



OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

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Guest Speaker: Rev. Bruce A. Bode

Sermon Title & Description: "Do You Like Your Life?" – Some years ago, seemingly out of the blue, the question, "Do you like your life," brashly intruded itself into the forefront of my consciousness. On this Sunday near the beginning of the New Year, I will walk you through the various angles from which I approached this question.

Bio: Bruce A. Bode is Minister Emeritus at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) in Port Townsend, Washington, from which he retired in 2018 as the Senior Minister after serving the congregation for fourteen years (2004-2018).

Before coming to Port Townsend, Rev. Bode was the Interim Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston, Texas (2002-2004) and the Hope Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma (2001-2002). Prior to that, he served for twenty-two years (1978-2001) as an Associate Minister at the Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a large, independent, religiously liberal congregation.

An email with the Sunday regular service Zoom 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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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 - Zoom 7-9pm	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
	Fellowship open Noon-1:00-pm Covid-19 protocol	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
Thursdays	Reflections - Zoom 1st and 3 rd Thursdays 1:00pm	Contact: Elaine Webber for Zoom link elainjwebber@hotmail.com
Sundays	Sunday Service - Zoom 11am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for Zoom link (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	Sunday Service – Zoom viewing 11am Fellowship sanctuary – doors open 10:30am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for reservation. (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	Children’s Service - Zoom 10:15am	Contact: Zoom link Juliafbuggy@gmail.com

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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| Jan 17 | Joe Rettenmaier | Feb 7 | Amanda Aikman |
| Jan 24 | Joseph Bednarik | Feb 14 | Bruce Bode |
| Jan 31 | Amanda Aikman | Feb 21 | Jamal Rahman |
| | | Feb 28 | Joseph Bednarik |

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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. All Covid-19 guidelines are followed



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



Another beautiful sanctuary table décor
By Ken Nielsen

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CHILDREN'S R.E. PROGRAM – SEE POST ON LAST PAGE

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED:

The Children's Religious Exploration team is looking for a couple of volunteers to dive deeper into UU history and philosophy with the older children in our group. We're looking for someone to join the children via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am before the main service to share about why you chose UU and answer their questions. We would love your support on their journey as they work with the themes of UU and grow stronger in our community. Please email juliafbuggy@gmail.com for more information



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Pledges for 2021: By Don Hatler

Folks, it's 2021 and our new financial year has started. You will recall that the congregation voted for a 2021 expense budget totaling \$72,510 at the congregational meeting. We now have replies from 37 members pledging \$48,190 toward our expenses in 2021. Let's get together and get our pledges in and cover our expenses and pay our people for the great work they do.

Here is a link to the form. [2021 Pledge Form](#)

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FRIENDSHIP GARDEN PROJECT

By Rose Prestipino and Phil Zenner



Friendship Garden preliminary rendering

This past October, the Landscape Committee was basking in the late afternoon sun having finished our work. The topic was our future and things to do in 2021 aside routine maintenance. I had a few ideas, one being a Friendship Garden. That idea stuck and was followed up by Phil Zenner. We have been creating it with Elinor Tennyson and Lou Foldoe ever since. The Board approved the idea and the creation of a special donations fund. The Garden will be located on the west side of the building against the laurel hedge and the big pine tree. We will have comfortable outdoor furniture and things to attract birds. We hope to begin putting it together soon.

Statement of purpose.

"The Friendship Garden is a space for building friendships across our beloved community, as well as contemplation and relaxation in a refreshing setting, respecting and appreciating the beauty of nature. "

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Submitted by Kitty Hawks

My daughter's husband died in the early hours of December 21st of cancer, he was 44 years old. He was like a son to me. Death has been our life this year. May tears, time, and love mend our broken hearts.

We send condolences and our thoughts and prayers to Kitty and her family.

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OUIF Pastoral Care Team



The Caring Team supports and reaches out to members and friends of OUIF 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

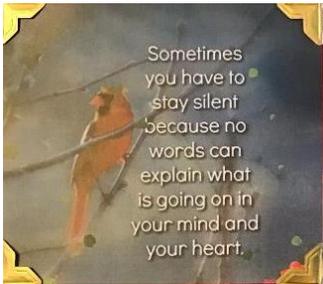
If you think you may be interested in volunteering for the Pastoral Care team, please contact Jean by email: jeanmstratton@gmail.com, or call 360 452 6719. It's not labor intensive. Just bring a caring heart and a willing to connect with others. Thanks so much.

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CARE CARDS:



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

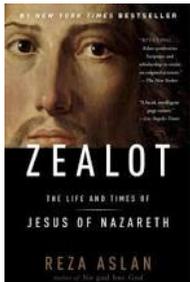
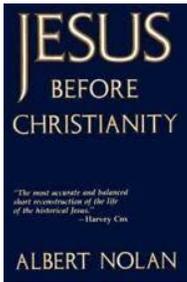


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LIBRARY NOTES:

By Geri Napier

You may not be able to browse the shelves at the public library these days, but everyone is free to browse in our own OUUF library when the church is open. If a recent Sunday sermon has piqued your interest in the life of Jesus, you may want to check out the Christianity section. There, among others, you can find *Jesus Before Christianity*, by Albert Nolan, and *Zealot: the Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by Reza Aslan. As always, the books check out on the honor sy stem and are easily returned by placing them in the library's return basket.



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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

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**Sunday Program
Luminescence**

January 3, 2021

Here is "This Little Light of Mine" featuring Joel Yelland, Penny Burdick, Dan Parrish and Harmony Rutter on vocals with Dan Parrish on guitar. The track was mixed by Dan.



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

THE OUUF DANCE TEAM OF KEN AND ANNETTE.... THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

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CHILDREN'S R.E. PROGRAM: Zoom service Sunday January 3rd

By Harmony Rutter

Happy New Year from the RE Program!



This week we turned on the party lights and renewed our dedication to having fun, learning together and our love of dance! Here's our YouTube playlist in case you were wondering what the kids are listening to these days.

Thomas and Friends "Let's Go, Let's Dream."

https://youtu.be/L-CwokT_ZUY

From the movie Avatar: TheFatRat & Maisy Kay "The

Storm" <https://youtu.be/qMHWUGjncHY>

From the movie Despicable Me: The Sylvers "Boogie Fever" https://youtu.be/SSO7F_Ex0s4

The Gummy Bear Song (Christmas Special) <https://youtu.be/iEDSai-HKqw>

Pancake Robot by Parry Grip <https://youtu.be/o1iOkNDGkFA>

We hope these songs inspire some smiles and love of dance for you also!

Everyone is invited to join the Children's R.E. Zoom Sunday service at 10:15am.... All ages are welcome. You do not need a child to join, just be one in your heart.

For the Zoom link contact Julia Buggy Juliafbuggy@gmail.com