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OUUC's Weekly Update

Please Note: Deadline for submitting announcements is 11:00 am Tuesday mornings.
We are trying a new weekly update format, thank you for your patience!



SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 29

“Critiquing Independence” with Rev. Michael Walker

Unitarian Universalist theology has often been described as 7 principles representing a great, marble temple, with the roof held up by three pillars. The pillars were the three of our principles about WHAT we do, while the remaining principles, pictured as the roof, were HOW we do it. The supporting pillars, the foundation of UU faith, were Respecting the Inherent Worth and Dignity of all People, Affirming Every Person's Right to a Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning, and finally, Respecting the Interdependent Web of All Existence, of which We are a Part. As we approach the Fourth of July, Independence Day, Rev. Mike looks at the concept of independence through the lens of UU faith, and especially our UU Principle regarding interdependence.

No more After-Service Forums until September — Happy Summer!

[Click Here for the Sunday Schedule](#)



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Join Us on Zoom at
9:00am & 10:45am

Join Us on YouTube at
10:45am

Come and Sing with Me
with Troy Arnold Fisher and the OUUC Choir



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June 22th
9 am (onsite only) / 10:45 am (onsite & online)
No After-Service Forums for the Summer

Last Sunday's Events

Come enjoy an All-Music Service with the talents of our wonderful choir, under the direction of Troy Arnold Fisher.

[Watch the service here](#)

[Find order of service here](#)

This Week



Nature Group at Tolmie State Park

Saturday, June 28 10:00 am

All are welcome to join Rev Sara and Anissa for nature and gentle walking at Tolmie State Park. A Discover Pass is needed for parking.

RSVP to Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org



Help Remove Invasive Plants on the Grounds

Saturday, June 28 10:00 am

Join the Environmental Action Team to remove invasive plants on the OUUC grounds. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10am-noon, starting June 28 through September. Bring water, sunscreen, garden gloves and weeding utensils.

Contact John Crutcher for more information at olywash@gmail.com



Capital City Pride Parade

Sunday, June 29 10:00 am

Save the date to march with OUUC in the Capitol City Pride Parade. Wear your yellow Side with Love T Shirts! RSVP to Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org



Pastoral Care Spaces for Trans UU's

Tuesday, July 1 4:00 pm

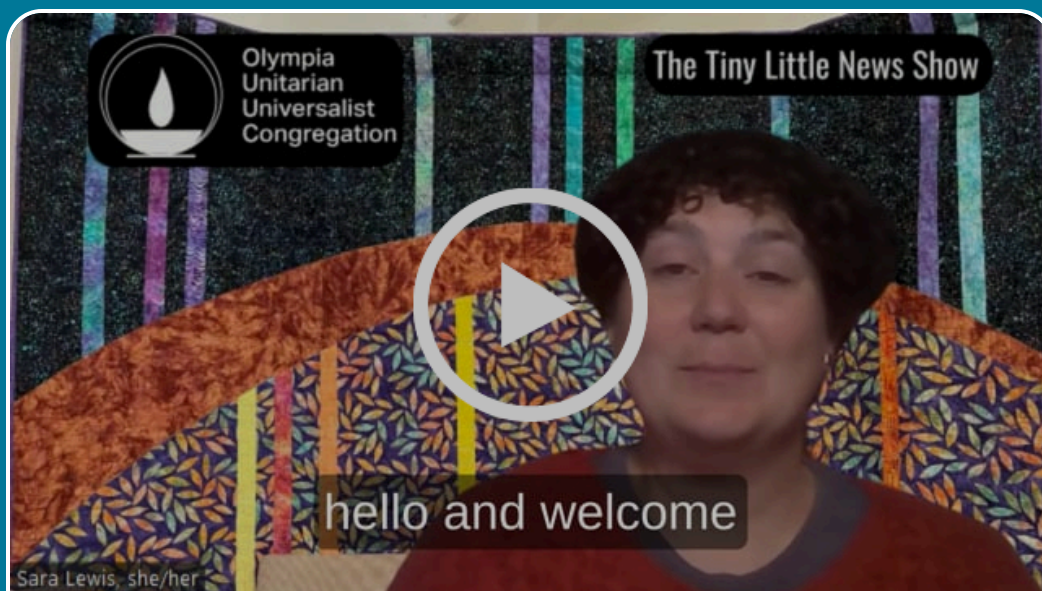
An open space for ALL Trans/Nonbinary/Intersex UUs —across roles, regions, and generations—to come together in care, witness, and solidarity. TRUU'sT is offering virtual pastoral care spaces to support our communities in this time of heightened vulnerability and collective resistance. These are opportunities to be witnessed in your truth, connect with others who understand, and be reminded of your sacredness in the face of injustice. [Click Here to Register](#)



