



**SALTWATER UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**



**Board**

Lisa Key  
Saphronia Young  
Susan Aigner  
Echo Allen  
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Quinn Rose

**Petal Leads**

Meri Murphy, Community  
Melinda Einander, Growth and Learning  
Lucia Faithfull, Social Responsibility  
Patrick Finney, Stewardship  
Karen LaFe, Worship

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**More News You Need to Know...**

*The Nominating Team* is pleased to announce the following Saltwater Church Board candidates to replace Lisa Key and Echo Allen, who will end their 3 year term of service on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy Featherstone and Janeane Weprin have volunteered to serve on the board. The congregational vote to approve the candidates will occur at the June 11<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. Brief biographical statements from Judy and Janeane follow.

Judy Featherstone has been a member of Saltwater UU Church for about 25 years. She is married to Pat Montgomery. They raised their two children here in the church. Judy is interested in being on the board of directors at this time to be supportive and involved in the change that the church is going through. These will be years of continued change with the ministerial search and settling a new minister. Judy has years of experience as an executive at work in leading groups through change in a manner where individuals feel engaged and the strategic vision is the guide for how things are decided. She looks forward to this opportunity and being part of moving Saltwater UU Church to its next phase in south King County.

Janeane Weprin has really been a UU her whole life, but she did not realize it until she began attending Countryside UU Church in Palatine, IL in 1999. She was a member there for 10 years, sang in the choir, and was actively involved as a leader in various committees and covenant groups. When she moved to Washington, she found Saltwater Church and immediately joined the choir, and also served on the Worship Team during James' last year. Janeane works full-time as Program Chair for Liberal Arts at The Art Institute of Seattle. She has over 30 years experience in education, and has a bachelor degree in applied math and a masters in education. She lives in a large extended family household with her daughter, son-in-law, two grandchildren, sister, two dogs and one cat. She is excited and honored to be nominated for the board. She feels that it is the best way she can serve the church, and thus, serve the greater community, and the world. She feels that the work of the board is a good fit for her professional, church, and life experience. As Janeane told Lisa when she called to ask her about the possibility of serving on the board, "it feels like something that she is being called to do".

**Ministerial Search Team!** Without further adieu, they are Susan Aigner, Daniel Key, Suzanne Laurel, Meri Murphy, Daniel Nzabanita, Amanda Radak, and Tom Spohn.

**Key Comments**

What's next, you ask? Mark your calendars for our upcoming Congregational Meeting on June 11 at noon. This is when the Ministerial Search Team slate will be up for a vote. Other agenda items are listed in the Board of Directors section of *News You Need to Know*.

Thank you for your nominations to the Ministerial Search Team...and I owe you so much more of a thank you than that. This Spring has been full of several opportunities for participation in the life and work of our church, and you have shown up! Not only have you served our congregation through your volunteer roles, but many of you participated in the budget forming process. You've shared your perspective at Bylaws Forums. You've come to "Tea with the Board" to ask questions and share concerns. You've experienced a new way of leadership and seen strength in the shared ministry of this church. I'm so proud of this congregation. You have poured your hearts into this church that we all believe in and love. Thank you!

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven principles which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

We live out these principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources we affirm and promote:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

May 21, 2017



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**Happenings...**

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	7:00 Creative Hands (LH) (WR)	9:00 Caring Team (MR)	7:00 Grief Support Group	7:00 Choir Practice (S)
10:30 Worship (S)	<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	11:30 Our Whole Lives (LAR)	9:00 Himawari School (LH)	<b>Friday, May 26</b>
12:15 Parent Group: Social Justice Educators (LAR)	7:30 Meditation (WR)	1:00 Chalice Circle (LH1)	9:30 Writer's Group (WR)	9:30 Playgroup (LAR)
1:30 Bet Chaverim (S,WR,K)	<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	5:00 UUGG /PUUG (S,WR,K)	10:00 Himawari School (LH)	11:00 Finance Team (MR)
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	<i>Weekly Publicity Deadline</i>	6:30 AI Anon (S)	Noon: Lunch Bunch (WR)	<b>Saturday, May 27</b>
	<b>Thursday, May 25</b>		9:00 Himawari School	10:00 Grounds Work Party (Grounds, CO)
				<b>Sunday, May 28</b>
				10:30 Worship (S)
				11:45 Tea with the B (S)

