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December 5, 2021
SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKER
Via Zoom 11 a.m.
Bruce Bode



SERMON TOPIC: Finding Our Way in the Christmas Season

SERMON DESCRIPTION: A reading I've often used at the beginning of the Christmas season goes: "We do not always come to the Christmas season with happy hearts and carefree minds. We are not always ready to sing and rejoice." My sermon as we enter this Christmas season will deal with a variety of concerns and conflicts that emerge for us as at this time. (Note: I am deliberately using the words "Christmas Season" in the sermon title rather than "Holiday Season," which will be explained in the service.)

GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: 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

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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 or call 360-417-2665
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Thank you for your donation

OOUF EVENT CALENDAR

Link to complete OOUF calendar
Event updates, additions and changes will appear as a post in the newsletter.

Groups meet under the Washington State Covid-19 guidelines. Please contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com if you have questions or would like clarification.

OPEN EVENTS FOR December 5 - 12, 2021

Friday 12-3	Holiday Choir Recording 2:45pm Fellowship porch	Contact: Harmony Rutter @ rutterhj@gmail.com
Sunday 12-5	Children's R.E. Sunday Service 10am – Zoom	Contact: Julia Buggy at juliafbuggy@gmail.com or Harmony Rutter at rutterhj@gmail.com
	Sunday Service 11am – Zoom Viewing at Fellowship sanctuary doors open 10:30am	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Immediately after Sunday Service	
Tuesday 12-7	Reading for Fun ! 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 1:00pm Meet in Member's Home	Contact: Kitty Hawks call, text, email 206-755-2832 alettehawks@yahoo.com .
Wednesday 12-8	Fellowship open Noon-12:30pm	Contact: Elinor Tennyson (360) 417-2665 or admin@olympicuuf.com
	OOUF Women's Meeting – Zoom 6-7pm	Contact: Jean Stratton jeanmstratton@gmail.com
	The Evening Men's Group - Zoom 7-9pm	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
Thursday 12-9	Reflections – see newsletter post for topic 1-3pm Library	Contact: Cynthia Green at cynthiagreen@outlook.com
Friday 12-10	Holiday Choir Recording 2:45pm Fellowship porch	Contact: Harmony Rutter @ rutterhj@gmail.com
	Caroling at Monterra – see newsletter post Meet at clubhouse 3:45pm	Contact Kelly Sanderbeck at (206) 854-4302 or ksanderbeck@gmail.com
Saturday 12-11	Herding Cats Potluck Picnic Noon Dosewallips State Park – see newsletter post	Contact Kitty Hawks at 206-755-2832

Upcoming Speakers

December 12 Lynn Ungar
December 19 Bob Nuffer

December 24 Candlelight Service
December 26 Joseph Bednarik



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:
Sunday November 28th Service
By Julia Buggy

We continued our Passport of World Religions highlighting the Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah which begins Sunday December 5th evening and ends Monday, December 6th.

We were led by Danny and Harmony Rutter in the Dreidel Song. Then well explored the symbolism of the Star of David and created a craft that can be hung to honor friends and neighbors who practice Judaism.

Email Harmony at rutterhj@gmail.com or Julia at juliafbuggy@gmail.com for the Zoom invite.

ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICES AT OUUF

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL INDOOR EVENTS



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.

Face masks covering nose and mouth must be worn during the service itself and no one should remove their masks to eat or drink. Persons participating in an after-service discussion have a choice to remove their masks to eat and drink.

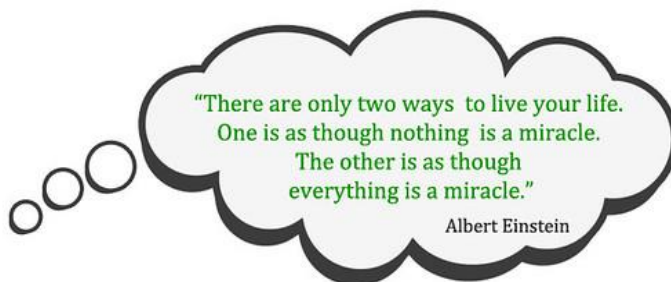
Arrangement by Ken Nielsen

OUUF follows the Washington State DOH guidelines and Clallam County Health Dept Covid-19 mandates. Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of all persons meeting at the Fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com or call (360) 417-2665.

