



OUUF Weekly Update

An Inclusive Community

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December 12, 2019

Calendar December 12 - 22

Thursday, December 12 Reflections Women's Group,

1:00pm newcomers welcome
(scent-free)
Contact: Seri Mylchreest,
Serena@mylchreest.com

Sunday, December 15

Choir Practice, 9:30pm
Contact: Joel Yelland at
joelyelland@gmail.com
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Potluck, 11:30am - 12:30pm
Please include written
ingredient information with
your dish.

**OUUF Board of Trustees
Meeting**, 12:15pm

Monday, December 16

**Dance Exercise for
Parkinson's Disease**,
10:15am

Contact: Marsha Melnick,
(360) 683 - 5712

Tuesday, December 17

Reading for Fun!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays. 1 PM.
Meet in SunLand (135
Fairway Drive, Sequim).
Kitty, 206-755-2832,
alettehawks@yahoo.com

**CANCELLED: Choir
Practice**, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Contact: Joel Yelland at
joelyelland@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 18

**Dance Exercise for
Parkinson's Disease**,
10:15am

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, December 22

Choir Practice, 9:30pm
Contact: Joel Yelland at
joelyelland@gmail.com

Upcoming Sunday Service



Sunday, December 15

Speaker: Margo Reinhart

Sermon: The Bhavagad Gita-The Song of the Lord

Description: This message is based on the Bhavagad Gita which is a Hindu text revealed to the Hindu people in December 2000 years ago. In the text the young

warrior, Arjuna becomes despondent over the prospect of battle and has a long discussion with Lord Krishna who serves as his charioteer on compassion, duty, action, and renunciation.

Bio: Margo Rinehart has been a Unitarian universalist for over twenty years and recently earned her Master's in Divinity from Seattle University. She lives in Silverdale with her family, including her new cat, Chloe. Her sermon will help us wander through the mystery of never truly becoming our "best" self, as it is an endless journey of growing in depth of insight and breadth of actions. We will explore the questions of how our UU values open the gates of opportunity for walking toward being our best selves and the sometimes-painful lessons we learn along the way.



Sunday, December 22

Speaker: Joe Rettenmaier

Sermon: TBA

Bio: Joe Rettenmaier is currently serving as Intern Minister at Edmonds UU. He is a candidate for ministry with the UUMA and a Masters of Divinity student at Meadville-Lombard Theological School. Joe left his corporate pursuits in the fall of 2016 to pursue a calling to ministry and climate justice. He lives in Seattle and has called our magnificent Puget Sound home since 1988.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sad to hear Ray Estep fell Dec 9th and had surgery for a fractured leg at OMC. The surgery went well and he will be staying at OMC for post-OP observation. Joyce said cards would be welcomed. Submitted by Kathi Gunn.

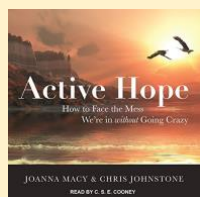
PLEDGE DRIVE

NEW TOTALS: So far, we have received pledges in the amount of \$76,910.00 from 54 members of our Congregation. We are just \$6871 away from a balanced budget for 2020. Thank you to everyone contributing to keeping our fellowship going. If you have not yet pledged, forms are available at OUUF on the table with the name tags. Don Hatler

(DonaldHatler1936@gmail.com) is happy to answer any questions you may have about your pledge. A draft budget has been presented to the congregation by email and copies are available at the fellowship.

It is time for the next Community Read sponsored by the Interfaith Community in Clallam County. OUUF will be sponsoring a group conducted by Bob Nuffer and meeting every Sunday starting January 12, 2020, from 12:30pm to 2pm. We will meet in the OUUF Fellowship Hall at 1033 N. Barr Rd. Port Angeles, WA

The book for winter 2020 is *Active Hope* by Joanne Macy and Chris Johnstone. The book is about finding and offering our best response to the crisis of sustainability unfolding in our world. It offers tools that help us face the mess we're in, as well as find and play our role in the collective transition, or Great Turning, to a life-sustaining society. Please purchase your book ahead of the first class and come prepared to discuss the first chapter. Contact Bob Nuffer to add your name to the list of participants at e_nuff@msn.com or 360-477-3939. You can join at any time. We will be attending a *Celebration of the Journey* on Saturday March 21, 2020 to share with other groups throughout the county who have participated in the community read.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK. Once again, your Christmas can be brightened by coming to our Christmas potluck on Dec. 25th (when else?). We will eat at 1:30 and have the White Elephant gift exchange. Let me explain the term. Long ago in India, white elephants were considered sacred. They could not be used for any labor and were to

be given only the best food. Maharajas would give a white elephant as gifts because they were useless and ate too much. Thus, a white elephant is something useless that you already have, and you want someone else to provide room for. Look around your house and find that White Elephant just sitting, waiting for a new home. Sign-up sheets will be at OUUF on Sunday. See you at Christmas!

