

OLYMPIC UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (OUUF)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | MAY 5-11, 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 5, 2024 | 11:00am

Attend In-Person or on Zoom*

Guest Speaker: Dianne Whitaker

Sermon Title & Description: History of Universalism. In 2015 Daniel Whitaker gave a 4-part series of the history. This will be an amended compilation of those presentations. Daniel left us April 30, 2020. He became a Universalist in college, growing up with his mother, southern Baptist minister father, a sister and 4 brothers. He considered himself a Universalist Christian. Dianne, who grew up in an American Baptist home, became a UU when she and Dan married in 1990.



Speaker Bio: I live in Sequim with Tux, my cat. I have been a member of OUUF for over 20 years. I have previously served on the board of trustees as Secretary, Vice President, and President. I am a member of several of our OUUF committees, including the Caring Committee, the Membership Committee, the Sunday Services Committee, and the Tech Committee. I am a stocker and the scheduler for our Little Free Pantry. I am a proud member of OUUF and guilty of proselytizing about us at times.

Service Leader: Cynthia Green

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

Zoom Link – **New Zoom Information**

<https://zoom.us/j/92300175416?pwd=Wm1GUUZpMHgrZzRvS3A0aINQaXNrZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 0017 5416

Passcode: OUUF2020

Children's Religious Exploration, Lesson plan by Christine Parker

May 5th - Circle of Trees: [Council Among the Trees](#), Workshop 6, PART 2

This week's workshop is part 2. This week we will be reforming our Council Among the Trees, followed by discovering how they can be an ally for our forests.

Announcements, Events, Committee News, and Things of Interest

Update on the Little Free Pantry

Many of you may have already heard that the Little Free Pantry was the victim of a theft on the night of Sunday, April 22. In a spirit of transparency, we want to share the relevant facts.

The thief came prepared with bolt cutters and used them to cut through the chains securing one of our dry boxes. In addition to the dry box, the thief took all of the remaining food as well as the cooler's ice pack. It was quite a shock to the stockers who discovered the theft!

We have been very distressed by this incident but have absolutely no reason to think it was done by a pantry user, nor even someone who lives in the area. And we remind ourselves that this is the first serious problem we have experienced in almost four years of operation. This event can't be compared to the many users who have been respectful and appreciative of our pantry!

Nevertheless, we have already taken steps to make the dry boxes even more secure and will take additional steps in the near future to provide extra security for the Little Fee Pantry storage building (AKA the Bucierka Social Justice Building). We hate to spend money we would otherwise use to purchase food on these measures, but we want to do everything possible to prevent any further theft.

Your contributions to the pantry are always gratefully received, but they would be particularly welcome now – not only because of the extra money, but because your expressions of support would provide a gesture of support to those of us who make the pantry work every day.



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.

It's Time to Plant OUUF's Native Garden!

When: Sunday, May 5, after the service

Where: the empty garden patch facing Barr Road

What to bring: native plants or seeds, and a trowel (if you have one)

Extra plants and tools will be on hand. Come one, come all!

We'll reschedule if it rains.

Emily Beals



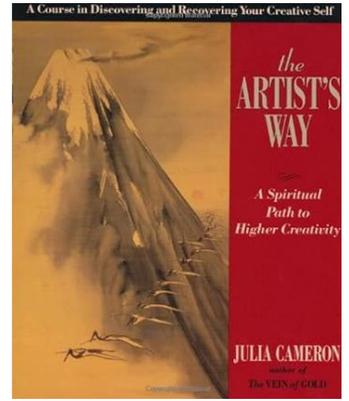
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Field Trip to the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center

Let's enjoy one another's company while checking out some local talent at a lovely gallery on a hill. We will also be walking around Webster's Woods afterwards (adjacent to the gallery/art center), which is an easy meander in a sculpture-filled woods. Bring your sketch book and favorite drawing implements. Afterwards, we'll have some lunch at a restaurant of our choosing.

Julia Cameron, in her seminal "The Artist's Way" speaks of the soul's need to "stock the well" and feed the soul creative input. This will be our goal in mind on Friday, May 3rd. Meet at the sanctuary to carpool at 10:30am or meet us in Port Angeles at the art center at 11am. The center is located at 1203 E. Lauridson Blvd. They open at 11 am.

Questions can be directed to [Edie](#).



Barbara Wieseman in a Celebration of Life

My sisters and I (Katherine Wieseman) invite you, especially those of you who knew her as a member of OUUF, to join us in remembering and honoring our mother Barbara Wieseman in a Celebration of Her Life on May 7, 2024, starting 11:00 AM Pacific. As May 7th is her birthday, we'll have 96 candles and plan to sing her happy birthday (with cake) toward the end of the celebration. Wherever her spirit is, I am sure that she will be chuckling and singing with us.

To help us with organization please let us know if you will attend via ZOOM (meeting information at the end of the email) or in person (we're planning refreshments of some of her favorite foods organized by cuisine and segment of her life).

You can write directly to me [Katherine Wieseman](#). Thanks in advance.

