



OUUF Weekly Update

An Inclusive Community

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NOTICE:

Sunday March 15th your OUUF board voted to suspend Sunday services until April 26th. This vote was not taken lightly but with much of our population falling in the highly at-risk category, we believe this was the only prudent decision we could make. Other small group activities may continue. This will be up to each group to decide what is best for their members. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Whitaker at diannewhit@aol.com

OTHER GROUPS MEETING AT OUUF

Check the website calendar for updates on events as most have been canceled. If you have any questions, contact the group facilitator or call Elinor Tennyson at (360) 417-2665.

FELLOWSHIP FISCAL HEALTH

During the time Sunday services and events at the Fellowship are canceled we will still have overhead expenses to pay. We would appreciate friends and members mailing in monthly pledges and/or the amount normally put in the Sunday collection plate. If you have any questions please contact

Don Hatler at donaldhatler1936@gmail.com or

Serena Mylchreest at Serena.mylchreest.com

Our mailing address is:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most group meetings have been canceled.
Please refer to the website calendar or contact the group's facilitator

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OUUF Care Team

Just an update to let you know we do care about our members and friends during this time of distance. If you are home and have a need or a medical condition, please remember we can call you or send you cards or drop off groceries if need be. We care about all of you during this difficult time of no church live services and gatherings.

Our team of Ren Garypie, Diane Hill--Dwyer, Cynthia Green, George Stratton, Dianne Whitaker and myself as acting chair, Jean Stratton are here to help you.

Please know you can contact me, Jean Stratton at 360 452-6719, or by email: jeanmstratton@gmail.com

You are part of our loving community.

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It doesn't make sense to start scheduling the second quarter Apr-Jun potlucks at this time. I will start them up later in the year when we can relax and enjoy each other's company again By: Serena Mylchreest

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WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP:

The OUUF Evening Women have decided to take a 6 week hiatus from meeting due to the need to keep to ourselves while we ride out that virus threat. We will regroup in May.

By: Jean Stratton

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CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sunday, March 15th

This may be the last R.E. we have for a while due to the need for social distancing to help stop the spread of Covid19. We talked about social responsibility and sang a modified version of our gathering song as we washed our hands well with warm water for 20 seconds on arrival.

"Scrub! Scrub! Whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper. Lover of Cleaning. Washing the germs is easy to do. Scrub, yet again, scrub!" We used 3-foot ribbons to help us visualize the recommended social distance. Glitter and hand gel helped us visualize the spread of germs to not touch shared surfaces or face or other people with dirty hands.

Then we ended with good luck shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day with our prayers and gratitude. Stay well my friends.

By: Julia Buggy Lead Teacher



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WHAT TIME IS IT? By: Penny Burdick

We have a new larger wall clock in the sanctuary, and it doesn't make any ticking sound! After the Active Hope book read group last Sunday, I closed the kitchen door too hard, the old clock leaped off the wall and committed suicide on the sanctuary floor! It had made at least one previous attempt, as it's plastic loop that went over the screw in the wall was already broken and it was being held up by blue putty meant for holding up posters. The poor remains of the clock meant an untimely end in the garbage can, and I went out and interviewed clocks to find a happier one. Fortunately, the replacement seems well-adjusted and happy to stay put on the wall, marking time until we resume services in the sanctuary & can greet it properly less fancy.

THANK YOU, PENNY!!

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MEMBERS AND FRIEND BULLETIN BOARD: RENTAL HOME NEEDED

Nancy and Kevin Duffy will be returning to our area by mid-April and need a rental while their new home is being built. If you, or someone you know, has a rental for Kevin and Nancy along with their two wonderful dogs, contact Nancy at juneauduffys@hotmail.com or 206-434-6696

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Pandemic

By David Grube

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.
And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love--
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

--Lynn Ungar, UU Minister

From Richard Hendrick
(Brother Richard) in Ireland

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of
noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the
housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighborhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and
Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their
neighbors in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new
reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live
now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing."

Submitted by Penny Burdick