Quick Faith in Actions

Week of June 22

Click here for quick actions you can do from home this week!



Tiny Little News Show

JUNE 22

In this week's Tiny Little News learn about this year's General Assembly of the UUA and the upcoming events at OUUC this week

Ministry Programs



Join the Books, Brownies & Beans Team!

Every year the Book Sale Team plans and puts on the annual Books, Brownies & Beans fundraiser event—scheduled for this year on October 24 and 25.

Contact Pam Davidson to join the team!

Seeking a brigade of people for a wide variety of tasks:

- ✓ Weekly planning meetings beginning in July
- ✓ Book sorters and/or haulers several weeks before the sale
- ✓ A larger cadre of book lovers to set up the sale
- ✓ An army of amazing volunteers to launch and manage the two-day sale, including cashiers, coffee and brownie purveyors, book organizers, music providers and other important positions
- ✓ A group of unsung heroes to "tear down" the entire book sale set-up and prepare the church for Sunday morning service.



Seeking Co-coordinators for the OUUC Book Group

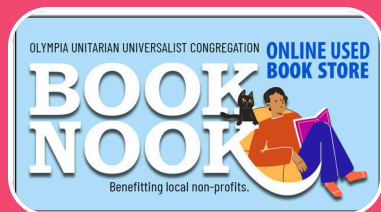
OUUC has had a book group for reading mostly fiction for many years, and this group will meet on the 2nd Thursdays at 6:30 starting in September. Coordinator



Frances Tanaka is seeking one or two co-coordinators to work with her to renew this book group. Please contact Frances if you would like to help.

Seeking Facilitators for Soul Matters Groups Next Year

Soul Matters groups are small groups of about 10 who meet monthly to explore the spiritual theme of the month through discussion questions. We are seeking facilitators for the new groups that will form and run September - June. Please contact Rev. Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org if you are interested in leading a group.



Shop Book Nook to Fight Food Insecurity

OUUC's new Book Nook online used book store for all Olympia-area shoppers is NOW OPEN '24/7' on an ongoing basis at www.books-ouuc.com. Shop & pay online, then pick up your paid orders in Olympia. All proceeds will be lovingly passed on to the Thurston County Food Bank, where our support is needed to keep the shelves stocked and the lights on! New items are added to Book Nook frequently, as community book donations are received. So, visit Book Nook often for great reading, viewing, and gift ideas - and let's help feed some families! For more information about shopping at and donating books for Book Nook check out its OUUC webpage and Book Nook's FAQ page.



*A Neighbor's
Independence
Depends On You*

Faith in Action Opportunities in June!

There are so many ways to show up, speak out, or lend support for our values in the world this month, find many of them organized here- click the button below!

June Faith in Action Opportunities

Quick Notes



Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship for youth ages 14-23 - deadline June 30

The Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation manages the Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship (MYPF), a year-long Fellowship that includes grants of \$500 for high school and college youth to work on nonviolent social change projects of their choice, plus receive training and support.

Applications for 2025-26 are open until June 30. [More information here.](#)



Marie Arensmeyer: New Title, New Email

We're delighted to share that Marie will continue to keep our space beautiful and welcoming under the new title of Sexton!

The word "Sexton" comes from the old term "sacristan", meaning "keeper of sacred things" - how perfect is that?

Please note Marie's email has changed to Sexton@ouuc.org.

We are all grateful for Marie's continued service to the community!

