



# OUUF Weekly Update

## An Inclusive Community

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June 27 – July 4, 2021

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### SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKER

June 27, 2021  
Joseph Bednarik



**Sermon:** Coming Out to a Packed House

**Description:** June is PRIDE month, with pink triangles and rainbow flags showing visible support for the LGBTQ+ community. This morning we share the multi-layered story of one young person's coming out within a packed UU sanctuary.

**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 Saturdays with the order of service. ***If you do not receive the email please contact Elinor Tennyson*** at [admin@olympicuuf.com](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com) or call 360-417-2665.

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**MESSAGE FROM JOAN COTTA:**

Dear Fellowship

Nothing is constant except change. I wanted to let everyone know that I have stepped down as President of OUUF.

Since I am unable to complete my presidential term, per the OUUF bylaws, the vice president shall serve out the term of the president. Catharine Covert has been elected by the Board to President of our Fellowship through 2021

I thank you fellow Board members for electing me to take the role of VP through 2021. Thank you to the Board.

Love to you all!

### OUUF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

### OUUF STAFF

#### STAFF BIO'S

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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 5pm MONDAY** to [admin@olympicuuf.com](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com)

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**OOUF EVENT CALENDAR – open groups and events only**  
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Groups meet 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.

Tuesday	Reading for Fun! 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 1:00pm Meet in Member's Home	Contact: Kitty Hawks call, text, email 206-755-2832 <a href="mailto:alettehawks@yahoo.com">alettehawks@yahoo.com</a> .
	Community Drum Circle Pam's Labyrinth 186 Deer Ridge Lane, off Hooker Rd. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6-8pm	Contact: Penny Burdick (360) 461-4538 or <a href="mailto:mandalaht@gmail.com">mandalaht@gmail.com</a>
	<b>TED Talks</b> <b>1:00pm</b> <b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Contact: Elinor Tennyson</b> <b><a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a> or</b> <b>360-417-2665</b>
Wednesday	Fellowship open Noon-12:30pm Covid-19 protocol	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or <a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a>
	OOUF Women's Meeting – Zoom 6-7pm	Contact: Jean Stratton <a href="mailto:jeanmstratton@gmail.com">jeanmstratton@gmail.com</a>
	The Evening Men's Group - Zoom 7-9pm	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
Thursday	Reflections Woman's Group Fellowship Grounds 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 1:00pm	Contact: Cynthia Green at <a href="mailto:cynthiagreen@outlook.com">cynthiagreen@outlook.com</a>
Friday	Walking Meditation Pam's Labyrinth 186 Deer Ridge Lane, off Hooker Rd. 11am - Noon	Contact: Penny Burdick (360) 461-4538 or <a href="mailto:mandalaht@gmail.com">mandalaht@gmail.com</a>
Sunday	Sunday Service - Zoom 11am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson for Zoom link (360) 417-2665 or <a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a>
	Sunday Service – Zoom viewing 11am Fellowship sanctuary – doors open 10:30am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or <a href="mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com">admin@olympicuuf.com</a>
	Children's Service - Zoom	For information contact <a href="mailto:Juliafbuggy@gmail.com">Juliafbuggy@gmail.com</a>



Shared by George Will

*"Good character is more easily kept than recovered."*

Thomas Paine

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## ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OOUF

permitted under the recent proclamation



Ken Nielsen Creation

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. All county Covid-19 guidelines are followed.



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

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**NOTICE:** Washington State DOH Phase 3 guidelines requires all persons attending the Fellowship as guests or workers to self-screen for signs and symptoms of Covid-19 before arriving. Any individual or member of their household with a temperature of 100.4F or more will not be permitted to attend the service or attend work at the Fellowship.

Attendees will be asked to log in and specify if fully Covid-19 vaccinated. Fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear a mask. Persons not fully vaccinated must wear a mask.

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## WELCOME BACK!

By Joan Cotta

We have formed a Welcoming Back Task Force to get us ready to meet again in person. Tentative date for going back is Sept 12, all dependent on the status of the virus here in the county. I am heading the team, with Susan Harris, Elinor Tennyson and Dianne Whittaker. More to follow!



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## FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC



Join us for a picnic on the Fellowship grounds after the Sunday service. Bring your personal picnic and chair if you have one. If no chair – you can borrow one from the sanctuary. We may even find some games such as croquet that are hiding in the gardening shed! Questions?