Contact: Dana Casey at raven225@olypen.com or Pat Dusel at patdusel@hotmail.com

5th Sunday Forum. OUUF has a long-standing custom of offering a special program after the service on each fifth Sunday of the year. This month, on December 29, we will be privileged to have a program led by Joseph Bednarik, who will also give the sermon that day.

Joseph serves as the Co-Publisher of Copper Canyon Press, a nonprofit literary publisher dedicated to poetry. He studied philosophy at Haverford College, and speaks regularly at Unitarian-Universalist congregations in the Puget Sound region.

OUUF enjoyed a very successful workshop led by Joseph in 2016. It was entitled *Practice and Play: Poems, Prayers and a Paper Shredder*. We are looking forward to his December 29th presentation. Details to be announced.

There were no bids on the GMC Gift Card worth \$1500. If you or a friend or relative could use this gift card please contact Ren Garypie at (269)-719-5215.



THIS IS PNWD CHALICE LIGHTERS WINTER CALL FOR THE 2019-2020 CHURCH YEAR

Donations to this Winter Call and to the recent Fall Call will support a renovation project at the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF). Each person is asked to pledge \$20 to each call, but any amount is received with gratitude. Donations for this call will be accepted through

February 29, 2020. You can give on-line by going to PNWD uuu.org or sending a check payable to "PNWD Chalice Lighters" to: PNWD Chalice Lighters, P.O. Box 567, Brighton CO 80601. Please include the PNWD-CL designation on your check and also indicate your home congregation. If you utilize a third party to issue checks, be sure to give them this updated address.

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The OUUF landscape team finished its work for the season at the end of October. See the OUUF Facebook page for a picture of members Cynthia Green, Tommie Schwent, Pat Mac Robbie, Brian Barardo, Lou Foldoe, and Phil Zenner. Missing from the picture are Nancy and Kevin Duffy. Others who contributed this year are Kathy Gunn and Sarah Whelchel. The team planted seven Rhododendron bushes and five ferns that were donated by Sara Johnson. Thanks, Sara! If you see one of these hard-working team members, why not thank them personally? They worked hard. Rose Prestipino, chair

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED - GREETERS: If you are available to give members and guests a warm greeting upon arrival, please contact Vicki Sensiba at sensibag@hotmail.com or 360-683-8914.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you like to sing even if it is a little off-key? The choir is looking for more singers as many of our regulars have gone south with the birds. (email joelyelland@gmail.com). If you want to know about other opportunities email diannewhit@aol.com or Elinor at admin@olympicuuf.com.

THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT OUR COMMUNITY SHARING TIME IS FOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES THAT BRING JOY OR SORROW It is not a time for announcements about public meetings or other activities. Those announcements should be written out and given to the Service leader before the service begins.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, DANA CASEY, for setting up a solstice tree in the fellowship hall and inviting the kids in our RE program to decorate. They worked on the ornaments during RE and had fun decorating after service last Sunday. Mini Chalice ornaments made using cereal boxes by Julia Buggy. Pictures- Amara and Rayna Buggy.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS ELVES AND OUUF ANGELS WHO HELPED WITH GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Our ninth year participating in the Gifts for Children in Foster Care was a great success where over 40 people from OUUF and one outside the congregation purchased gifts or donated cash to make the holidays joyous for 26 children aged newborn through age 14. Your generosity was amazing! I have a special appreciation for the folks who stepped up to gather the presents, do the shopping and did transport to complete the process when I became ill. Special kudos to Elinor Tennyson, Susan Harris, Colleen Squier and Michael Bucierka for their help. May you all have a wonderful holiday season.

ONGOING GROUPS

Reading for the fun of it!

Short Story Book Group
First & Third Tuesdays at
1:00pm

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:

Rose Prestipino,
roseprestipino@gmail.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
serena@mylchreest.com

Choir

OOUF Sundays at 9:30 am and
Tuesdays at 3:00 pm.

Newcomers welcome!

For More information contact:

Choir Director
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