Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

The Midweek Update May 30, 2018

An Exercise in Mindful Observation

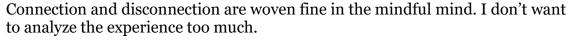
It was good to be back at BUF this past Sunday, as my legs were a little achy. I had left my son Ben earlier in the week to continue his bicycle jaunt along Route 66 (from LA to Chicago). He and I had been riding together for 11 days, Flagstaff to Albuquerque.

Eat, sleep, pedal, observe — I did little else. It was very much an exercise in mindfulness. I noticed, largely without judgement, hills and heat. Adapting to what-was with what-we-could-carry was refreshing; it also called my attention to the great privilege of carrying a credit card. I had a harder time observing the traffic and wind without judgement; they were pretty scary at times, especially where they converged.

We experienced the hospitality of humans and nature, a night in a roomy culvert, and mostly vast, quiet, spaciousness. Human impact was always on the periphery, but ghost towns made it evident that the earth outlasts.

Perhaps you've seen in the movie, *Contact* (or elsewhere) the Very Large Array (National Radio Astronomy Observatory). Here the themes of observation, spaciousness, and human impact converge. The VLA is a set of gigantic white steel dishes (they call it a "single" telescope). Each dish is twenty-

five meters across. Twenty-seven of them are spread across 130+ square miles, far far away from civilization. Approaching the VLA by bicycle within a vast ancient lake-bed, it took a couple of hours from the time we spotted it till the time we arrived. A small visitors' center showed magnificent images of the cosmos — tiny fragments of the cosmos being calmly observed from afar, without judgement.



Peace, Paul



PS: Planning and Leading Sunday Services in August

Lay leaders and guest speakers traditionally fill the BUF pulpit in July and August. Just as we do this periodically throughout the church year, this is an important way to experience different perspectives, different voices, different styles, and different topics. July Sundays are now filled, so please let me know if you would like to consider leading or assisting with a service in August. I'm happy to brainstorm with you about topics, resources, music, and potential partners. Contact me: paul@buf.org

June 3 Worship Service: Choir Finale - Led by Kevin Allen-Schmid 'Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart'

This Sunday, June 3, four BUF choirs present their annual "Choir Finale" service, entitled "Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart."

The Kids Choir, directed by Amy Van Auker and Annie Sorich, reprises one of their favorite songs from the year called "Take Care."

The Phoenix Ensemble stretches their wings with two cutting-edge settings of moving texts. The first, Benediction, is a favorite wedding poem by Kahlil Giran, and the second is "Goodbye, Then," a heart-felt farewell song featuring Beth Beyer on clarinet.

The Women's Ensemble intones the lush and lovely "Seal Lullabye" by Eric Whitacre.

BUF's flagship ensemble, The Chalice Choir, presents five stunning anthems, including a solo by Geoffrey Matthews on the spiritual "My God Is A Rock," and the rousing South African anti-apartheid song "Bawo Thixo Somandla."

For a special treat, Austin Haller, a singer/pianist/actor from Austin Texas, will serve as keyboard artist for the day. He, guest singer Wendy Bloom and Kevin Allen-Schmid will sing Austin's trio arrangement of Lennon & McCartney's "In My Life" for the offertory.

Upcoming June Worship Services:

June 10 - Why I'm Glad I Raised my kids UU: Thoughts on Religious Education for the

Generation to Come - Led by Rev Paul Beckel

June 17 - Flower Communion - Led by Rev Paul Beckel

June 24 - [to be determined] - Led by Rev Paul Beckel

July 1 - 1968: 50 Years Ago - Led by Rod Haynes

July 8 - [to be determined] - Led by Loretta Willems

July 15 - LGBTQ Pride

July 22 - Nelson Mandela's Birthday - Led by Kevin Allen-Schmid and musical guests

July 29 - Christmas in July - Led by Jeff Copeland

The BUF Religious Education Department Launches

Monthly Themes for 2018-2019

and invites your participation!

