

OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (OUUF)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 18-25, 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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Upcoming Sunday Service

DECEMBER 18, 2022

11AM

ATTEND IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM*

GUEST SPEAKER: VIA ZOOM

REV. DR. LYNN UNGAR

SERMON:

By a Different Light



SERMON DESCRIPTION:

This Sunday marks the first night of Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights which honors a long-ago miracle. But what, exactly, is the nature of that miracle?

GUEST SPEAKER BIO:

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ungar is a poet, a freelance UU minister offering supply preaching, and a dog trainer. She lives in Vancouver, Washington with her two Australian Shepherds. Her work is included in the anthology *What We Share*. Lynn's website has links to her books of poetry. Her latest books are "Breathe" and "These Days."

**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

Potluck Sunday

By Edie Davis



Our December Potluck will be on Christmas Day, Sunday **December 25th** immediately following the service. A sign up sheet can be found in the fellowship hall foyer.

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



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

[12/12/22 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 dianne Whitaker@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



12/11/22

Attendance info

On Zoom:	40
In-person:	34
Children:	8
TOTAL:	82

Sermon:

Rev. Bruce Bode

Why Is There Something, Not Nothing?

**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.

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.



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!

Lunch, Pool, & Darts

By Cynthia Green

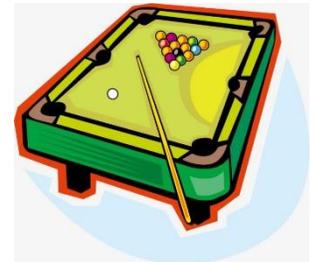
The outdoor bocci ball & shuffleboard games are stopped and will resume next spring. To replace them, we will have Monday afternoon pool and darts following lunch at the Oasis family bar and grill. Meet for lunch followed by playing pool and darts (about an hour and a half).

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



OUUF Volunteer Reimbursements

By Seri Mylchreest

2023 is fast approaching and OUUF needs to pay our volunteer **reimbursements** before the end of this month. Volunteers, if you have any unpaid receipts for budgeted expenses, please **submit them ASAP**.

Please give me a call or text if you have receipts that need reimbursement:
Serena Mylchreest
Assistant Finance Director
360-775-6606



p.s. Little Free Pantry volunteers don't need to submit their receipts by the end of the year. The Pantry is funded through donations.

GS 2030: Transportation

By George Will

I am inviting OUUF members and friends to join me in exploring the topic of Transportation in light of consequences from continuing to burn fossil fuels. This is a broad topic and a most interesting one.



Please contact **George Will** at georgeandjolie@yahoo.com or call 360-683-4037.

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



...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.

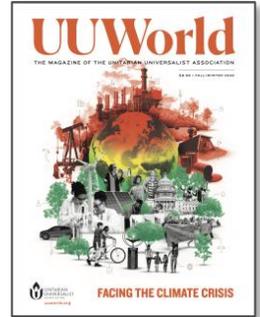
***We want to emphasize again that all are welcome, including young people. There is never a charge.**



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).

It Takes A Team to Make A Dream

By Florence Bucierka

A gigantic **THANK YOU** to all the OUUF elves and angels who participated in the Gifts for Children in Foster Care. We were able to bring a brighter holiday to **over 40 children** with gifts purchased and funds given to purchase gifts. Everything from snowsuits, swimming goggles, puzzles, books, flannel PJ's, bedding, arts and crafts supplies, sensory toys, bike helmets and much more will be in the hands of children ages 1-16 because of your generosity.

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.

It Takes A Team to Make A Dream (cont'd)

As the coordinator of this project, Lori, from the Foster Parent Association wrote about the congregations' contribution: **"Thank you so much for all your hard work in making this event such a success, we couldn't do it without your help!!!"**



There were 122 tags for children in foster care, of which we helped with more than 40 of them. It was a great team of folks (48 from OUUF and 4 outside the congregation) who purchased gifts or donated funds. A special thanks to the team of elves who coordinated all the additional purchasing, sorting, picking up, and delivering: Elinor Tennyson, Susan Harris, Cindy Grey, and Colleen Squier. They did an outstanding job!



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.



To good home: rug, as pictured. Approximate size is 7 ½ X 11 '. In very good condition. If interested, call Vicki Sensiba at 571-224-8525 or via email at sensibag@hotmail.com

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



Birthday Party!

By Julia Buggy



I would like to invite everyone at OUUF to my 40th birthday celebration this year!

Date: Monday, Dec 26th

Time: 5-8 pm

Location: Sequim Prairie Grange,
290 Macleay Rd Sequim



View my invitation [here](#).

Families and Friends

Welcome

(Kids Activity/Play Room Available)



Heart of Gold Theme

(you are encouraged but not required to wear something gold, glittery, and/or sparkly)



RSVP to Julia @ 360-809-0717 with the number in your party & cake preference (gluten-free, sinful, vegan, keto/ low carb)

Please **bring your own plate, silverware, and cup** and optional art supplies for prayer flag decoration (fabric will be provided.)

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

Quote & Message

By George Will

"Even though the future seems far away, it is actually beginning Right Now."

-Anonymous

There is an urgency to our actions of climate change mitigation that cannot be denied. We pay now with small, almost insignificant behaviors to lessen the consequences of a warming earth, or we pay big time later when the consequences will likely be unbearable. Yes, there is an elephant in the living room!

Event Calendar

December 18-25, 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 12/18	11am-12pm	Sunday Service	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com or (360) 417-2665
	2-3pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com or (360) 417-2665
Monday 12/19	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 12/20	10am-11:30pm	Clallam County Threshold Choir (CCTC)	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person	Contact: Penny Burdick at mandalaht@gmail.com
	1-3pm	Reading for the Fun of It!	Member Home	In-person	Contact: Kitty Hawks at 206-755-2832 or alettehawks@yahoo.com
	6-7:30pm	Community Drum Circle	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person	Contact: Penny Burdick at mandalaht@gmail.com
Wednesday 12/21	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
	6-7pm	OUUF Women's Meeting	Member Home	Zoom	Contact: Jean Stratton jeanmstratton@gmail.com
	7-9pm	The Evening Men's Group	Member Home	Zoom	Contact: George Stratton (360) 808-4477
Thursday 12/22	<i>*Currently no events</i>				
Friday 12/23	6-7:30pm	NA Meeting	Fellowship Sanctuary	CLOSED	
Saturday 12/24	6-7pm	Christmas Eve Service	Fellowship Sanctuary	In-person and on Zoom	Contact: admin@olympicuuf.com or (360) 417-2665