

The Seventh Generation Principle

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Sweet MUUsic Band

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Prelude Slides	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	Lynn Ungar
Gathering Music #1068	<i>Rising Green</i>	Carolyn McDade
Welcome		Bill Benshoof
Opening Words/ Chalice Lighting	Renewal in a Weary World	Shari Woodbury
Candle of Remembrance		Bill Benshoof
Wonder Box Wisdom	A Better Future	Christiana McQuain
Hymn #1051	<i>We Are</i>	Ysaye Barnwell
Reflection	Seventh Generation Culture	Bruce Leonard
Anthem	<i>Loosen</i>	Aly Halpert
Homily	The Seventh Generation Principle	Bill Benshoof
Music for Reflection	<i>Loosen</i>	Aly Halpert
Pastoral Prayer	The Basket Woven	Ma Theresa "Tet" Gustilo Gallardo
Hymn #146	<i>Soon the Day Will Arrive</i>	Hirsch/Manor
Sharing Our Gifts	Offering shared with <i>Mosaic of Georgia</i>	
Offertory	<i>How Far I'll Go/Go The Distance</i>	Miranda/Menken
Gratitudes		
Call to Connection		
Hymn #131	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	Sally Rogers
Closing Words	Democracy's Benediction	Lucas Hergert
Extinguishing Our Chalice		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

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UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

Events This Week

* in-person + online ~ off-site

- * **Today at 12:30pm:** *Resisting Fascism*
- + Wed., July 23 at 7:00pm: *Book Group*
- * Thurs., July 24 at 6:30pm: *Music Night*
- * Fri., July 25 at 6:00pm: *QUUest D&D*
- ~ Sat., July 26 at 9:30am: *The Open Circle: Women's Group*

Resisting Fascism

Centered on the content of the book *On Tyranny*, by Timothy Snyder, and facilitated by Steve Babb, this program is designed to open discussion about the peril our democracy is currently facing, and where we have agency to make a difference. Email Christiana at cmcquain@uucg.org for a copy.

The Seventh Generation Principle

The Seventh Generation Principle is a philosophy deeply rooted in Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) culture that emphasizes considering the long-term impact of present-day decisions on the well-being of future generations. It dictates that leaders should contemplate the consequences of their actions for the next seven generations. This principle promotes sustainability, stewardship, and responsible decision-making for the benefit of those who will come after us.

Derived from the Great Law of Peace, the founding document of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, it is a guiding principle for the Haudenosaunee, shaping their governance, decision-making, and way of life. The principle has gained wider recognition and is now being applied to various contemporary issues, including environmentalism, business practices, and social justice.

UU Values

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building six values with Love at the center. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

Pluralism: We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.

Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



Fun Sustainability Activities

Upcycling Crafts: Gather materials such as cardboard, old newspapers, bottles, or jars, and turn them into new, useful items like pencil holders, bird feeders, or planters.

Sustainable Fashion Show: Create clothing or accessories using recycled materials. Organize a “fashion show” where they can showcase their designs and explain their choices.

Solar Oven Cooking: Construct simple solar ovens using cardboard, aluminum foil, and plastic wrap. Solar energy can be harnessed for cooking by using the oven to bake simple items like s'mores or heating up snacks.

Seed Bombs: Create seed bombs by mixing clay, soil, and wildflower seeds into small balls. Throwing these seed bombs in specific areas can help reseed barren or neglected spaces, contributing to biodiversity and supporting local ecosystems.

Bee Habitat Creation: Create bee-friendly habitats by constructing bee hotels using recycled materials like bamboo, cardboard, or small logs. Additionally, plant native flowers and herbs that attract bees to provide them with food sources.