Contact Elinor Tennyson at [admin@olympicuuf.com](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com) or call 360-417-2665

Invite people you know to join you in Sunday services and other activities here!

Many will check this out for themselves **IF** you invite them to do it!

Please extend a personal invitation to someone you know today!!



## FRANs

Friends, Releative, Associates and Neighbors

By Phil Zenner

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From the UUA website:



June is **LGBT Pride** Month Lesbian, **Gay**, Bisexual and Transgender **Pride** Month (**LGBT Pride** Month) and is celebrated annually in **June** to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, **gay**, bisexual, transgender, and questioning ( **lgbtqia+**) Americans.

[On-a-holy-night-in-1969](#)

## Upcoming Speakers

July 4	Ramal Rahman	August 1	Joseph Bednarik
July 18	Bruce Bode	August 8	Bruce Bode
July 25	Joseph Bednarik	August 15	Sarah Schurr
		August 22	Joseph Bednarik
		August 29	Roddy Biggs

## CHILDREN'S R.E.

June 13<sup>th</sup> service  
By: Harmony Rutter



The 5th Source of UU was our focus this week "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit". We continued working through the UU Doodleography Journal and learned about the various symbols of Humanism and some of the basic principles from the book "Humanism For Kids". Then we shared our thoughts about science and found that the symbol of an atom is generally associated with science since atoms are the building blocks of everything!!

June 20<sup>th</sup> will be our last session where we will unpack the 6th Source of UU. Then we'll be on Summer Break! Stay tuned for a few outdoor summer gatherings including our 3rd Annual Tye Dye Party! Contact Julia Buggy at [Juliafbuggy@gmail.com](mailto:Juliafbuggy@gmail.com)

## NEEDED: Story tellers - People who connect with our Inner Child



Do you remember the excitement you felt listening to good stories - the messages they conveyed? Your story-telling enthusiasm is needed in helping to bring that spirit into our Sunday Services.

*"Good stories are central to good worship. As a Time for All Ages, as part of a sermon, or as part of a multigenerational service, stories engage our hearts and minds and help us grow."*

Currently, several of our regular story tellers will be gone for parts of the summer. So we are hoping you, and you (and **YOU too!**) would volunteer! This would be an awesome way for you to find and share a story that helps to 'explain' the message being shared. DON'T WORRY - we have many resources you can use!

Many sources available to find a story!

READY TO VOLUNTEER? Contact: Sandy Goodwick/Story for All Ages Coordinator  
[sgoodwick@aol.com](mailto:sgoodwick@aol.com) or 818-489-8626. THANK YOU!

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**President's column**

Thank you, Joan Cotta, for your service as president.

Per our bylaws when Joan resigned as President of our congregation, I as Vice President, automatically became president. Then Sunday the board elected and welcomed Joan as our Vice President. Our bylaws are clear on the process. If you want to know more, our bylaws are on our website. Go to the search bar and type in bylaws. Article V.

Last year when I was nominated and then elected as Vice President, I was also agreeing to be the next President of the board. The process just got speeded up. I welcome the opportunity to be your president.

Sunday at the board meeting we:

- Celebrated and thanked Elinor Tennyson. It has been three years, wow!. Thank you, Elinor, for the innumerable things you do day after day.
  - Created a streamlined approach to getting approved minutes posted to the website 8 days after the board meeting. You will have access board information much sooner. The link is in the newsletter on p.1 left column, below Phil Zenner’s name.
  - We started our six month review of our budget and will complete it next month. This is a requirement in our revised bylaws 2019. If changes are more than 10% of our budget, we must have a congregational vote on the revised budget.
  - Approved the Unitarian Universalist Association Green Sanctuary program to go ahead. This is a lengthy process. Consider joining in. Thank you Pat Dusel and Sandy Goodwick.
  - Trying out a new time for the board meeting 4-5:30 PM still third Sunday via Zoom.
- \*This is an exciting time at OUUF . This week at the Little Free Pantry some walls will appear. Thank you, Michael Bucierka and David Large, for your extra work on the trusses.

Catharine Covert OUUF President as of June 20, 2021

Continue to email me at: vp@olympicuuf.com Soon, but not yet: [president@olympicuuf.com](mailto:president@olympicuuf.com)

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**LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE:**



All behind the scene construction activities are finished. On Monday, June 21 the building walls will be erected. Drop by and say hello to the construction workers and don't forget to bring some goodies for them. Also, still looking for intermittent skilled or unskilled labor. If you work on this project you can say you helped build it.

