

OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (OUUF)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 23 - 30, 2022



7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Affirm & Promote:

The inherent worth and
dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and
compassion in human
relations;

Acceptance of one
another and
encouragement to
spiritual growth in our
congregations;

A free and responsible
search for truth and
meaning;

The right of conscience
and the use of the
democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;

The goal of world
community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the
interdependent web of all
existence of which we are
a part.

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[BOD Minutes and Notes](#)

[Our Staff Bios](#)

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Upcoming Sunday Service

OCTOBER 23, 2022

11AM

IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM*

GUEST SPEAKER:

Joseph Bednarik

SERMON:

What Could This Possibly Mean?



SERMON DESCRIPTION:

We've all likely seen some version of the comic: Someone is looking toward the heavens and imploring "If there's a God, give me a sign!" just as they're about to step into an open sewer. This Sunday, we "meaning makers" explore that powerful and creative wonderment, "What could this possibly mean?"

GUEST SPEAKER 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.

**We invite you to join us at the Fellowship Hall for our hybrid service (in-person and online via Zoom). If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via Zoom. For the link, please contact admin@olympicuuf.com or call (360) 417-2665.*

Come Whoever You Are

UUA Worship Web

By [Marilyn Falkowski](#)

We welcome you.

We know you come here for different reasons—to find community, to seek your spiritual and personal truths, to question, to nurture your heart and soul, to be nurtured, to explore new ideas, to find comfort, and perhaps to find the answers to some of your bigger questions.

We welcome you.

We know you come from different places, different religions, different beliefs and different backgrounds. We hope you will find comfort, connection, challenge, and love here. We hope you will find ways to provide outreach to others in our [congregation], in our local community, and in our world community.



Announcements, Events, Committee News, and Things of Interest



Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Care Team

The Fellowship's Care Team supports members and friends during times of need.

If you or someone you know needs support, contact the Care Team Coordinator: Catharine Covert (Covert@Olympus.net or text 360-461-9991) or Cynthia Green (cynthiagreen@outlook.com or text: 360-460-6596). Email or text preferred.

Please click below for more information, including updates on:

- ❖ Don Hatler
- ❖ Joyce Estep
- ❖ Dani Casey
- ❖ Azella

[Care-Team-Update-10-17-2022](#)

Previous Sunday Service



10/16/22

Attendance info

On Zoom:	23
In-person:	30
Children:	9
TOTAL:	62

**A copy of the sermon is not available*

Weekly Newsletter



Entries for the following week are due
NO LATER THAN 5pm Monday

We reserve the right to edit your submission for clarity and brevity (including altering its content, length, and grammar). Lengthy posts may appear as a link to the OUUF website.

Email all entries to

admin@olympicuuf.com

Please indicate "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Grants! We have Grants!

By Vicki Sensiba



Thanks to the truly amazing grant-writing efforts of Florence Bucierka, OUUF is the beneficiary of two grants from the Haller Foundation.

The **Little Free Pantry** has been awarded **\$3,000** to use for purchasing food for our community. Before this grant, the LFP planned to omit items due to rising food costs. Now, we can continue to provide the same array of healthy and tasty food our users as they have become accustomed to seeing. The **Little Free Library** has received **\$1,000** to purchase children's books. Kids' books are extremely popular and always in short supply. The grant money will allow Seri Mylchreest and her committee to purchase books to enrich the lives of children in our community. Although we are extremely grateful to the Haller Foundation, neither the Pantry nor the Library would be here without the ongoing support and generosity of OUUF members who remember us in their giving. **Thank you!**

Announcements, Events, Committee News, and Things of Interest (cont'd)

Community Drum Circle



The Community Drum Circle gathers on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. Beginning with the October meeting, we will meet in the Fellowship sanctuary at **6pm**.

For more information contact:
Penny Burdick at
mandalaht@gmail.com

Outdoor opportunities with the new OUUF Adventure Group!

By Phil Zenner and Emily Beals

Next adventure **Friday, October 14**

What: Hike (all hikers welcome!)