*this week's*  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Coming of Age*

<i>The questions which one asks oneself begin, at last, to illuminate the world. – James Baldwin</i>	<b>Joys and Sorrows</b>	<b>Hymn:</b> #389, "Gathered Here"
<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Music</b>	Ashley Earp Ian VanGoda
<b>Opening Words</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Recognition of COA Mentors and Youth</b>
<b>Light the Chalice</b>	<b>Meditation, Prayer and Silence</b>	<b>Extinguish the Chalice</b>
<b>Hymn</b> #1017, "Building a New Way"	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Hymn:</b> #1053, "How Could Anyone"
<b>Children's Conversation</b>	<b>Hymn:</b> #123, "Spirit of Life"	<b>Benediction</b>
<b>Singing the Children Out</b>	<b>Message of the Morning</b> <i>Coming of Age</i>	<i>Special thanks to this week's worship associate, Melinda Einander and to the Coming of Age Class</i>
<b>Welcome</b>	Christine Currier Roy VanGoda	
<b>Offering Words</b>	<b>Hymn:</b> #402, "From You I Receive"	
<b>Offertory</b>	Izzy Wallace Isaac Radak	

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minister@saltwaterchurch.org

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Melinda Einander  
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melinda@saltwaterchurch.org



## From the Board

### Tea with the B!

Join your Board of Directors on the last Sunday of every month for an informal tea/coffee in the Sanctuary at 11:45am. Bring your questions and concerns so we can have a discussion! All are welcome. The next gathering is Sunday, May 28.

**Board Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. in the Meeting Room and Zoom Room. All members are welcome to attend either in person or virtually. If you plan to join us, please let Lisa know at [Lun-derhi@gmail.com](mailto:Lun-derhi@gmail.com)

### June 11 Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Congregational Meeting on June 11 at NOON. Agenda items include SALTY Awards, proposed Bylaws changes, Ministerial Search Team Slate, Board and Nominating Team Nominees, UUA President affirmation, LRP and budget presentation, and an Endowment Fund announcement. Check out the Board bulletin board in the coming weeks to see previous Minutes, the 2018 budget, Board Nominee bios, and a membership list. Childcare has been requested, so please let Melinda know how many of your children to expect at

[melinda@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:melinda@saltwaterchurch.org)  
See you there!

### SALTY Awards!

At our June 11 Congregational Meeting, we will be taking time to recognize some of the people who have really stood out this year for their service to our congregation. Here's your chance to let us know who has made an impression on you! Please take some time to nominate a few of your fellow congregants by filling out a quick online form at [Saltwaterchurch.org/saltyawards](http://Saltwaterchurch.org/saltyawards). Submission deadline is Thursday, June 1.

## Community

## Our Ministries of Support

### Want to VOTE?

Have you been considering becoming a member of Saltwater Church? And did you know you need to be a member for at least 20 days prior to our June 11 Congregational Meeting to be eligible to vote? The Ministerial Search Team selection, new board members, and proposed Bylaws changes are just a few of the items up for a vote at this meeting. If you want your voice to be heard, be sure to sign the membership book by May 22<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Rev. Helen or Jean Sundborg at [jpsund@comcast.net](mailto:jpsund@comcast.net).

*From a former member...*  
My name is Scott Hutcheson. With my

brother, Zane Hutcheson, and my niece, Nina, we were regular attendees of Saltwater Church, seven years ago. I am now dealing with terminal cancer. Though I am really sick, my death is not imminent. I'm working with my oncologist on a treatment plan, hoping the existing cancer will shrink again and not spread, and we are able to extend my life further.

I would love to hear from people who remember me, at [hutch-scott@hotmail.com](mailto:hutch-scott@hotmail.com) or 253-839-4366. I will plan a memorial party at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Federal Way, and they will notify Saltwater Church at a future date, and you are in-

vited to attend. Thank you.

