

**Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County
Program Guide – FALL 2022**



This Guide provides an overview of our church programming, including church governance and chartered committees as well as learning, service, advocacy, and social opportunities.

Program Guide updates occur periodically each Fall (September) and Spring (March). Please send updates/corrections/edits to Administrative Services Committee (ASC) at AdmSvComm@UCCWC.groups.io or to Kathy Ellis k.bellis@comcast.net.

To reach Rev. Ben Robins email reverend@uccwc.org

For confidential support during challenging times, contact the Pastoral Care Team at PastoralCareTeam@UCCWC.groups.io or pastoralcare@uccwc.org.

Use the Calendar (on website) to RESERVE the Zoom 1 or Zoom 2 accounts or SUBMIT an event or FIND your meeting/event:

Zoom Worship: <https://zoom.us/j/4312377276>

Church Zoom 1: <https://zoom.us/j/7399633516>

Church Zoom 2: <https://zoom.us/j/3180120000>

Volunteers keep our church community strong! We LOVE our Volunteers!

- Always **CHECK** the Church Calendar! Where noted, groups are meeting via Zoom and active with social distancing and masks or in Small Groups.
- Only the Chairs/Co-chairs are listed unless the group has only a few members.
- Many committees have sub-groups on [Group.io](https://www.group.io). Click on the Sub-groups tab from the Main@UCCWC.groups.io to find their email addresses.
- Unless otherwise noted, groups are **OPEN** on an ongoing basis.

Church Governance

BOT Board of Trustees (Elected: 3-yr terms)	Elected by the congregation, the Board is guided by UU principles to manage the daily operations of the church, its mission, and vision while planning for future compliance. ANY congregant is welcome to attend any regularly scheduled BOT meeting. Minutes (approved) are available to congregation via email, upon request.	3 rd Wed 6:30pm Zoom2 Email	Lisa Lake President BOTmembers@uuccwc.org
Committee of Right Relations	Board Liaison: Terri Schmiesing		TBD
Nominating Committee (Elected, 2-year terms)	Proposes candidates to fill elected positions if no candidates are nominated by the congregation, as outlined in the church By-laws. At Annual Meetings, develops the ballots, counts the votes, determines if a quorum has been established, and announces the results of the election. According to our By-laws, any member 16 or older may serve in elected positions.	Contact Team via Email	Emily Bostian (she/her) Chair nomcom@uuccwc.org

Pastoral Care Team (PCT) Pastoral Care Minister: Rev Ben Robins (Staff)
reverend@uuccwc.org OR pastoralcare@uuccwc.org OR PastoralCareTeam@UCCWC.groups.io
 3rd Weds 10:00am – 12pm Zoom1 or Social Hall

Community Cupboard (PCT)	PCT stocks a Community Cupboard to help with short term shortages of food and household supplies via, small denomination WinCo and Fred Meyer cash cards. Contact any PCT member or Rev Ben.	Email or Call	Megan Bischoff PCTeam
Durable Medical Equipment (PCT)	Offering/Coordinating the Church Medical Equipment Loan Service.	Email or Call	Kathy, Lois, Ed, Megan, Sally, Julia, Rev Ben
Helping Hands Team (PCT)	Offers meals, rides, pet care, home visits and cards to Members and Friends. Anyone can volunteer or request help; it is organized via an email list.	Email	PCT team with Coordinator - Ed Gallaher Julia Surtshin Kathy Ellis
Ministerial Discretionary Fund (MDF)	Any requests for funds from the Ministerial Discretionary Fund (MDF) should go to Rev. Ben, email is reverend@uuccwc.org . Monetary donations to the MDF are accepted at any time (not just on Christmas Eve). We are all proud to be part of this UCCWC community!	Email or Call	Rev Ben Robins
Memorial Task Force (PCT)	Members of PCT help our families with the planning and the recruiting of volunteers for Memorial Services.	As Needed	Rev Ben Robins PC Team

Religious Education (RE) Christine Hinderer – Coordinator re_coordinator@uuccwc.org

**REST
Religious
Exploration
Support Team**

Supports our children RE program, families in congregational life and the RE Coordinator. Supports and develops opportunities for fellowship and family community building. Our meetings and committee membership are open to everyone (both members and friends)!