Where: Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT)

Difficulty: Easy | 4.6 mile

When: Meet at 10am

Email ejbn@aol.com and let us know you're joining us so we'll be sure to wait for you!



After the hike, those who can please stay for lunch and to help plan our next adventure.

Click here for directions on getting there.

[OUUF-Adventure-Club-10_16_22 directions](#)

Unitarian Universalism Evolving

By Vivian Mulligan

One reason it's so difficult to define who we are and what we believe is that we are evolving.

Our Principles

The original Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) were approved when the Unitarian and Universalist denominations consolidated in 1961. The UUA revised these Principles in 1985. Significantly, after a multi-year process, a proposal to add an **8th Principle** is expected to pass at the 2023 General Assembly:

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

Outdoor Fun!

Come join in for bocce ball and shuffleboard.



WHEN: Mondays, 2pm

WHERE: Carrie Blake Park

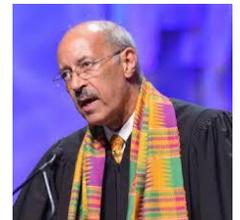
As long as we have nice warm fall days, we will meet at the Carrie Blake Park courts located beside the exit road leading out to N. Rhodefer Road (enter at the entrance to the Water Reuse Demonstration Park to the north of the main entrance).

For more information contact:
Cynthia Green
cynthiagreen@aol.com

Unitarian Universalism Evolving (cont'd)

Our Leaders

The Rev. William G. Sinkford served as president of the UUA from 2001 to 2009. He was the first Black person to head a predominantly white religious organization. In 2017, in the midst of an escalating controversy over the UUA's hiring practices and public statements, the President of the UUA, and at least two top-level staff members resigned. Critics had pointed out "scarcity of senior positions held by people of color, and a preference for ordained clergy in senior staff roles." The board appointed Rev. Sinkford, the Rev. Sofía Betancourt, and Dr. Leon Spencer as co-presidents after the unexpected resignations.



The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray began serving a six-year term as President of the UUA in June 2017. She is the first woman elected President of the UUA. In the words of Bob Dylan, "*The times they are a-changin'*"

Sources: uua.org and uuworld.org



Announcements, Events, Committee News, and Things of Interest (cont'd)

Public Service Announcement

By Edie Davis

Recycling Styrofoam

Fort Worden-Battery Putnam drop off location at Port Townsend 229 Alexanders Loop (near Alexanders castle)

StyroCyclers

1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday
10am-noon

*Clean Styrofoam, tape and labels removed

*Bag packing peanuts separately, white only

*Stay in car until you can park on the street in front of the bunker

NO WHEELS ON GRASS OR DIRT PLEASE.

Green Sanctuary 2030: Healthy Food Choices

By Jolie Will

Hello Fellowship members and friends,

We now have a choice about where we put our kitchen waste. If you have access to a compost bin where you live you're in good shape. If your kitchen waste goes into your garbage can and then into the landfill to produce methane, a serious climate warming gas, think carefully about whether or not you want to continue to feed into that process. The Green Sanctuary Team encourages us to see every decision we make through the lens of "Will this action harm or heal our planet?"

Put your kitchen scraps into a bag and bring them to our compost bin behind the Fellowship. We will turn garbage into garden gold, kind of like Rumpelstiltskin spun straw into gold. You'll be helping to create garden enriching compost and keep food waste out of landfills. Win/win. All it takes is a habit change. I know, easier said than done, however, remember this, if a habit can be created, it can also be uncreated.

Green Sanctuary 2030: Compost

By Emily Beals

Composting of food waste instead of sending it to landfills where it produces methane gas, a greenhouse gas that is contributing significantly to global warming, is an important climate action that each of us can take. Our Fellowship composting program is now up and running and ready to take your plant waste contributions. Once you bring it on, the gardeners will turn and water the pile as needed, working with Mother Nature to turn your garbage into garden gold!