The BUF RE team, led by chairperson Ann Lackland, and Co-Interim Directors of Lifelong Learning, Genia and Kevin Allen-Schmid, takes great pleasure to announce that in the coming 2018-2019 year, *ALL OF BUF* is invited to join together in focusing on a specific theme for each month:

September UU Principles
October Crossing Borders
November Acting Locally
December Holidays

January Welcome Table
February Pilgrimage
March Lhaq'temish
April The Web of Life
May Rainbow Connection

June Gratitude

An objective of this scheme is to bring BUFsters of all ages together to study and serve the issues and causes that we care about. A full explanation of this exciting new scheme is coming soon as follows:



Sunday, June 3

Announcements from the pulpit with an informational insert in the order of service

Wednesday, June 6

RE 2018-2019 Launch and Future Visioning session with special guest Rev. Tandi Rogers from the UUA Pacific Western Region

6:00pm Community Night Dinner

6:30pm 2018-2019 Themes explained followed by Q & A

7:00pm Opportunity to network and to sign up

7:30pm The Future of RE from a UUA Perspective, Rev. Tandi

8:30pm Finished!

Childcare provided from 6:30-8:30pm

Sunday, June 10

Morning service to include RE Teacher Appreciation, a sermon on RE, and further explanations and development of volunteer opportunities

The BUF Board invites you to

Celebrate Solstice

June 23·2018 12:00 - 4:00 pm at Tree Frog Night 1727 Mt Baker Hwy

Enjoy an afternoon at this lovely, forested space with Flattery (Celtic), Marimba (Ruvara), Quick Draw String Band and Bagpipe music,

refreshments, drinks and children's activities.
Feel free to express your inner celebration with a costume!



BUF RE: Next Year and Beyond Visioning

Everyone and anyone interested in our current transition in BUF's RE program is encouraged to attend our Visioning Workshop, "BUF RE: Next Year and Beyond" on Wednesday, June 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 in the BUF library. Kevin and Genia Allen-Schmid, Interim Co-Directors of Life Long Learning, and Ann Lackland, the RE Committee Chair, will share the



first draft of next year's new and exciting RE Curriculum. Following this Rev. Tandi Rogers from the Congregational Life Staff of the Pacific Western Region in Tacoma will be presenting trends and ideas for restructuring our RE program. Come enjoy our last community dinner and then take part in our discussion. Childcare will be provided from 6:15 to 8:45.

Tickets for this BUF fundraiser are \$40 for adults and \$20 if you take the lead for one hour of a children's activity.

Children get in free.

Special raffle prize for carpoolers of 3 or more.

Tickets will be on sale during the BUF coffee hour and will also be available Monday-Friday in the admin office.



UUSC: CHALLENGING INJUSTICE, ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian human rights organization powered by grassroots collaboration. We work anywhere rights are threatened — by natural disasters, armed conflicts, genocide, forced migration, and systematic injustice. UUSC began its work in 1939 when Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp took the extraordinary risk of traveling to Europe to help refugees escape Nazi persecution. For over 75 years, our innovative approach and measurable contributions have been grounded in the moral belief that all people have inherent power, dignity, and rights. For more information on the USC, check out their website: https://www.uusc.org/about-uusc/.

UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH

The concept of UU Ministry for Earth began in 1989 with discussions about how to make UUism's seventh principle more central to members, congregations, and the Association. The Seventh Principle Project was formed and the first edition of the Green Sanctuary Handbook was published in 1991, blending religious celebrations, education, administration, and community action. In 2002, the



Seventh Principle Project incorporated and decided to make Green Sanctuary an accreditation program for congregations. In 2005, the organization changed its name to Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE).

Since this time, UUMFE has been

engaged in environmental justice issues on the national level. They sponsor and host webinars, create and or promote various resolutions and statements for General Assembly, publishes curriculum, sponsor and host national conferences, partners with other UUA groups and programs like the Green Sanctuary Program, UUA United Nations Office, Commit2Respond, UU College of Social Justice and more. For more info: https://www.uumfe.org

Question: Why is it called Juneteenth?

