



OUUF Weekly Update

An Inclusive Community

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Joseph Bednarik



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Sermon Title: Second Best Time

Description:

The proverb goes like this: "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is today." This sermon explores our ever-present second best time, and the lives we choose to live there.

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

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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

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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
	OOUF Women’s Meeting – Zoom 6-7pm	Contact: Jean Stratton jeanmstratton@gmail.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 31 Amanda Aikman	Feb 21 Jamal Rahman
Feb 7 Amanda Aikman	Feb 28 Joseph Bednarik
Feb 14 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 with CLOSED CAPTIONS!



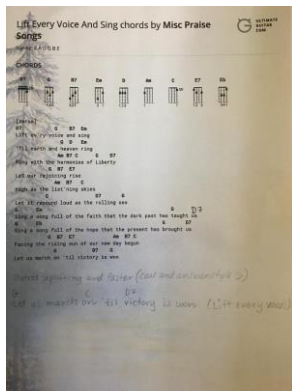
Chairs set up spaced at least 6' apart and Seating will be limited. All Covid-19 guidelines are followed.

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

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CHILDREN'S R.E. PROGRAM

By Harmony Rutter



As we gathered this week, we found that several of us had been out in nature over the weekend and opened our time by sharing our love of Planet Earth and stewardship of nature. Then we watched the episode about Martin Luther King Jr. from Mr. Q and "A Kid Explains History" on YouTube together. This set the stage for our discussion and rededication to creating a fair and just world that prioritizes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Amara then read us a book about Martin Luther King Jr. which had pop-up features. We rounded out our session with the beautiful song "Lift Every Voice and Sing." written by James Wheldon Johnson and set to music by his brother J. Rosamund Johnson. The call and answer part at the end was our favorite! "Let us march on till victory is won... Lift Every Voice!"

See links to songs at end of this newsletter

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

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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. 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](#)

If you would like a pledge formed mailed contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuf.com or call (360) 417-2665

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201 WINTER SPIRITUAL READ:

We need to gather in community, now more than ever. The basis of effective compassion comes from truly realizing we are truly interdependent. This author helps us explore reciprocal relationships, honorable harvest, and the power of community. We are joining with the Interfaith Community to spread this invitation.

In Peace,
Marilyn Eash
Compassion Clallam County
Territories of the chalá-at (Hoḥ), kʷoʔlí-yot' (Quileute), qʷidiččaʔa-tš (Makah), nəxʷsłáyəm' (Klallam), & tšémqəm (Chimacum) peoples



Join us in the 2021 Winter Spiritual Read

Meetings via Zoom

Braiding Sweetgrass:

Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants, by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Robin is a master storyteller, scientist, professor, mother, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. By weaving science, Indigenous wisdom, and spiritual metaphor, she invites us into a sacred relationship with Earth, our communities, and all beings.

As we seek inspiration in these challenging times, what can we learn from the natural systems around us? How can we build a reciprocal relationship with the earth and all creatures? How do we create a more environmentally regenerative, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling way of life?

When: Sundays 1:00PM beginning January 31st, once a week for about eight weeks (depending on group agreement). We will gather weekly by Zoom to discuss, reflect, share resources, and build community.

To register, contact Bob Nuffer at e_nuff@msn.com

Link to flyer: [BRAIDING SWEETGRASS](#)

Other groups:

- Mondays 2:00 PM, starts Jan. 25, facilitators Tim West and Margaret Denstad
- Tuesdays 7:00 PM, starts Jan. 26, facilitator Asha Burson-Johnson
- Wednesdays 9:30 AM, starts Jan. 27, facilitators Robert and Marilyn Eash
- Wednesdays 1:30 PM, starts Jan. 27, facilitator Diana Somerville
- Thursdays 10 AM, starts Jan 28, facilitator Marilyn Eash
- Thursdays 2 PM, starts Jan 28, facilitator Donna Little
- Sundays 1:00 PM, starts Jan. 31, facilitator Bob Nuffer
- Other groups forming; contact us with questions or to start a group

To register: Contact interfaithclallamcounty@gmail.com and let us know which group you would like to join or contact the facilitator directly if you already know your group.

