



KUUUC NEWS

June 2017

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Worship in June

June 4
 Fatherhood—Reader's Theater - Kristen Paton
Green Sanctuary/Social Justice Councils, 12 :15 pm

June 11
 Dreamcasting - Rev. Bill Graves
RE Council, 8:00 am | Worship Council, 12:15 pm

June 18
 "Papa's Day the UU Way" - Rev. Bill Graves
Membership Council, 12:15 pm

June 25
 On Responsibility - Cindy Coe
ComNet, 12:15 pm

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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 picking up admin duties, please email Jim at schwing@fairpoint.net



Upcoming Special Events

APPRECIATION/BRIDGING CEREMONY
 Sunday, June 4 - 11:00 am
 KUUUC

RACE UNITY DAY PICNIC
 Saturday, June 10 - 11 am - 2 p.m.
 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park
 Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance

DREAMCASTING
 led by Rev. Bill Graves
 Sunday, June 11—11 a.m.
 Last day of youth RE classes
 KUUUC

RE YEAR-END CELEBRATION & POTLUCK!
 Sunday, June 11—1 p.m.
 Carey Lake (People's Pond). All are Invited. Bring swimsuits

ADULT SEMINAR
 Building Your Own Theology
 led by Rev. Bill Graves
 Tuesday, June 13 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Thursday, June 15 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 (pizza at 6:30p.m. RSVP to Bill)
 KUUUC

June Theme:
Compassion

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A Bulletin From Bill, June 2017

On Casting Our Dreams

In May I suggested to our Board and Counsel on Ministry that we consider devoting a Sunday service in June to a process I called "Dreamcasting." The response was enthusiastic so we shall proceed at during the service on June 11. It is a process I led when I served the Tacoma congregation and I thought was very constructive. Hopefully some of your thoughts and dreams were kindled when many of you met with Rev. Tandi Rogers in April.

Why dreamcasting? The Hebrew prophets of old and the wise ones in the indigenous peoples of this land knew that the people need a story—a narrative—a vision—in which to dwell. Without a vision the people perish, says the scripture. Without a story we do not know who we are becoming. What is the next part of this story? Who are you longing to become, as a people? What are your gifts as a community? How might you share them? What do you have to offer a hurting world?

Story is powerful—it tells us who we long to be and what is most worthy to us. The dreamcasting process will enable each of us to share visions and dreams—for this community. We will hear one another with tenderness and open-heartedness...to be in a creative spirit together. Even if the congregation does not choose a particular dream, we will be changed by the quality of sharing that will be possible.

The process we are going to use is called Appreciative Inquiry. This is a method of questioning which seeks out what is strong, what is healthy, what we do best. The purpose is to discover, by asking everyone, what this church is like at its best, what gives it life and energy, what is valued most by individuals, and the aspirations you share.

We will record and compile the information received and use it to imagine how the church could be in the future. That will start with the Board retreat in July. Possibly the conversation will continue at our all-congregation retreat at the Lazy F in October, and lead to some specific planning for the long-range. And, I hope that it will develop sense of confidence in a community vision that will live after I depart.

With love for this community,

Rev. Bill

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Bill's Blurbs for June 2017

June 11, 11:00am: "Dreamcasting" - Rev. Bill Graves, KVUUC Board and Council on Ministry

This service will feature a structured, small group conversations concerning what we appreciate and aspire to at KVUUC. The information compiled from the conversations will be used in future planning. For more details see the June Bulletin from Bill, elsewhere in this newsletter.



June 18, 11:00am: "Papa's Day, 2017" - Rev. Bill Graves

We had a joyous and thought-provoking Mama's Day services and now it's time to give Papas equal time! Whether present or absent he had an important impact on our lives. We will honor and honestly appraise the difficult, emotion-laden, and changing role of the male polarity in the ying/yang of family and cultural dynamics. If you have any ideas of moving poems or readings about fathers, please contact Bill. Special music will be provided by Jan and the KVUUC choir.

Adult R.E. Building Your Own Theology, led by Rev. Bill Graves

A systematic, disciplined and communal process to build individual credos, 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. All are invited although this is an on-going class and regular attendance and some outside reading will enhance the experience. We will use the "Building Your Own Theology, Vol. I", curriculum available for \$16.00 at the UU Bookstore: uua.org/bookstore. It is recommended that participants have their own copy of the curriculum.

BYOT Session 3: Tues. June 13, 7:00pm

(As usual Bill invites you to come at 6:30 to share a vegetarian pizza so long as it lasts). For this session we will consider Chapter 4 (Human Nature—Some Self Understanding) and Chapter 5 (Ultimate Reality—Creating an Honest God) in the BYOT curriculum book. Recommended readings in advance are pp. 27-29 and 35-37. Continue working on your credos incorporating any thoughts provoked by the recent sessions and readings.

