Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (OUUF)

Weekly Newsletter | March 31-April 6, 2024

Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

Affirm and 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
Mar 31, 2024 | 11:00am
Attend In-Person or on Zoom*

FIFTH-SUNDAY POTLUCK

Attention Ladies and Gentlemen: Grab your favorite chapeau, bring your favorite spring dish, and join us next Sunday, March 31st, for our fifth-Sunday potluck celebrating Easter/Equinox/Ostara and the beginning of Spring. Submitted by Dianne Whitaker

** If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via Zoom.*

Zoom Link – *New Zoom Information*

https://zoom.us/j/92300175416?pwd=Wm1GUUZpMHgrZzRvS3A0alNQaXNrZz09
Meeting ID: 923 0017 5416
Passcode: OUUF2020

Children's Religious Experience

March 31
Egg Hunt with Julia!
Families (children of all ages) are welcome to join us in an Easter Celebration this Sunday! After the kids finish eating at the potluck, please join Julia Buggy & Teacher Evan outside for custom egg dying and an egg hunt filled with delicious natural treats. If you would like to volunteer or RSVP juliafbuggy@gmail.com.

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Special Announcement

The Fellowship members have been interacting with a young woman that has come into the building and taken over our kitchen when renters were using the Hall and when we were cleaning up Sunday. She has not told us anything about herself except that her name is Key. We asked her to leave Sunday, but she returned later and started doing strange things in the kitchen.

The Port Angeles Police Department advised this morning (3/25) that we call the Sheriff's office if she comes again (360-417-2459). They will come out and assess if she needs mental health services and provide her with information if needed. She will be given documentation that asks her not to return or she will be arrested. If you should see Key in our building, please call the Sheriff's office and/or me (360-922-4409).

Thank You, Rose Prestipino, President, Board of Trustees

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UUA General Assembly 2024

The General Assembly meets electronically this year June 20-23. There is lots of information available on the UUA website and it looks interesting and inspirational. We have two delegate slots available. One person has expressed a desire to take one of them. The one that remains is available. The Fellowship will pay the registration fee. You would be expected to attend (virtually) several sessions and vote on the Article II proposed revisions. We plan to have some discussion of the proposed changes that you might help lead. Also, a post-GA session for the congregation would be helpful and appreciated.
Please contact me or another Board Member if you would like to be a delegate.

Many Thanks, Rose Prestipino, President, Board of Trustees

Joys and Sorrows Discussion

The Sunday Service Committee will have an open meeting on April 7, right after the Sunday Service to invite the Fellowship to discuss the Joys and Sorrows segment. Please come and share your ideas on April 7. ~Bob Nuffer.

Kid's Night Out! - Save the Dates

May 21st from 5-7pm
August 20th time TBD
November 29th TBD
Christina is looking for 1 more volunteer to help out with our Kid's Night Out events. Please call her at 812-340-1349 if you are able to volunteer on any of these dates! On May 21st we will be hosting a glow in the dark dance party with a healthy dinner and snacks!

Northwest Women's Chorale

Northwest Women's Chorale presents 'Songs Within.'

Call Kelly Sanderbeck at 206-854-4302 for information.

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Children's Religious Exploration Teacher

While we search for a second children's teacher, the RE is requesting volunteers to assist Evan for Sundays in April. Contact Julia @ juliafbuggy@gmail.com to sign up for one Sunday with the kids. Crafts and fun game ideas welcome!

OUUF is looking for a CRE Teacher. Thank you to Jean Stratton for her service to OUUF and the Children's Religious Experience program.
Job responsibilities, general tasks, and requirements include:

- The Teacher assists the Lead Teacher to develop the weekly lesson plans
- The Teacher assists the Lead Teacher in adapting the UUA LREDA or Quimper UUF curriculum as appropriate for small class sizes where there may be different students in the classroom each week and limited class time (no longer than 1 hour)
- Provide structure and safety for playtime
- Ensure that two adults will be present in the classroom at all times
- Ensure that all children are cared for appropriately; seek assistance as needed
- Address concerns or needs a that parent/guardian shares regarding CRE
- Communicate with parents/guardians of children attending program

Contact Julia Buggy at juliafbuggy@gmail.com with general questions about the job. Contact olympicuuf@outlook.com for the full job description or go to the OUUF website here. Deadline to apply is April 23, 2024. Send resume that includes relevant job experience to olympicuuf@outlook.com.

Equinox Ostara Egg Dying and Decorating Extravaganza

Photos from the decorating event. "The Egg: It's where it all begins." Symbol of renewal and fertility.

2023 Taxes

Do you itemize your tax deductions?
If you do and would like a statement from OUUF stating your contributions to OUUF in 2023, please contact Greg Sensiba at sensibag@hotmail.com or phone (360) 683-8914.

