



OUUF Weekly Update
An Inclusive Community

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Rev. Amanda Aikman



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Sermon: A Menorah for All of Us"

Description: The lights of Hanukkah symbolize the stubborn faith that sustained Jews through a period of defeat and despair. We need such a stubborn faith right now -- and I believe we have it, hidden away. Let's bring it out into the light, now, when we need it most -- and let's sing!

BIO: Rev. Amanda Aikman served OUUF from 2001 to 2005 as our Consulting Minister. Amanda retired in Spring, 2016 after 23 years in UU parish ministry. She lives in Everett; Amanda has won over a dozen national sermon contests. She is a playwright and a spiritual director.

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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 on hold	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 **1st and 3 rd Thursdays 1:00pm Zoom	Contacts: *Serena Mylchreest at serena@mylchreest.com ** 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 **OUUF website** for complete calendar list by date click **OUUF WEBSITE**

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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Dec 13	Bruce Bode	2021	
Dec 20	Joseph Bednarik	Jan 3	Luminescence
Dec 27	Joe Rettenmaier	Jan 10	Bruce Bode
		Jan 17	Joe Rettenmaier
		Jan 24	Joseph Bednarik
		Jan 31	Amanda Aikman

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Next Sunday, December 6th our 2020 Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the service in place of our sharing time. Ballots were e-mailed or snail mailed out with 38 being returned. Thank you to all have sent back their ballots. Our By-laws were written before Covid-19 and recognize "mail in" ballots as legitimate but not counting towards a quorum. Obviously there is not time to change the By-laws, which would require another vote of the congregation. Therefore we will be taking a "hands up" vote to accept the results of the mail-in ballots. We need at least 23 members to stay after fellowship Sunday to meet the quorum requirement. Thank you for your support. Dianne Whitaker, President OUUF Board of Trustees

[2021 CANDIDATE BIOS](#)

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.

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 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.

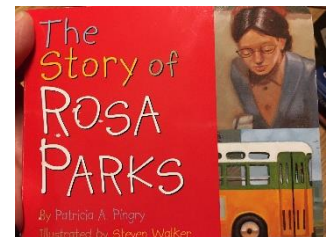
If you would like to join call Elinor Tennyson at (360) 417-2665 or email admin@olympicuuf.com

- 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.

CHILDREN'S R.E. NEWS:

By Harmony Rutter

What do snowflakes and the 1st principle have in common? We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all people, or we are all unique and unrepeatable... just like Snowflakes! During our weekly session we explored this theme while crafting some paper snowflakes and honoring a historical figure who embodies the ideals of the 1st principle: Rosa Parks. While reading a children's book about the "mother of civil rights" we honored her memory and learned that Tuesday December 1st is the 65th anniversary of her courageous act where she defied the Montgomery Bus Law and spurred a movement in American Society to prioritize the inherent worth and dignity of all people. We tied this into the continuing work of the Black Lives Matter movement and rallies that a few of our kiddos attended with their family. After our discussion we wrapped things up with a reading of Jan Brett's "The Snowy Nap" which is full of unique, unrepeatable snowflakes and amazing illustrations of the winter hijinks of a cute hedgehog. What a great start to the Winter Holiday Season!



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.



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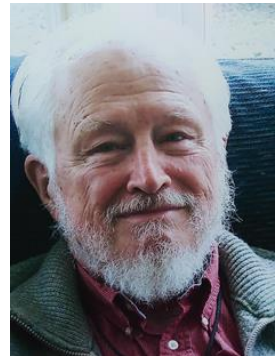
Hopefully a year from now we will be getting together again for our fun pledge events. Thank you, Dianne Whitaker, President OUUF Board of Trustees

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MILTON PATRIE CELEBRATION OF LIFE:
By Vivian Mulligan

Hello Dear Friends of Milton Patrie

Milt was a long-time member of OUUF and a beloved member of its choir. He also lent his talents to the Peninsula Singers, the Christmas Choir and the Peace Choir.



There is a Celebration of Life for Milt via Zoom on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00am Pacific Time. The service will last 45-55 minutes. To receive the Zoom link, please RSVP to Stephanie at sknead@gmail.com"

A Zoom invitation will be sent out 2-5 days before the Celebration of Life. If you are not familiar with Zoom, please download and try it in advance of the service so that we are able to start on time. There will not be anyone available to troubleshoot that day.