A: Juneteenth is a combination of "June" and "nine**teenth**," in honor of the day that Maj. Gen. Granger, U.S. Army, announced the abolition of slavery in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865.



Q: When was the first Juneteenth Celebration? A: Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, was first celebrated on June 19, 1866, in Galveston, TX.

Q: How is Juneteenth usually celebrated? A: The holiday is observed primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the <u>Emancipation Proclamation</u>, singing traditional songs such as "<u>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</u>" and "<u>Lift Every Voice and Sing</u>", and reading of works by noted <u>African-American</u> writers such as <u>Ralph Ellison</u> and <u>Maya Angelou</u>. Celebrations may include parades, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, <u>historical reenactments</u>, or <u>Missolute</u> <u>Juneteenth contests</u>. The <u>Mascogos</u>, descendants of <u>Black Seminoles</u>, of <u>Coahuila</u>, <u>Mexico</u> also celebrate the Juneteenth. (source wikipedia)

Q: Why is the first Juneteenth in Bellingham being celebrated on Saturday, June 16? A: All over the U.S. Juneteenth is celebrated as a comfortable day for outdoor family fun — for fine jazz music and barbecue. In welcoming all our neighbors to Juneteenth Bellingham, we chose a weekend so that more people could join the fun.

More to come...

May SEJC Collection Recipient: Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center (BCC)

The mission of BCC is: In partnership with the community, the Bellingham Childcare & Learning Center, a non-profit corporation, provides high quality, affordable childcare to families of all income levels, assisting low-income families to become self-sufficient. Our well qualified, nurturing staff offers a developmentally appropriate and safe learning environment for young children. By all accounts, this organization succeeds well in doing exactly this, and they go through a rigorous regularly national certification process. They credit their many achievements, in part, to community support.

BBC staff feel very strongly that all children deserve the very best start in life. Regardless of income, they believe, it is of critical importance that



children in their earliest years develop in an environment that is safe, loving, and stimulating. Affordable childcare is an absolute necessity for parents who are trying to attend school to improve their economic prospects or while working to pay the household bills. Support in the form of tuition assistance for low-income families is one of BBC's most important agency priorities. In partnership with parents, they see their job as helping build children who will love learning not only while in school but throughout their entire lives. They want to make sure that children never lose sight of their potential or of life's possibilities. They believe children hold the key to our future—the people they will become will have immeasurable impact on us all—our community's potential rests in their small hands.

The BUF Forum Committee is looking for a few good ideas!

Jan Cavitt, Murray Bennett and David Curley are always looking for great ideas and interesting topics for the weekly Sunday Forum.

Please email your suggestion to Jan at <u>jadacad@gmail.com</u>. Thanks!



Maple Alley Inn Celebrates the Hoop House

Greetings to the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the hoop house whose construction you largely financed is now complete and in use. In fact, we were stocking it with 60 tomato plants, 68 cucumbers and large beds of lettuce and spinach while it was being constructed. About 150 sweet and Thai basil plants will join them in a few days, as well as other crops soon after.



Although adverse weather conditions prevented an early start and caused significant construction delays from time to time, a small but dedicated group of volunteers, especially Ann Iwata, Fred Berman and Cheryl Olson (whose wife, Cathy Campbell, is a member of your congregation) persevered, and the cover was installed on May 21.

We have big plans for the house. Although our original intent was to use it as a season extender, several experts have suggested we can

stock it year-round. Regardless, it will greatly increase our ability to grow food for hungry people and we are very grateful for your contribution to that.

We invite you to come and see - and hopefully admire - the results of your investment in Maple Alley Inn's program. The gate to Faith Community Garden is never locked. We would also welcome anybody who wants to volunteer in the garden, whether in- or outside the hoop house.

Sincerely, Ed Wood Garden Manager, Maple Alley Inn

Summer Chalice Circle Group!

This three month Chalice Circle will provide curious members and friends with an introduction to Circle groups, what they offer, and how the Circles are an integral system within the church.