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Report from the Membership Committee.

By Dianne Whitaker

Welcome new members, Sharon and Bill Taylor and Theresa Heiler. We are delighted that Sharon, Bill and Theresa decided to officially join us as members as confirmed by the Board of Trustees last Sunday. Members can vote at our yearly congregational meeting, chair committees, and run for office. An added benefit is a subscription to the UUA's World magazine. A new member orientation meeting is being planned for the near future. If you are interested in attending or in getting more information about becoming a member please contact Dianne Whitaker at diannewhit@aol.com.

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AZELLA AND BEARS MOVING ON

Azella and bears along have moved to Spanaway. (Bubba Bear had cosmetic surgery due to smoke damage. Thank you, Gayla).

Azella has been a member of OUUF since 2009 and has said she felt accepted at OUUF and really loved the women's noon group that met for many years. She was a wonderful card sender for years and managed the kitchen help for two years. We will miss her very much and wish her happiness where she will live now. it won't be the same at OUUF without her.

Azella would love to hear from you. Her new address is:
16617 - 10th Ave Ct E, Spanaway, WA 98387



Azella and Bubba saying good-bye to the Fellowship

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AN EMPTY PANTRY MEANS SUCCESS

Your support of OUUF'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 OUUF 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 sensibag@hotmail.com.

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LIKE TO SHOP?



The Little Free Pantry is looking for someone to help shop for the groceries necessary to maintain our inventory. Even if your schedule doesn't permit you to do a week of stocking, this would only take a few hours once every two or three weeks. All purchases are reimbursed.

If you are interested in helping – or in learning more, contact Vicki Sensiba at (360) 683-8914 or sensibag@hotmail.com

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FRIENDSHIP GARDEN PROJECT

By Rose Prestipino and Phil Zenner

The Friendship Garden is a place where we believe our fellowship can grow and attract new people. It adds another component to our facilities meeting and talk space. It will use our ample grounds for OOUF purposes including small group meetings, study groups as well as for relaxation and conversation. It adds "another room" whenever weather permits,

The Landscape Team and the four principals, Phil Zeller, Elinor Tennyson, Lou Foldoe and Rose Prestipino, ask for your support to make this happen. Financial support would enable us to get this project fully underway. We have some donations of funds for the garden and the outdoor furniture but need more to make this happen. An additional \$600 for setting up the garden is needed



The Landscape Team is stepping up to begin de-sodding the area and moving to next steps. We could use more physical help though. **We plan to begin the work on Wednesday, January 27th at noon weather permitting. Please come by or contact Elinor Tennyson at 360 417-2665 or Rose Prestipino at 360 922-4409.** And stay tuned for the following workdays. The weather and peoples' availability will determine the dates.

We have had fun developing this project this far. It gets some of us outside and helps us have a creative endeavor. Please join in!!

Friendship Garden preliminary rendering

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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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

By Seri Mylchreest

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to the Little Free Library! I noticed that LFL usage went up at the start of the pandemic and it is even higher since the Little Free Pantry was installed.



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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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Tigeroni & Tiglet
Cat Social Distancing

CARE CARDS:

As a member of the OUIF 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 OUIF 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 OUIF 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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SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 17, 2021

Sermon hard copy not available

By Harmony Rutter

Here is the link for Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" Speech. Watching this I am moved and inspired by his words once again and seek to renew my dedication to being an ally for anti-racism. We can change the world by being the change we want to see.

https://youtu.be/c_nvqRqTiKk

May we "Lift Every Voice and Sing" 

I wanted to send this link of a beautiful choral arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" that I shared with you Sunday. I also wanted to set the record straight... in researching this song further I found that this beautiful piece started as a poem written by James Wheldon Johnson and then set to music by his brother J. Rosamond Johnson for a celebration of Lincoln's birthday in 1905. Culture Queen is one of the many artists who has brought this anthem to life.

<https://youtu.be/o8pGp7N9bG8>