

OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (OUUF)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 11-18, 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.

[Board of Trustees Bios](#)

[BOD Minutes and Notes](#)

[Our Staff Bios](#)

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Upcoming Sunday Service

DECEMBER 11, 2022

11AM

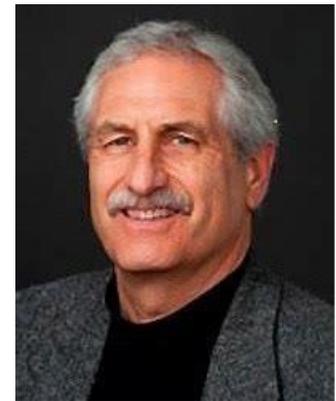
ATTEND IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM*

GUEST SPEAKER: *In-Person!*

Rev. Bruce Bode

SERMON:

***Why Is There Something,
Not Nothing?***



SERMON DESCRIPTION:

In his song "Holy Now," Peter Mayer, reflecting his Catholic upbringing, writes: "Wine from water is not so small/ But an even better magic trick/ Is that anything is here at all." The question of "Why is there anything at all?" is the first and most basic philosophical question one can ask. It's a question that has been of endless interest to me – my "life-koan," if you will – and one that I will be addressing on this Sunday in the festival season.

GUEST SPEAKER BIO:

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).

**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 John Huffstetler at 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

A Message from the Board

By Dianne Whitaker

Sunday, we elected our Board of Trustees, our Nominating Committee, and our Endowment Committee. Thank you to all who came in person or on Zoom, as well as those who could not attend but voted by proxy.

An additional huge **thank you** to everyone who has already upped their 2023 pledge. Shortfall has been cut in half so far.



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:

- ❖ Joyce Estep
- ❖ Dani Casey
- ❖ Azella

[12/5/22 Care Team Update](#)

Luminescence

By Dianne Whitaker

January 1st, 2023 is a Sunday and less than a month away. We will be having our traditional Luminescence Service that Sunday.

If you would like to take part by reading a brief description for each of our 5 candles (The Source, Recognition of Diversity, Reflection, Refocus and Renewal) please contact me at diannewhit@aol.com.

The first five who contact me will be given scripts. Others will be backup in case someone celebrates too hardily on New Year's Eve.



Previous Sunday Service



12/4/22

Attendance info

On Zoom:	32
In-person:	29
Children:	7
TOTAL:	68

Sermon:

Jamal Rahman

Community & Spiritual Practices

**When available a copy of the sermon is attached to the Weekly Newsletter email and the website.*

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.

Green Sanctuary 2030: Action Plans

By Emily Beals

Last week our congregation launched our multi-faceted climate change Action Plan endeavour with enthusiasm and purpose. Action Plan Teams are meeting on a regular or as needed basis and moving our work forward.

Forums are rescheduled to be held the 1st Sunday of the month and will begin in February. We welcome your participation and urge you to consider joining one of our Action Teams at a level that is right for you if you have not yet done so.

This challenge needs all of us using the power of "we" to get the job done.



[Here](#) are the persons to contact for information and AP sign-up.



And [here](#) is the full Action Plan document.



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

OUUF Committees

By Dianne Whitaker

In an interview for a forum on lay-laid congregations, I was asked why I thought OUUF was successful. My response was that, in large part, it is because of our strong committees. Thinking about this later, I realized that not everyone is aware of all of our committees and what their responsibilities are.

Starting December 11th with Bob Nuffer, who is chair of the Sunday Services Committee, we will be putting a spotlight on them in 2-5 minute presentations after sharing. Included in each presentation will be the name of the committee, its function, its members, how often and when they meet (if they do), whether they receive pledge money to support them, and, if so, how the money is spent.

If you are a committee of one or the chair of a larger committee and would like to spotlight what you do, please email me at diannewhit@aol.com so I can put you on the schedule.

Potluck

Sunday
By Edie Davis



Our December Potluck will be on Christmas Day, Sunday **December 25th at 1:00 PM**

A sign up sheet can be found in the fellowship hall foyer.

Please email Edie Davis at violaswamp8@gmail.com with any questions.

Garrison Keillor and the UU's (Part 3)

By Vivian Mulligan

Rev. Fred Small was serving at First Parish when Mr. Keillor made his visit. Rev. Small responded to Mr. Keillor in a 2009 UU World article, entitled ["Merry Christmas, Garrison Keillor!"](#)



Garrison Keillor

Lunch, Pool, & Darts

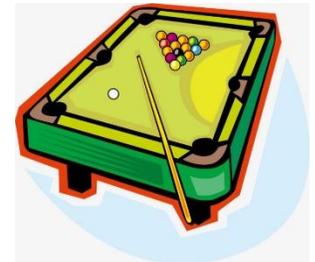
By Cynthia Green

The outdoor bocci ball & shuffleboard games are stopped and will resume next spring. To replace them, we will have Monday afternoon pool and darts following lunch at the Oasis family bar and grill. Meet for lunch followed by playing pool and darts (about an hour and a half).

DAY: Mondays

TIME: 1pm

PLACE: 301 E. Washington Street, Sequim
(in the shopping area just east of Pioneer Park)



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

Garrison Keillor and the UU's (Part 3 cont'd)

In 1996, Fred entered Harvard Divinity School, where he designed the Green Sanctuary program adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association and implemented in over 250 congregations. (OUUF is hard at work on this program now.) Awarded his M.Div. degree in 1999, Fred was ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister by First Church Unitarian in Littleton, Massachusetts. After nine years in Littleton, in 2008 Fred was called by First Parish in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He is Executive Director of Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light and Minister for Climate Justice at Arlington Street Church, Boston. A Unitarian Universalist parish minister for nearly two decades, Fred is also an environmental lawyer and singer-songwriter.