Bufsters who already belong to a Circle group are also invited. We will meet in July, August, and September. Doug Branson and Carola Tossetti will facilitate. To sign up, contact Doug at: Dougebranson1@gmail.com



Humanitas - Helping People In a Pinch



Malcolm, in some distress because all of his belongings had been stolen, needed an ID and a bus pass. He was staying at the Lighthouse Mission. He had no income and no government assistance of any kind, so he was not eligible for a \$5 photo ID, without which it would be difficult to acquire anything he might need. We gave him some bus day passes and urged him to visit Opportunity Council as soon as possible to find out which program(s) he might be eligible for. He returned a couple of weeks later, and we were able to purchase the photo ID and a bus pass for three months.

Our doors will be open throughout the summer, but we will not be in touch again until September 5. Then, we will once more share with you some stories from people who have requested our assistance. Thanks to you, we have been able to provide most of them with a little relief from their struggles. We hope you enjoy your summer, dear people, and here is our blessing: "May you be peaceful, happy and well, and may no harm come to you." ~ *The Humanitas Team*.

Lummi Food Bank

Keep Lummi Food Bank in your thoughts. Maybe think in the line of donating a meal for a family putting together ingredients for a hearty soup, chili, or entre. If every family or every unit could commit to something that would serve more than one person just think of the substantial impact BUF could have. A shopping basket for your donations is in front of the elevator. Thank you for your donations.



MAY AND JUNE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 30

10:00 AM Humanitas

Community Night Dinner (6:00 pm)

6:45 PM Chalice Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Phoenix Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Women's Ensemble

Thursday, May 31

A Miracle of Mindfulness Following the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, the Flowering Cherry Sangha Mindfulness Meditation Group takes part in meditation, study, discussion, and chanting. Join us at in the Meditation Room downstairs every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Chairs are provided; bring a cushion if you wish. For more information contact David Gillespie at davidgillespie72@gmail.com.

Bellingham Tenants Union-Kickoff Event 5-7pm in Social Hall

Saturday, June 2

IKEBANA CLASS FOR BEGINNERS 1-3pm, BUF's Flex Room. Learn the basics of Japanese floral design, and take home your arrangement, container, and kenzon! This meditative, minimalist practice encourages creative expression through the beauty of flowers. Cost: Good will offering will be donated to BUF's May Faire event. Please contact Carola Tossetti to

register. Carolatossetti@gmail.com or 360 333 8777.



Sunday, June 3

Sunday Forum 9:15 AM Serving At-Risk Youth - Sigourney Gundy, Northwest Youth Services Spokesperson Northwest Youth Services believes that every young person should have a place to belong—a place where they are heard, supported and valued. During the June 3rd Form, Sigourney Gundy will describe how the at-risk youth program aids youngsters in need. An emphasis on LGBTQ youth programs, and how transgender youth are vulnerable to bullying, rejection, homelessness and sexual violence and, how we can help, will be discussed. The following Sunday, June 10th service, a collection will be taken to contribute financial support for homeless transgender youth in Whatcom County.



10:30 AM Choir Finale - Led by Kevin Allen-Schmid 'Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart' This Sunday, June 3, four BUF choirs present their annual "Choir Finale" service, with the Kids Choir, the Phoenix Ensemble, the Women's Ensemble and the Chalice Choir. For a special treat, Austin Haller, a singer/pianist/actor from Austin Texas, will serve as keyboard artist for the day. He, guest singer Wendy Bloom and Kevin Allen-Schmid will sing Austin's trio arrangement of Lennon & McCartney's "In My Life" for the offertory.

11:30 AM Coffee Hour, Hosted by BUF Religious Education Committee

Dungeons and Dragons A time for momentarily setting aside this reality and indulging your imagination! BUF's Dungeons and Dragons game group meets at 12:00 pm in the I Street Vestibule. Join us in this fantasy game, as we guide our heroes through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and much more.

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

Monday, June 4

1:00 PM Interweave Planning

The Natural Balance in All Things . . .

