

NEWCOMER NEWS



Olympia
Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation

April 2025



We focus on a different theme each month, and April's theme is "Joy". Join us all month to explore this theme in worship.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

This is a special monthly newsletter that shares what is happening here at OUUC for those who are new. We are trying to avoid insider language and assumptions here, if anything doesn't make sense please let us know.

We are also happy to chat with you in general. Feel free to reach out:

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HOW WE PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION



OUUC puts our values and faith into action in multiple ways. This month you can learn about some of these ways in upcoming forums:

Sunday April 6th at 12:15pm "Know Your Rights Training" As an after-service forum, Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance will offer Know Your Rights training at OUUC. We'll learn who's at risk under the new regime and how to assert the rights we and immigrants have when encountering deportation action. We'll also talk about actions we can take against mass deportation.

Sunday April 13th at 12:15pm we will hear from guest Meg Martin from Interfaith Works about ways that we can support their work with the unhoused.

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EASTER

Unitarian Universalism honors many sources of inspiration and wisdom and has roots in Christianity. Easter is explored as a story of mystery, renewal, resistance to empire, and more, and Jesus is seen as a teacher, prophet, healer, and source of wisdom. Come to explore and worship with us on Easter on April 20th.

There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt and treats for children at noon!



FAITH IN ACTION

We have many more ways that we put our faith into action, such as service teams, showing up together for events, and action hour lists, learn more on our website or contact Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

<https://www.ouuc.org/act/current-justice-efforts/>

NEW UU/NEW MEMBER CLASS

We hold a class for newcomers to learn more about OUUC and Unitarian Universalism on Sundays 2pm-3:30pm. All are welcome to join us, RSVP's are encouraged: Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

Upcoming Topics of the Classes:

4/6 Pastoral Care

4/13 Connections and Communication

4/20: No Class

4/27 Stewardship and Membership

5/4 Q&A with Minister (final class)



COME EAT WITH US FOR FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

A great way to get to know us is to come to one of our weekly dinners. We put on a dinner on Thursday evening almost every week, 5:30pm. All are welcome, it's not a potluck, just come!

We have many activities after dinner: spiritual practice groups, a kids class, game nights on the 2nd Thurs of the month, and more.

Menu Plans:

4/3 Rice Bowls

4/10 Polenta

4/17 Southwest Rice Bowls

4/24 Take Over by the Environmental Action Team

Questions? Email Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org