



OUUF Weekly Update

An Inclusive Community

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March 29 – April 5, 2020

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SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Have you missed hearing our Sunday speakers? Joseph Bednarik was scheduled to speak at OUUF on March 22nd. Due to concerns about the Coronavirus, that service was cancelled. Good news! Joseph is scheduled to speak again on April 26th and current plans are to resume normal Sunday Services by that time. Vivian has the good fortune to be Joseph's Service Leader and will be extremely happy to see his return! Should we not be able to hold services in our sanctuary then, we hope to have plans in place to view the service via Zoom with the expert guidance of Sandy Goodwick and George Stratton. What about our other regular speakers? Ah, yes, we also have on the schedule Joe Rettenmaier, Bruce Bode and Margo Reinhart. Their respective Service Leaders are just as anxious as I to facilitate hearing them again. Dianne Whitaker

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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

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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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No matter your personal situation, these are trying times. Many of us rely on our OUUF community to draw strength and find peace. We miss our person to person contact whether it has been weekly or several times each week. How can we keep connected? Azella called me the other day and suggested we pick a time each week when we take a minute to take a deep breath, be perfectly quiet, meditate or pray, knowing we are connecting with our OUUF community. Starting this coming Sunday, the 29th of March at 1:00 PM please join us in this minute of connection. Dianne Whitaker

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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 Serena Mylchreest

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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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Hold on to Hope” is the title of a bag that Kitsap Strong has developed for people in crisis (at ERs, homeless encampments, etc.). The kind of “stuff” that precious few of us ever think we’d be receiving. I was planning to go to Port Gamble to learn about the bag. COVID19 changed that -

I just looked at it... Among the many powerful messages was one I found meaningful... “
When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn. (Harriet Beecher Stowe)”

Because this is a time of many unknowns - including some very real fears - *what if we support one another (at a safe distance) via connecting with one another?*

Some ideas... those who are interested help set up a “buddy system” to call one another and ‘check in’. Maybe someone can’t go out, but others can - for shopping. Maybe some letter writing, or emails, or even Zoom (a video conferencing tool being used by many). I have no doubt you have more ideas...

There even are some ways to take old, familiar games and adapt them to texting or using Zoom. Somehow, finding a reason to smile or laugh - even in all this - can subtly remind us that “this, too, shall pass”.

Sooo... if you would like to help set up an alternative way to stay connected and supportive of one another amid this pandemic, either call me (818-489-8626) or email me (sgoodwick@aol.com. Hopefully, within a few days, I can call/email everyone so, together, we start planning on how to “hold on to hope” for one another.

Sandy Goodwick

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