Join us at 4:30 pm for Life Exercise, a program of gentle movement drawn from Chinese Tai Chi and Japanese health exercises. All levels of fitness are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Seaman, (360) 676-8543, lseaman@seamanmedical.com.

Tuesday, June 5



6:00 PM Racial Justice Coalition in Social Hall 7:00 PM Newcomer Chalice Circle

Wednesday, June 6

10:00 AM Humanitas

Community Night Dinner (6:00 pm)

6:30 PM RE Visioning Event: "Next Year and Beyond"

Thursday, June 7

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Friday, June 8: No events or activities

Saturday, June 9: No events or activities

Sunday, June 10

8:00 AM Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

9:15 AM Sunday Forum

10:30 AM. Why I'm Glad I Raised my kids UU: Thoughts on Religious Education for the Generation to Come - Led by Rev Paul Beckel

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

11:45 AM Kids' Choir

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12:15 PM BUF Men's Group

Social and spiritual sustenance for BUF's Men

12:15 pm. As usual, our normal ground rules apply:

- All men are welcome, including newcomers and friends.
- We try to avoid politics and sports.
- We'll start with two minutes each for a brief check-in -- try to talk about how we are not what we've been doing.
- We'll avoid cross talk during the discussion.
- As always, we'll observe a policy of confidentiality.
- Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack to share.

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

Monday, June 11

The Natural Balance in All Things . . .

Join us at 4:30 pm for Life Exercise, a program of gentle movement drawn from Chinese Tai Chi and Japanese health exercises. All levels of fitness are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Seaman, (360) 676-8543, lseaman@seamanmedical.com.



HARNESSING THE POWER OF LOVE TO CREATE CHANGE



Black Lives Matter Ministry Team meeting will be held on at 6:00 PM. The BUF Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team seeks to nurture the social, spiritual and personal development of congregation members in the exploration of how racism and privilege impact our congregation, our community, and our nation. In particular, we acknowledge the targeted violence which impacts black people disproportionately. We are committed to harnessing the power of love to dismantle racism and white supremacy across our communities and to creating spaces inclusive of people of all races, ethnicities, and cultural

backgrounds. We meet consistently, every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6pm in the Conference Room.

Tuesday, June 12

6:00 PM IT Committee

Wednesday, June 13

10:00 AM Humanitas

6:00 PM Choir Party

Thursday, June 14

1:30 PM Hospitality Committee

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4:00 PM Pastoral Care meeting

Friday, June 15: No events or activities

Saturday, June 16:

For the first time, Bellingham will join the party on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from noon to 5 pm, at Maritime Heritage Park. BUF Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team is represented on the Juneteenth Bellingham planning committee.

Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day — Two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, American slavery came to an end and a celebration of freedom was born.



Juneteenth falls on June 19 each year. It is a holiday whose history was hidden for much of the last century. But it is a holiday worth recognizing. In essence, Juneteenth marks what is arguably the most significant event in American history after independence itself-the eradication of American slavery.

For centuries slavery was the dark stain on America's soul, the deep contradiction to the nation's founding ideals of "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and "All men are created equal." When Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1,1863, he took a huge step toward erasing that stain. But the full force of his proclamation would not be realized until June 19, 1865--**Juneteenth**, as it was called by slaves in Texas freed that day

The westernmost of the Confederate states, Texas did not get news of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomatox that April until two months after the fact. But they heard once Union Gen. Gordon Granger, a New Yorker and West Point graduate with a distinguished wartime service record, arrived in Galveston Bay with more than 2,000 union troops. It was on June 19 that he publicly read General Order No. 3 which began: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

In amazement and disbelief, the 250,000 former slaves in Texas learned that they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, which could not be enforced until the war was over. (It applied only to the states "in rebellion" at the time it was issued.) Then the liberated slaves of Texas celebrated, and spontaneous and ecstatic moment of jubilee that began a tradition of marking freedom on Juneteenth. A grass-roots celebration highlighted by joyous singing, pig roasts and rodeos, Juneteenth took root in many African American communities during the late 19th century. But, at that time, Juneteenth was not accorded official respect or recognition in the Confederate States.

