



# OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

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January 17, 2021  
Pre-recorded



**Guest Speaker:** Joe Rettenmaier

**Sermon Title & Description:** "New Year, New You"

**Description:** With a new year before us and an adverse year behind us, it is good to dream of our future bravely and virus free.

**Bio:** Joe Rettenmaier is a UU minister in Preliminary Fellowship with the UUA. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Meadville-Lombard Theological School. Joe was raised in Kansas and has lived in the Salish Sea since 1988. In 2016, he left a high-tech career to pursue his call to ministry – a call that aims to dismantle systemic racism, develop beloved LGBTQ+ multicultural faith community, and reverse climate change.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com) if you have questions or would like clarification.

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| Wednesdays | The Evening Men’s Group - Zoom<br>7-9pm   | Contact:<br>George Stratton<br>(360) 808-4477   |
|            | Fellowship open<br>Noon-1:00-pm<br>Covid-19 protocol                                  | Contact:<br>Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or<br><a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a>                     |
|            | OOUF Women’s Meeting – Zoom<br>7-9pm  | Contact:<br>Jean Stratton<br><a href="mailto:jeanmstratton@gmail.com">jeanmstratton@gmail.com</a>                                   |
| Thursdays  | Reflections - Zoom<br>1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays<br>1:00pm                     | Contact:<br>Elaine Webber for Zoom link<br><a href="mailto:elainjwebber@hotmail.com">elainjwebber@hotmail.com</a>                   |
| Sundays    | Sunday Service - Zoom<br>11am   | Contact:<br>Elinor Tennyson for Zoom link<br>(360) 417-2665 or<br><a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a>    |
|            | Sunday Service – Zoom viewing<br>11am<br>Fellowship sanctuary –<br>doors open 10:30am | Contact:<br>Elinor Tennyson for reservation.<br>(360) 417-2665 or<br><a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a> |
|            | Children’s Service - Zoom<br>10:15am  | Contact:<br>Zoom link<br><a href="mailto:Juliafbuggy@gmail.com">Juliafbuggy@gmail.com</a>   |

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

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

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# 2021 Pledge Commitment

**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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**OOUF Evening Women** are meeting on Wednesday nights on Zoom from 6-7 pm. If you would like to attend please contact Jean Stratton, [jeanmstratton@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmstratton@gmail.com). She will add you to her routing list which will have a one click code to get onto the meeting. Jean

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## **AN EMPTY PANTRY MEANS SUCCESS**

Your support of OOUF's Little Free Pantry puts food in the empty bellies of our neighbors.

In recent weeks, the Little Free Pantry (LFP) has been filled to bursting every day, and the next morning it is virtually empty! Neighbors have told us of seeing cars with people who pull up and take what they can to feed themselves and their families. This is truly our social conscience in action.



We have also done a trial run with a cooler that provides perishable, healthy foods including fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, yogurt, hummus, and a limited supply of meat. This, too, is completely empty every morning.

The food we provide supplies a breakfast of cereal and milk, fruit, and hot chocolate; a lunch of tortillas filled with beans and cheese, fresh fruit, and gelatin; or a dinner of spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, salad, and pudding. And much more.

Success has brought increased purchasing costs for the pantry; they now run about \$500/month. The LFP Cooler runs about \$650/month.

Our current balance is a little over \$1000, although committee members have donated large sums of their own money. Even discontinuing the fresh food in the cooler, that only leaves us with money to stock the pantry for two more months.

Supporting the Little Free Pantry gives you an opportunity to directly help members of our local community. It is your dollars in action. Please consider a regular donation to the pantry, either in cash or in kind. Making a donation is easy – just write a check to OOUF with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo line. Or make a food donation to the box outside the Fellowship. For more options for continued giving, contact Vicki Sensiba at 360-683-8914 or [sensibaq@hotmail.com](mailto:sensibaq@hotmail.com).

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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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**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 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 [cythiagreen@outlook.com](mailto:cythiagreen@outlook.com)

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**SUNDAY SERVICE  
JANUARY 10, 2021**

**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 Sunday near the beginning of the New Year, I walk you through the various angles from which I approached this question.

Poetry from Opening of Sermon

I have always known  
That at last I would  
Take this road, but yesterday  
I did not know that it would be today.  
(Narikira, from One Hundred Poems from the Japanese)

And did you get what you wanted from this life even so?  
I did. And what did you want?  
To call myself beloved,  
To feel myself beloved on the earth.  
(Raymond Carver, "Late Fragment")

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A copy of the sermon is attached

**CHILDREN'S R.E. SERVICE**

Here is a Youtube link for the song "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate The Positive" music by Harold Arlen and lyrics by Johnny Mercer. The song was born in 1944 when Johnny Mercer heard a sermon by Father Divine. The tag line of the sermon "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative." inspired the lyrics to this jazzy tune.

[Accentuate the Positive](#)