SWIFT Passports Update

Thanks to the special donations at our last auction, OUUC sent \$15,000 to Mi Chiantla to buy passports for American citizen children of undocumented residents. Carlos Mejia, Director of Mi Chiantla, informed us that he has already paid for 28 passports. This will provide some peace of mind for those families who may be torn apart at any time. Thank you to OUUC for your generosity!! Steve Tilley



[Donate To OUUC Online](#)

Save The Date

OUUC Parent Group
Thursday 7/3 6pm
**at Percival Landing
Playground**



Parent Group at Percival Landing Playground

Thursday, July 3 6:00 pm

Parents and caregivers of kids of any age are invited to attend the parent group for community building and mutual support. This month we meet at Percival Landing Playground.

**NO ONE
DESERVES TO GO
HUNGRY**

Put yourself in the shoes of people who constantly live in hunger and don't know when their next meal is going to come. Food shouldn't be a privilege. Action is needed!

-Siena P
Tucson Az



No One Deserves to Go Hungry

Postcard Writing Party

Sunday, July 6 12:15 pm

Join Rev. Sara to write postcards will be delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture reminding them of the truth that no one deserves to go hungry. A light lunch

will be served as we work together to write postcards.
Bring a favorite writing pen if you like.



Our Whole Lives Summer Camp for 4th-6th Grade

Monday July 7 – Friday July 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Our Whole Lives is a holistic and developmentally appropriate sexuality education program. We are offering the program for 4th-6th grade this summer as a week long summer camp.

Pay what you can program, registration is open now.

[Click Here To Register](#)



Chalice Camp: Democracy Kids for ages 5 – 11

Monday July 14 – Friday July 18, 9:00am – 3:00pm

We will explore how we can live in community based on shared values of mutual care, inclusion, and democratic decision making. Each day in camp there will be opportunities for: arts and crafts, movement and music, snacks, meditation, stories & outdoor play. Pay what you can program, registration is open now.

[Click Here To Register](#)

[View full calendar](#)

Click the preview image below to download a flyer with a list of OUUC events for June. Great for posting on your refrigerator! Looking for more upcoming events? Go to the OUUC Calendar.



June Events

SUNDAY EVENTS

WORSHIP:

9am: in-person only
10:45: in-person, Zoom
and on Youtube

1st "On Freedom" RevMary and others

8th "Celebrating Community"
(Flower Communion), Rev Mary

15th with Dieter Jacobs

22nd Music Service with Troy Fisher
& The OUUC Choir

29th with Rev. Michael Walker

FORUMS at 12:15pm

1st Deep DiveBudget Expo
in-person, Zoom and on Youtube

8th OUUC Annual Congregational Meeting
in-person & Zoom ONLY
(No Youtube Streaming)



These will be the last forums before summer break. Forums will resume in September.

OTHER SUNDAY EVENTS

15th

12:15 pm: Generation X, Y, Z Lunch

7:00 pm: Choir Concert

22nd

12:30 pm: 4-6th OWL Parent Orientation



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THURSDAY EVENTS

WEEKLY DINNER

at 5:30pm

5th Eat The Rainbow

12th That's a Wrap!

The 12th will be the last community dinner before summer break.

EVENTS at 6:30pm

5th

Sit & Stitch, Parent Group

12th

All Ages Neighborhood Games

EVERY Thursday in June
Buddhist Sangha

OTHER EVENTS

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

Every Saturday 10a Voice Class

2nd at 4:30p Death Cafe

18th - 22nd UUA General Assembly
(Online)

21st at 12:30 Sewing Ministry

24th at 6:30 Book Group

In The Larger Community



Reconciliation Vigil for Peace

Every Friday, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice invites you to show your support for Palestine each Friday from 4:30-6 pm at the Fellowship of Reconciliation Vigil for Peace Percival Landing in Downtown Olympia, 4th & Water Street.



Play Reading: KATRINA ULTREYA by Janet Spencer

Monday, June 30 6:30 pm

Janet Spencer's play, "KATRINA ULTREYA" is a play she wrote 19 years ago after the disaster in New Orleans. Janet's acting class is doing a reading of the play on June 30th at 6:30 in Temple Beth Hatfiloh. You are all invited to join as an audience member or a reader. If interested, just show up.

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