

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

Community, Compassion, Commitment

April 17, 2024



Sunday, April 21

Thanks to the Earth – Steffany Raynes and Rev Paul Beckel

Mother Earth's cycles of seasons and cycles of life are not just interesting metaphors, they are the lives we live. This Earth Day let's rejoice and give thanks for our earthly home: our sanctuary, source, and sustenance.

All BUF services are accessible in-person, or on Zoom use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/73836362> Passcode = BUF

Meeting ID 738 363 620

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK



We continue to explore this month's theme of Interdependence and our place in the interconnected web of life. Earth Day is a great reminder that we are called to care for our planet, its natural resources, and the life and nature that inhabit it, and today we will learn about what we can specifically do to nurture our mother earth.

Children will start in the sanctuary 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. After the Children's Focus we will head upstairs where we will explore our

theme through stories, activities, games and art.

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

INTERWEAVE (LGBTQ+ Support and Advocacy) POTLUCK - April 21st @ 6:00 PM

All are invited to this potluck at BUF. We will gather in the social hall at 6:00 pm. Expect lively conversation and discussion. We'd love to hear from folks about what Interweave can do to continue making a difference at BUF. Email Natalie Johnson (NatalieLJohnson53@gmail.com) to let us know what you'll bring. We're looking forward to seeing you!

A CELEBRATION OF FRANK MORROW'S LIFE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

Please join his family and friends to honor him in the Sanctuary at BUF beginning at 2 PM on Saturday. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after the service.



Are You Ready for a Great Party?
It's the BUF Auction!
Entry and Raffle Tickets On Sale Now!
Online at <https://fundraiser.bid/BUF>
or at BUF on Sundays.

Your \$25 ticket includes extraordinary food, a costume parade, fun with friends and the chance to support BUF.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 for one, \$10 for three

We Really Need Volunteers! To learn more or to offer to help - email Auction@buf.org or sign up at [Auction Sign Ups](#).

Can't Make it to the Event or Want a Head Start on Bidding?
Online Bidding Takes Place Between April 28-May 1.
Register or Purchase Tickets to Bid.

The auction Catalog is Amazing - check it out at: <https://fundraiser.bid/BUF>

Here's a sample of the more than 115 fabulous things on offer:

Events: *Teddy Bear Cupcake Party, Murder Mystery, Winchester Mt. Hike*

Items: *Lap Quilt, Vintage Earrings, Bird of Paradise Print*

Services: *Acupuncture, Home Organizing, Velvet Rope Hair Salon*

And the Live Auction Will Include:

Samish Island Sojourn, Arizona Homestay, and more!
Plus Paddle Call!

Auction Items May Be Dropped Off at BUF after church through May 1.
No Large Items, please! If you're unsure, contact Barbara at revbabs10@gmail.com

This is BUF's biggest Fundraiser and we need you to attend, buy raffle tickets, and bid on these fabulous items. Bring your Friends!

Need More info? Pick up an Auction FAQ at BUF.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICA CARTWRIGHT

Josephine Janice Cartwright, aka Baby Josie, arrived a couple weeks early weighing in at 7lbs 2oz, doing fine on her own timing. The family are all very happy and healthy! Big Brother Hugo immediately showed Josie his favorite monster truck cars.

Jessica reports she's glad to not be pregnant anymore and will miss choir on Wednesdays and Sundays. To support her with meals, sign up at the meal train here:

[Meal Train for Jessica & Family](#)



**Joining
Hearts
and
Minds**

Inspired by the invitation of Indigenous Hawaiians, E Ala E!, we join in the global gatherings of blessings and prayers in Kinship with the EARTH.

Join the interfaith and multicultural service with practitioners of Islam, Tao, Judaism, Christianity, Bahai, and Sikh; opening prayer and song with Lummi Doug and Jewell James; art and music; and shared commitments to Earth and All Life.

Monday, April 22, 2024
7:00-8:30 pm
First Congregational Church
2401 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham

Free Will Offering for Gathering of the Eagles.

EARTH DAY: Joining Together in Kinship with the Earth

EARTH DAY GATHERING: JOINING TOGETHER IN KINSHIP WITH THE EARTH Monday, April 22, 7:00-8:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham. Inspired by the invitation of Indigenous Hawaiians, E Ala E!, we join in the global gatherings of blessings and prayers in Kinship with the EARTH.

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We'd like a good showing of BUFSTERS. Put it on your calendars and attend. Su Livingston is playing the opening and closing music. Annie Sorich is forming a small chorus to give body to the two hymns we will be singing. Mel Hoover, Rose Edington, and Deb Cruz have helped with the planning, and Paul is formatting the Order of Service. SEJC gave \$200 towards expenses. Please share the poster on your social media and personally invite any young adults you know to attend. Questions: Beth Brownfield, bethbrownf1@gmail.com.

FIND THE BUF CALENDAR ONLINE

The complete calendar of BUF events and building uses is available on our website under the News tab or by following this link <https://73940468.view-events.com/calendar/73940468/month>

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