

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

Community, Compassion, Commitment

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Sunday Service Zoom Link:
Meeting ID 738 363 620
Worship starts at 10:20am

<https://zoom.us/j/738363620>

Passcode is **BUF**
Phone: (669) 900-6833

Words from Paul

Welcome to Our Guests from Transylvania



Rev Tamas Balazs—minister of our partner Unitarian congregation in Magyarszovat, Romania—and his wife Kato, will be visiting us for the next two weeks. Your generous contributions to a collection we took up last fall have made this possible.

Tamas and Kato will take in the highlights of Whatcom County, and will visit us at BUF on Sundays August 13 and 20—be sure to take these opportunities to give them a big welcome.

On Sunday the 20th, our service will be dedicated to celebrating our partnership with Hungarian music and a sermon by Tamas, with translation by Reka Zoltan.

Following the August 20 service will be a **special summer potluck lunch**—please bring something delicious to show to our guests the best of our hospitality.

Their weekday schedule is full but flexible; if you would like to join them in one of their excursions, contact Reka (anyu9earth@gmail) to get up to date details.

Peace,
Paul

**Summer Services at
Bellingham Unitarian
Fellowship - Second Half
Aug. 6 - Sept. 3**

There are four more wonderful services this summer at BUF, with diverse speakers, creative elements and fabulous music. Services start at 10:30AM at BUF with a Zoom option. Below are descriptions of the second five services (Aug. 6-Sept. 3). Questions? Please contact BUF Summer Service Coordinator, Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove at revbabs10@gmail.com.

Aug. 13 - How Our Rights Matter - A service led by David Curley with the Black Lives Matter Task Force and Pam Graham. Special guest speaker will be Brian Womack - a human rights leader and justice advocate in our community. With special music by Joel Johnson.

Aug. 20 - Partner Church Celebration - Led by Rev. Paul Beckel & Kevin Allen-Schmid. Sermon by guest Rev. Tamas Balasz.

Join us as we celebrate the many years of friendship with Magyarszovat Unitarian Church, our partner congregation in Romania. Rev. Balasz is retiring and he and his wife will join us for this special recognition of our many years of relationship.

**In Loving Memory of Rick Dudley
August 25, 11:00 a.m. BUF Sanctuary**

Rev. Paul will officiate at a service in memory of Rick Dudley, a member of BUF for 28 years who lived simply, spoke plainly, and gave freely. Rick lived an extraordinarily minimalist lifestyle with a do-no-harm ethic. He had no illusions that he was going to fix

Aug. 27- Spiritual Play - Exploring the Body's Wisdom - Led by Rev. Barbara ten Hove with Steffany Raynes & Anna Matheson with special music by Lisa Kusick

On this last Sunday of August, we'll have the opportunity to play together, finding joy and wisdom in our words, in movement and in reflection. Using "Interplay" techniques, this experiential service will work best if you attend in person. For those who choose to participate (always a choice), this offers a fun and meaningful experience for all ages, so bring your whole family!

Sept. 3 -Planting Something New - Led by Rev. Racacl Weasley and Pam Graham

When someone first suggested to Pastor Rachael that she start a new church from scratch, she laughed off the comment with a firm decline. Four and a half years later, her new queer activist church held its first event. Hear the story of how she said yes to God, and join in wondering about the mystical invitations in your own life! Joining us from Community of Hope, Pastor Rachael is honored to preach at BUF after several years of collaboration with BUF on Indigenous solidarity work, other social justice efforts, and interfaith services.

the world; he just couldn't grasp the concept of not living according to one's stated values. A reception will follow in Fouts Park, which ends by **2:00 p.m.**

Art in the Narthex

Heather Delaney has her exhibit on display in the Narthex (set up last Friday.) She was at the church Sunday to meet people in the Narthex and give BUFsters the opportunity to get to know her and her work.

She describes herself as living nomadically, full-time traveling in an RV across North America with her husband, David, and dog, Kipling. She has lived in and traveled through 35+ countries and petted many animals along the way.

"As an artist in both photography and fiber, I strive to create more and consume less as a way to resist our attention economy."

Walking- along countryside paths, through cities, on the beach, or up mountains - is one of my favorite things to do. I also like learning folklore, history, and making up dumb songs about the dog."

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

August 19, 10:00 a.m. Kanaka Maoli of Maui, virtual
10:00 a.m. Pacific time, 7:00 a.m. Hawaii time

Aloha Mai Kakou! and E komo mai (welcome!) We the Kanaka Maoli of Maui invite you to begin a relationship among Original Nations and Peoples of the world. To learn about each other as individual peoples and to share our culture through our stories and songs.

Join us for an intercultural, interfaith sharing of experience and knowledge of the social, cultural, economic, legal, and environmental issues that impact the health and well-being of our collective Nations and our Planet.

No single individual, organization, or nation can or should bear the emotional, mental, physical, financial, or spiritual responsibility for finding solutions to today's overwhelming challenges. The urgent questions and growing social, cultural, and environmental inequities we face in these times create the need for collective strategies. We must all learn how to work together for our collective survival and that of our Grandmother Earth and all our relatives.

This Zoom event features: Sharing and Strengthening of Cultural Knowledge and Practice, Special Guests, Presenters, Film and Performers with Contemporary Story, Song and Dance. The event is sponsored by *InterNātional Indigenous Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC)*, which came out of the Standing Rock camps opposing DAPL.