Join us for the **Compost Orientation Sunday, October 30, 2022** hosted by Rose Prespitino and the Landscape Gardening Team. Admission will be a dripping bag of ripe compost. (Just kidding about the dripping) but bring your food waste on the 30th or sooner and watch good things happen!

Click here for full information.
[Green-Sanctuary-2030-Compost](#)



Get Your Own OUUF Jacket!

Stay warm, look suave, and perhaps start up a conversation about OUUF.

Cost: a minimum of \$20 on up to the actual cost of \$80 (as you are able). To order your jacket, just send your size to philzenner2002@yahoo.com

Click here for more information including size notes with pictures.

[OUUF-Jackets](#)

VOLUNTEER



By Dianne
Whitaker

Want to contribute to OUUF by volunteering?

Click below to view all the possibilities
and the people to contact to volunteer.

[OUUF Committees](#)



...Anyone?

By Rose Prestipino



We are greatly looking forward to the next art class to be held on
Friday, October 21 at 11:30am.

Edie Davis will take us through the steps necessary to make a diorama in a shoe box. Bring a figurine or small object to be the focal point of your diorama. Edie says that we have enough shoe boxes for a good-sized class. If you have never made one before, now is your chance to do so with a talented teacher to guide us through the steps.

***The class is open to all ages and, as always, there is no charge.**

Member & Friends Bulletin Board

OUUF Trade Referrals

A list of contractor and handyperson referrals (for hire only – not volunteer). Click [here](#).

Re-homing Market Place

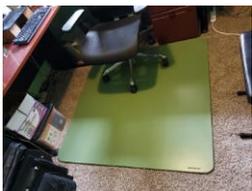
Submitted by Dianne Whitaker

*Do you have items in your home that are taking up space
and gathering dust, because you no longer use them?*



Re-homing means you find another home for them with someone who can use them. I recently re-homed a freezer, a paella pan, and a fire pit, among other items. What do you have to rehome? Send your name, the name of the item, and your contact information to me at diannewhit@aol.com and I will submit the items to the Weekly each Monday.

**One beige recliner in good condition.
Call Tommie Schwent at (360) 460-9448**



Eco Chair Mats

Looking for an alternative to that plastic office chair mat you're using? You know, the one that only lasts a year or so if you're lucky and that has to then go into the landfill?

Be an eco-angel: consider making your own **Ecochairmat** or have Brian Berardo make one for you. See ecochairmat.com

We have strawberry plants to give away
By Susan Harris

Just call me (509-671-2147) or Dave (408-710-8041)
to arrange a mutually convenient time to dig them out.

We have shovels here but few boxes, so containers
are necessary for transport.

They're happy here but grew beyond my capacity to handle the amazing volume.



Event Calendar

October 23 - 30, 2022

OUUF is following Clallam County guidelines regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We recommend full vaccination for attending in-person services.					
DATE	TIME	TITLE	LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	CONTACT
Sunday 10/23	11am-12pm	Sunday Service	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com or (360) 417-2665
Monday 10/24	9am-12:15pm	Exercise Classes	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: Marsha Melnick at 360-808-3109 or Peggy Scheideler at 760-518-4181
	2pm	Bocce Ball	Carrie Blake Park	In-person	Contact: Cynthia Green at cynthiagreen@outlook.com
Tuesday 10/25	<i>*Currently no events</i>				
Wednesday 10/26	9am-12:15pm	Exercise Classes	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: Marsha Melnick at 360-808-3109 or Peggy Scheideler at 760-518-4181
	1:30 - 8pm	Red Ribbon Dinners	Fellowship Sanctuary	CLOSED	
	6pm-7pm	OUUF Women's Meeting	Member Home	Zoom	Contact: Jean Stratton jeanmstratton@gmail.com
	7pm-9pm	The Evening Men's Group	Member Home	Zoom	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
Thursday 10/27	<i>*Currently no events</i>				
Friday 10/28	6pm-7:30pm	NA Meeting	Fellowship Sanctuary	CLOSED	
Saturday 10/29	<i>*Currently no events</i>				