

Sunday Worship - July 27th

How We Do Family: Transgender Possibilities in 2025

with Trystan Reese

Trystan Reese is a transgender storyteller whose journey of love and resilience has delighted audiences worldwide. He'll be bringing that story to our congregation, and we are overjoyed to welcome him as he shares his experiences of transgender pregnancy and what it was like to carry that pregnancy publicly in 2017. Trystan is based in Portland, Oregon, where he writes, parents, and works with communities interested in fostering belonging and compassion.

Guest Speaker Bio: Trystan Reese is an award-winning author, facilitator, and coach focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion. He has been organizing with the trans community for nearly two decades, serving on the frontlines of this generation's most significant fights for LGBTQ+ justice. An accomplished storyteller, Trystan has toured with The Moth MainStage's renowned team; the video of his Brooklyn performance has garnered over 2.6 million views online, and his story was subsequently included in The Moth's 2024 anthology, A Point Of Beauty.



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

Join Online Zoom: Meeting ID 873 210 124 | Passcode 2306 Phone: +1 (253) 205-0468 YouTube: Watch Today's Service Livestream on YouTube

Last Sunday's Service

A Moral Document with Rev. Carol McKinley

On July 4th we celebrated the 249th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. How are the values of freedom and human dignity expressed in that document reflected in the values we honor in our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition?

Find Order of Service Here



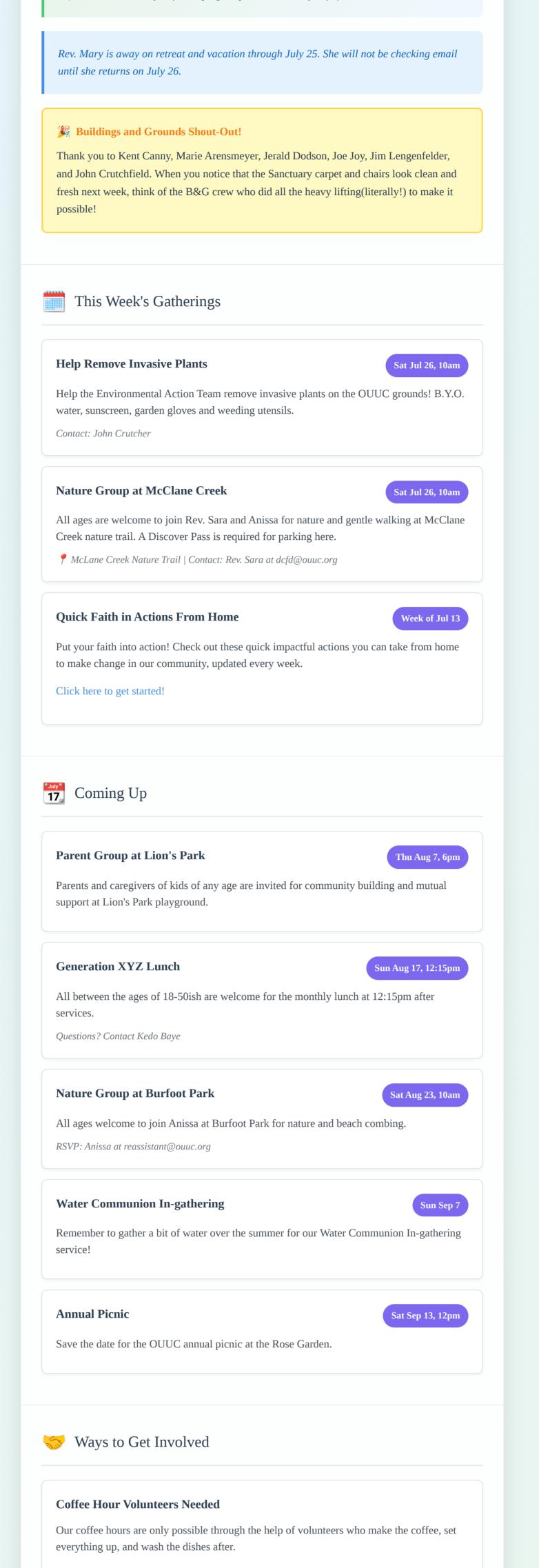
[Important Community Updates

1 Construction Ahead!

You may have noticed that the entire building is being painted, thanks to all of your financial support for our congregation! Building maintenance will continue through August 1st. If you're coming to the church outside of Sunday worship hours, *you may have to use different doors than normal* to get in and out due to painting, caulking, and other work. Additionally, we expect the roof repainting and repair to take place by the end of July or early August, so be alert when you're entering and exiting the premises!

