



OUUF Weekly Update

An Inclusive Community

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March 21, 2019

Calendar

Sunday, March 24

Please join us for coffee and snacks after the service.

Social Justice

Committee, 12noon.

Contact: Ren Garypie,
(269) 719 - 5215,
rengarypie@yahoo.com

Community Read Class,
2:00pm, Portable Contact:

Bob Nuffer,
(360) 683 - 5670

Monday, March 25

**Dance Exercise for
Parkinson's Disease,**
10:30am

Contact: Marsha Melnick,
(360) 683 - 5712

Tuesday, March 26

Fourth Tuesday Brunch,
11:00pm

Location: Mariner Café,
Contact: Vivian Mulligan,
vivian.mulligan@gmail.com.

Choir Practice, 3:00pm

Contact: Joel Yelland at
joelyelland@gmail.com

Community Drum

Circle, 6:30pm

Contact: Penny Burdick
(360) 683-3819

Wednesday, March 27

**Dance Exercise for
Parkinson's Disease,**
10:30am

Contact: Marsha Melnick,
(360) 683 - 5712

All Things Considered,
Women's Evening Group,
7: 00pm, Member's Home

Contact: Jean Stratton
(360) 452-6719,
jeanmstratton@gmail.com

Men's Evening Group,

7:00pm, Member's Home
Contact: George Stratton
(360) 452-6719

Sunday, March 31

Speaker: Bridget Laflin
Fifth Sunday Forum,
12:30pm

Upcoming Sunday Service



Sunday, March 24, 2019

Speaker: Joseph Bednarik

Sermon: Specialize in the Impossible

Description: In this bright dark world of beauty and tumult, poet Theodore Roethke said: "What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible." Why would anyone bother with the impossible? This sermon explores those

noteworthy realms of possible and impossible, and what powers we need to harness to become that specialist our world so desperately needs.

Bio: Joseph Bednarik serves as the Pulpit Assistant at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Port Townsend, Washington. He studied philosophy at Haverford College and has worked in literary publishing for over twenty years. He is currently the Co-Publisher of Copper Canyon Press, a nonprofit dedicated to poetry.



4th Tuesday Brunch - March 26, 2019 - 11:00 am - Mariner Cafe - Sequim

Remember the old Girl Scout Song - "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." That is what we are practicing at our Tuesday brunches. Enjoying good food and informal chats with new friends and old. Breakfast and lunch menus. Separate checks. No agenda - just lots of talking and laughing. Please join us this coming Tuesday. For more information: vivian.mulligan@gmail.com

WE ARE:

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STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS are due Tuesdays by 12noon.

Submission Guidelines: [OUUF Publication Submission Guidelines](#)

Send to Social Media Editor, Pattie Miles at socialmedia@OlympicUUF.com.

1. Please send announcements in Word or in the body of the email and photos in jpg.
2. No PDFs, please.
3. Please keep the word limit to 100 for the Weekly Update and 50 for the Order of Service.
4. Include your name and contact information in the body of the email.



COMING SOON: Mark your calendars. The Contemplative Services are starting up again for the third year, on the first Tuesday of the month. The first service will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 6:00pm. For information contact Joel Yelland, JoelYelland@gmail.com or Diane Hill-Dwyer, DJZhill@Q.com.

SUNDAY! FIFTH SUNDAY FORUM: Further Along the Welcoming Road Less Traveled. Come listen to our distinguished panel on March 31st at 12:30 as we address being a truly Welcoming Congregation to LGBTQAI peoples. Come learn what all the initials mean, what has been our history as a Welcoming Congregation, and how we can extend a hand of friendship to visitors. This is our March Fifth Sunday Forum. Considering the recent vote of the United Methodist General Assembly on same-sex marriage and gay clergy, this is a timely topic to discuss. Please join us.



Herding Cats Event. April 7 & April 8. Dungeness Recreation Area. **SPRING SILLY!** Walk along the bluff. Walk thru the forest. Walk the sandy beach at mid-day low tides. Join Kitty at campsite 55. Expect fun & picnic food & campfire & conversation. Come after fellowship Sunday, April 7. Or

Monday, April 8.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

(OUUF-sponsored monthly gathering)



FREE community drum circle gathering open to people of all ages and ability levels. If you are new to drumming, come give it a try. If you are an experienced drummer with great rhythm, we need you!

