

OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (OUUF)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | MAY 19-25, 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

May 19, 2024 | 11:00am
Attend In-Person or on Zoom*
Guest Speaker: Phoenix Biggs



Sermon Title & Description:

Content Warning: This sermon discusses suicide.

Singing of Honor and Glory

Drawing inspiration from Revelation 5:13, where every creature in heaven and on earth proclaims praise and honor to the Lamb, and Judges 5:4-5, which speaks of the righteous singing to the Lord, this sermon invites us to explore the profound connection between worship and divine glory. In a world filled with turmoil, we'll uncover the power of song as a spiritual weapon and a path to unity. We'll delve into the eternal anthem echoing through the heavens and its relevance in our lives today.

Speaker Bio: Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs is a Queer, BIPOC, nonbinary person who uses they/them pronouns. Phoenix is a seminarian and aspiring Public Theologian serving as a two-year part-time intern minister for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg, VA. Owning both the Christian faith and the African spiritualities of their ancestors, Phoenix is grounded in Unitarian Universalist faith communities by choice. When Phoenix is not working or studying, they love being out in nature, traveling, eating good vegan/vegetarian food, and all things theater.

Service Leader: Bob Nuffer

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

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 923 0017 5416

Passcode: OUUF2020

Children's Religious Exploration, Lesson plan by Christine Parker

5/19/2024 Circle of Trees: Council Among the Trees, Workshop 7, PART 2

This week's workshop is broken into 2 parts over the next couple of weeks. This week the group will be reconnecting with their nature spirit from last week and walking through the Gateway to become a Council Among the Trees.

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OUUF Bylaws: Purpose

The purpose of this Fellowship is, in a collaborative manner, to nurture, affirm and celebrate the individual's personal authority in matters of conscience and belief; to uphold the universal community of people; to promote social justice; to provide opportunities for the spiritual renewal of the inner self; to follow the paths of truth and wisdom wherever they may lead; and to provide philosophical, religious, and ethical instruction.



Kid's Night Out! - May 21st

You're invited to our Kid's Night Out: All Ages Glow Stick Party on May 21st from 5pm-7pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving dinner (sandwiches, salad, apple slices, and edamame), and providing glow sticks, dance music, and fun lighting to party on. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Christina at 812-340-1349 to RSVP or ask questions.

Highway 101 Cleanup News

Thanks go to Emily and Ben Beals for stepping up to co-lead the OUUF Highway Cleanup group with George and Jolie Will. Our next highway clean-up will occur on May 18, 2024, from 9:30-11:30am. We will meet/park on River Road, just south of the overpass. We have vests, a few "grabber sticks" and garbage bags. If you have your own grabber stick, please bring that (the short ones are the best). Dress for the weather including gloves; you will be walking in tall grass (could be wet). Please call/text/email [Jolie Will](#) if you have questions: 360-808-5690.

Potluck

Sunday, May 19, is the OUUF Potluck after Sunday Services.



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! The next one will be on Tuesday, May 21. It's a wonderful way to chat and stay in contact with each other. Hope you can come!

Plant Sale to Benefit Rain Garden

There are a few tomato and perennial onion starts left after last week. Let me know if you'd like some for your garden. "Mountain Merit," "Jaune Flamme," and "Oregon Star" tomatoes and "Dakota Winter" perennial onions. All proceeds go to buy more rain garden plants this fall to finish. Contact Cyndi Ross for more info. 360-928-5482.

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Membership Committee

This coming Sunday, May 19, we will welcome Signe Johnson and Deborah Homan into our Fellowship in our 'Welcome New Members Ceremony,' which will take place just after the Service Leader welcomes visitors at the beginning of the service. This will be an opportunity to officially recognize those who are making a membership commitment to this Fellowship and acknowledge our commitment to them as well. In the words of the UU theologian James Luther-Adams, "We do not walk through the doors of any congregation to find a perfect group of people, but rather, "Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human."

Picnic and Barbecue, June 30, Noon to 4pm

The Sunday Services Committee has agreed to try a new Summer event on the fifth Sunday of June, the 30th. Like some of our UUA Churches that do special Summer events on Sunday, we will have our planned Picnic/BBQ social event on Sunday instead of Saturday. There will be food and games and music and a few words from church leaders but no service. Does it sound like fun? We plan to make it memorable.



Thank you, Sig Johnson and Rose Prestipino

Contemplative Services

The Contemplative Services are led by Diane Hill-Dwyer with Harmony Rutter leading the singing. The services will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 4th
- Tuesday, July 2nd
- Tuesday, August 6th
- Tuesday, Sept. 3rd



Outdoor Games - Bocce

The Monday afternoon pool group has changed back to outdoor games. We will meet at Carrie Blake Park at 1:00 pm on Mondays to play bocce ball and shuffleboard. The bocce ball and shuffleboard courts are near the exit road that leads out to N. Rhodefer Road. For more information, contact Cynthia at (360) 460-6596 or [email her](#).