Once again, thank you all for all you do to keep our church well-maintained and ready for the next generation of UUers!

One of our young ones has a severe peanut allergy and we are moving to become a peanut-free facility in response. This is one of the ways we take care of each other! Please do not bring any peanuts, peanut butter, or products that contain peanuts (including peanut oil) to OUUC. Thank you for helping keep our community safe for all.



Sign Up Here To Help

Book Group Co-coordinators

Frances Tanaka is seeking one or two co-coordinators to help renew OUUC's long-standing (mostly) fiction book group. Meetings will resume in September and continue every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please contact Frances if you would like to help.

Contact: Frances Tanaka

Soul Matters Group Facilitators

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 reach out if you are interested in leading a group.

Contact: Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

Join The Books, Brownies & Beans Team

Book Sale Team organizes the annual BBB fundraiser event scheduled this year on October 24 and 25. Seeking a brigade of people for a wide variety of tasks: Weekly planning meetings beginning in July, Book sorters & 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 and a group of unsung heroes to "tear down" the entire book sale set-up and prepare the church for Sunday morning service.

Contact: Pam Davidson

July Faith in Action Digest

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

Faith In Action Digest July 2025

Book Nook - Fight Food Insecurity

Book Nook, OUUC's new online used book store for all Olympia-area shoppers is now open 24/7 365 days a year! Shop/pay online and pick up 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. Visit Book Nook often for great reading, viewing, gift ideas, AND help feed families!

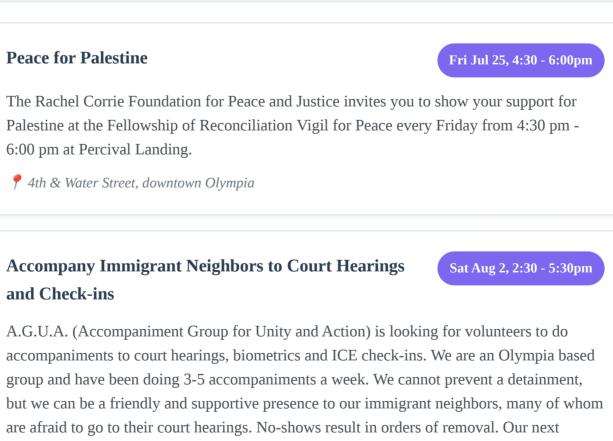


OUUC Side with Love Shirt

Get ready to represent OUUC and Side with Love at gatherings and justice events by ordering your yellow T-Shirt ahead of time!

Order Your T-shirt Now

Community Connections



training is Aug 2 2:30-5:30. We welcome new volunteers, especially Spanish speakers and/or those willing to drive to Seattle or Tukwila.

Click here to register for training.

📍 Olympia, WA | Contact: agua.of.oly@gmail.com

UU Ministry for Earth Common Read



with each other as we read along.

Sign up here to join the Common Read group email list.

The Woodlands: A Virtual Pastoral Care Program For Trans People Of All Ages



Sun Sept 7

The Woodlands is a new monthly virtual pastoral care program for trans people and their families, launching September 7, 2025. Open to all ages, each gathering includes a shared grounding ritual, identity-affirming breakout rooms, and a closing reflection. With spaces for trans adults, youth, and caregivers, The Woodlands offers a sacred, supportive environment to process grief, share joy, and build resilient community. Sessions are chaplain-led and will take place on the first Sunday of each month through May 2026.

Learn more here

Fort Worden Camping Trip



Let's go camping! Make connections in the congregation by sharing our love of nature, engaging in meaningful conversations, walking the trails and sitting around the campfire. Bring your tent, car, or RV- all are welcome! Sometimes we even rent cabins or yurts. Hike, bike, play board games, roast marshmallows, engage in other outdoor activities, or just hangout. Join us on our next trip to Fort Worden on September 22nd. Sites are limited, so make your reservations soon!

Contact: Rich Kalman

UU's Ministry For Earth Seeks Board Members

UU Ministry For Earth has open positions on our Board of Directors! Board Members help steer the organization forward and ensure a sound strategic outlook. We need all sorts of expertise in areas such as: general non-profit or business management, climate justice, HR, finance and bookkeeping! Serving on a Board is a great way to incorporate UU values into your life, including meeting UUs from across the country. Plus, it always feels good to learn new skills that you can use to contribute to your community! If you are unsure, reach out!

Learn More Here

Contact: Rev. Lauren Levwood

Contact & Hours

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9:00 am (in-person only) 10:45 am (in-person and online)

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