Lots of drums & other percussion are available to use.

It's FUN. It's grounding & decreases stress. JOIN US!

Contact: Penny Burdick mailto:mandalaht@gmail.com

The OUUF roster has been updated and is on the website. Members may access the file with a password. If you need the password please let me know. I also have hardcopies available for anyone who wishes one. Thank you for your help keeping the roster updated. Contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com



STREAMKEEPERS IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR ANNUAL SUMMER TRAINING!

We monitor streams, and we do it really, really well.”

- Learn how watersheds work and how to assess them
- Help needed both outdoors and indoors
- No experience necessary
- No minimum “service hour” requirement

Streamkeepers, Clallam County’s volunteer stream monitoring program, is seeking new volunteers to help collect stream health data, perform data entry & analysis, and conduct education & outreach. As the program continues to expand, there is a continuing need for volunteers. New volunteers join existing stream teams and perform stream monitoring and other stewardship activities, on streams throughout the county—or volunteer to provide other kinds of program support, both outdoors and indoors.

Streamkeepers' annual training is expected to begin in June and consists of two evening sessions and one full field day. You will learn how watersheds provide services to fish, wildlife, and people; what threatens our watersheds; and why and how we monitor them. No previous experience or special equipment is required. We schedule training around the availability of the trainees, so if you'd like to participate, contact us at 360-417-2281 or mailto:streamkeepers@co.clallam.wa.us. Our website is atwww.clallam.net/SK.

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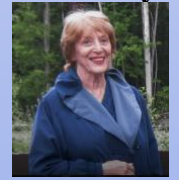
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OOUF at UUA's General Assembly



THE POWER OF WE

Accessibility and Inclusivity at General Assembly

The General Assembly Planning Committee is committed to addressing the inclusion of all people, whatever their abilities might be, in all GA activities.

- [Accessibility Services](#)—Even if you are someone who doesn't usually use assistive equipment, you might really be helped by the available services, from mobility and hearing equipment to advice and orientation services.
- [Commitment to Inclusion](#)—Beyond the physical accessibility of the facilities we use—ramps, captioning, seating cut-outs, etc.—we endeavor to take the next step: to truly welcome people with disabilities into every facet of GA.
- [Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Multiculturalism](#)—The UUA affirms its commitment to maintain an environment free of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability.
- [Economic Accessibility](#)—The GA Planning committee is focused on creating opportunities to participate, including financial aid and subsidized [child care](#).
- [Logos and Other Downloadable Resources](#) for Promoting GA in Your Congregations.

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must [certify](#) annually to send voting delegates.

General Assembly 2019

June 19-23, Spokane, WA

The Power of We

In a time of great challenge and heartbreak in our world, what does our faith demand from us? At this year's General Assembly we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle, and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. Attendees will leave inspired, with the tools needed to carry on the work into their own congregations and communities. Join us as we work for collective liberation inside and outside our faith.

- [Registration](#) is open. Rates increase May 1.
- [Travel and Housing](#)
- [Financial aid](#) applications are due March 31.
- View the [GA Schedule](#).
- View the [Preliminary Schedule of Workshops and Role-based Tracks](#) (PDF)
- Use these [Marketing Materials](#) to promote GA to your congregation or group.
- The 2019 Ware Lecturer is [Richard Blanco](#). Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.



Sunday Morning Worship at the 2018 GA in Kansas City, MO.

ONGOING GROUPS

Reading for the fun of it!

Short Story Book Group
First & Third Tuesdays at 10 am
To learn more contact:
Kitty Hawks
206-755-2832 or
alettehawks@yahoo.com

Tuesday Brunch

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
11 am at the Mariner Restaurant
in the JCPenney mall in Sequim
For more information contact:
Vivian Mulligan
vivian.mulligan@gmail.com

Men's Lunch Bunch

First & third Wednesdays
11:30am
Participants bring food to
prepare. Congenial conversation
and support.
For More information contact:
Bob Nuffer
e_nuff@msn.com

OOUF Men's Group

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm
At members' homes.
For More information contact:
George Stratton
(360) 452-6719

OOUF Women's Groups

All Things Considered
Evening Group
Wednesdays, 7-9 PM. At
members' homes
For More information contact:
Jean Stratton
360-452-6719 or
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Reflections