4th Tues
6:30-
7:30pm
Zoom 1
Email

Ali Luey
[REST@uuccwc.
groups.io](mailto:REST@uuccwc.groups.io)
aliluey@me.com

Beginning Fall 2022

All children begin in the sanctuary with our intergenerational congregation and remain until the children are sung out of the sanctuary to their respective groups.

Christine
Hinderer
[re_coordinator@
uuccwc.org](mailto:re_coordinator@uuccwc.org)

Nursery (children under 3) joins with the younger Children's RE (Pre-K to 1st grades) and is available from the time the children are sung out of the sanctuary until the service ends.

Available
every
week

Christine
Hinderer

Children's RE is split into two: (Pre-K to 1st grades) and (2nd to 5th grades). In services that are All Ages Service, children remain in the Sanctuary the entire service.

Meets
nearly
every
week

Christine
Hinderer

Youth (currently 6th-12th grades) leave the sanctuary and go to the Parish House to have RE Lessons—1st and 3rd Sundays only. This gives them time (2nd and 4th Sundays) to attend services, hear sermons, volunteer in the church, and participate in community events. As the Youth increase in number, they will split into YoYo (middle school) and YRUU (high school) classes/groups.

Parish H
1st & 3rd
Sundays
only

Meg Joseph,
Susannah Krug

Parents Night (Drop-in) Connect with other parents online after your kids are in bed. (Theoretically 😊)

Last Sat
9:30pm
Zoom

Ali Luey

Music & Church Worship

Music Director: TBD - Staff – musicdirector@uuccwc.org

Accompanist: TBD

**Choir
(Late August to
early June)**

We invite any interested members, friends, music lovers, and shower singers to join us as we 'Lift Up Our Voices and Sing'. Come experience the joy that singing together brings.

Sings a combination of hymns and secular music. True tone deafness is extremely rare. Some folks just don't have much practice holding pitch when surrounded by harmonies. It's eminently learnable! And fun!

Thurs
7-8:30pm
Sanctuary
ZoomW
Email

Temp -
Darlene Tschudy
TBD
[Choir@UCCWC
.groups.io](mailto:Choir@UCCWC.groups.io)

Music Library Choir Admin	Coordinates music library Assists with Rosters, Schedules, Admin tasks as requested	Email	TBD Kathy Ellis
Orengo Ramblers (Drop-in)	A homegrown UCCWC band playing an eclectic mix of Irish, bluegrass and old-timey tunes. Plays at worship services once per quarter and for some special events. Also, give performances once a month at local retirement centers and nursing facilities.	Fridays 1-3:30pm Sanctuary	Gary Conaway Sheryl Macy
Cat House Band (Audition)	Our rock band plays for worship services about once per quarter, also for special church events and a few private gigs.	As Needed Sanctuary	Jason Spence jbs0923@comcast.net
Special Musicians	A number of other musicians can play during services when the Choir is not singing. Musicians willing to share your talents with our church community, please contact the Music Director.	N/A	Music Director

Chartered and/or Term-Limited Committees/Teams

ASC Administrative Services Committee	Assists documentation projects as directed by the Board of Trustees: (Ex: Policy Manual, By-Laws and Leadership Quick Ref List, Program Guide etc.), Manages Church Library (Ch Librarian: Kerri Nussbaum)	2 nd Thursday 10a-12pm Zoom2 Email	Kathy Ellis Kathleen Hall AdminServices@UCCWC.group.s.io
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CC - Communications Committee - Staff: Tanya Vesecky - Co-chairs: Lorie Clark (she/her), Emily Bostian (she/her) Email: info@uccwc.org or communications@uccwc.groups.io Meet: 2nd Mon 6:30-7:30pm Zoom2

