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Week of October 4-10, 2024



Worship Sunday, October 6

Join the Youth Group along with Rev. Jenn as they present their first Youth-led service of the year. We will honor our ancestors and reflect on the bonds of family and home. Together we will explore the stories and legacies that shape our identities, celebrating the wisdom passed down through generations. Whether you come with cherished memories or a longing for connection, this service hopes to invite all to find meaning in the tapestry of our lives.

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

Did you miss the service last week?
Here is the link to it. Passcode 1C0^B4a@



MUSIC MINISTRY

Northwest Music Ministry

Philip J. Rogers, Director of Music

Music Ministry Update

by Philip J. Rogers, Director of Music

It is our hope that the music you hear each Sunday is uplifting, encouraging and serves as a connective tissue in the life of the congregation. This past Sunday during the service led by Jay Kiskel, our own Traci Montgomery served as song leader with our staff accompanist, Jim Pearce in addition to Edward Lawrence who favored us with his piano stylings during the Prelude and Offering. Our goal is to incorporate variety within our musical offerings each week as we seek to broaden our talent pool. That being said, if there are any competent percussionists among us who may be chomping at the bit to render some rhythmic underpinnings during Sunday services, then by all means contact us at music@nwuuc.org . We will be glad to discuss your availability.

On a personal note, I am delighted to share that I decided after years of schedule conflicts to embark upon participating in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The audition was enjoyable and the repertoire for the season is wonderfully challenging. If your schedule allows, the ASOC performance schedule is as follows:

2024

Mozart Mass in c-minor

November 7 and 9 at **8pm**

November 10 at **3pm**

Christmas with the ASO

December 12 and 14 at **8pm**

December 14 and 15 at **3pm**

Händel, Messiah

Chamber Chorus
December 19 at 8pm
2025

William Walton, Belshazzar's Feast
February 13 and 15 at 8pm

Beethoven, Missa Solemnis
May 8 and 10 at 8pm
May 11 at 3pm



Religious Education

RE Schedule Sunday, October 6, 2024

Nursery: 10-11 am

RE Schedule: Youth service; all children will remain in the sanctuary unless going to the nursery.



Youth Group:

Please mark your calendar for our next major event which will be Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 27th.



Halloween Hotdog Potluck



**Oct. 27th at 11:40am after Trunk or Treat
Bring your side or dessert to the kitchen before the
service.**

**Join us for Trunk or Treat in the parking lot and then
enjoy a hot dog lunch in our Fellowship Hall.
Don't miss this event, the youth are planning a special
surprise, you won't want to be left out!**

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](#).

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 ADVANCED NOTICE



Donate to Help Residents of Asheville

It's hard to imagine the devastation that has taken place in Asheville, NC, and many other areas of the Southeast, but the pictures tell the story. If you were not able to send food and other supplies to Asheville this week but want to do something, UUCA is collecting money to be used in conjunction with mutual aid orgs and churches on the ground in Asheville to get supplies to residents who are in greatest need. You can make a donation here: uuca.org/relief. This takes you to their Realm system and it is fast and easy to donate.

NW 2024 Tree Saga: Our own hurricane damage

Ah, the beauty of our woods - and its continual maintenance! Earlier, 2 trees fell on Mt. Vernon Hwy causing quite a mess. Last Thursday, a large oak toppled onto our parking lot. Since the parking lot was scheduled to have new striping painted on October 3rd, John Hagler was anxious to have the tree removed quickly so the striping would be done as scheduled.

John also thought this was a good time to have 4 large standing dead trees cut as well, by Atlanta Tree Professionals, who came to our

rescue as they frequently have in the past—quick, excellent service at a very reasonable price.

From Anne Bennett





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.

You can contribute by texting "DONATENWUUC" to 73256 and selecting "Donate the Plate".



We will have a Special Virtual Documentary Night in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Sunday, October 6th from 7 to 9 pm. This event is in collaboration with [I Will Survive, Inc.](#), whose mission is to provide economic support, prevention education, and health & wellness services to those at higher risk and affected by breast cancer. We are meeting to talk about the documentary, [Pink Ribbon Inc.](#) This film shows how the devastating reality of breast cancer, which marketing experts have labeled a “dream cause,” has been hijacked by a shiny, pink story of success. **Samantha King (Author of Pink Ribbon Inc.) will be joining us for a special guest Q&A!** Here is a link to where you can watch the film for free. <https://youtu.be/qVFNZNF4quo?si=eV9A25kxBPpW9SMv> Here is a link to where you can RSVP. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-849796473127> You can also check out our Community Documentary Night website for more details. <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>



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.

Elementary CON (3rd to 5th grade) - October 18-20

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/



American Field Service (AFS) is an international student exchange program at the high school level. The program is looking for a host family in our area.

“We have a Thai student, Vasin, currently in Fredericksburg, VA, who has been out of school for two weeks and urgently needs a new host family. We've reached the limit of our staff and local resources and now need the help of our volunteers to expand the search.

Vasin is a quiet, thoughtful young man with a passion for digital video production, biology, and a surprising talent for cooking! The volunteers and temporary host family he's stayed with have shared that he is helpful, friendly, respectful, and kind. He enjoys working on his drawings, playing games, and cooking with the family.

He would thrive in a calm, supportive home, ideally with someone who understands or appreciates Thai culture and can provide the positive attention and engagement he needs”.

If you know of a family who might welcome Vasin, please let me know. grallberyl@gmail.com.

NW Kitchen Clean-up Crew volunteers needed to join Kaye and Anne



We currently have the following **LONG TIME WONDERFUL** Sunday Kitchen Volunteers:

1st Sunday - Valerie Johnson & Maria Drinkard

2nd Sunday - Pam & Dave Zenner

3rd Sunday - Glenn Koller, Anne Bennett & Kaye McCall

4th Sunday - Beryl Grall-Petty & Anne Bennett

(Important Substitutes - Glenn, Beryl, and Michael Cain)

Most of these folks do **both** Coffee Hour '**set-up**' and '**clean-up**', but they would **prefer** to do only 'set-ups'.

Kaye McCall frequently fills in helping with lots of extra clean-ups.

We would love to have some more hands to assist.

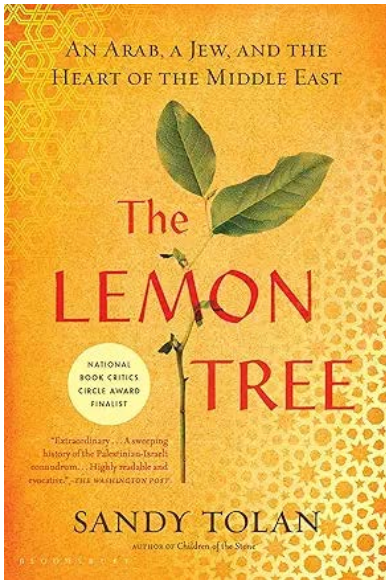
'Clean-up' volunteers have a chance to join friends in the social hall until about 11:25.

Then we machine wash dishes, dry dishes by hand, dispense of extra food, wipe tables, and dispose of trash.

Volunteers are generally able to finish by 12:30!

Contact Anne Bennet if you'd like to join our merry band.

(anne.bennett@gmail.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.

Our hearts go out to former member **Susan Burnore** who lives in Gulfport, FL. Susan lost most of her belongings, including her apartment and her car, during the recent hurricane. She is currently staying with friends and wants everyone to know she and her pets are OK but she is not responding to texts and emails, yet appreciates messages so much. Please keep Susan in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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

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 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 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