BYOT Session 4: Thurs. June 15, 7:00pm

(As usual Bill invites you to come at 6:30 to share a vegetarian pizza so long as it lasts). In this session we will consider Chapter 6 (History—An Honest Backward Look) and Chapter 7 (Ethics as Unenforceable Obligations—The Importance of Being Good for Nothing) in the BYOT curriculum book. Recommended readings in advance are pp. 42-43 and 62-65. Also, complete Worksheet 3 pp. 49-53 and reflect on what would be your own "ethical ten commandments" (see p. 60). Continue working on your credos incorporating any thoughts provoked by the recent sessions and readings.

Please let Bill know if you are interested or have questions (wcgraves@whidbey.com).

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Rev. Bill's Whereabouts in JUNE

- 1-9 Whidbey Island office* (except as otherwise indicated)
10-18 Ellensburg office hours at KVUUC ** (camping on Yakima River & staying with Jim Schwing)
10 Participate in Race Day Picnic with Interfaith Alliance (11-2pm)
10 Planning meeting at church for persons helping with Dreamcasting Service
11 Lead worship service on "Dreamcasting" at KVUUC; attend council meetings (RE and Worship); visit RE classes
13 Lead "Building Your Own Theology, Part 3" conversation group (pizza/finger food at 6:30pm while it lasts; class 7-8:30 p.m.).
14 Board Meeting -6pm
15 Open time for coffee/conversation at Dakota Café - 8:30-10:00am
15 Choir practice - 5:15
15 Lead "Building Your Own Theology, Part 4" conversation group (pizza/finger food at 6:30pm while it lasts; class 7-8:30 p.m.).
16 Council on Ministry to meet at Univ.Starbucks-8:00am.
16 Meet with KV Interfaith Alliance
17 Supplemental "Dreamcasting" workshop, 9am at KVUUC
18 Lead worship service "Papa's Day 2017" at KVUUC; attend council meetings (Membership; visit RE classes)
19-30 Whidbey Island office* (except times otherwise indicated).
21-25 Attend UUA General Assembly in New Orleans

* 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.

RE Summer News

Happy Summer KVUUC! Here are some important dates for this month:

Maggie Patterson, RE Coordinator

509-925-2552 or margaretfultonpatt@gmail.com

(Please note new email address)

June 4—Service

- Teacher/assistant/childcare appreciation
- Bridging ceremony for Tamzen and Ben

June 11

- RE meeting. 8 a.m. at Community of Christ building
- Last day of RE classes
- End of RE year celebration at Carey Lake (aka People's Pond) 1pm. Whole congregation is invited (not just RE families). Potluck. Bring your swim suits!

June 18 and beyond

Childcare only. No RE until September 17

SUPPORTING THE KITTITAS FOOD PANTRY

We will collect items on Sundays all summer long.

June Clothing

July Household items (dishes, decorations, yard tools, kitchen utensils, etc)

August Toiletries

September Children will create individual toiletry bags with items we collected in August

Enjoy the beginning of summer. Get out and connect with our interdependent web of all living things. Go for a hike and notice the wildflowers, swim in a river with the fish, take a stroll through your neighborhood and listen to the birds. There are so many ways to connect with nature. It feeds the soul!

LOCAL NEWS

RACE UNITY DAY PICNIC

Celebrating Diversity in our Human Family

"Ye are the flowers of one garden..."



Bring:
Your Family
A Potluck Ethnic Food
lawn chairs or blanket



Can KVVUC Artists Save the World?

For our July 22 service, we are celebrating the importance of art in our world and exploring Karl Paulnack's (Pianist and director of music at Boston Conservatory) reflections on how art will save the world. Lena will be creating a slide show of KVVUC Art and artists. Please send her photos of you and your art. It can be refrigerator art, sidewalk art, paintings, gardens, fiber art, music, quilting, potting, writing, cooking, ... Whatever brings out the artist in you. Please include your name, the art you do and a nice picture. Lena can crop them and do some Photo shopping. Email it all to her at CRhalenaRenee@gmail.com by June 30. (Please do NOT email Lena pics to any other email address.)

If anyone has a photo of the children and their new bench, that would be a wonderful addition. To get your inspiration flowing, here's a photo of Willow Jeane with Maple and Juniper displaying their beautiful quilts.



Please remember to email Lena by June 30 at CRhalenaRenee@gmail.com. Thank you!