Rev. Small

I have never had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Small speak, but I've been fortunate enough to attend multiple folk music concerts featuring Fred, often singing his own compositions and sometimes accompanied by an ASL interpreter. Check out ["The Heart of the Appaloosa"](#).

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

Landscape and Garden Team

By Rose Prestipino



Did you notice that the front plant bed has been thoroughly pruned and readied for the winter? Last Friday Edie Davis, Phil Zenner, Brian Berardo, Lou Foldoe, and I worked in sunny but cold weather to do the job. It included taking down the big rose bush a couple of feet. We also cut lavender into the mole holes in the front of the property to hopefully encourage them to leave!!

We will work on **December 16th** at **1:30pm** weather permitting.
The more the merrier!



...Anyone?

By Rose Prestipino



Our art group will be meeting again on **January 6th** at **11:30am** as usual. Jolie Will plans to take us through the fascinating process of making art cards. She will be sharing details of this class in the newsletter later in December. There is much enthusiasm for our group endeavors.

We are going to **once a month classes** due to our busy schedules. Class convenes on the **first Friday** of the month.

***We want to emphasize again that all are welcome, including young people. There is never a charge.**

Outdoor opportunities with the OUUF Adventure Group!

By Phil Zenner and Emily Beals

We're walking **this Friday, 12/9** and hope you will join us for an easy 3.8 one way stroll from Robin Hill Park Pinnel St. parking lot to the Nature Center at Railroad Bridge. Meet us at the Nature Center at **3:15pm** and we'll caravan to Robin Hill Park and then begin our one-way hike from there. The hike will end with a light supper of soup, salad, dessert at Emily's Café (183 Webb Rd. Sequim. 101/Hooker to Atterberry, 3 miles to Webb Rd. on the left). Wear a head lamp or bring a flashlight, as it will be dark as we approach the holiday lights on the Railroad Bridge. It's been rumored that we may sing Christmas Carols along the way.



Please rsvp to ejbn@aol.com

OUUF Name tags

By John Huffstetler

OUUF member needing a replacement name tag?

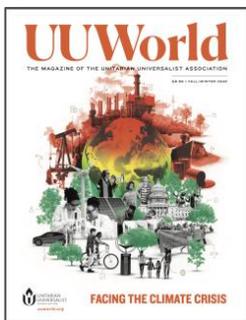
Please email admin@olympicuuf.com with your name and preferred pronouns. Please indicate "Name tag" in the subject line.



UU World

By John Huffstetler

Want to explore UU World, the official magazine of Unitarian Universalism, online?



Click [here!](#)

Note: UU World is released bi-annually (March and September).

Green Sanctuary Action Plans 5 & 8 (Forestry and Native Plants)

By Brian Berardo

The window is **OPEN** for ordering your native trees and plants from the Clallam County Conservation District. **NOWHERE** will you find better deals on purchasing these wonderful trees and plants. Plants must be pre-ordered by January 23, 2023. All plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. See [here](#) for details.



NOTE: Please advise George Will (Native Plants (georgeandjolie@yahoo.com)) or Brian Berardo (Forestry (brian.berardo@gmail.com)) of any purchases you make, so the OUUF can receive credit for ACTING on these plans to help grow our GS accreditation.

Member & Friends Bulletin Board

OUFF Trade Referrals

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

Re-homing Market Place

Submitted by Dianne Whitaker

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.

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



Brown, sturdy, comfy chair with spacious seat, arm rests at height to easily get out of chair – looking for new home. Contact Barbara Wieseman's daughter Katherine, (360) 775-6373.

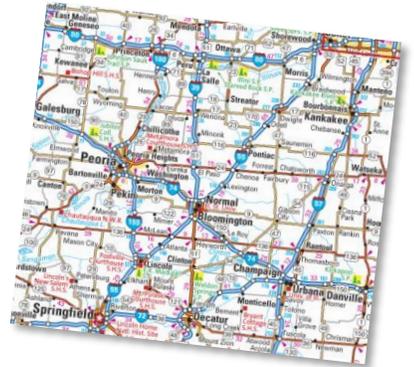
Request

By Edie Davis

For a future art project (January or February), I'd like to show folks how to make homemade envelopes of various sizes using colorful glossy paper from calendars or old atlas/map paper.

If you have any of the following items, please consider donating:

- Calendars (medium/large)
- Atlas books
- Maps



Looking

I've been at Crestwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Port Angeles for several months. I now want a place to stay in Sequim, either a one bedroom or rent a room.

Azella (425) 480-2293

Event Calendar

December 11-18, 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 12/11	11am-12pm	Sunday Service	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com or (360) 417-2665
	12-1:30pm	Sunday Services Committee	Library	In-person	Contact: Bob Nuffer at e_nuffer@msn.com
Monday 12/12	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
	1pm	Lunch, Pool, & Darts	Oasis Bar & Grill	In-person	Contact: Cynthia Green at cynthiagreen@outlook.com
Tuesday 12/13	<i>*Currently no events</i>				
Wednesday 12/14	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
	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 12/15	<i>*Currently no events</i>				
Friday 12/16	6pm-7:30pm	NA Meeting	Fellowship Sanctuary	CLOSED	
Saturday 12/17	<i>*Currently no events</i>				