Newsletter and Order of Service (OOS) (Staff)	Sign up or submit an announcement, via email to Tanya. Announcements are due Friday for inclusion the following week. Tanya sends out the Worship Service Announcement later with Order of Service (OOS) with information for Sunday service.		Tanya Vesecky info@uccwc.org
Groups.io	Groups.io provides an expansive set of web-based group communication tools, including a calendar, wiki, file and photo sharing areas, and chats. Within the main group there are committee and affinity <u>subgroups</u> you can request to be a part of once joining the main group. Join main@uccwc.groups.io first.	Email	Lorie Clark or Tanya Vesecky main@uccwc.groups.io
Website Team	Updating the church calendar, updating Service blurbs, announcements, and other content on the new (!) website.	Email	Tanya Vesecky or Lorie Clark
Zoom Team	Hosts Zoom meeting and troubleshoots tech glitches. Volunteers most welcome to join and will be trained.	Each Tues 1-2:00pm ZoomW	John Sharp
Facebook	There is a Public Page, as well as private groups. (Main group, Families, Humanists, LGBTQ+)	N/A	Comm Team
Instagram @uccwc	An image-based app. Content is usually cross-posted to Facebook and the main Groups.io page. Please comment on posts you view! main@uccwc.groups.io	Email main@uccwc.groups.io	Emily Bostian (she/her)

Redbubble	A site to order merchandise (t-shirts, stickers, magnets, accessories, etc.) with our church logo. Each item is printed on demand; no backstock is kept. A small percentage of each sale benefits the church.	Email	Tanya Vesecky or Lorie Clark
YouTube	This is where you can find videos of select sermons. Uploads need written consent through the Worship Team. Find the widget with the triangle at the top of our website, or search for "UU Community Church of Washington County" on YouTube.	N/A	Tanya Vesecky or Lorie Clark
Buzzsprout	This is where you can find podcasts of select sermons. Uploads need written consent through the Worship Team. Find the podcast widget at the top of our website.	Email	Tanya Vesecky or Lorie Clark
Church Sign	Each week changes the message on the front church marquee sign and sends a photograph for its posting on Facebook and Instagram.	Mondays On-Site	Bill Ellis

COC Council of Committees	Committee chairs, officers and/or volunteers meet to review overall committee needs and requests. Place to drop notes on what your committee is doing to collaborate with other teams and co-chairs.	3 rd alt Sats 6x year 9-10:30am Zoom2	BOT VP Paul Hart CouncilCommittees@UCCWC.groups.io
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FMC Facilities Management Committee	Ensures the appropriate development, coordination and management of maintenance and improvement projects for Capital Assets, including the development and implementation of a Maintenance Plan. FacilitiesManagement@UCCWC.groups.io	3 rd Thurs 2-3:30pm Zoom2 Email	John Sharp Kay Demlow
Aesthetics Team	Facilitates the design and updates of the décor in our Sanctuary, Entry Hall, & Gathering Room. Aesthetics@UCCWC.groups.io	As called by Kay	Kay Demlow
Property Management	Volunteers do maintenance work in and around the church and Parish House to keep everything in good working order and looking inviting to the public. Workers break for snacks/coffee and conversation about 10:30am.	ACTIVE Thursdays 9-11am Grounds	Mike Bruhl
HVAC Team	The HVAC team keeps the Sanctuary, Social Hall and Parish House HVAC /air-purification systems programmed to run for all events and meetings scheduled in the Church calendar. They use online access to thermostats and a special HVAC@uuccwc.org email account.	Scheduled ONLY	Bill E. Mark B John S. Tanya V.
Property Rental	Handles contracts and payments with like-minded groups who rent our building.	Email	Jay Hamlin
Community Garden & Landscape	Organic only. A limited number of plots are open to Members and Friends for a small fee. Preference is given to those who had a plot the previous year. Tom is looking for a project leadership handoff.	Garden is OPEN - ACTIVE	Temp - Tom Wilson
Green Sanctuary	The Green Sanctuary program is a path for congregational study, reflection, and action in response to environmental challenges.	Paused	TBD

