



OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

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SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKER

November 15, 2020

Joe Rettenmaier



Sermon: The Myths of Supremacy

Description: In faith community after faith community, we often find immoral, supremacist, oppressive myths being taught and upheld. Within our UU faith community, however, we are creating and upholding a reverent circle, a reverent experiment of replacing supremacy myths.

BIO: Joe Rettenmaier is a candidate for ministry with the UUA. He has called Seattle and the Salish Sea home since 1988. In 2016, he left high-tech America to serve his call to ministry, and in May of 2019 received his Master of Divinity degree from Meadville-Lombard Theological School while completing his ministerial internship at Edmonds UU Congregation. Joe's practice of ministry aims to dismantle systemic racism and white fragility, develop authentic multiculturalism within our congregations, inspire climate justice, and reinvigorate LGBTQ+ beloved communities.

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An email with the Zoom invite information will be sent on Fridays.

If you do not receive the email please contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com

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ZOOM SECURITY: Sunday Service

If you know anyone who would like to join the service please forward contact information to Elinor Tennyson or Sandy Goodwick and they can send the link. We ask you not to share a Zoom invite link.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and THINGS OF INTEREST
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We reserve the right to edit your submission for length and grammar.
 Announcements need to be submitted by **Tuesday** to admin@olympicuuf.com

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***OUUF EVENT CALENDAR – open groups only**
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OUUF sponsored events are offered to members and friends as a way to provide increased spiritual, mental and physical health in a safe and caring environment. Groups have at their foundation the Seven Principles of Unitarian/Universalism, as well as our OUUF purpose and mission. They operate under the Washington State Covid-19 guidelines. Please contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com if you have questions or would like clarification.

Tuesdays	Reading for the Fun of it! 1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays 1-3pm Member's Home	Contact: Kitty Hawks 206-755-2832 or alettehawks@yahoo.com
Wednesdays	The Evening Men's Group 7-9pm: Zoom	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
	Fellowship open noon-1pm	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
Thursdays	Reflections 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 1:00pm Fellowship grounds	Contact: Serena Mylchreest at serena@mylchreest.com
Fridays	Walking Meditation Group 11:00am Fellowship	Contact: Sandy Goodwick (818) 489-8626
Sundays	Zoom Sunday Service 11am Remote via Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com for Zoom invite
	Zoom Sunday Service 11am Fellowship sanctuary – doors open 10:30am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for reservation. (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	Zoom Children's Service 10:15am	Contact: Juliafbuggy@gmail.com for Zoom invite

See OUUF website for complete calendar list by date [OUUF WEBSITE](#)

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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Nov	22	Joseph Bednarik	Dec	13	Bruce Bode
Nov	29	Jamal Rahman	Dec	20	Joseph Bednarik
Dec	6	Amanda Aikman	Dec	27	Joe Rettenmaier

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PERSONAL PRIVACY: (Sunday Service Community Sharing)

From: Dianne Whitaker

Although we attempt to control who attends our Zoom Sunday services, they are essentially open to the public. We therefore need to be careful in our sharing of information. If it is personal information, we should have that person's permission to share. If information needs to be given to a particular individual the Chat feature can be used with a "chat" to one person rather than the whole group.

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUUF:



We invite and welcome persons who would like to join our Zoom Sunday service at the Fellowship. The Zoom meeting will be projected onto the large TV screen for viewing and chairs set up spaced at least 6' apart. Seating will be limited to a small group so we need to know how many people will be attending.

If you would like to join call Elinor Tennyson at (360) 417-2665 or email admin@olympicuuf.com

- Face masks must be worn –
mouth and nose covered at all times
- Singing permitted with face masks on
- Exit doors will be open for air circulation
Wear warm clothing
- No refreshments will be served.

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REFLECTION ON THANKSGIVING DAY:

From: UUA President, Susan Frederick-Gray

This year let us be mindful that many hearts in the Indigenous communities of New England and across Turtle Island ache on Thanksgiving Day every year. In Plymouth, Massachusetts, Indigenous people observe the holiday as a "Day of Mourning." This year will mark the 50th anniversary of this Day of Mourning tradition, and the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth.

***As a religious tradition, we cannot decide who we will be
without reckoning with the truth of who
some of our ancestors were.***

In 2016, Unitarian Universalists voted to pay special attention to learning our history and [rethinking Thanksgiving](#) this year...

Please click on the link for the full text.

[UUA SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - HONORING INDIGENOUS ANCESTORS](#)

CHILDREN'S RE PROGRAM:

By: Julia Buggy



Sunday we discussed our 5th Principle of Unitarian Universalism. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. The kids version... We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them. A vote was taken on which color teacher Harmony will dye her hair and see the results next week. Be part of the heated debate and final vote! One of the songs we sang together is "I'm Unique and Unrepeatable." to the tune of "Ten Little Children" (one little, two little, three little children. The music is the same in this new song, but we used new words.) Note: This song was introduced by Jan Evans-Tiller in the curriculum *We Believe*, 2nd ed. (Unitarian Universalist Association, 1998).

