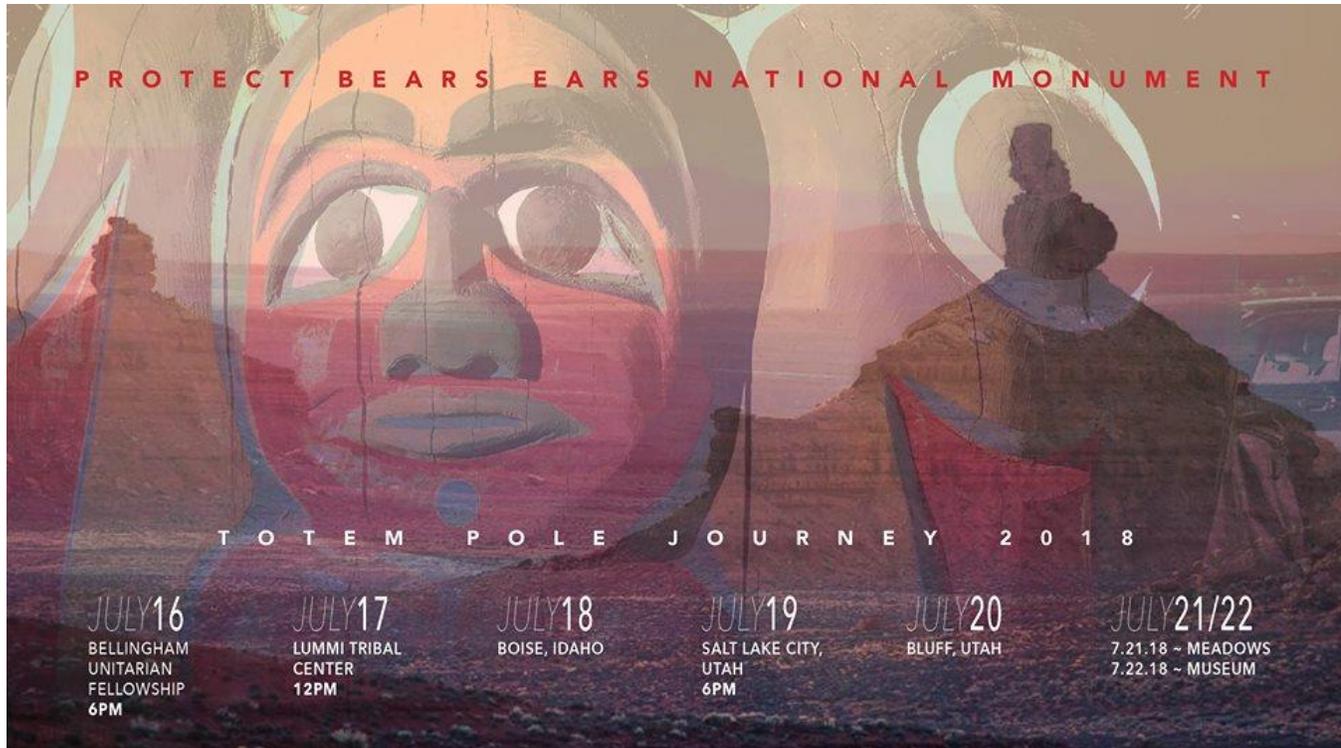


BUF Midweek Update – July 11, 2018 plus

Three Additional Important Announcements that just missed getting into the July 11th MidWeek Update

Bears Ears Totem Pole Journey Blessing at BUF – July 16, 2018

Join us on Monday evening at 6:00 pm at BUF, when Lummi House of Tears Carvers will present its latest Totem Pole Journey to Bears Ears National Monument.



In 2009, members of 10 Utah faith traditions crafted an Interfaith Statement on the spiritual values of wild lands, in particular Bears Ears National Monument. Yes, Utah's interfaith group statement included the signature of Joan Gregory of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City, Utah.

In December 2016 by Presidential Proclamation, the Bears Ears National Monument was established. "Rising from the center of the southeastern Utah landscape and visible from every direction are twin buttes so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon'Naqyut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or "Bears Ears." For hundreds of generations, native peoples lived in the surrounding deep sandstone canyons, desert mesas, and meadow mountaintops, which constitute one of the densest and most significant cultural landscapes in the United States. Abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and countless other artifacts provide an extraordinary archaeological and cultural record that is important to us all, but most notably the land is profoundly sacred to many Native American tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, Hopi Nation, and Zuni Tribe."

