkins	09/11/2004

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Dr. Philip Rogers, Music Director music@nwuuc.org

Northwest Event Calendar

Sept 15—Potluck and RE pancake breakfast

Oct 27- Trunk or Treat and hot dogs

Nov 2—Fall Auction

Dec 15—Potluck with RE pageant

Jan 31- Feb 2—Retreat, St Simons

Jan 26-mid-Feb—Soupapalooza

Feb. 15th—Valentine Day Dinner/Dance

March 2—Pledge kickoff donuts and coffee

March 8th—Dinner and a Mystery

April 20th—Easter Potluck

May 3—Lily's Bridging Banquet

May 18—Pledge Celebration hot dogs

June 1—Out Gathering potluck





