



KUUUC NEWS

April 2017

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Worship in April

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April Fool! UU jokes – Readers' Theatre and group discussion
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Councils

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Healing Power
UUA Sermon, Rev. Lynn Strauss
Worship Council

April 16

Easter on N. Anderson Street
Rev. Bill Graves
Membership Council

April 23

Hurry Up and Heal - UUA reading
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April 29, Annual Meeting and Potluck

April 30—5th Sunday Potluck

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KUUUC needs folks interested in outreach through our website, Facebook, and newsletter. No prior knowledge is required—we'll provide the training.

Tracking money your thing—we need some new blood working with the books.

Also if you are interested in please email Jim at schwing@fairpoint.net



Upcoming Special Events

MOVIE SERIES

Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 20 - 6:00-9:00 pm
CWU, Black Hall, Rm 152

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Tue Apr. 11 - 6 pm, Sat Apr 22 - 9:00 am
United Methodist Church

KUUUC BOARD MEETING

Wed Apr 12 - 6:00 pm, KUUUC

KUUUC CHOIR PRACTICE

Thu Apr 13 - 7:00 pm

BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY

by Rev. Bill, Thu Apr 13 - 7:00 pm
(pizza plus at 6:30p.m. RSVP to Bill)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

CYNTHIA MURRAY

Sat, Apr 15 - 1:00 pm, Hal Holmes

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Tues, Apr 18 - 6:00 pm, IOOF Hall

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

Sat Apr 29 - 6:00 pm, KUUUC

The theme for
April is:
Healing

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A Bulletin From Bill, April 2017

Being Part of the Positive Resonance Machine

During some extra reading while traveling I came across several items that put into perspective our current political disaster. The first is contained in a book published in 2008 called *Capitalism and Christianity, American Style* by William E. Connolly. He convincingly shows how evangelical Christianity epitomized by the Christ of the Book of Revelation as depicted in pulpits and such best sellers as the *Left Behind* novels (60 million plus sold) has found resonance with a cowboy sector of American capitalism. Both divide humanity into the "saved" and the "damned."

The second political theory catching my attention is in the April edition of *Atlantic* magazine: *Breaking Faith* by Peter Beinart. He discusses another, major force on the right that is mainly secular. Its adherents have disengaged from religion and morality that emphasize messages of universality and love because such values tend to erode prejudices that emphasize race and nationalism. The Alt-Right is a prominent player in this movement.

Thus, we have very different forces but they have in common that they are embedding in or our culture bellicose voices that seek to diminish diversity, ignore responsibility to future generations (and the environment), are uncaring about urban poverty and support a system of extreme economic inequality. Such voices are grounded on an ethos of revenge and extreme entitlement.

I have, of course, over-simplified each of these writings. I commend them to whoever wants to read more. I see our present, national leadership as both a beneficiary and driver of these shifts. I have a renewed pride and dedication to be a part of what Connolly calls the "positive resonance machine." That's the one that persists in seeking to embed an ethos of presumptive generosity and pluralism into communities we touch, and which seeks to forge affirmative connections across significant differences of faith.

That's where our UU principles and faith call us and the direction we commend to our children.

So be it:

Rev. Bill

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Bill's Blurbs for April 2017

Building Your Own Theology, An Adult Program at KVUUC led by Rev. Bill Graves

First Session: Thurs. April 13, at 7:00pm (As usual Bill invites you to come at 6:30 to share a vegetarian pizza so long as it lasts)

This is a workshop that is planned to extend to the end of July. We now have sufficient participants signed-up so that a meaningful group experience is possible.

There is room for more. Please let Bill know if you are interested or have questions (wcgraves@whidbey.com). Building Your Own Theology is a systematic, disciplined and group process assisting participants to develop creeds, or statements of individual beliefs. This classic curriculum designed by Rev. Richard Gilbert discusses all the important questions of religion from a UU perspective, allowing each student to come to their own understanding of what makes sense and works. It's a wonderful way to get to know other KVUUC'ers and to begin to explore your own faith.

We will use the "Building Your Own Theology, Vol. I", curriculum. Some copies are available in the KVUUC library. Donations to cover their cost will be accepted but is not required. It is recommended that participants have their own copy of the curriculum and do assigned readings in advance. For the session on April 13 we will cover the Introduction and Chapter 1.