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CHALICE LIGHTERS GRANT:



We are again eligible for a Chalice Lighters grant. Thanks to everyone who donates to this cause. There have been a number of suggestions as to what project we might apply for. You board voted Sunday to open up this discussion to all the members of OUUF. If you or an OUUF committee you belong to has a suggestion, please email me at diannewhit@aol.com and I will present your ideas to the board at our next meeting

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OUUF Candidates for 2021

Our congregational meeting when we elect board members and vote on the budget for 2021 will be December 6. You will be emailed or snail mailed ballots in November. Here are the bios for the members running for the board in a new position or for the first time.

Joan Cotta



My mom sent my sister and I to attend church services with our friends. One week it was Southern Baptist, the next Latter-Day Saints, then the Catholics, which made me either confused or open-minded, or plain scared. I have three adult kids and have always been a volunteer. I retired to Sequim in 2016 with my partner Don Ho and our little dog Hope after a long career in Procurement in the Bay Area. One lovely Saturday I went church-shopping on foot in my neighborhood I found a friendly Methodist Church and joined up. Soon I was appointed Treasurer and acted as

Business Manager. Here in Sequim, I co-founded Indivisible Sequim. I am a member of the Clallam County League of Women Voters and the Sunbonnet Sue Quilt Club. My motto is, "I leave things better than I found them."

Catharine Covert



Over 35 years ago I found Unitarian Universalism. An advertisement in the newspaper said I would find community, I did and I have stayed, because Community is a crucial element of my life. Since then I have held many positions both paid and volunteer. At Saltwater Church I was president of the board during a building phase. Here at OUUF I focused on membership and then became the first paid administrative coordinator.

Brian Berardo



Having given up the Catholic Church for Lent ages ago, I was so pleased to discover OUUF last year. I now consider OUUF my community and adore the delightful people and inclusivity. Forty-five years of working for Corporate IT, decades in the performing arts, and a perpetual interest in ontology have given this Irish Italian a stubborn tenacity to promote worthy visions, both secular and spiritual. It would be an honor to serve on the board in any capacity.

Phil Zenner



It would be my pleasure to serve the Fellowship as a Member-at-Large on the Board of Trustees. It would be my second time serving on a non-profit Board, the first being for an international men’s support organization. My career in software training management provided me with over 30 years’ experience in management, supervision, working with people, motivation, team building and problem solving. I believe that OUUF has much to offer all those who fully participate, and that each person should reciprocate if possible, by serving where their individual gifts and beliefs may lead them.

Peggy Toppenberg



I moved to the Diamond Point area outside Sequim from Soldotna, AK in 2015 after retiring from a 30 year career as a certified nurse midwife. During that time I was elected by the borough voters to serve on the local hospital service area board in 2008. Serving a 3 yr term allowed me to develop and enhance consensus building skills that I feel I can bring to the OUUF Board of trustees’ member-at-large position. I first discovered our UU fellowship in 2015 and felt such a warm welcome that I felt instantly at home. I have been a member since 2015 and I have served on the membership and nominating committees and am excited to have this opportunity to become more actively involved

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OUUF Pastoral Care Team



The Caring Team supports and reaches out to members and friends of OUUF who are experiencing life changes, challenges, loss, illness, death or loneliness. We also share in moments of joy. Pastoral Caring Team members offer a special touch of human kindness and an open ear. We are a caring, listening presence, although we do not counsel, offer therapy or advice.

We recognize and respect the importance of confidentiality in all information imparted to the Pastoral Care Team members.

Our Services include:

- Hospital, Nursing home and Home visits—listening and companionship
 - Transportation—arranging rides as needed
- Temporary Meals –arrange to have meals delivered during illness or need
 - Mailing greeting cards for illness or other needs

If you or someone you care about needs a listening ear or a helping hand, please contact our Team Leader:

Jean Stratton Pastoral Care Team Leader
360 452-6719
jeanmstratton@gmail.com

If you think you may be interested in volunteering for the team,, please contact Jean by email: jeanmstratton@gmail.com, or call 360 452 6719. It's not labor intensive. Just bring a caring heart and a willing to connect with others. Thanks so much.



CARE CARDS:

As a member of the OUUF Care Team Cynthia Green has mailed out handmade cards to many in our congregation. If you can think of someone you think would enjoy getting a card, please email Cynthia at cynthiagreen@outlook.com. If she has not already sent one to that person, she will make one for them and mail it. Cynthia has been using the OUUF roster for addresses

VIEWPOINT - EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP:

A group of four of us have started a discussion group via email. We would like to invite others to join in. Anyone in the group can suggest a topic. Then the participants send a reply at their convenience. Here are some advantages of this discussion group:

- *Safety (no in person contact)*
- *Convenience - you don't have to schedule a fixed time, you just respond at your convenience*
- *Informal - say what's on your mind with a comfortable group of OUUF folks - none of the pitfalls of some social media forums*

New topics will be submitted on the 1st and 15th of each month. Any participant can submit a topic." Contact Cynthia at cynthiagreen@outlook.com

Next TED Talk - Tuesday,
December 8th
1:00 – 3:00

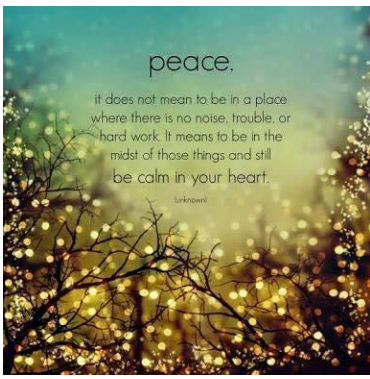
SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED



Ted Masks must be worn
Social Distancing will be observed

Registration Required
To register, contact Elinor Tennyson at
Admin@olympicuuf.com or 360-417-2665

Please join us for a time of Walking Meditation.



We are returning to OUUF - on Fridays, from 11 AM - noon. Our intention is to find and hold a calming space within (so necessary in this stressful times), while joining with others in listening to a brief reading, then some alone time for walking (or sitting or ???) and then finishing up with another shared reading, and “check in”. **BRING A FRIEND!**

FRIDAYS - 11-12 - at OUUF

Please bring your own chair and a mask.

QUESTIONS? Call Sandy Goodwick (818) 489-8626_.

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A WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By: Seri Mylchreest

Because I live in the OUUF neighborhood I often walk by the Little Free Library and tidy and restock the books. Yesterday I walked by and saw that someone had donated a very small book with an orange cover. I believe it was about Buddhism. On my way back from my walk I passed a young woman with a big smile on her face. In her hand I noticed that little orange book.



Today I went to OUUF and got books to restock the Little Free Library. While I was stocking a group of 4 kids came by-- 2 teens and 2 younger children. The younger one said "we want to look at the books!" They waited patiently while I restocked the library and were very curious--are you the person who puts the books in the library? ... is that building (OUUF) a church or a house? do the church people do the pantry too? we've seen people putting food in it..." They told me they live on Old Olympic. It was so much fun to see and talk to some of those who use the Little Library.



Thank you everyone who donates to the little Library and Pantry.

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**WEDNESDAY HAPPY HOUR +
NOON-1:00PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP**

We have been fortunate to be able to meet outdoors for most meetings but it is getting cold and wet so the Happy Hour meeting at the Fellowship will meet again next Spring. The Fellowship will continue to be open Wednesday noon-1:00 for anyone who would like to use the library or just safely chat.

All Covid-19 guidelines will be strictly enforced, including social distancing and wearing face masks.

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REFLECTIONS WOMEN'S GROUP:

Reflections Woman's Group is meeting at 1:00 pm **outside of the OUUF building** on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair. We will be spaced six feet apart. The meeting usually lasts one and a half to two hours. Contact: Serena Mylchreest at serena@mylchreest.com

Reflections Zoom is on pause until further notice

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LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE:

By: Vicki Sensiba

OUUF is making a difference in our community! After being in operation a little less than two months, community members regularly use our Little Free Pantry. As examples, we have provided 90 granola bars, 40 containers of pasta and sauce, 79 cans of chicken and tuna, 40 individual puddings, 40 juice boxes, and 38 ramen soup packages. Toilet paper and hygiene kits are also popular. Usage is only likely to grow as word spreads in the local area

We need your help to sustain our efforts through the cold winter months! The LFP team has done amazing work, with members donating substantial amounts of their own money. Members of the congregation have contributed food and money. But this is not enough to make the Pantry an on-going success. It will take all of us getting involved.



We need to fill the donation box located on the Fellowship porch

No congregational money is budgeted for the LFP. It must be self-sustaining. It has received \$890 in donations. After food expenditures, we have a current balance of \$500.08. With food costs averaging about \$100/week, that won't last long. We need your help!

How can you help?

- Make a cash donation. When you make a donation, be sure to specifically identify it as going to the Little Free Pantry.
- "Adopt" a food item. Commit to regular supplying a particular food item such as hand sanitizer, canned tuna, or granola bars. If you're interested in this approach, please contact Vicki Sensiba at sensibag@hotmail.com

- Continue placing donations in the box outside the fellowship. Information is on the outside of the box. Please no perishables or “jumbo size” items.

Let’s all make the Little Free Pantry a living example of our commitment to social justice!

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SUNDAY SERVICE SERMON

November 8, 2020

Rev. Bruce Bode

Sermon: “Post-Election Reflections & Congregational Sharing” -- Following reflections by Rev. Bode related to this past week’s election, Dianne Whitaker, our service leader, and Rev. Bode will co-host a time of congregational sharing, inviting congregants to share thoughts and feelings with regard to our country’s national election. Questions to reflect on: Where are you now? What has surprised you? What have you learned? What do you hope for? What do you fear? What do you intend? How are you sustained?

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