However, a year later, in December 2017, the Trump administration announced that the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase National would be reduced by 85% and 50% respectively in order to allow for oil and gas drilling and other potential ore mining operations like uranium.

The five indigenous nations with deep connections to the area, the Hopi, Navaho, Ute, Ute Mountain and Zuni Tribes and Nations have filed suits through the Native American Rights Fund to oppose this move, along with other environmental groups like Earth Justice, Patagonia Works, Sierra Club, NRDC and Defenders of Wildlife among many others. While the lawsuits await trials, leases on the former national monument lands are being snapped up by the fossil fuel and other extraction industries.

“Bears Ears monument as created by President Obama preserved hunting, fishing, gathering and grazing rights, and protected these incredible lands from widespread looting and oil, gas and mineral development.”

~ NARF [Staff Attorney Natalie Landreth](#)

There has been and continues to be resistance to the destruction of these lands. Please show your support. Attend and lay your hands, hearts and prayers on the Totem Pole, that it may carry these blessings to a land and its peoples facing imminent destruction.

TO ALL PARENTS OF K THROUGH 1

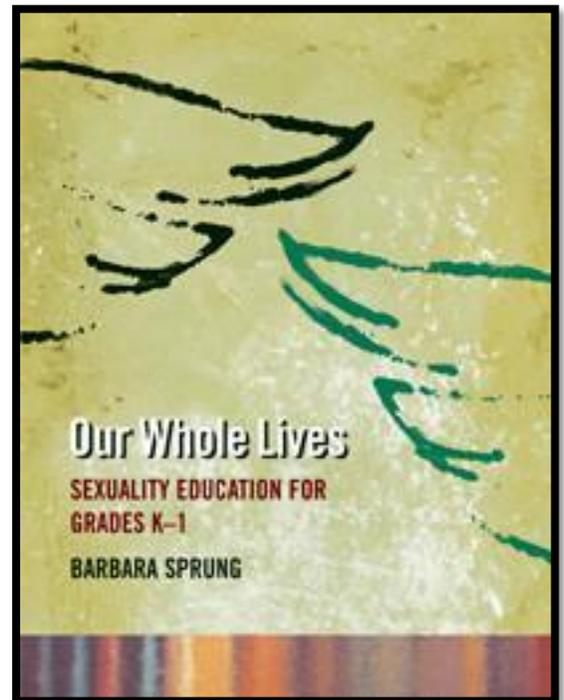
Our Whole Lives, or **OWL**, for grades K-1 (2nd grade on a case-by-case basis) is an eight-session curriculum for five-to-seven-year-old children. It is based on the philosophy that parents, who have primary responsibility for sexuality education with their children, and educating institutions, such as the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, can form a meaningful partnership for positive and responsible sexuality education. It is our belief that sexuality is a lifelong process of acquiring information and forming attitudes and values about identity and relationships, intimacy and health, and Our Whole Lives in a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that supports those beliefs.

OWL K-1 will be offered from **September 30 through November 18**, during services from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

There will be a mandatory Parents' Information Night on Wednesday, September 19th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and a Parent/Child Orientation Program Night on Wednesday, September 26th, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per Child.

If there are any questions about this program in general or the specifics of the BUF Fall 2018 offering, please contact Mullane Harrington directly via Email at Muhwane@hotmail.com.



Early Bird Registration Deadlines Coming Up on Aug 1st for BUF 2018 All Church Retreat At Camp Kirby Sept 21-23

A Festive Gathering Around Our Principles

Every BUF friend and member of all ages is welcome to join us for a weekend of good cheer, good company and good food—all in the beautiful beach setting of Samish Island. There will be plenty of fun, age-appropriate activities for kids and adults, opportunities for intergenerational connections, campfire sing-a-longs, our famous Talent/No Talent Show and five whole meals that you will not have to cook.



Early Bird Registration Fees (\$10 off until August 1st)

Overnight/Entire Weekend: Adult/Teens \$65	Children (4-12) \$55	Under 4: Free
Saturday only: Adult/Teen \$34	Children (4-12) \$25	Under 4: Free

Mail a completed registration form and a check payable to BUF to BUF Office, 1207 Ellsworth, Bellingham 98225 no later than Friday, Sept 14th to meet the last registration deadline. Forms are located in the BUF entry and are also available on buf.org. You can also register and pay online at www.bug.org/retreats.

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