Thanks,  
Michael Bucierka (360) 683- 4315 [octagonhse@wavecable.com](mailto:octagonhse@wavecable.com)

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# Glitter and Glory|

by Rev. David Kohlmeier

**"The pride of the peacock is the glory of God."**

—William Blake

"You may have noticed my painted fingernails. You can thank Ramona!" I joke to the gathered congregation as they behold via my laptop camera, this "Zoom pulpit," the sparkly blue glittery mess that my 3-year-old has painted on my nails. I can tell, even though they're muted, the congregation is laughing. With that out of the way I go into the sermon.



All this time in virtual space has somewhat softened our formality, but I think the same thing could have happened in person—and if Ramona ever wants to paint my nails then, of course I'd allow her to. "What a good dad," some might say. But I have a confession: I love my nails more deeply than they understand.

Going through life with my beard and masculine name and he/him pronouns, especially when preaching from the pulpit in my black clergy robe, I just seem like a guy; a cisgender man. But that's not who I am.

Sometimes, especially during Pride Month, I miss the days before ministry when I wore glittery skirts and gaudy sarongs and fairy wings, and painted my nails and covered myself in glitter for Pride parades or for NeoPagan rituals in the woods. I miss being so blatantly queer. Those moments were like ritual possession: as I danced, I always felt like I was animated by Something beyond myself, yet radically enfleshed in my bones and skin.

I have allowed being a professional minister to domesticate my gender expression. The Bible says "quench not the Spirit." Is that what I've done?

It's such a small thing, Ramona choosing blue glitter nail polish. She has no idea that this is the color that was once my favorite for Pride. Blue glitter makes me almost euphoric, whether on my nails or skin or hair. It's like electric holy fire from the altar of Heaven, stolen by some queer seraphim to purify me of the closet.

Pride is sometimes about donning wings and being over-the-top, dramatically queer without fear or shame. Other times, it's about permitting small moments of queer bliss to poke through the facade—even if it's just messy paint from a child; even if you're the only one who notices.

### Prayer

Queer Spirit, dancing blue glitter flame, I give thanks for your euphoric mystery, your endless pronouns, your delight in queering every boundary and box. Yours is the truth that makes us free. May your glitter come, your dance be done in me as it is in heaven. Amen.

Rev. David Kohlmeier describes himself as "a pastor, parent, radical theologian, occasional poet, and flawed human being." Originally from West Virginia, with family roots in Appalachia going back over two centuries, David currently serves as the Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth on Cape Cod, where he lives with his husband, two children, Old English Sheepdog, and two rabbits.

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**Back by popular demand – Ted Talks at OUUF!**

By Vivian Mulligan

**Ted Talks – OUUF – Tuesday, June 22 – 1:00 pm**

Topics to be announced.

We can watch Ted Talks at home on our computers and tv screens. Why come to OUUF to watch? Because then we can talk about the talks and enjoy the company of friends

If you used to join us and have missed Ted Talks, we are happy to announce their return! If you've never been, this is your chance. Welcome!

**Tuesday the 22nd is our next Ted Talk Tuesday. The theme is communication:**

- Sherry Turkle - Connected But Alone
- Celeste Headlee - 10 Ways to Have Better Conversation
- Sophie Andrews - The Best Way to Help Is Often Just To Listen
- Lera Boroditsky - How Language Shapes the Way We Think

We hope you will join us for viewing and lively discussion.

We do need to know how many people are interested in attending due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please let Elinor Tennyson at [admin@olympicuuf.com](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com) know or call (360) 417-2665.

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**MUSIC IN THE GARDEN**

By Rose Prestipino

Our first event was held last Wednesday, June 16th, at 12:15 PM. in the Friendship Garden. About 20 people attended enjoying the nearly perfect weather. Tom Massey was our featured musician. He played some hymn tunes and familiar melodies on his cello, most associated with our UU tradition. In the beginning, he asked everyone to introduce themselves thus creating a friendly atmosphere. Later he played a couple of folk songs on his guitar, and we were invited to sing along. They were mostly songs associated with the sea. When asked, he told us about his sailboat, the Black Swan, and his Captain Tom moniker. He invited us to try out his cello when he finished and several did. People were happy to see each other and some stayed and socialized for a bit. Some went inside the sanctuary and enjoyed the ambiance of the refreshed space. Phil Zenner had striking new photographic work on display. People expressed appreciation for the event and offered suggestions for music events to come.