Over the past few decades, however, there has been a movement elevate this celebration of more complete freedom in America. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia now recognize Juneteenth, including Washington State. Both Washington Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell recently co-sponsored a bill to make Juneteenth a national holiday.

Juneteenth will be celebrated in over 48 cities this year. And, for the first time, Bellingham will join the party on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from noon to 5 pm, at Maritime Heritage Park. BUF Black Lives Matter Ministry Action Team is represented on the Juneteenth Bellingham planning committee.

(source: Kenneth Davis in Smithsonian Magazine, June 2011. For the full article, search <u>Smithsonian.com</u>)

Do you want to know more about this quintessential American holiday? See "What is Juneteenth" by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. on pbs.org and "The Quintessential Americanness of Juneteenth" by Vann R. Newkirk II, in *The Atlantic*, June 19, 2017.

Sunday, June 17

9:15 AM Sunday Forum

10:30 AM Flower Communion - Led by Rev Paul Beckel

11:30 AM Coffee Hour, Hosted by Spirit Chalice Circle

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

COMING IN JULY

BUF's Interweave (LGBTQ group) is looking for new members and assistance from everyone for upcoming PRIDE EVENTS in July 2018. If you would like to be a part of our email group, please send your email address to Cathy.Campbell@siriusbilling.com

Can you like to help out with one of the following?

<u>Gaymes night:</u> Friday July 13th as part of PRIDE. Volunteers to assist Carrie (project lead). Hanging in the Social Hall, encouraging people to start a game, organizing snacks and drinks, taking money, super easy

PRIDE dance with PFLAG: July 14th. BUF lead: Cathy, PFLAG leads: Judy Laub, Diana. We need volunteers to set up and clean. Please let me know if that is you.



Sunday Forum: Need someone to lead a forum July 15th. You can do it yourself or we can find someone from outside to do an 1hr talk with Q&A-you would introduce them and keep things moving and on time.

PRIDE Parade: 12:00 pm, July 15th. BUF lead: Shari. Volunteers to be in the rainbow marching group. Genia and Kevin will be choreographing and leading practice for the umbrella team. Kevin will be providing rhythm and direction for the parade. More on that later and thank you so much to those two. All others who would like to walk with us meet at

Festival Table for BUF And Interweave: July 15th. Lead: Libby. Volunteers to sit at the table for 1/2 hr to 1hr stints talking about BUF.

<u>Worship service</u>. I am taking ideas for themes, subjects. Would like your input. Need volunteers to be on the worship team to create, plan and carry out the service. Rev. Tessie Manderville will help the worship team develop the service.

Thank you for all you help Cathy Campbell, Carl Nyblade, Carrie Koehnline and Marc Allyn.

Sunday, July 15,

10:30 am LOVE WILL GUIDE US Lead by Libby Skinner, celebrant Skye Hedman, music direction-Kevin Allen-Schmid. Plan to come see this amazing service, planned with love and attention.

Festival Table for BUF And Interweave: July 15th. Lead:?

Volunteers to sit at the table for 1/2 hr to 1hr and get to talk about BUF and Interweave. Lead will organize the set up (use 1 small table and chairs from BUF) and tear down. I can org volunteers

PRIDE Parade: 12:00 pm, July 15th. BUF lead: Shari- Marchers. Leave right after service, meet at Habitat for Humanity parking lot

Marchers-bike, skateboard, walk, strollers, cars, carry banners. Just show up

Umbrella Marchers-Please sign up with me, Kevin or Libby. Each member uses a rainbow umbrella to choreographed moves and music. Kevin, Libby and Genia are helping to make this a great march. Teens from Windward will be joining us.

There will be practices in June and July. Stay tuned.

Sunday Forum: PFLAG and BUF's Francie GAss will be presenting The Science of Gender".. VOLUNTEER needed to set up, tear down and great guests. 9-10:30 on Sunday July 15