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

Words to Live by

Shared by George Will



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday December 5th our Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the Sunday service. At this meeting we will elect the Board of Trustees for 2022, as well as members of the Endowment Committee and the Nominating Committee and approve the 2022 Budget. We will also vote on proposed changes to the OUUF Bylaws regarding filling the roles of Vice President and President.

An email containing the 2022 ballot was sent to OUUF members November 12th. If you are an OUUF member and do **NOT** receive the email, please contact Elinor Tennyson at admin@olympicuuf.com or call (360) 417-2665.

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2022 OUUF SLATE OF CANDIDATES

By Catharine Covert

2022 NOMINEE BIO'S

The Fellowship board has joyfully accepted the slate of 2022 candidates:

Thank you all for volunteering your time and talent for the coming year.

2021 Nominating Committee, thank you for doing a terrific job recruiting candidates for the year ahead Ren Garypie, Sarah Whelchel, George Will, Vickie Sensiba and Rose Prestipino.

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CHALICE LIGHTERS

Submitted by Dianne Whitaker



Thanks to all of you who contributed to Chalice Lighters this year. Your gifts for the last fiscal year set a record, exceeding those of the previous year by 26%. A record \$23,889 grant of the proceeds from the Spring Call went to the newest PNWD emerging congregation, the Inland Northwest UU Community.

This is your Winter Call for the 2021-2022 church year: Please help equip the Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist in Portland to provide hybrid church services. As congregations decide when to reopen, interest in “hybrid” in-person services, that can simultaneously be attended virtually by congregants in their homes, has mounted. This capability is especially valuable to serve those whose immune systems are compromised or who cannot or choose not to attend indoor worship services. Eastrose has planned a comprehensive professional turn-key solution to the problem and is willing to share their equipment list and operating experience with other UU congregations.

Please be generous! Donations for this call will be accepted through February 28, 2022.

Questions? Please contact pnwdchalicelighters@pwruiu.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and THINGS OF INTEREST

We reserve the right to edit your submission for content, length and grammar
Announcements need to be submitted **by 5pm MONDAY** to admin@olympicuuf.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LET'S GO CAROLING !

Submitted by Kelly Sanderbeck

We'll gather to sing carols with the folks who live in Monterra on Friday, Dec 10th, at 3:45pm. Park behind the clubhouse at 22 Circle Dr, PA. We'll have songbooks and may even go to specific homes if folks aren't able to join us outside. Happy Holidays!



Kelly (206 854-4302 or ksanderbeck@gmail.com)



Herding Cats Potluck Picnic - Dec 11/ Noon

By Kitty Hawkes

Celebrate the cold, the wet, the dark!

Dosewallips State Park

Cabin 75

Tomato soup and melted cheese sandwiches are on the menu. You can bring your favorite comfort food, camp chair, log for fire. (The elk bring chocolate pellets - not edible!) Don't forget your park pass. See ya, Kitty, 206-755-2832



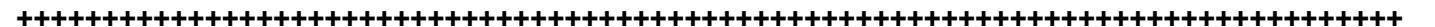
OOUF HOLIDAY CHOIR



Harmony Rutter has been singing Holiday Music with other folks as a cherished yearly tradition for her whole life and is so excited to share the love of music with all of you this Holiday Season.

The next recording session will be **December 3rd at 2:45pm** on the Fellowship porch. There will be a heater on the porch but dress warmly and join us for this gathering of musical enthusiasts!

There will be more sessions and if interested in joining, contact Harmony at rutterhj@gmail.com



Brian Berardo
Phil Zenner



Lou Foldoe and
Brian

The landscape team is figuring out how to set up equipment to make things happen...

music may be involved...

STAY TUNED –

MORE TO COME !



Brian and Phil



Holiday Gifts for Children in Foster Care

The Christmas Holiday OUUF angels are working on gathering gifts for 23 children in foster care. Details to follow...

Reminder for OUUF angels: Please return gifts to the church in a bag/box with the tag attached by December 3rd or 4th. The earlier you are able to bring items to the church the better. Elinor is at the church on Wednesdays from noon-12:30pm; Sundays from 10:30am to noon.