From UUA

Easter and Ostara

Click on the link below for more information on this celebration.
Easter and Ostara | WorshipWeb | UUA.org

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Spring 2024 Cascadia Chalice Lighters Call

It is time for the Spring 2024 Cascadia Chalice Lighters Call. Proceeds will be awarded to the Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church in Woodinville, Washington, to modernize the audio system in their facilities. This modernization will allow them to improve the audio quality within the sanctuary and for their online attendees.

You may set up monthly automatic contributions online or mail in a check. More of your money will go toward the grant if you opt for emailed call letters and make your contribution online.
Note: direct costs to administer the Call are reimbursed from the donations before the grant is issued.

Please contact chalicelighters@cascadiauu.org for any questions.
You can donate online through their website: https://cascadiauu.org
Mail checks to: Cascadia Growth Fund
2839 W. Kennewick Ave. PMB 231
Kennewick, WA 99336

Kitchen News

Anni Lanigan is leading the Sunday morning hospitality to provide refreshments for guests and members after our worship service. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer.

Please check the schedule on the clipboard in the kitchen for your scheduled times.

Lunch & Billiards

By Cynthia Green

Come join us at **Oasis Bar & Grill** for lunch and billiards! **Monday** afternoons at **1pm**
301 E. Washington Street (same shopping area as the Moon Palace Chinese restaurant).
Contact Cynthia Green for more information:
cynthiagreen@outlook.com or text 360-460-6596.

Picnic and Barbecue – Date Change

Attention: Picnic-BBQ update
New Date: May 25, Noon to 4 pm
Where: OUUF grounds
Why: Let's have fun together!
What: Picnic/BBQ with Lots of food, friends, entertainment, sing-a long, plus a book and video exchange and much more. Bring a friend and come and have fun

Questions: Call Sig Johnson at 406-691-0801

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Green Sanctuary

Films

Here are some outstanding films for climate change solutions. There will be a car-pool group meeting at the Fellowship to go together to view the films. “CTRL and click” the image for more information.

Green Sanctuary Climate Tree

Because of your continuing response, our Climate Tree will remain in the sanctuary a few more weeks. Continue to express your view by contacting those in positions of governance who make decisions that determine the destiny of our planet. It is when 'me' becomes 'we' that we solve the problem.

Thanks to the following friends and members of OUUF who have stepped up and made a public commitment to continue climate actions to stop human-caused climate change:

Vivian Mulligan, Penny Burdick, Peggy & John Toppenberg, Erde Sun, Harmony Rutter, Edie Davis, Elizabeth Clark, Dan Parrish, Dianne Whitaker, Ren Garypie, Margot Hewitt, Cyndi Ross, Michael Witkin, Jolie Will, George Will, Emily Beals, Diane Hood, Pauline Warren, Stephen Landess, Signe Johnson, Theresa Heiler, Patty Eaton, Geoff Rimositis, Florence & Michael Bucierka, Brian & Pam Berardo, Catherine Covert, Anni Lanigan, Tom Massey, Katheryn Scott, Dorothy MacEachern, Kathi Gunn, Adeline Hannah, Jean Stratton, Bob Nuffer, Nels Peterson, Julia Buggy, Tucker Parrish, Felicity Parrish, Yara Avery, Evan Avery, Orion, Silas, Nathan Avery.

Green Sanctuary Advocacy Action Plan

Green Sanctuary Advocacy Action Plan under the guidance of Anni Lanigan, is on the move again to support our Fellowship's climate actions that involve sending emails and letters to people, government agencies, corporations, who make decisions that determine climate change outcomes. Last week 10 people took letters/emails from our Board near the front door of the Fellowship. That's a good start. Let's aim for 30+ responses by the end of April.

April's email/letter is to the Program Manager and Program Coordinator TLT (Trust Land Transfer Program) of the Washington Dept. of Natural Resources to express our support for the city of Port Angeles’ **Watershed Protection Project Trust Land Transfer Application.** The City of Port Angeles has submitted an application to transfer 3,089 acres of state forest lands in the Elwha River Watershed away from the WA Department of Natural Resources industrial forest management and into protected status, under the state's Trust Land Transfer Program. The clear cutting of legacy forests, (forests close to old growth forests 50+ years) needs to cease. Logging and then conversion to young plantations, application of pesticides and fertilizers negatively affects the quality of the PA water supply and diminishes the forest's ability to sequester carbon, a process vital to keeping our greenhouse gas emissions close to livable levels.