[Kittitas County 2017 High School Essay Contest Rules]

Deadline

Submissions accepted beginning August 1, 2017. Submission deadline is midnight September 30, 2017.
Award recognition

First place: \$250 cash award, public reading and publication online
Second place: \$150 cash award, public reading and publication online
Third place: \$100 cash award, public reading and publication online
Honorable Mention (four awards): \$25 cash award, public reading and publication online.

Finalists will be notified via email and winners will be notified via phone. Due to the volume of submissions, non-finalists will not be notified.

Official rules

Section I – General Rules

1. Contestants must submit their essay via email to essay@kvuuc.org by midnight September 31, 2017.
2. Essays must be submitted as a Word document.
3. Contestants must create an original essay with limited guidance from others.
4. KVVUC will have the right to publish, or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.
5. Winners must agree to share a personal photo and to participate in an interview. This will allow KVVUC to create a bio of the winners for use on our website and with the media.

Section II – Qualifications of Contestants

1. Contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools within Kittitas County, WA.
2. Contestants may submit only one essay entry.
3. Any student related to any member of KVVUC's staff or Board is not eligible.

Section III – Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official topic.
2. Each entry must include the following biographical information at the beginning of the essay document: name, age, grade, school, city, state, email, and phone number.
3. Essays must be typed and double-spaced. Essays must include a short title.
4. Essays must contain at least 300 words but no more than 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, biographical information, or any footnotes (if applicable).
5. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
6. If the essay incorporates facts or other verifiable details, the information should be footnoted. Wikipedia is not an acceptable source.
7. Any protest in the conduct of the contest must be made immediately. KVVUC's contest director will decide all protests in conformity with the contest rules. The decision of the contest director is final, and no higher appeals will be recognized.

Section IV – Judging and Timing

1. Any essay not complying with the rules will be immediately disqualified from any further review. An essay will also be disqualified at any point in the process if facts presented prove to be false or unsupportable (e.g., if numbers are presented as facts they must be based on defensible evidence as determined by KVVUC staff and/or the judges).
2. All compliant essays will be reviewed by an initial group of volunteer judges, staff, and volunteers using the scoring criteria described in Section V.
3. The top 10 essays from the review in #2 will make up the Finalist Group. Judging of the Finalist Group will be completed by a panel of qualified judges drawn from topic-related education fields.
4. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged until all essays have been scored.
5. Judging of the Finalist Group will be conducted using the scoring criteria described in Section V. In the case of a tie, the essay scoring higher on the Persuasiveness score will win.

Section V – Scoring of Contest

Scoring criteria at all levels of the contest will be identical:

1. Persuasiveness of the case made (including compelling messages, well-reasoned points): 50 points
2. Organization and structure (including a logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to the topic): 25 points
3. Grammar, punctuation, spelling: 15 points
4. Vocabulary and style: 10 points

National NEWS

UUA CONDEMNS WITHDRAWAL FROM PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

June 1, 2017

The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Interim Co-Presidents, the Revs. Sofía Betancourt and William Sinkford and Dr. Leon Spencer, issued the following message in response to President Trump's announcement that he will withdraw the United States from the Paris agreement on climate change:

As people of faith and conscience who affirm both the inherent worth and dignity of all and the interdependent web of all existence of which

we are a part, we find President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change to be an affront to that depth of connection. Our interconnectedness does not end at a wall on the border or at the oceans that we cross.

In these times, it matters what company we keep. With this decision, the United States joins only two other countries in opposing this historic accord: the war-torn nation of Syria and Nicaragua, whose government is run by a virtual dictatorship. We are deeply troubled by the message this sends to our global allies and trade partners. Such a choice eliminates the United States' seat at the table in negotiating policy action on global warming and creates greater space for authoritarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran to influence the direction of global climate action.

Unitarian Universalists have been dedicated to action on climate change for years now and clearly our work must continue. For those in the Washington D.C. area, we urge you if you are able to join a rally later today to show your support for the Paris Agreement or to organize a rally in your own community. There will also be opportunities for Unitarian Universalists to engage in climate justice activism at our annual *General Assembly* in New Orleans this June.

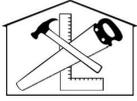
Unitarian Universalists remain committed to resisting the politics of hate, fear, and isolationism coming from the Trump Administration. For our own faith and values, and for the generations who will come after us, we know that we cannot remain silent.

From <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/uua-condemns-withdrawal-paris-climate-agreement>



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 CONTACT: 509-964-2086.



TAMZEN SHISSLER - Because Tamzen is a busy high school 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 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.



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- Experienced teacher
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LENA RENEE — Find Your Story, Your Path, Your Purpose.



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Or YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON!