



OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

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Sermon Peace in the Fine Print: If You Want It

Description: During a winter holiday season with the Vietnam War raging and social upheaval at a fever pitch, John Lennon and Yoko Ono purchased billboards and full-page newspaper ads around the world with three short words in huge type—WAR IS OVER! Underneath that joyful message was the fine print: "If you want it." In the daylight hours before our Winter Solstice night, this sermon considers the fine print.

BIO: Joseph Bednarik 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

+++++ 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

+++++ **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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OOUF EVENT CALENDAR – open groups only
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OOUF 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 OOUF 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.

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 ON HOLD 1st and 3 rd Thursdays 1:00pm Zoom	Contacts: Zoom link: Elaine Webber elainjwebber@hotmail.com
Fridays	Walking Meditation Group 11:00am Fellowship Zoom check-in	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 OOUF website for complete calendar list by date click [OOUF WEBSITE](#)

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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Dec 27	Joe Rettenmaier	Jan 17	Joe Rettenmaier
2021		Jan 24	Joseph Bednarik
Jan 3	Luminescence	Jan 31	Amanda Aikman
Jan 10	Bruce Bode		

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUUF:



permitted under the recent Proclamation

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. Chairs set up spaced at least 6' apart and Seating will be limited.



Thanks to Ken Nielsen for the lovely candles to warm us up. Lovely ambiance

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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CHILDREN'S R.E. NEWS:

By Harmony Rutter

"Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel, I made it out of clay, Oh, Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel, then Dreidel I shall play." This week in RE we sang Grossman and Goldfarb's 1927 playful melody as we wrapped up an informative session about Hanukkah. We honored the Jewish traditions with the reading of a story by one of our students and then we watched a great

YouTube video called "A Kid Explains History" for the background of what Hanukkah represents. We also learned about the traditions of a menorah while putting together our own paper renditions to hang on the refrigerator. The best part, if you ask the kids, was that they received some Hanukkah gelt or chocolate coins of their own! Yum!

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Virtual Choir Invitation:

By: Harmony Rutter

Do you miss singing with your fellow congregation? Would you like to add your voice to our virtual choir? If you answered yes to either of these questions then we need you for our musical project! To wrap up our Christmas Eve Service on the 24th we are putting together a slideshow of pictures that will be set to the song "Silent Night." Through the online music studio functions of SoundTrap.com we can mix our voices together from the comfort of home. This application works well on smartphones and computers. All you need is a set of headphones and some Christmas spirit! If you are interested in joining the project please email Harmony Rutter at rutterhj@gmail.com for an invitation.

Christmas Eve Service Slideshow:

We need your pictures for our Christmas Eve Slideshow! During the song "Silent Night" we are working on a virtual choir piece that will be set to pictures from you! With "Silent Night" as your inspiration, please send your photos for the slideshow to rutterhj@gmail.com

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2021 PLEDGE



Traditionally fall is pledge drive time, but of course like everything else this fall is different. For the purpose of constructing a draft budget for 2021, it was assumed that we will have approximately the same number of pledges and that amounts will be similar, and we expect 2021 expenses to be approximately \$72,000.

Some of you signed a "continuous pledge" last year. If you did, we will assume that is your pledge for 2021. If you did not make a pledge last year and wish to pledge this year, or if you want to change your pledge amount please email Elinor at admin@olympicuuf.com and a 2021 form will be emailed or snail mailed to you. If you do not remember whether you checked continuous pledge last year or the amount, please email Don Hatler at donaldhatler1936@gmail.com.

Hopefully a year from now we will be getting together again for our fun pledge events. Thank you, Dianne Whitaker, President OUUF Board of Trustees

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NICK DANTE HAS PASSED

Grace and Joel are sorry to report the death of their father Nick Dante in the early morning of December 10 at age 97. He fell in the home 2 months ago, fracturing a vertebra, and spent 5 weeks in rehab with some recovery until he came home 3 weeks ago. He was doing better some days, worse on others, but was generally declining and increasingly dependent on others to care for his basic needs, which was very difficult for him, being a proud man and self-sufficient all his life. He suffered a stroke 2 days before his death and passed peacefully in his sleep.



Nick was a great friend and supporter of OUUF and will be remembered with love and gratitude, especially when the members pass the colorful sign in front of the hall, which was envisioned and funded by Nick.



We're glad he is now at peace after a difficult final couple of months. For now, we plan a grand celebration of his life after the pandemic, perhaps around his October 2021 birthday."

Picture of Nick is his Reo from a 2011 PDN article

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OOUF Pastoral Care Committee End of Year 2020 Report

By Jean Stratton, Chair



This has been a year of pandemic, and a year of severe loss of many of our congregants. It has been the unprecedented year of difficulty for many.

As a chaplain and the chair of this committee I can say that it has been a year of phone, Zoom and email conversations with people needing help. I have contacted those folks on our membership list and got grateful responses from people. Thank you for contacting me. I don't feel alone anymore. Our current members of the OOUF PCC for 2021: Cynthia Green, Ren Garypie, Dianne Whitaker, Sandy Goodwick, Pat Dusel, Brian Berardo, George Stratton and myself as chair.

During this pandemic year and pre-pandemic year those of us on the committee sent cards, visited folks in the hospital, took folks to doctor appointments and vet appointments, sat with dying friends, took on care of weekends of elders in our congregation, invited them to meals at our home. The number of times people have received a cheery card or email or phone call are countless. You see, this is really a helping congregation. Even people not listed on the committee have gone above and beyond to help other congregants. My feeling about our committee is this: we are the Pastoral Caring Committee of OOUF, however we need to recognize how helpful our congregants are when things get hairy. Donations, physical help, transportation, all are things everyone has done. We try to handle the bigger issues.

My wish for the OOUF Board and the Congregation is this: I hope that everyone stays safe throughout the holidays and the New Year. Stay close-knit with family and dear friends who are safe to be around.

As a congregation, I would say We Rock! We stand on the side of Love. I will be home with my nearest and dearest. Happy Holidays everyone.

Sincerely,
Jean Stratton, OOUF Pastoral Care Chairperson

If you think you may be interested in volunteering for the Pastoral Care 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.

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CARE CARDS:

As a member of the OOUF 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 recently sent one to that person, she will make one for them and mail it to that person. Cynthia has been using the OOUF roster for addresses

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Unitarian Universalist Perspectives

In “Ghosts of Unitarian Christmas” Doug Muder updates Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*. Instead of visiting Ebenezer Scrooge, the three ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future visit Ben, a crotchety UU.

It was Christmas Eve, a time when any sensible person stays safe in his house with a good book. But then Ben’s reading lamp burned out..... read the full story by clicking on the link below.

[Ghosts-of-UU-Christmas](#)

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VIEWPOINT - EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP:

A group 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 cythiagreen@outlook.com



REFLECTIONS WOMEN’S GROUP:

Reflections Woman’s Group no longer will meet in person but does have Zoom meetings on the first and third Thursdays at 1:00PM by Elaine Webber. Contact Elaine at elainejwebber@hotmail.com for the link.

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Please join us for a time of Walking Meditation. **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 AND A MASK!

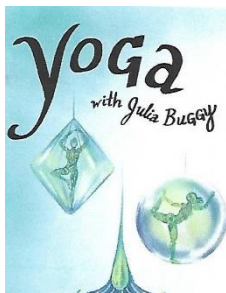
If you cannot attend but would like to participate via Zoom for check-in and shared reading (about 15 minutes), please call/email Sandy Goodwick at (818) 489-8626 or sgoodwick@aol.com to get the Zoom link.

QUESTIONS? Call Sandy Goodwick (818) 489-8626

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Gentle Hatha Yoga Zoom class:



Tuesdays
10:15am – 11:15am

A calm and centering class for those who want to take their time to focus on proper alignment. Enjoy deep stretching and feel relaxed.

Julia Buggy is opening her Gentle Hatha Yoga Class to OUUF Members and Friends at no charge on Zoom.

For more information email juliafbuggy@gmail.com or text 3608090717.

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December 13, 2020
Sunday Speaker
Rev. Bruce Bode

Sermon: What Child Is This?

Description: The Christmas season is the season of the heart, the season of the heart's deepest longings and highest hopes. These longings and hopes are expressed in the two main symbols of the Christmas season, the Christ-Child in the manger and Santa Claus on his sleigh. My sermon on this Sunday as we near Christmas Eve will explore the nature of these two symbols, at whom the two symbols are aimed, and how they relate to each other.



Copy of sermon is sent with this newsletter and available at the OUUF website