FSC Financial Services Committee	Supports Treasurer, works in areas such as, but not limited to: Financial oversight, Investment Advisory, Audit.	Quarterly and as needed	BOT-Jane Hogue BOTmembers@uuccwc.org Gary Conaway
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IFRT (Elected) Internal Financial Review Team	Internal Financial Review Committee. Independently reviews church financial records. Members: Serve 3 year elected terms: Josh Steinhurst John Sharp Katy Atwood	Closed Meetings As needed	BOT: Terri Schmiesing BOTmembers@uuccwc.org
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JAC - JUSTice ACTion Council	Supports and coordinates our social justice outreach projects, with a particular focus on antiracist work. Welcoming Congregation Team (WCT) This team, under the JustAct Council, is a committed and passionate group that serves to promote the dignity and worth of all in the spirit of our principles and values.	Zoom Email	Ali Luey JUSTACT@uuccwc.groups.io BOT-Jane Hogue WCC@uuccwc.groups.io
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Stewardship	Keeps year-round focus on generosity to keep people and programs strong and building the work of this Congregation. Efforts includes the Annual Pledge Drive (Canvass), other fundraising, and Planned Giving and Outreach events.	2 nd Tues 6:30-8pm Zoom1 Email	Bill Ellis Kathy Foldes Stewardship@uuccwc.groups.io
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Special Project Teams (Term-Limited)

MFT Ministerial Fellowship Team	The Ministerial Fellowship Team helps the minister to continue developing as a minister, through shared reflection and feedback. The MFT also evaluates the minister's development, as part of the Preliminary Fellowship renewal process.	TBD	Rev Ben Robins To be chosen for next Church year 2023.
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P2R Path To Reopening	Provides ongoing guidelines for church activities based on analysis of scientific and medical information.	2 nd Thurs 6-7:30pm Zoom Email	BOT-Liz Scully Annie Raich P2R@uuccwc.groups.io
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TT Transition Team (Appointed)	Appointed by the Board in October 2021 as a leadership team to support Rev Ben during his Interim Ministry and to represent the pulse of the congregation. Goals include: Coming to terms with the past - Being together in the present Dreaming of and preparing for the future	2 nd Sat 9:-10:30am Zoom2 Email	Rev Ben Robins Bill Ellis Jean Powers TransitionTeam@uuccwc.groups
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VAC Vision Action Committee (Appointed)	<i>On Pause during the Interim Ministry process and the work of the Transition Team.</i> Formed in May 2019 to implement the vision and ideas of the congregation as expressed in Vision Report.	Paused	Bill Ellis visionactioncommittee@uuccwc.groups.io
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Membership Services Committee - membership@uuccwc.groups.io

<p>MSC Membership Services Committee</p>	<p>Welcomes visitors and provides fellowship opportunities after worship service. We offer a 3-session New Member Class to those interested in becoming Members and maintain current roster of Members. kathyfoldes@gmail.com</p>	<p>4th Thurs 7-8:30pm Zoom2 Email</p>	<p>Temp Chair- Kathy Foldes membership@uuccwc.groups.io</p>
<p>Circle Suppers (Sign-up)</p>	<p>Members host dinners open to the congregation. Supper scheduling is announced during worship services and in the weekly Newsletter.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Brenda Buratti</p>
<p>Hospitality</p>	<p>Handle food and drink during Fellowship Time after Sunday Services & special events. UCCWC cookbook is paused.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Ushers and Greeters</p>	<p>Ushers are often the first contact for newcomers and our entire congregation. We hand out the Order of Service and nametags to newcomers, and welcome everyone. Duties also include the collection, counting and recording of money collected during the service.</p>	<p>As needed</p>	<p>Pam Schossau</p>