If you need other drop off times, please let Elinor know. (360) 417-2665 or email admin@olympicuuf.com

COMMITTEE AND OTHER NEWS UPDATES



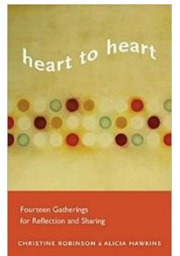
Reflections Women's Group

Thursday, Dec. 9th 1:00 pm

OUUF library (Covid safety protocols are followed)

Contact: Cynthia Green at cynthiagreen@outlook.com

New topic: Forgiveness



We are currently using the book "Heart to Heart: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflections and Sharing". No one is required to obtain this book. We are also open to discussion topic suggestions from our participants. Our meetings usually last an hour and a half. All persons attending are given the opportunity to join in the discussion. We hope to leave feeling uplifted!

HEARING SURVEY

By Sandy Goodwick

Help your Tech Team to know what you may need to be able to hear well during worship services in the Sanctuary.

This is a survey for everyone to fill out - whether you have hearing loss or not. Will keep this open for a few weeks... will start to share survey results next week! Contact: Sgoodwick@aol.com



Hearing Survey

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE (OR A FELLOWSHIP)

By Vicki Sensiba

.... To make a Little Free Pantry a long-term success! Business is booming, and we need your help:

We need:

- Cash Donations
- Food Donations
- Your Time (You won't regret it!)



Success comes with a cost – literally! Right now our bank account is not keeping up with costs. We need your help to continue providing a healthy array of food! If you prefer to donate food rather than cash, we particularly need:

- Shelf Stable Milk or Soy Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chili
- Cooking Oil
- Coffee (instant is best)
- Pudding and Gelatin (individual servings or boxes)

Dollar stores are great places to get many of these items – and they deliver on-line orders to their stores for free!

We are also looking for PLASTIC BAGS! If you have a “stash” sitting in a closet or garage, we will be delighted to take them off your hands – to include pick-up!



If you want to make a more personal contribution, we also would love some of your time! You are welcome to join the committee, but full membership is not necessary. **We would love to welcome you to the circle of people who help to make the Little Free Pantry a success – even if you can only give a couple of hours a month.** Your contribution will be so appreciated – and what you receive in return will be immeasurable!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to contribute your time, contact Vicki Sensiba at sensibag@hotmail.com or at 360-683-8914.

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CARE TEAM AND CARE CARDS:

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 or email jeanmstratton@gmail.com

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a beautiful handmade card, contact Cynthia Green at cynthiagreen@gmail.com

For more information click

[CARE TEAM AND CARE CARD INFORMATION](#)



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COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE UPDATE:

The Community Drum Circle gathers on the 3rd Tuesdays on the month. Beginning October 19th, as it is too cool out, higher chance of rain, and sunsets before we finish drumming, we will meet in the OUUF sanctuary at 6pm. We request everyone to be masked and be socially distanced during these gatherings at least until such time as Covid incidence has decreased enough for restrictions to be lifted.

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REFLECTIONS

Women’s Group

By Cynthia Green Contact: cynthiagreen@outlook.com



Looking for some inspiration? Try the Reflections Women’s Group...

We meet in-person at OUUF on the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. As long as the weather allows, we are meeting outside in the friendship garden. The purpose of our group is to uplift each other, enjoy our time together, laugh, have fun and also discuss some substantive topics!

Our goal is to leave the meeting feeling refreshed and uplifted.

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WARNING – PHISHING SCAMS

A phishing email was sent to many people allegedly from a OUUF member, including Board members. The email usually says “they” are unavailable to call you and need you to reply to the email. Requesting gift cards for a cause is the most recent request.

Do not open or respond to the email..... **delete it**

Protect Yourself from Phishing Scams

1. Be cautious about all communications you receive.
2. Do not click on any links listed in the email message, and do not open any attachments contained in a suspicious email.
3. Do not enter personal information in a pop-up screen.
4. Install a phishing filter on your email application and also on your web browser.

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REFERRALS OF CONTRACTORS AND/OR HANDYMEN These are for-hire sources, not volunteers

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**SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 28, 2021
COPY OF SERMON IS ATTACHED**