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Membership

Membership Committee invites anyone who needs a name tag to check in at the Name Tag Board next Sunday and we will make you a new one. We encourage everyone to wear name tags at our Fellowship gatherings. It helps us get better acquainted. In an effort to keep our name tag board looking good, we suggest those who have name tags with a white lanyard tuck it into your name tag when returning it to the board.

OUUF Bulletin Board

The Membership Committee is sponsoring an OUUF bulletin board update and would like to take photos of members and friends who would consent to having their photo and name appear around the perimeter of the board. The purpose of the board is to showcase the membership, beliefs and committee work of our Fellowship. "OUUF: Who We Are, What We Believe, What We Do" would appear across the top.

Members of the Committee will invite you to have your photo taken on Sundays, beginning this Easter, before or after the service. We will use our phone cameras and take an upper body photo. We invite you to participate and be recognized as a friend or member of this special Fellowship.

Committees will be showcasing their work as well. This project is an update of similar bulletin boards that have been created in the past.

Friendship Garden

As before, the Friendship Garden is available for members and friends for use. We have established a Spring cleaning schedule and encourage you to use the garden. A rental agreement is required to reserve the garden for non-OUUF members. Contact the OUUF Admin olympicuuf@outlook.com to reserve the garden.

Mariner Café

Let's Eat!
Mariner Café in Sequim has graciously welcomed our OUUF "Lunch/Brunch Bunch" back.
We're happy to be able to resume our First and Third Tuesday gatherings there!
Our initial Lunch/Brunch will be on Tuesday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. The next one will be on Tuesday, April 16.
It's a wonderful way to chat and stay in contact with each other. Hope you can come!

Homecoming Service

Help us plan our Homecoming Service and/or our New Members Class.
Patty Eaton, Ken Nielson, and Emily Beals of the newly reorganized Membership Committee are extending an invitation to friends and members of OUUF to help plan a joyful Homecoming Service and an exciting New Members Class. This has a commitment of several months and you can join one or both projects. We look forward to creating vibrant community at OUUF. Meeting date: March 27, 11:00 - 12:20 at the Fellowship. Respond to ejbn@aol.com.

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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: Latest Care Team Update 3/5/2024

- Joyce Estep
- Dani Casey
- Joyce Ryba
- John Toppenberg

Weekly Newsletter

The OUUF newsletter will be sent out by Wednesday of each week. Entries for the following week are due **by 5pm Monday.** Email all entries to olympicuuf@outlook.com. ***Please indicate "Newsletter" in the subject line or your submission may not make it into the newsletter for the week intended.*** We reserve the right to edit your submission for clarity and brevity (including altering its content, length, and grammar). Your submission may appear as a link to a document. Newsletter Publication Policy (in work)

Words to Live By
From George Will

"*People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of their character.*"
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Event Calendar

Mar 31-Apr 6, 2024

To get details of the events below, visit the OUUF Website and select Events from the menu bar.

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Sunday Service 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Potluck 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm OUUF Chess Club	9:30 am - 10:30 am Dance Exercise Class	11:00 am - 12:00 pm OUUF Lunch Bunch	9:30 am - 10:30 am Dance Exercise Class 10:45 am - 11:45 am Tai Ji Quan		11:30 am - 1:30 pm Art Session 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm NA Meeting	9:30 am - 2:00 pm North Olympic Shuttle and Spindle Guild

Member & Friends Bulletin Board

OUUF Trade Referrals

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

Re-homing/Marketplace

Submitted by Dianne Whitaker

Re-home items

Do you have items in your home that are taking up space and gathering dust, because you no longer use them? Re-home them to someone who can use them.
Send your name, the name of the item, and your contact information to me at diannewhit@aol.com, and will submit the items to the Weekly Newsletter each Monday.

Other Announcements

New housing arrangement needed
A quiet, mature woman seeks housing starting June 1. Lisa Driscoll has a mellow companion dog, which you might have seen at UU service. Open to diverse living arrangements, such as mother-in-law suite, apartment, room, or small house. She has minimal possessions and respects people's need for personal space and quiet, but also enjoys conversation. Two Sequim landlords happy to vouch for Lisa and Ziggy. She is happy to discuss possibilities. Call Lisa Driscoll at 505-266-6404 or email lisadric@gmail.com.

Trader Joe's Aloe Vera Juice

Three unopened 1-gallon containers to give away. Call Katherine Wieseman 360-775-6373.

Ducks

Christina Parker has four beautiful male runner ducks we are looking to rehome or trade for a female or two. The drakes are 10 months old, friendly, and healthy. They are a mix of green, white, and black. Please call Christina Parker at 812-340-1349.

Funding Opportunity

Walter Clark, a Sequim area Realtor and Broker, will donate to OUUF 10% of his profits from the sale of property from a referral from OUUF Members or their friends.

Contact Walter Clark at 360 797 3653
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