<p>MPT Multi-Platform Team</p>	<p>Goal – To continue supporting the Worship Team by live streaming services from Sanctuary for off-site Service attendees. Members: Mark Bischoff, Lorie Clark, Gary Conaway, Jay Hamlin, Barb Hart, Lisa Lake, Maya Luevane, Pam Midyett, John Sharp, Darolyn Wylie, Lauri Watkins Team Email: multi-platform@uuccwc.groups.io</p>	<p>Every Other Tues 6-7pm Zoom Sanctuary</p>	<p>(BOT) Lisa Lake BOTmembers@uuccwc.org Rev Ben Robins reverend@uuccwc.org</p>
<p>Safety Coalition (ERT) Emergency Response Team</p>	<p>Includes: Health Safety Team (health emergencies & food safety), Security (disaster preparedness & reaction/education of an (ERT) Emergency Response Team), and Facility Safety (physical safety of buildings and church grounds.) Manages oversight of keys of Church and Parish House.</p>	<p>Contact Team through Email</p>	<p>Paul Hart</p>

Affiliated Organizations

<p>UCCWC Humanists (Drop-in)</p>	<p>A monthly discussion group: We strive to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that contribute to our greater community/world. We do this because we believe it is up to all of us to make the world a better place for all. We rely on scientific evidence and our own personal experiences to guide our actions, rather than faith in any deity. UCCWC is certified Free Thinker Friendly.</p>	<p>Paused 1st Wed 7-8:30pm Zoom Email</p>	<p>Warren Wylie Humanists@uuccwc.groups.io</p>
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Affinity Groups and Church Programming

55+ and Better Lunch Group (Drop-in)	Food and Fellowship for anyone over 55. During the winter and spring months, bring your own lunches with dessert and coffee being provided by rotating hosts/hostesses. In July and August, we share a potluck at a local park.	3 rd Wed 12-1:30pm	Dee/Doug Cooper 55Better@UCCWC.groups.io
Arts and Crafts Fellowship (Drop-in)	Artists, beaders, knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross stitchers, crewel embroiders, card makers and more! Hosts Annual Craft Fair in December. Recommended for ages 12+.	3 rd Sat 10am-12p Zoom1	Amy Patton
Book Group	We're not your typical book group. We want you to join us...even if you haven't finished reading the book...even if you didn't like the book. Discussions are livelier when we have different opinions!	2 nd Mon 7-8:30pm Zoom Email1	Diane Larson Carole McAdams
Church Camping Trip	Just what it sounds like. – Maybe next year!	Paused	Lisa Lake
Covenant Groups (Sign-up in September)	Small group ministry organized to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, for deepening relationships and to participate in a service project. Sign-ups usually occur in September but groups having fewer than 12 people continue to welcome additional members throughout the year. Participants are asked to commit to regular attendance.	ACTIVE Tuesdays 1:30-3pm Closed Zoom2 Email	Kathryn Warrior Gary Conaway
Great Decisions (Drop-in)	A learning and discussions program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association which, provides a yearly briefing book that covers eight timely topics with related videos. Recommended for 16+. https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions	1 & 3 Sat 10am-12p ZoomOther Email	Paul & Barbara Hart greatdecisions@uccwc.org
Hiking Group (Drop-in)	For all ages and dogs, we begin after church. 2 nd Sundays at 1pm are for easy walks nearby. 4th Saturdays at 10am are for longer, more difficult hikes, often further away. HikingClub@UCCWC.groups.io - Email	2 nd Sunday 1pm and LAST Sunday 10am	Jean Powers
Meditation Group (Drop-in)	Mindfulness meditation Bi-weekly on Sundays at 7pm, alternating between in person and on ZoomOther, as noted in Church Calendar.	1 st & 3 rd Sundays ZoomOther	Terri Schmiesing
Musical Events List (Drop-in)	An email list detailing community local concerts: email John Sharp to sign up.	Paused	John Sharp
Poker Players (Drop-in)	Poker games, all types. Dealer calls the game. Adults only. Does not meet in December.	Paused	Paul Hart