### Shawl Supply Is Low

Saltwater extends its hands toward those experiencing distress by offering a supportive shawl or lap blanket. Right now we can use a few more. If you're able to knit, or crochet, please see Denise Yarena or Debra Valpey for instructions in making one.

### Queer Group

Friday, May 25 from 7-9 p.m. Bring a snack to share. We'll discuss plans for pride events and other summer activities. Meet in Lighthouse Room 2; childcare is available upon request. Contact Katie Einander for information at [katguts@gmail.com](mailto:katguts@gmail.com)

## Growth and Learning

## Never an End to Learning

### Will you serve?

Religious education is a vital part of Saltwater Church. Our classes and groups for adults, youth, and children provide enriching and even life-changing ways to nurture your spiritual growth and expand your understanding of yourself and your beliefs. On Sunday, May 21 members of the Growth and Learning teams will be available to share about our activities, and opportunities for involvement in the coming year. Consider serving on the Adult RE team or the Chalice Circle team, or serving as a chalice circle facilitator, or on the Family Ministries team. Teaching in our Family Ministries program is one of the most profound *adult* faith development activities that we offer. Your life is

just as likely to be transformed by this experience as the children and youth that you teach. So, when you get the question, please say "YES!" when you are ready. Learning and growing together is one of the things our church does really well—I hope you will answer the call to get involved.

**Art Wall Display** ...featuring the work of Jessica Alexander, Debra Valpey and Bob Kenney's son-in-law. Debra also does pet portraits. If you would like your, or a friend's art work featured on the Art Wall, just contact Debra Valpey, Art Wall Coordinator, at [debravalpey@comcast.net](mailto:debravalpey@comcast.net) or 206-243-5566 or 206-953-5704. Let's celebrate beauty and creativity!

### May Book Cart: Growth and Leadership

Looking for new ways to get involved at Saltwater Church? Concerned about major transitions in the life of our congregation? Want to find new ways to put your faith in action? Or re-ignite your enthusiasm for our faith? Each first and third Sunday a selection of books from the Saltwater Church library will be available in the Welcoming Room for check out. On May 21st we will showcase a selection of books of books on leadership and congregational life, as well as more general titles of interest to adults, youth, and children. Check it out!

## Social Responsibility

## Right Relationship with the World

**Share the Plate:** for May is Hospitality House

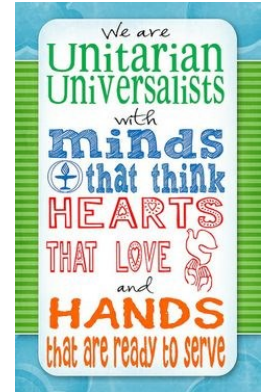
**WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS**  
**IMMIGRANT LGBTQ**  
**OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES**  
**OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS**

UUA ORIGINALS

### Vote for the Next President...

At this year's General Assembly in New Orleans, delegates from congregations across the country will elect the next President of the UUA. In these troubled times in the nation and in the denomination, choosing a president to lead the UUA through the next six years is more important than ever.

As a member of the congregation, take a moment to check out the main bulletin board in the welcoming room. Become familiar with the candidates and vote for your choice. Place your ballot in the ballot box by the board. The congregation's choice will be affirmed at the congregational meeting on June 11.



## Stewardship

## Care for Buildings, Grounds and Programs



Hopefully this is the



**Thank you** to everyone who came out for the Panera fundraising night. Good food, good friends, and we raised money for the church. Thank you!

We're really close to meeting this year's stewardship drive goal. If you haven't returned your commitment, please take a moment and email your pledge to [administrator@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:administrator@saltwaterchurch.org).

## Worship

## At the Center of our Spiritual Lives



May 28. Memorial Day Service - Sally Caldwell  
June 4, "Goodbye/Hello" Rev Helen Carroll  
June 11, "Mother of Exiles" - Spring Music Service  
June 18, "The Spirit of Love Unites Us" Rev Helen Carroll

