



OUUF Weekly Update An Inclusive Community

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Sunday, January 3rd is our traditional Luminescence service during which time we light 5 ceremonial candles. The lighting of candles at the beginning of each new year is a way of consecrating the key elements of our Unitarian Universalist identity. **Toward the end of the service you will be asked to light your own candle.** The service will be followed by community sharing for those who wish to stay.

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-1pm 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 te

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

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SPEAKERS:
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| Jan 10 | Bruce Bode | Feb 7 | Amanda Aikman |
| Jan 17 | Joe Rettenmaier | Feb 14 | Bruce Bode |
| Jan 24 | Joseph Bednarik | Feb 21 | Jamal Rahman |
| Jan 31 | Amanda Aikman | Feb 28 | Joseph Bednarik |

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ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUUF:

permitted under the recent Proclamation

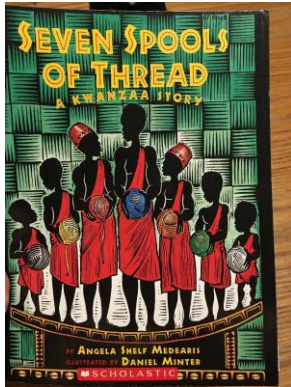
We invite and welcome persons who would like to join our Zoom Sunday service at the Fellowship. The Zoom meeting will be projected onto the large TV screen for viewing. Chairs set up spaced at least 6' apart and Seating will be limited. All Covid-19 guidelines are followed

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. NEWS:

By Harmony Rutter



Happy Holidays! To round out our series of Holiday celebrations, this week we read "Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story" by Angela Shelf Medearis and illustrated by Daniel Minter. Through the story we learned that the word Kwanzaa is Swahili for "First Fruits" and about the Nguzo Saba, which are the 7 principles of Kwanzaa. This beautifully illustrated story helped us learn about the African proverb: (Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable) which is a parable about the importance of cooperation. In our story, seven Ashanti brothers work together to turn their multi-colored spools of thread into gold and bring prosperity to their family and village. As we finished the story there was a lot of curiosity about breaking sticks and bundles of sticks. I'm sure several of our kids will feel inspired to try this out and try to break a bundle by themselves during the week. After our story we had time for a short dance party to the "The Gummy Bear Song" to get in the New Year's Dance Party spirit! We had so much fun, we decided to have a dance party next week too after the New Year!

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: If you have already sent in your pledge for 2021, thank you for your support and ignore the rest of this announcement.

Completing and returning your pledge as soon as possible is vitally important so your Board of Trustees can plan the allocation of money over the next year. This year with your financial support we completed multiple essential maintenance projects, continued to pay staff salaries, and increased speaker salaries to stay in line with UUA guidelines.

Pledge forms are available at the Fellowship or can be sent by email or snail mail. The Fellowship is open Wednesdays noon-1:00 Contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com or call (360) 417-2665.

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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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Gifts bagged and ready for pick up

Thank you to all the wonderful Christmas Elves and OUUF Angels who helped with Gifts for Children in Foster Care
By Florence Bucierka

Our tenth year participating in the Gifts for Children in Foster Care was a great success (even in the time of Covid) with 40 people from OUUF and four outside the congregation who purchased gifts or donated cash to make the holidays joyous for 21 children aged 6 months through age 17. Your generosity was amazing! We were for the first time able to fill all requests. We had a great team consisting of Elinor Tennyson, Cindy Grey (Elinor's daughter), Susan Harris and Colleen Squier who gathered and sorted all the presents, did additional shopping and transported all the gifts.

May all of you have a wonderful holiday season

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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:



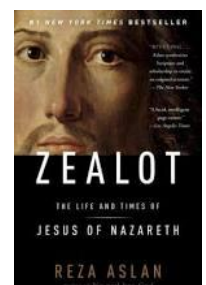
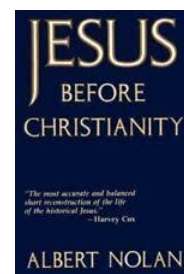
As a member of the OUIF Care Team Cynthia Green has mailed out handmade cards to many in our congregation. If you can think of someone you think would enjoy getting a card, please email Cynthia at cynthiagreen@outlook.com. If she has not recently sent one to that person, she will make one for them and mail it to that person. Cynthia has been using the OUIF roster for addresses

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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 OUIF library when the church is open. If this past Sunday's 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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WALKING MEDITATION NOTICE

By Sandy Goodwick

Despite our wanting to meet safely outdoors and spend precious time safely together for walking meditation... cold weather has temporarily put plans on hold for the winter. We plan to gather again in spring. Please find your own time to get outside for a time of peace and calm. Watch for announcements when Spring arrives. (The walkers....

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PHOTOS

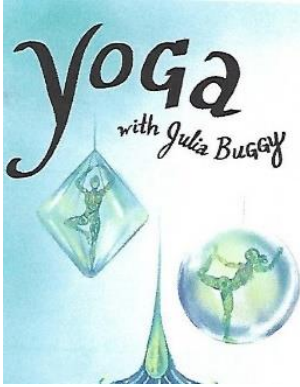
We now have evidence that Jack and Elaine Webber are enjoying the beauty and warmth of Arizona.



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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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Sunday Speaker

December 27, 2020

Joe Rettenmaier

Copy of sermon of sermon is not available

Joe forwarded sources referenced so people can read those gospels for themselves, here they are:

*The Gospel of Mary of Magdala:
Jesus and the First Woman Apostle* by Karen L. King

Readings in World Christian History Vol. 1 by Joan Coakley and Andrea Sterk (includes Gospel of Thomas).

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