Religious Naturalists (Drop-in)	The group explores the intersection of science and those who are interested in learning about and protecting nature, especially drawing upon the experiences and lore of indigenous peoples. Religious Naturalists hold values rooted in nature that work toward balance in the ecosystem. We approach nature with wonder, awe, gratitude, and reverence without resorting to belief in the supernatural.	Zoom Email	John Sharp ReligiousNaturalism@UCCWC.groups.io
Shawl Ministry (Drop-in)	Makes blankets and shawls for Members and Friends who are experiencing significant life events, including, but not limited to, serious illness, injury, surgery, death in the family or birth of a first child.	1st Sat 10am-12p Zoom1	Amy Patton
SoulCollage Circle (Annual sign-up)	A creative and intuitive process using images. Recommended for ages 16+. 1st Fall meeting – Monday, September 19	1st & 3rd Mondays 10am - 12p Zoom2 Email	Kathy Foldes kathyfolders@gmail.com
Women's Dinner Group (RSVP)	Meets at various restaurants to engage in pleasant, adult conversation. Watch the events page or the church bulletin for the location each month.	Paused	Lynne Kribs

Additional Lay Leadership

Chalice Lighter Ambassador	Interfaces with the PNWD Chalice Lighter Coordinating Team and promotes the Chalice Lighter Program within UCCWC. Also notifies UCCWC when the congregation is eligible to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant. Participates in writing/reviewing the grant application. Our congregation is eligible to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant once every three (3) years as long as at least 30% of our Members are Chalice Lighters and we are an UUA Honor Congregation. In 2018, UCCWC was awarded a grant to help fund the 2019 Parish House roof replacement.	Email	Barbara Hart
Envoy to the UU Office at the United Nations (UU@UN)	The UUA Office at the UN represents the UUA and the Canadian Unitarian Council at the United Nations. Through targeted education, advocacy, and outreach, the <i>UU@UN</i> engages UUs in support of international cooperation and the work of the UN. http://www.uua.org/international-justice/un	UN Sunday Annually October 23 2022 Email	Elaine Nelson elaine_nelson47@yahoo.com
UUA Denominational Affairs Rep (Appointed)	Attends the meetings of the Mt Hood Cluster congregations and reports pertinent information to the Board. Responsible for informing the congregation of district and UUA activities.	2nd Sun Zoom	Kathryn Warrior

Service to the Community Outreach & Social Justice Advocacy

Adopt-A-Park (Drop-in)	Orenco Woods Nature Park: Clean up and maintenance. https://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/departments/parks-recreation/volunteer/adopt-a-park	Paused	TBD
Family Promise	The Mission of Family Promise is to “End Homelessness – One Family at a Time” Email: mndbru@gmail.com	Email ACTIVE	Denise & Mike Bruhl
H.O.P.E. (Monthly Food Drive)	Helping Other People Eat: UCCWC is the only church that provides groceries to this Homeless Shelter on a regular basis. During quarantine: Plastic containers will be outside the church in the parking lot to collect your donations.	See Newsletter for dates ACTIVE	Denise & Mike Bruhl mndbru@gmail.com
Pride Celebrations (Sign-up)	We annually celebrate Pride Month (June) and support our LGBTQ+ Members, Friends, and neighbors by attending local civic events in Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Portland. UCCWC participation in state or national protests	Annual June	(Temp) Kevin Rex Lorie Clark
Protests (Drop-in)	Many Members and Friends attend civic protests, town halls, etc. in person and online. As a church, we cannot endorse specific candidates or parties, but we can and should advocate for issues that align with our Principles. Main@UCCWC.Groups.io finds and announces these events.	Email	Main@UCCWC.Groups.io
Seasonal Donation Drives	Throughout the year, donation drives are run for school supplies, personal care products and hats/mittens for those who need them in our community. Expanding welcome.	Annually as needed	John Sharp

Dormant and Potential New Groups

Contact any member of our Board if interested in leading one of these (or another) group:

Compañeros en la Fe, Cycling Group, Children’s Choir, Cycling Group, Interfaith Social and Service events, Leadership Development Program, Men’s Group, O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives sex-ed program), Singing Bowl Circle, Yoga.