We hope to see you there.

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PHOTOS



The tender-hearted women in the Monday book group have lovingly tucked this baby doll in on the comfortable chair in the library. It even had a "sanitization bath". Once we can meet in person our children can have company as they enjoy reading a book.



Oscar – Sarah Whelchel's lap warmer.

Unique shapes like snowflakes from Harmony Rutter



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OOUF Pastoral Care Team



The Caring Team supports and reaches out to members and friends of OOUF 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 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 already sent one to that person, she will make one for them and mail it. Cynthia has been using the OOUF roster for addresses



VIEWPOINT - EMAIL DISCUSSION GROUP:

A group of 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 OOUF 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

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Holiday Gifts for Children in Foster Care



Would you like to be a Christmas Elf or an OUUF Angel?

The last nine years OUUF has participated in the campaign for Holiday Gifts for Children in Foster Care. It is organized by the local Foster Parent Association. Last year members of OUUF donated either designated gifts or gave money for gifts to be purchased for a particular child. Our congregational members were very generous. We helped give a happier holiday to 26 children ages newborn to 14 years old.

Tags with a child's needs and wants listed are available. If you wish to have someone else do the shopping you may donate money. Questions or to get a tag call 360- 683-4315 or e-mail me at florenceb@wavecable.com I will be happy to discuss how you can help.

Unwrapped gifts must be returned to the church in a bag/box with the tag attached by Wednesday, December 9th. Elinor is at the church on Wednesdays from noon-1pm; Sundays from 10:30am to 12:30pm. If you need other drop off times please let me or Elinor know. Thank you!! Florence Bucierka

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LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE

Sequim Gazette Article

Agnew Fellowship offers Little Free Pantry, hopes to grow effort in Sequim area

- By [Matthew Nash](#)
- Wednesday, November 25, 2020 1:30am
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FOR FULL ARTICLE CLICK HERE [SEQUIM-GAZETTE-11-25-2020. article](#)



Rotating teams from the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, like Sequim couple Greg and Vicki Sensiba, take turns stocking the Little Free Pantry each day. The project started two months ago, and organizers hope it's the first of many across Sequim. Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash



The Little Free Library now has a new neighbor, the Little Free Pantry, in front of the the Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1033 Barr Road. Organizers said since the pantry went in, the library has seen an uptick in usage. Sequim Gazette photo by Matthew Nash

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UUF historical fiction book group

Zoom meeting

This group is organizing to meet once a month on a Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 PM to discuss the reading of a historical fiction book chosen by a group member. The hope is to explore the role of women in our history. Books about important men and their contributions to our society are also welcome choices. If you are interested in joining this group and helping to choose which Friday of the month we meet, please contact Elaine Webber at ElaineJwebber@hotmail.com or 425-941-2217. Thanks! Looking forward to getting started.

Examples of recent historical fiction books are:



[All the Light We Cannot See \(Hardcover\)](#)



[The Help \(Hardcover\)](#)

by [Kathryn Stockett](#) (Goodreads Author)



[The Nightingale \(Hardcover\)](#)

by [Kristin Hannah](#) (Goodreads Author)



[The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society \(Paperback\)](#)

by [Mary Ann Shaffer](#)



[The Other Boleyn Girl \(The Plantagenet and Tudor Novels, #9\)](#)

by [Philippa Gregory](#) (Goodreads Author)

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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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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

Zoom meetings will be hosted on the first and third Thursday at 1:00PM by Elaine Webber. Contact Elaine at elainejwebber@hotmail.com for the link.

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OUUF FRIENDS AND MEMBERS BULLETIN BOARD:

For sale \$500

Queen bed, frame plus mattress and box spring. Two-year-old guest room bed needs another home. Changing how the room is used. Bed's been used a total of about two months...maybe. Three slats with center supports. Clean. Smoke, kid, and pet free home. Bring a truck and muscle. We have a furniture dolly. Proceeds to be donated to food purchasing for the Little Free Pantry. Please contact Dave Large. 408-710-8041



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**November 29, 2020
Sunday Speaker
Speaker: Jamal Rahman
Via YouTube Video**

Link to YouTube video:

[Jamal Rahman - Humor and Poetry in Troubled Times](#)