Easter on N. Anderson Street Sunday April 16 by Rev. Bill Graves

UU's often find Easter one of more difficult of the great religious holidays of our culture to deal with. Even UU Christians tend to gulp when confronted with such central concepts as the Atonement and the Resurrection, at least in their more traditional and literal forms. Is there anything meaningful we might resurrect at least metaphorically? What about healing (our April service theme), transformation, and hope? Let's see what Bill does with this. Special music will be performed by the KVUUC choir.



KVUUC Annual Meeting, Sat Apr 29

Here's how you can help.

- Attend the meeting, it's fun, it's a potluck, we make important decisions, we have child care.
- Nominate someone - Co-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Financial Secretary. Contact Jason Irwin with nominees.
- Nominate a charity for our annual giving. Contact Jim Schwing with nominees.
- Write your committee reports.
- See you there.

Another UUs Story to Challenge You

During my growing up years, Dad was a professor of social work at University of Michigan. My parents were not religious and we never went to any church when I was a child. I have been wary of organized religion throughout my life. It seemed to me that there were too many examples of tyranny and brutality in the name of religion to want to get involved in that. But I admired Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., and their non-violent civil disobedience, and I always knew that UUs held views that I could agree with.

After my mom died in a car accident in 1991, my dad started attending University Unitarian Church in Seattle, and I went for a while to Dorothy Mae's new little UU group at the Woldale School. However, my young family wasn't interested, and I didn't want to be away from them every Sunday, so for me that was short-lived. My dad, however, dove in head first and got very involved. It wasn't until 2013, when my dad's health was failing and he moved to Ellensburg so I could be with him, that I started attending KVUUC with him and joined officially.

I did take a religious detour into Catholicism for a number of years, when my husband wanted our family to attend church together after our third son was born. I was a cantor at St. Andrews here in Ellensburg for about 10 years! But I was never comfortable reciting the Nicene Creed, and finally managed to tell my wonderful music director that I didn't want to do that anymore.

When mom died, I had a kind of mid-life crisis. I decided to quit tuning pianos and go back to school to become a nurse. Even though I already had a bachelor's degree, that process ended up taking five years! I had another baby in the middle of it. But I have never regretted that decision. I have worked as a school nurse, an OB nurse in the hospital, and a public health nurse. I'm currently in charge of communicable disease investigations, the vaccine and TB test clinic, and harm reduction programs (syringe exchange and overdose prevention) at the county public health department. I also dabble in assisting the new licensed midwife in town at home births.

Do you recognize this UU? Answer on the last page.

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Rev. Bill's Whereabouts in April

- 1-12 Whidbey Island office* (except as otherwise indicated)
- 2 Preach at Methow Valley UU Fellowship
- 9 Preach at Tahoma UU Congregation, Tacoma, WA
- 12-16 Ellensburg office hours at KVUUC ** (staying at Motel 6 with Frances)
- 12 Board Meeting (6pm)
- 13 Open time for coffee/conversation at Dakota Café - 8:30-10:00am)
- 13 Choir practice 5:15
- 13 Lead "Building Your Own Theology, Part I" conversation group pizza/finger food at 6:30pm while it lasts; class 7-8:30 p.m.).
- 14 Counsel on Ministry to meet at Dakota Café (8:30am).
- 14 Planning meeting for Cynthia Murray celebration of life service
- 15 Planning meeting for interfaith Earth Day service
- 15 Officiate at Cynthia Murray celebration of life service (1pm)
- 16 Lead worship service at KVUUC; attend council meetings (RE and Worship); visit RE classes
- 17-31 Whidbey Island office* (except times otherwise indicated).
- 23 KV Interfaith Alliance Earth Day Service
- 30 Preach Bremerton UU church

* Bill IS AVAILABLE to return phone calls (360-661-7289) or emails (wcgraves@whidbey.com) when on Whidbey Island. He also is available for conferences or meeting by Skype or comparable service by prior arrangement. Bill's Mailing address is POB 1254; Langley, WA 98260.

** When in Ellensburg Bill is available by prior arrangement for conferences, conversations, meetings, counseling, listening, home or hospital visits or just camaraderie.

Intergenerational Book Club: RE & YOU

The intergenerational book club will be meeting to discuss their book, *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry on April 30 (this is also potluck Sunday). Its a quick read, so if you haven't read it yet, you still have plenty of time.



Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Mar 30	6:00 pm	The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers CWU, Black Hall, Rm. 152
Apr 6	6:00 pm	A Bright Shining Lie CWU, Black Hall, Rm. 152
Apr 11	6:00 pm	Our Environment, Speaker Meeting United Methodist Church
Apr 12	6:00 pm	KVUUC Board Meeting KVUUC Sanctuary Room
Apr 13	5:30 pm	KVUUC Choir Practice KVUUC Sanctuary Room
Apr 13	7:00 pm	Building Your Own Theology, Thursday Night Seminar, Rev. Bill KVUUC Sanctuary Room
Apr 15	1:00 pm	Celebration of Life for Cynthia Murray Hal Holmes Community Center
Apr 18	6:00 pm	Vegetarian Society Odd Fellows Hall, 307 N. Pine St.
Apr 20	9:00 am	Hearts and Minds CWU, Black Hall, Rm. 152
Apr 22	9:00 am	Our Environment United Methodist Church
Apr 29	6:00 pm	KVUUC Annual Meeting and Potluck KVUUC Sanctuary Room
Apr 30	1:00 pm	Intergenerational Book Club, <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry KVUUC Zendo



April Greetings KVUUC,

Mystery Pals will start on Sunday, April 23, and you are all encouraged to take part! Its a great way for the younger people to get to know the older people at church. The basic idea is that the children at KVUUC will be paired with an adult and each week they exchange letters, drawings, and notes. The identity of each pair of pals is kept secret to all but me, (we have a numbered pocketed wall hanging that everyone places their notes in) and then we have an ice cream social at the end to reveal ourselves. To those who have done it before, you know how much fun this is! Spread the word to those who don't know much about it. The ice cream social will be at the end of May. Please see me if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Enjoy the blooming flowers, fresh air, and even the Ellensburg Wind. This means its spring!

Movie Series

The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers

When in 1971 Daniel Ellsberg leaked a secret Pentagon history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam to the press, the shockwaves it set off may have been due nearly as much to the leaker as to the information leaked. While Americans were painstakingly digesting the documents' long and byzantine history — which showed the nation's leaders, both Democratic and Republican, lying about the facts of the war, proclaiming their desire for peace while seeking a wider war, declaring fidelity to democracy while sabotaging elections, and exhibiting a sweeping callousness to the loss of both Vietnamese and American lives — Ellsberg himself dramatically embodied the country's division over the Vietnam War. Film introduction by Cynthia Mitchell, CWU Associate Professor of Journalism whose research, service and teaching passions revolve around the First Amendment.

Event Location: Black Hall room 152, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Date: Thu, Mar 30, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A Bright Shining Lie

"A Bright Shining Lie," based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Neil Sheehan, who covered the war for United Press International and The New York Times, tells the story of American involvement through the life of John Paul Vann, a hard-driven colonel turned civilian adviser who was among the first to blow the whistle on United States policy mistakes through such reporters as Mr. Sheehan and David Halberstam, who also met Vann while covering the war for The Times.

Event Location: Black Hall, room 152, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Date: Thu, Apr 6, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hearts and Minds

Filmmaker Michael Moore calls this landmark film "the definitive account of the debacle we know as the Vietnam War" and "maybe my favorite film of all time." Hearts and Minds is a 1974 American documentary film about the Vietnam War directed by Peter Davis. The film's title is based on a quote from President Lyndon B. Johnson: "the ultimate victory will depend on the hearts and minds of the people who actually live out there". The movie was chosen as Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 47th Academy Awards presented in 1975. The film premiered at the 1974 Cannes Film Festival. Commercial distribution was delayed in the United States due to legal issues, including a temporary restraining order

Event Location: Black Hall, room 152, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Date: Thu, Apr 20, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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circle suppers are hosted potlucks. The host chooses a date and decides how many folks can be accommodated. Those who sign up are contacted and receive a general category of food to bring so that the meal will be reasonably balanced. The cozy setting of a home, the intimacy of sharing a meal, the extra time for conversation.

Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday. Please see Janet Adams

OUR ENVIRONMENT

NOTE: Our Environment meets on Tuesday Apr. 11 at 6:00 pm and Saturday Apr. 22 at 9:00 am—at the United Methodist Church. All are invited.



