

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

Community, Compassion, Commitment

June 19, 2024



All BUF services are accessible in-person

or on Zoom. Use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/738363620>

Passcode = BUF / Meeting ID 738 363 620

Sunday June 23

Live stream from the UUA General Assembly

Join thousands of UUs from around the country gathering to sing and reflect on our vision for our future.

More here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/sunday-morning-worship>

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES!

Similar to last year, our summer services (July 7-Sept. 1) will be coordinated by affiliated minister Rev. Barbara W. ten Hove. There will be a simple, but fun, program for kids each Sunday. Join your BUF community for these meaningful services throughout the summer. Here are the upcoming services for July:

July 7

Rocked by the Infinite, Rev. Barbara ten Hove with Tom Nicholas, celebrant

The late US poet laureate Stanley Kunitz wrote poems that speak powerfully to what it means to be human, particularly in the face of love and loss. This poetry-and-reflection service will be supported by improvisational music by pianist Andrea Rackl.

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove is a member of BUF who retired with her husband Jaco after nearly 35 years in the UU ministry.

July 14

What's Your Story? Rev. Peter Luton, with Steffany Raynes and Melanie Rieck

Stories explain a lot. If we're lucky, we might live a story or come across a story that doesn't necessarily resolve conundrums and anguishes, but somehow shifts us to a new place, a new understanding and sometimes even a new acceptance.

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Luton is a member of BUF and tries to keep up with mowing our lawns. He and spouse Linda Berg moved to Bellingham in 2016 after he retired from a 21-year ministry at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue, Washington.

July 21

Take Time Back, Su Livingston and Annie Sorich

Presence creates a sense of home. How do we create pockets of 'rest' in which to *Be*, in one place only, and resist nonstop calls to connect and *Do*?

Su Livingston and Annie Sorich are musicians, friends and BUF members

July 28

Religion Matters, Rev. Barbara ten Hove—with Tom Nicholas and Jaco ten Hove

Liberal religious folk are often marginalized or trivialized by more traditional religious people. Can we move through the world remembering that our religion matters, too?

WELCOME LIS (ELISABETH) EPPERSON, OUR NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Lis and family (pictured Gabe, Peter, and Jane) have been with us at BUF for eight years. She will begin planning programs in August—and Sunday morning classes—which will begin Sept 8.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



During the summer months our teenage childcare providers will lead fun activities and games, along with our usual joys and concerns, plus stories for children two and up. We will include plenty of movement and outdoor time to get warm-weather wiggles out!

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 for supervised fun and time to make friends.

STILL ROOM FOR MORE AT THE BARBARA'S GARDEN PARTY: FRIDAY, JULY 12th

We would be so pleased if you would join us and many other BUFsters at our garden party from 2-5 p.m. on July 12, 2024. Ron had the honor of having our garden chosen for the Washington Native Plant Society's Garden Tour on June 1st. Many compliments were given by the 50 or so people who came through.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the very talented Matt and Allegra Ziffle, Kjerstie Nelson and Karen and Chad Nuckles-Flinn.

You can sign up at the BUF auction site until June 30th:

<https://event.auctria.com/594af2d0-4deb-49f9-aba9-605bb8773352/aa6cd270-8751-11e9-a741-3fcfc35cbb0?fd0142da790b4af0b2187e61adf52625%2Fq=Garden%20party&fd0142da790b4af0b2187e61adf52625%2FcurrentPage=0&fd0142da790b4af0b2187e61adf52625%2FselectedItem=e6b0ac5c-8a05-49b8-bb7a-ea8cb61755ce>

Barbara Ellis-Quinn, Barbara Gilday and Ronald Quinn

GRATITUDE TO AND FROM KEVIN AND GENIA

We thank RuthAnn Hanlin and the BUF choir for these beautiful quilts, given to us as retirement gifts at the choir party on June 12, and shown here hanging in the BUF narthex. We also thank the whole congregation for nine sweet years together.

Click [HERE](#) to access the BUF Choir Folder, where you will find some of the wonderful photos, slideshows and stories from the party, as well as some highlights from the last nine sweet years.

It's impossible to say thank you enough, so let's just say
WE LOVE YOU!
Kevin and Genia



A PLACE IN OUR HEART, Farewell song to Kevin and Genia by Su Livingston and friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3xrXeueDo0>

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CALENDAR 2024-25



FALL

September

Newcomer Pathways to BUF

1 session

Felice Davis

Pathway sessions welcome new members, visitors, or anyone interested in knowing more about the UU tradition and BUF. These fun and informative sessions introduce participants to each other, and to Unitarian Universalism.

October

UU 101

4 sessions

Bonnie Phinney

Designed for people new to UUism or who want to understand their UU faith more fully.

UU 101 will include a little history and theology, discussions on how Unitarian Universalism differs from other religions, and how you can better articulate your chosen faith to others.