Second and fourth Thursday 1-3
PM at the Fellowship Hall
For More information contact:
Serena Mylchreest
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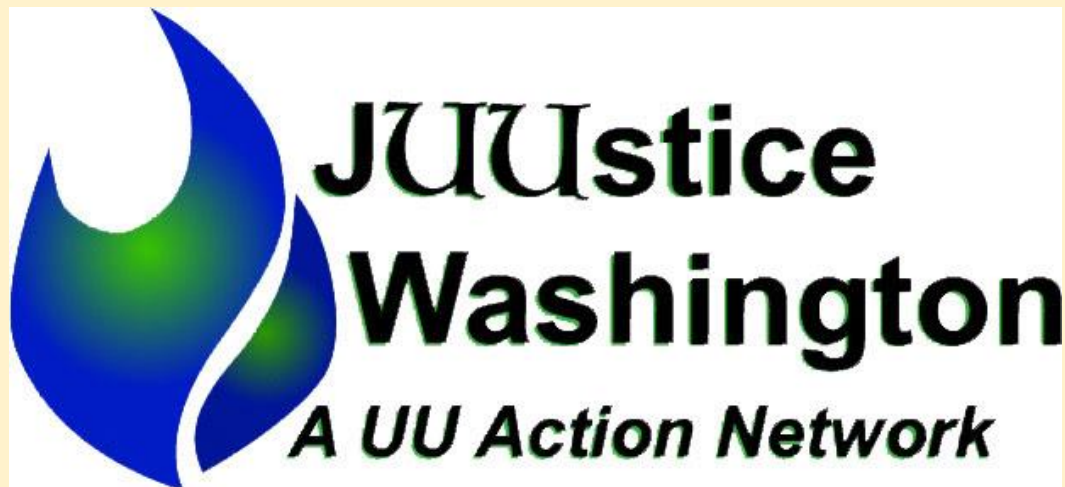
Choir

OOUF Sundays at 9:30 am and
Tuesdays at 3:00 pm.
Newcomers welcome!
For More information contact:
Choir Director
Joel Yelland
509-322-5328 or
JoelYelland@gmail.com



For details on how
to join or start an
OOUF Affinity
Group:
[OOUF Affinity Groups](#)

Social Justice



On March 1, 2019, UU World magazine published an article entitled "[After L, G, and B](#)" which has caused harm to transgender and gender nonbinary people. In the article, a cisgender woman wrote about her perspective and experience while intending to be an ally to transgender people. In its [public response](#), Transgender Religious professional Unitarian Universalists Together (TRUUst) explains the harm caused by this article:

"The UU World's article titled "After L, G, and B" frames the trans experience by centering a white, heterosexual, cisgender woman's experience. By doing so, it reduces trans people to objects—something that happens far too often in society and in our UU communities. The use of harmful slurs, the conflation of intersex and trans experience, and a repeated focus on surgery, hormones, and pronouns perpetuates stereotypes around trans experiences that devalues the gifts we have to bring to the world and Unitarian Universalism."

JUJustice Washington is [committed to dismantling institutional and systemic oppression](#), including oppression based on gender identity/expression. We encourage you to read the UU World article, the TRUUst response, and explore the additional resources listed below. The Unitarian Universalist community is a space in which [trans UUs regularly experience oppression](#). UU World's commissioning and publication of "After L, G, and B" is reflective of and adds to that collective oppression. We call on our cisgender members to develop new knowledge and skills that are needed to create a safe and inclusive community—a beloved community—in which the inherent worth and dignity of all people is truly valued and honored.

[After L, G, and B](#) (Kimberly French, Contributing Editor, UU World)

[Putting the "T" First: Public Statement on This Week's UU World Article](#) (TRUUst Steering Committee)

[What It Takes to De-Center Privilege: The Failure of this Week's UU World Article](#) (Alex Kapitan)

[Our Story Hurt People](#) (Christopher Walton, Editor, UU World)

[Tips For Talking about the UU World Article](#)

[TRUUst Calls on All Unitarian Universalists to Take Action to Support Trans UUs](#) (TRUUst)

[Report on the Experiences of Trans Unitarian Universalists](#) (TRUUst)