Barbara's obituary is now available globally from <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/peninsuladailynews/name/barbara-wieseman-obituary?id=54709675> We hope you enjoy reading it and learning more about this amazing woman. As we researched and wrote, we learned so much about times in her life before we entered as her daughters.



Zoom Meeting – click on link below to enter:

<https://zoom.us/j/93444258028?pwd=TGdNVXRbVEEwZXlnRnVcU01hSXVTZz09>

OR go to the ZOOM webpage for your country and enter the meeting ID and Passcode.

Meeting ID: 934 4425 8028

Passcode: 426787

In the USA the zoom webpage is <https://zoom.us/>

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Highway 101 Cleanup Team

The Highway 101 Cleanup Team needs your participation!! George and Jolie Will would like to share leadership responsibilities for OUUF Highway Cleanup team, which currently cleans up once a quarter for two hours. Our area is 1/2 mile east and west of River Road. If we get one partner, this would only be twice a year; if more want to help, the commitment for coordinating would be even less. Please consider this meaningful work and contact us if you have questions or would like to join our effort to keep our highway beautiful.

George: 360-808-3800; Jolie: 360-808-5690.

Membership Committee Invitation

The OUUF Membership Committee invites anyone who wants to know more about our UU liberal religion, to ask questions about OUUF, or ask about membership is invited to join us for a "Questions and Answers Chat on Fridays." We go to a favorite coffee shop and have lively conversations. We find a different day if Fridays don't work. We also get to know each other a little better.

Contact [Jean Stratton](#) or [Emily Beals](#).

Green Sanctuary



For May, our Climate Forum will be the 2nd Sunday beginning 12:20 - 1:30. Our speaker is Dr. Nick Bond, a principal research scientist with the Climate

Impacts Group (CIG) of the University of Washington. He will be speaking about the past, present and future climate of the Pacific NW with a focus on its impacts on the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. The types include heat waves, cold snaps, droughts, river and coastal flooding and wind storms.



Dr. Bond is a principal research scientist with the Climate Impacts Group of the UW. He has been the climatologist for the state of Washington from 2010 - 2024.

This Forum will follow the service. We encourage all who live on the Oly Peninsula to attend. Tell your friends. This is information we all need to know to be resilient and adaptive in the reality of our changing climate.

Sunday Collection Coordinator

We need a second coordinator for Sunday collection duties. There are a number of willing people, and we just need an organizer-type person who is a member. Our first coordinator is in recovery mode but will likely return before long. Having two coordinators would be optimal and would make it easier for both!

Thank you, Rose Prestipino

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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. So, take May 25th off your calendar and add June 30th. Mark your calendars now for this event!

Thank you,
Sig Johnson and Rose Prestipino

Contemplative Services

The first Contemplative Service of this season will be held on the first Tuesday of May. The services are led by Diane Hill-Dwyer with Harmony Rutter leading the singing. The theme for May is 'Hope.' 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, May 7th
- 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



Green Sanctuary - Films

This is happening February thru May 2024 & November 2024 thru May 2025, at The Fort Worden Commons, 210 Battery Way, Fort Worden, Port Townsend. 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.



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](#)

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Words to Live by From George Will

"If you can't feed one hundred people, then just feed one." Mother Teresa

If one hundred of us feed just one hungry person each, a hundred people will be fed.
What can I do today- even one small thing- to help someone in need?

George Will

Weekly Inspiration From UUA

[Shifting Perspective](#)

By Kat Liu

When I remember to orient myself within the bigger picture, it recalibrates my perspective.



Silent Auction 2024

LOOKING FOR A SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY? Last year's silent auction was a lot of fun and raised over \$2000 – a great amount for our first effort. Another auction is planned for this year – bigger, more varied items, and even more fun! There is a lot to do to make that happen, and if you'd like to share your ideas and help create this event, contact Vicki Sensiba at (360) 683-8914 or [email her](#).

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 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 5-11, 2024

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

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday Service

6

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Dance Exercise Class

10:45 am - 11:45 am
Tai Ji Quan

7

9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Barbara Wieseman
Memorial

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
OUUF Lunch Bunch

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
5 Contemplative
Services

8

7:00 am
Landscape Mowing
and Trimming

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Dance Exercise Class

10:45 am - 11:45 am
Tai Ji Quan

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6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
NA Meeting

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2:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Congregation Olympic
B'Nai Shalom Havurah
(COBSH)

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

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.

OUUF 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

If anyone finds a stainless-steel kitchen compost canister that was left out front of the Fellowship on Sunday, 4/28/2024, please text Julia @ 360-809-071 or email [her](#)

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).

New class starting

Tai Ji Quan, Moving for Better Balance, will begin a new session on April 29. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:45am - 11:45am for 24 weeks. Classes are free for anyone over 60 Thanks to a grant from Olympic Area Agency on Aging. Preregistration is required. Please call to register or with questions - Peggy 760-518-4181 or Marsha 360-683-4712.

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](#) her.

Member & Friends Bulletin Board

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