November

Revisiting History

1 session

Rod Haynes

When and where we are born and live, and our race, class, ethnicity, and gender provide each of us with a unique vantage point with which to view the world. This class will consist of discussions about prevailing concepts of the nature of history, and how a revisiting of popular concepts is called for.

December

Grief Group

1 session

Tom Nicholas

This discussion format workshop is primarily designed for people who have lost a loved one—recently or not. Participants will have opportunities to talk about their own experience of grief and what they found to be helpful in dealing with it.

January

Aging

3-4 sessions

Kathryn Allen

We will explore various concepts and expectations related to being an elder, such as grace, wisdom/aging, dignity, losses, memory, acceptance and our own realities as we face the many changes of this chapter in life.

February/March Pathways for Young Parents 3-4 sessions Ellen Berning/Gayle Tilles
This Pathways **workshop** will be held during church so parents of young children can attend while their children are taken care of. Learn about the UU tradition in relationship with your peers!

Feb. BLM Programming TBA

March UU Theology II 4 weeks Natalie Johnson
UU Theology II continues the examination of the development of Unitarian Universalism during the late 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. The course is intended for anyone interested in understanding our Unitarian Universalist dynamic, ever-developing beliefs.

April Newcomer Pathways to BUF 1 day Felice Davis

SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION FOR JUNE 2024: UNBRIDLED SPIRIT

“...you are doing magic here! It is a low-risk place to experiment; there is compelling content; we get outside our comfort zone; I see my own habits that might not be shown to me in a less safe environment.” A participating teacher.

Unbridled Spirit provides learning and therapy by connecting with horses. They help in self-discovery and transformation. Horses share intuition and support to help us access our inner wisdom, and unbridled our true spirit. Programs are offered for individuals, families and groups. They help individuals face emotions and develop inner strength, families to communicate more effectively and build mutually respectful connections. Students are assisted in schools by having a positive impact on mental wellness and building a belief that one can be successful in life.

Offering this program requires maintaining the horses and other costs—and for outcome evaluation. Please contribute to this nascent organization to help our community’s well being throughout this month. The organization invites us to a tour of their farm and to get involved as volunteers. For more information and contact: Windy Acres Farm, www.unbridledspirit.org. Sonja Wingard, Director: 360-927-3612. Molly McKenna, Administrator: 360-303-1597.

STONEWALL UPRISING 55th ANNIVERSARY - Interweave

This June marks the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the event that began the contemporary Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer+ movement. In 1969 same sex attraction was a mental illness, and demonstrating “homosexual” behavior could get one arrested. There was some safety in Gay bars, but customers might be caught in a police raid. On June 28th, 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, at the center of New York’s Gay bar scene. Usually bar customers would slip away, or act straight. But this night they stood and watched and jeered as the police roughed up and arrested the more conspicuous customers. A woman being arrested called out “Do something!” The crowd threw bottles and rocks and Molotov cocktails and brawled with the police. By dawn, the rioting calmed, but on the next two nights Gays came back. Some fought police. Some discussed using new

tactics to advocate for Gay rights. One year later, in June of 1970, the first Gay rights protest marched from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park. From that riotous beginning emerged our familiar LGBTQ+ Pride Parades, with their rainbow flags and marching bands and church groups.

THE NEXT BUF AUCTION

You may be reading this in shock - what do you mean NEXT? The newly formed BUF Community Fundraising Committee has set its first task at setting a calendar for fundraising events that support BUF in the coming fiscal year. To that end, the Stewardship Campaign anchors the calendar as always. Planning other events that will support BUF and allow for some breathing space in budget development is an important role of this committee. We have decided to hold the Auction for the coming fiscal year on the first Saturday in November. **Mark your calendars now for November 2nd.** Think of the fun we will have celebrating the fall season with color, costumes, and great items that can purchased as gifts for the winter holidays!

We will need new volunteers to help with this year's planning and preparations; the biggest need will be: come early for volunteers on the donations team. Several of the long-time members are stepping away. Our initial structure will be a planning team, donations team, a decorations team, a communications team and a silent auction team. If you are interested in helping out in any of these key roles, please let me know ASAP. We will begin early planning over the summer and be up to full speed at the beginning of September.

I look forward to making this event fun and successful. Drew Betz, Incoming Auction Chair

MIDWEEK UPDATE SUMMER SCHEDULE

Over the summer, the MWU will be published and distributed every other week: Today, July 3, 17, and 31, and August 14 and 28. We will return to weekly issues on September 4.

HOW TO SUBMIT CONTENT FOR THE MID-WEEK UPDATE

Content must be received by *10:00 AM on the Monday before the distribution date*. Submit via email and include an attached Word doc, single spaced, Times New Roman 12 font. Avoid any formatting, including bullets. Limit: 200 words. Submittals may be edited for space and clarity. Submit your content to MWU@buf.org

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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