Register here:

<https://www.storiesandsongs.org/register/virtual-one-day-aug-19>

SEJC Special Collections Recipient for August 2023: Friends of WPC Nepal



“Friends of WPC (Women’s Protection Center) Nepal works to prevent human trafficking by protecting and empowering at-risk women and children in Nepal. We do this through trafficking awareness & women/child rights programs; job training; and our safe homes for women and children who have survived trafficking and abuse or are at-risk of being

trafficked. We partner with the Women’s Protection Center in Hetauda, Nepal to provide housing and education for vulnerable women and children.

The WPC Vocational Training teaches marketable skills to economically vulnerable women in Hetauda, Nepal and the surrounding region. Graduates receive a comprehensive education in sewing and tailoring; the essential knowledge and skills they will need to start and run their own business; and all the tools they will need to get started, including their own brand new sewing machine. Since 2012, over 200 women have graduated from this program, and the majority has gone on to run their own tailoring businesses. We hope to admit 20 women to this program in 2024.” (Noel Ferrari, Development Director, Friends of WPC, Nepal.)

Picture shows graduates with certificates and their sewing machines.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Congregational Administrator Job Opening

BUF is recruiting for a Congregational Administrator. Please see the job posting on the BUF website <https://wp.buf.org/congregational-administrator-opening/>. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position please have them submit their information as soon as possible. **No phone calls please!**

Sept 5. Lunch with Paul at BUF

Lunch with Paul resumes at **Noon** on Tuesday, **September 5**.

Cooks Needed for next year’s Wednesday Night Dinners



Our weekly Wednesday Night dinners are over for the summer, but we’re already planning for next year. If you are craving a way to meet other people and have even moderate kitchen skills (or want to learn!), we encourage you to sign up to join our cooking team. It only requires 2 or 3 hours once a month. Contact Genia Allen-Schmid at genia@BUF.org if you want to learn more.

BUF Creativity Exhibition

Oct 7-8 (Please note date change) BUF Social Hall

Plans are afoot for holding a celebration of our unseen artforms. What are your creative outlets? Do you keep them mostly to yourself? Let's bring them together in an exhibition to be held October 7/8 in the Social Hall. Artistic works might include samples of paintings, poems, drawing, textiles, sculptures, photos, ceramics, or - what do you create?

If you're interested in volunteering to plan and organize this event, please step up now. We need you—and your creativity! For more details: Email Jan Cavitt at jadacad@gmail.com or Pam Graham at pam.graham1@icloud.com or pamg6986@gmail.com.

Mid Week Update Summer Schedule

The MWU is published every other week until September 6 as follows:

Aug 16 No MWU

Aug 23 MWU is published

Aug 30 No MWU

Sept 06 Weekly MWU resumes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Genia Allen-Schmid, RE Director, genia@buf.org

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Morning



Our formal Sunday morning Religious Education program is on hiatus over the summer, but two of our wonderful teenage childcare providers will be here each week to lead a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities during the service.

Children will start in the sanctuary, as usual, where we have a child-friendly space with pillows, drawing supplies, fidget boxes, and a front row seat for the Story of All Ages or

interactive song. Afterward the children's focus, we will head upstairs where older children will be in the flex room and preschoolers in a separate room for fun, supervised playtime.

If you have any questions or concerns about our children's programming or want to volunteer, please contact me at genia@BUF.org

VOLUNTEERS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Oct. 7-8 (*please note date change*) BUF Social Hall. Volunteers and planners needed for BUF Creativity Exhibition. Email Jan Cavitt at jadacad@gmail.com or Pam Graham at pam.graham1@icloud.com or pamg6986@gmail.com.

MUSIC NEWS -

KEVIN ALLEN-SCHMID, Music Director - kevin@buf.org

How to submit content for the Mid Week Update:

Content must be received on Monday by 10:00 a.m. Submit via email and include an attached Word document, single spaced, Georgia 12 font. Avoid any formatting, bullets, etc. Limit **200 words**. If you have an item for the calendar please put "Calendar"; if you are seeking Volunteers, please put "Volunteer" in the subject line. Submittals may be edited for space and clarity. Submit your content to MWU@buf.org

Streamline your Monthly Charitable Contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer

Would you like to make sure that you do not miss any of your monthly contributions? Set up an automatic electronic funds transfer (EFT) of your regular charitable donations. Kathy Wahto BUF administrator can assist you. If you would like to give more for a select organization, you can send an additional check just for those organizations. This system ensures that every organization gets the funds. Thank you so much for your generous gifts.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
September 4, 2023	7-8:00 pm	Taizé https://zoom.us/j/97456974163? pwd=WkdHQ3UzRlNyYzFBMGRwQTJsY0lZdz09 Meeting ID: 974 5697 4163 Passcode: BET If you have any questions, please email Rev. Tessie at Tessie@BUF.org
September 29-30, 2023	TBA	Rummage sale at BUF. Hours to be announced. For details contact Drew Betz, Board member, drewlenore@me.com
October 2, 2023	7-8:00 pm	Taizé https://zoom.us/j/97456974163? pwd=WkdHQ3UzRlNyYzFBMGRwQTJsY0lZdz09 Meeting ID: 974 5697 4163 Passcode: BET If you have any questions, please email Rev. Tessie at Tessie@BUF.org
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November 6, 2023	7-8:00 pm	Taizé https://zoom.us/j/97456974163? pwd=WkdHQ3UzRlNyYzFBMGRwQTJsY0lZdz09 Meeting ID: 974 5697 4163 Passcode: BET If you have any questions, please email Rev. Tessie at Tessie@BUF.org
December 4, 2023	7-8:00 pm	Taizé https://zoom.us/j/97456974163? pwd=WkdHQ3UzRlNyYzFBMGRwQTJsY0lZdz09 Meeting ID: 974 5697 4163 Passcode: BET If you have any questions, please email Rev. Tessie at Tessie@BUF.org