



*Promoting Religious Freedom,
Spiritual Growth & Ethical Action*

Rev. Jenn Dalton, Minister

Week of October 18-24, 2024

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**Worship
Sunday, October 20**

Remembering Beyond Blood: Ancestry as Liberation

In this sermon, we will explore the powerful role of ancestors from a Black queer perspective, focusing on how our connections to those who have come before us transcend bloodlines and racial identities. Drawing on the traditions of Black and queer liberation, we will consider how all people, regardless of background, can honor the ancestors who embody justice, resilience, and radical love.

Reflecting on the wisdom and struggles of our spiritual ancestors—both chosen and biological—we will see how their lives can inspire us to create a more just and inclusive world today. This sermon invites everyone, including those from white or other privileged backgrounds, to embrace an expansive understanding of ancestry, where solidarity, shared humanity, and collective liberation take root.

This journey asks us to remember that our ancestors' work is incomplete. Through the lens of Black queer theology, we are called to continue the struggle for liberation and justice that spans generations,



VOTE

Advance Voting

Begins on Tuesday, October 15

Ends on Friday, November 1

Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm

Saturdays, 9am to 7pm

Sundays, 12pm to 5pm

Election Day, Tuesday

November 5



Religious Education

RE Schedule Sunday, October 20, 2024

Nursery: 10-11 am

RE Schedule:

K-8: Children will be dismissed after the story for Religious Education. Playground and activity time will end at 12:00 noon.

Youth Group: The youth group will meet after the service at 11:30 a.m.

Annual Trunk-or-Treat Registration

Please sign up to participate in our 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat and potluck. Participants are encouraged to wear a costume and pop open your decorated trunk to pass out candy or a non-edible treat. We will also have a potluck after the event. Please invite a family member, colleague, or neighbor to sign up to decorate their trunk as well! Please arrive prior to the service to set up your trunk. Participants will have about ten minutes after the service to make final touches on their trunks.

Participants of all ages are also welcome to participate in the fun by also going around to each vehicle and collecting candy in a treat bag. The treat bag will be provided by the RE program. The collected treat bags will be donated to a local charity that supports youth.

Please contact our DRE, Adia Fields-Udofia, at re@nwuuc.org for more information.

Trunk-or-Treat Registration: [2024 Annual Trunk or Treat Registration](#)



TRUNK
Or
TREAT



Halloween Hotdog Potluck



**Join us for Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot and then
enjoy a hot dog lunch in our Fellowship Hall.**

Oct. 27th at 11:40am after Trunk or Treat.

**Bring your side or dessert to the kitchen
before the service. See the link above.**

**Don't miss this event, the youth are planning a special
surprise—you won't want to be left out!**



Would anyone like some NW baby
spider plant cuttings? Notify
anne.bennett@gmail.com.

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The Auction is Coming!!
November 2

Would you like to donate an Auction item? It's easy to do, simply use this [form](#)! Or, get one from Gwen who will also have paper versions on Sunday.

Once you donate an item it will appear in the online [catalog](#).
The last day to submit auction items for the catalog is 10/31/24 🎃.

To find the auction webpage go to <https://www.nwuuc.org/auction>



QR code for registration tickets

Here are more items from the catalog:

Tickets for Frozen-Dec 20th



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Byers Theatre in Sandy Springs. Two tickets for the Friday, Dec. 20 performance of Disney's Frozen. The seats are Orchestra Center, Row H (8th from the front), 121 and 122 (center of the row).



Donated by: Helen and Jay

Item Value: 2 seats \$160

Bidding Starts: 2 seats- \$70



Lynne's Famous Chicken Enchilada Dinner

Homemade chicken enchiladas, salad, and brownies for 6 delivered to your door on a night of your choice (and Lynne's!)

**delivery within 20 miles or delivered to church on Sunday.

Donated by: Lynne Dale

Item Value: \$120

Bidding Starts: \$50



Dierickx Special Blend Irish Cream

Three separate 1/2 liters of homemade ever-popular Irish Cream. Be prepared to bid; they sell like hot cakes!

Item Value: \$60 per ½ liter

Bidding Starts: \$35 per ½ liter

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This year's auction will include another fabulous evening event of delicious food and fantastic fellowship with our Northwest friends led by auctioneer extraordinaire Tony Barbagallo, so let's make a plan to meet Under The Stars on Saturday, November 2 and make some wonderful memories together!

The Stewardship Committee would love to expand the auction offerings this year to 120 items to be offered for in-person bidding on the night of the gala. Do you have some cool art or items that could find a great home with someone else? Do you have neat experiences or entertainments that you could share? Are you really great at cooking or crafting and need the right venue to show off your skills? We can't wait to see what y'all come up with!

An Evening Under the Stars

NWUUC'S FALL AUCTION

SAT., NOV. 2ND, 2024

6:00PM - DRINKS AND APPETIZERS

6:30PM - DINNER

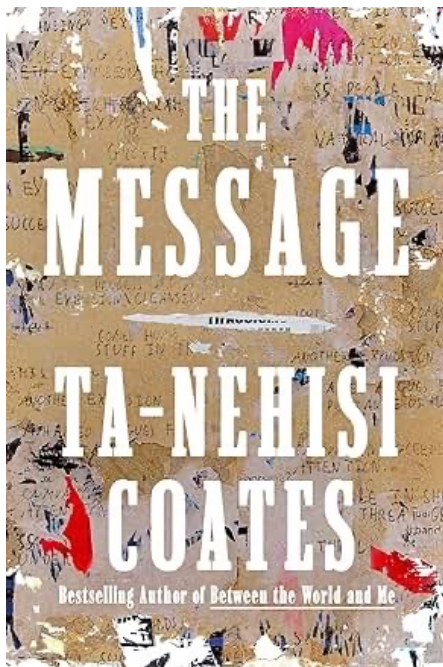
7:00PM - LIVE AUCTION

TICKETS \$25 IN ADVANCE; \$30 AT THE DOOR

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE WITH ADVANCE NOTICE



NWUUC Book Groupies will meet
MONDAY, Nov. 4th at 7 PM



We will be discussing **The Message**, a nonfiction work by Ta-Nehisi Coates. This book intertwines three essays, each set in a different city and country, as Coates tries to show how our imaginative storytelling can distort our realities. We should all be able to find some food for thought in these pages.

If you would like to join us on Zoom please let Penny Raney know your name and email address by calling 770-551-8817 and leaving this info.





October is Pride Month in Georgia!

Our Donate the Plate Recipient for October is Georgia Equality.

Georgia Equality's mission is to advance fairness, safety and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities and our allies throughout the state.

Founded in 1995, we are two organizations – united with a common vision but serving unique functions in our work to achieve equality. Georgia Equality, Inc. works year-round to pass pro-equality legislation and elect fair-minded elected officials. Through the Equality Foundation of Georgia, we conduct voter registration and educational activities, provide information to decision makers, and work to organize and mobilize LGBTQ residents and allies to advance equality in urban, suburban, and rural communities across the state.





Fall YouthCONs

Youth CONferences are fun and entertaining weekend gatherings of Unitarian Universalist youth who attend as a part of a congregational sponsored group. CONs are planned by youth for youth and are supervised by Peer Advocate Leaders (PALs) and advisors. Each CON provides opportunities for youth leadership and empowerment through building community, connecting with friends, and engaging in personal reflection and spiritual growth. Participants stay in our cozy cabins and eat together in our Dining Hall, which prepares delicious meals suited to individual dietary needs.

Intermediate CON (6th to 8th grade) - November 1-3

Senior High CON (9th to 12th grade) - December 13-15

Learn more and register at: www.themountainrlc.org/youth-conferences/

Grateful Gathering – November 27 – December 1

Join us this Thanksgiving for a weekend of acknowledging and celebrating the gratitude in our lives. Even through challenging times, there is much to be grateful for – be it friendships, family, community, opportunities for expanding our minds, and all the wonderful and inspiring things in our lives. The weekend program includes engaging workshops, entertainment, hiking through the gorgeous Blue Ridge

Mountains, connecting with old and new friends, worship service, and outdoor adventures. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to share time together, and no one has to cook or clean up after the holiday feast!

Learn more and register at: www.themountainrlc.org/event/greatful-gathering/



Virtual Documentary Night, Sunday 10/20



We will have a Special Virtual Documentary Night in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Sunday, October 20th from 7 to 9 pm. This event is in collaboration with [Medical Students Making A Difference](#), the [Latino Medical Student Association Plus](#), and [Concrete Jungle](#). We voted to talk about the documentary, **Forks Over Knives**. The researchers explore the possibility that people changing their diets from animal-based to plant-based can help eliminate or control diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. **Dr. T. Colin Campbell (Professor Emeritus of Nutritional Biochemistry at Cornell University, Author) will be joining us for a special guest Q&A!** Here is a link to where you can watch it for free. https://youtu.be/mZGs0XsS_II Here is a link to where you can RSVP. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1003115043097> You can also check out our Community Documentary Night website for more details. <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>

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.

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(In-person office hours: 1-5 pm Saturday)



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

Happy October Birthdays!

Kathy Miller	10/01
Karen Reagle	10/07
Jordan Taylor	10/07
Hannah Johnson	10/09
Charlotte Alyea	10/11
Eileen Taylor	10/11
Helene Johnson	10/13
Tony Barbagallo	10/14
Edward Lawrence	10/17
Quinn Page	10/18
Lynne Dale	10/19
Kathy Frost	10/21
Alison Williams	10/23
Larry Helferich	10/27
Laura Hall	10/31

Happy October Membership Anniversaries!

Penny Raney	10/22/1978
Michael Manely	10/28/2004
Shelia Manely	10/28/2004
Deborah Andrews-Gautney	10/30/2011
Helen Borland	10/18/2014
Peggy Emrey	10/11/2015

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Northwest Event Calendar

- Oct 26 Circle Supper
- 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 Island
- Jan 26-mid-Feb—Soupapalooza
- Feb. 15th—Valentine's 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