The emphasis is on what we can do locally that will affect the future of our planet by being active in working with various organizations in our community to make changes that are essential—please join us!

KVUUC's website:
kvuu.org

Bee Garden Buzz

Catmint — A "Must-Have" Perennial

Catmint is a perennial that is long blooming, heat tolerant, resistant to pests and diseases, and easy to grow. Years of experimenting have demonstrated that it is drought-tolerant and deer-resistant. It has attractive gray-green foliage that emerges in neat, tidy mounds in April. By May, the plant fairly explodes with a profuse haze of soft lavender-blue flowers. This herbaceous perennial is a member of the mint family (Lamiaceae), which includes lavender, rosemary, thyme, bee balm and giant hyssop. Finally, catmint is a veritable bee and butterfly magnet. As a bonus, hummingbirds love it as well.



HOW TO CARE FOR CATMINT

Give catmint plenty of space as it tends to grow wider than tall.

Although it prefers full sun, catmint will thrive with some afternoon shade.

Keep new plants or transplants watered until they can fend for themselves. After that, established plantings are drought and heat tolerant.



Thoughts from Around the Country

THE HOLY WORK OF SHOWING UP

How is it with your soul?

This is the question that John Wesley, Anglican priest and the founder of Methodism, was known to ask of participants in small reflection groups. I ask you because, for me, this has been a hard week. So, beloveds, how is it with your souls?

If your response to that question is anything like mine, I want to invite you to pause as you read this. Take a deep breath, say a prayer, sing a song, light your chalice, feel the force of gravity pulling us all toward the same center—whatever helps you feel more rooted and less alone.

Now do it again. And again, and again.

And, once you feel that rootedness and connection, hear this:

You are loved beyond belief. You are enough, you are precious, your work and your life matter, and you are not alone. **You are part of a "we,"** a great cloud of witnesses living and dead who have insisted that this beautiful, broken world of ours is a blessing worthy of both deep gratitude and fierce protection. Our ancestors and our descendants are beckoning us, compelling us to onward toward greater connection, greater compassion, greater commitment to one another and to the earth. Together, **we are resilient and resourceful** enough to say "yes" to that call, to make it our life's work in a thousand different ways, knowing that we can do no other than bind ourselves more tightly together, and throw ourselves into **the holy work of showing up**, again and again, to be part of building that world of which we dream but which we have not yet seen.

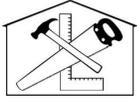
Ashley Horan

The Rev. Ashley Horan is executive director of the Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance and national learning coordinator for the Beloved Conversations program.



A Celebration of Life for longtime Unitarian Universalist, Cynthia Murray will be held Saturday, April 15 in Hal Holmes Community Center at 1 pm. All members and friends of Cynthia are invited. Cynthia was a member of KVVUC since she moved here in 1998. Cynthia was a moving force in many social justice and sustainability causes throughout her life.

UU HELPERS - The people listed below have special skills you may need - remember shop locally!
If you have a skill/service you would like to advertise to our congregation, let Jim know, at 509-933-3198.



DON GALLAGHER - Quality Carpentry - Remodeling, painting, roofing, plumbing and electrical repairs. Don Gallagher.
CONTACT: 509-306-0608.



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CONTACT: 509-306-9329.



BRUCE HAGEMEYER - Bruce Custom Remodeling - Licensed General Contractor Building - Remodeling - Carpentry - Plans & Permits
CONTACT: 509-964-2086.



TAMZEN SHISSLER - Because Tamzen is a busy student, please call early in the week to make sure she has time available to care for your children from ages 2-10. She is now a junior in high school and is a graduate of the Red Cross Babysitting class. She charges \$6 per hour for one child, more for additional children. She can also help with household chores or watch the kids while you do chores.
CONTACT: 509-962-5650.



JAN JAFFE — is now accepting adults for **music lessons!**

- Piano, guitar, voice
- Experienced teacher
- Master of Music Education from CWU, 2009
- Specializes in beginner & hobby adult lessons
- Flexible evening schedule for regular or special occasion lessons
- All music styles, songwriting, & theory

(Also available as a performance coach for individuals, ensembles, bands, worship teams, etc. Improve skills and build confidence for talent shows, competitions, and workshops.)

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Answer to Do you recognize this UU? Of course, our own Liz Whittaker

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