



**Skagit Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship**

SUUF

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Welcome to summer at SUUF. As you may know, from July 2 through Sept. 3, Sundays will feature members of the fellowship serving as speakers on a wide array of topics. Look for updates in weekly announcements.

This newsletter shows the summer lineup. Read on to find out more. The next newsletter will arrive in September. Until then, enjoy a great summer.

Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.



July 2. Speaker: Doris Brevoort

“Our Spiritual Journey”

In song, readings and story, Doris will share some of the turning points in her path, explore spiritual meaning and will invite the group to share some of their own experiences.

Celebrant: Doris Brevoort.

July 16. Speaker: Jim Heard

"Eulogy for Pessimism"

While it doesn't usually survive long in human consciousness, pessimism brings with it a valuable clarity about life's perils. We will hold a funeral for pessimism, review the worst dangers the world faces today and share our persistent and reinvigorated optimism.

Celebrant: Jim Heard



July 23. Speaker: Jorge Manzanera

"Getting into politics"

How I ended up running for City Council, and what my chances are. I will cover the issues that are important in Mount Vernon. Iris Carias will join me. She is running a similar campaign for City Council, Ward 1.

Celebrant: Garth McMurtrey

July 30. Speaker: Nicki Hamilton

"The Christian Roots of Unitarian and Universalist service to Mankind"

The service will include the ritual of a Common Meal, a potentially emotional and profound spiritual experience.

Celebrant: Doris Brevoort

August 6. Speaker: Cheryl McRill:

“The Wisdom of Slime Molds”

Are you a wave or water? Cheryl will include readings and reflections on individuality and unity from Emerson, Thich Nhat Hanh, and others. You’ll be surprised what simple, humble slime molds can teach us on this subject.

Celebrant: Matthew Bianconi

August 13: Speaker: Randi Breuer

“Those Kids”

Who are the at-risk and homeless teens of Skagit County? This presentation will cover statistics, resources and stories of Skagit's youth. YMCA Oasis Daylight and Teen Shelter offer a variety of services. Discover what you can do to support teenagers.

August 27. Speaker: Chris Hoke

“Underground Ministries”

Chris is currently a jail and gang chaplain with Tierra Nueva. He is starting his own organization, Underground Ministries, partnering churches with prisoners who want rehabilitation. He is the author of *Wanted*, a beautifully written book on his work in Skagit County.

Celebrant: Ginny Darvill

September 3. Speaker: Peggy Bissell

“Stranger in a Strange Land...Sickness & Social Justice”

This service explains how much the actions of everyday people with compassion and social justice have made possible the medical advances we have today.

Celebrant: Bethany Lynn

Camping anyone?

Come experience Eliot, part camp, part conference. Eliot is an inclusive, all-ages vacation for families, couples, and individuals. The seven-day July and August Eliot camps feature interesting speakers for adults and fun programs for children and teens. Creative Arts Eliot (also held in August) offers a choice of hands-on, expert-led workshops. Afternoons and evenings, campers lead organized activities, such as swimming, dances, games, concerts, crafts, and more. Eliot conferences are held at Seabeck Conference Center. Eliot Institute also offers limited scholarships for those who apply by July 5. It is affiliated with the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. More information: visit www.eliotinstitute.org

NOT ON SUNDAY...events

***The Covenant Circle Group* meets for a two-hour discussion on the first and third Thursday of each month at Haggens, on Division in Mount Vernon (1:30 - 3:30 p.m.). All are welcome. We are reading and discussing "American Nations" by Colin Woodard (available in paperback).**

On the second Thursday of each month, lunch at a different place, meeting at 1 p.m. Call for location. Contact: Joy Lindberg, 424-8090. joylindber@aol.com

Interested in viewing the total solar eclipse on August 21? Lodging in Salem, Oregon, in the path of total eclipse, is available in guest rooms of the members of the UU Congregation of Salem. See the post in the UUCS website, www.uusalem.org.

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