Thank you, Cynthia Green

Board News

We thank Julia Buggy for her time on the Board and bid her Goodbye as she cares for her family and business, but she is still with us at the Fellowship.

We welcome Dave Large, who has agreed to finish out this year as a member of the board. He brings with him Board experience and many skills including building skills. Thank you, Rose Prestipino

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Green Sanctuary

Our May 12, OUUF Climate Forum featured Dr. Nick Bond, who spoke about the changing climate of the Northwest and what to expect from weather events of the future, did not disappoint. Almost 40 attendees heard predictions, based on the latest scientific research, of our climate becoming drier, windier, and hotter, accompanied by sea level rise in many areas.



There are actions that everyday folks can and must take to ensure that we have a livable future. Google Western Washington Environmental Speaker Series for an upcoming May 16 zoom forum, entitled "Building a Transparent Earth for a Safer Tomorrow."

Take Action – the Election is coming!!



Next OUUF Sunday Forum: June 2, 2024, after service and on Zoom from 12:20pm – 1:20 pm. Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed July 17, 2024. What can you do? Helpful information on how to work on the election will be given. County Commissioner Mark Ozias will be present as part of the program. More details are coming. Florence Bucierka will be coordinating.



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, Cynthia Green. Send an email to Cynthia or text 360-460-6596.

Please click the link below for the latest Care Team updates: [Latest Care Team Update 4/23/2024](#)

Weekly Inspiration From UUA

The UUA General Assembly is All-Virtual in 2024. Here's How to Participate.

GA, set to take place in June, incorporates a few changes intended to boost inclusivity and promote connection among UUs.

[Read the Article](#)



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OOUF Member Roster – Please read

When a person becomes a member of OOUF, their information is added to the Membership Roster. This includes your name, and may include your address, phone number, and email. Any OOUF member or employee is able to request a copy of the roster. If you would like to have your information redacted from the roster that is distributed, contact the OOUF [Administrator](#).

Weekly Newsletter



The OOUF newsletter will be sent out by Wednesday of each week. Entries for the following week are due **by 5pm Monday**. Email all entries to the [Administrator](#). **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).

Event Calendar

May 19-25, 2024

To get details of the events below, visit the [OOUF Website](#) and select [Events](#) from the menu bar.

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Sunday Service	9:30 am - 10:30 am Dance Exercise Class	11:00 am - 12:00 pm OOUF Lunch Bunch	7:00 am Landscape Mowing and Trimming	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Congregation Olympic B'Nai Shalom Havurah (COBSH) – Speakers	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm NA Meeting	
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Potluck	10:45 am - 11:45 am Tai Ji Quan	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Kid's Night Out: All Ages Glow Stick Party 2	9:30 am - 10:30 am Dance Exercise Class			
	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Bocce Ball – Carrie Blake Park		10:45 am - 11:45 am Tai Ji Quan			
	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm NA Administrative Meeting		1:30 pm - 8:30 pm Red Ribbon Dinner			
			7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Evening Men's Group on Zoom			

Member & Friends Bulletin Board

OOUF Trade Referrals

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

Re-homing/Marketplace

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-home them to someone who can use them. Send your name, the name of the item, and your contact information to [Dianne Whitaker](#) and Dianne will submit the items to the Weekly Newsletter each Monday.

Need Paint?

Get a \$100 certificate from Ace Hardware for paint for only \$50. They carry Valspar, Benjamin Moore, Clark +Kensington, Magnolia Home, and Amy Howard. Call Carol Hess Davis at 360-6873-5871.

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.

OOUF Resident Artist Exhibit

Our resident artist Tom Massey will be the featured artist for May at the One-of-a-Kind art gallery. Stop by to check out his art work at the Wharf building in Port Angeles. Hours are 11am to 8:30pm.

Lost

A pair of black leather gloves at the April 28th Sunday Service. If you found them, please email [Diane Hill Dwyer](#).

Other Announcements

Free Plants

Geri Napier has Raspberry Shortcake thornless bush starts available for anyone who is willing to come by and dig them up. Contact Geri by my [email](#) or phone (360-477-4269).

Dream Playground volunteers & tools needed

The Dream Playground needs volunteer for evening shifts during the week of the community build, May 15 through 19. The Dream Playground also needs tools for the Community Build in May.

Sign up here to volunteer or provide tools: <https://tinyurl.com/dreamplayground>.

Thank you, Julia Buggy