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### Sequim Summer Food Program

OOUF once again has the opportunity to support This program provides a healthy lunch to any child (up to the age of 18) who wants it and only takes ~2½ hours out of your day.

We would begin by meeting at the Boys & Girls Club in Sequim by 11:30 and then go from there.

We are proposing the weeks of July 26-30 and August 16-20 to the B&G Club.

There are four locations this year:

- Carrie Blake Park
- Elk Creek Apartments
- Seabreeze Apartments
- Mountain View Court Apartments

We're looking for at least two volunteers at each site each day.

Anyone who would be able to assist should contact Greg Sensiba [sensibag@hotmail.com](mailto:sensibag@hotmail.com); or (360) 683-8914] and identify the weeks you would be available.

We need to notify the Boys & Girls Club of our desired weeks in the near future so a prompt response would be appreciated.

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### REFLECTIONS

Woman's Group

We have resumed the in-person Reflections group at OOUF on the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. They usually last 1.5 – 2 hours. We begin with a brief check in and then proceed to the chosen discussion topic. We generally allow from 5 - 8 minutes for each person to share, depending on the size of the group. We highly value making sure each person present is allowed time to share. No one is forced to share. Just listening is certainly okay too!



Contact: Cynthia Green at [cynthiagreen@outlook.com](mailto:cynthiagreen@outlook.com)

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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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## 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.

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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

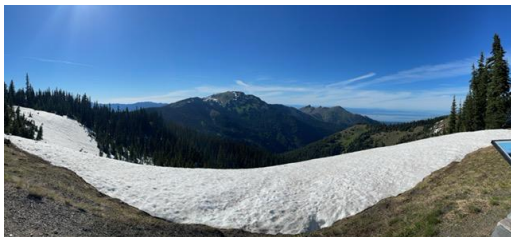
If you or someone you care about needs a listening ear or a helping hand, please contact our Team Leader: Jean Stratton Pastoral Care Team Leader  
360 452-6719 [jeanmstratton@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmstratton@gmail.com)

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**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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### WHERE LAURA LEE WADSWORTH AND SCOTT JOHNSON WERE ON FATHER'S DAY



Hurricane Ridge in all it's glory..



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Submitted by Laura Lee Wadsworth

<p><b>BeYOUtiful</b></p> <p>You are who you are. Be all that you are. Love is unconditional. Love is who you are.</p> <p>You are BeYOUtiful. You are Powerful. You are Brilliant. You are Brave. You are Shining. You are Loving. You are who you are.</p> <p>I am who I am. Take me as I am. Love is unconditional. Love is who I am.</p> <p>I am BeYOUtiful. I am Powerful. I am Brilliant. I am Brave. I am Shining. I am Loving. I am who I am.</p>	<p>We are who we are. Together we are One. Love is unconditional. Loving of the One.</p> <p>We are BeYOUtiful. We are Powerful. We are Brilliant. We are Brave. We are Shining. We are Loving. We are who we are.</p> <p>I am who I am. You are who you are. Together we are One. Creation we are.</p> <p>Loving sets us free to be you and to be me. Nature’s children are we. Learning to live in harmony. Our whole world in Unity. It’s waiting for you and me.</p> <p>Look inside and you will see. Look inside and you will be free.</p>
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**OUUF FRIENDS AND MEMBERS BULLETIN BOARD**

**FROM GEORGE AND JOLIE WILL**

We have Rhubarb to share. Our number is: 360-683-4037.

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**REFERRALS OF CONTRACTORS AND/OR HANDYMEN**

These are for-hire sources, not volunteers

**NEW REFERRALS: Remodeling, plumbing, roofing, decking, handyperson**

If you have had a good experience with a tradesman/person and are willing to share, please send the name and work performed along with any notes to Elinor at [admin@olympicuuf.com](mailto:admin@olympicuuf.com). We will keep a resource list available to our friends and members.

**[LINK TO LIST](#)    OUUF Trade Referrals**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE**

**June 20, 2021**

**Lynn Ungar**

**Copy of sermon not available**