

# OUUC Weekly Update

July 29th, 2025

Announcement deadline: 11:00 am Tuesday mornings

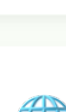
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## Sunday Worship - August 3rd

**Spirit of Life**

*with Rev. Mary Gear*

“Spirit of Life” is a much loved hymn by beloved Unitarian Universalist musician Carolyn McDade. What does this song tell us about how to live in these times?

**9:00 AM**

In-person only

**10:45 AM**

In-person & online

*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

How We Do Family: Transgender Possibilities in 2025 with Trystan Reese

*Trystan Reese is a transgender storyteller who came to share his journey of love and resilience with us. He speaks of his experiences of transgender pregnancy and what it was like to carry that pregnancy publicly in 2017.*

[Watch The Service Here](#)

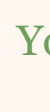
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## Important Community Updates



*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.*



*We have published up-to-date instructions for how to pledge at OUUC. Thank you for supporting the OUUC's community and its community partners. Working together, we increase the fullness and richness of our own lives and those of our neighbors and broader community. If you have any questions about pledging, please call the Office and Facilities Manager Ian Hammond Stephan at (360)634-2005 x103.*

You can view the intructions by clicking here



## This Week's Gatherings

### Quick Faith in Actions From Home

Week of Jul 27th

Put your faith into action! Check out these quick impactful actions you can take from home to make change in our community, updated every week.

[Click here to get started!](#)



## Coming Up

### Parent Group at Lion's Park

Thu Aug 7, 6pm

Parents and caregivers of kids of any age are invited for community building and mutual support at Lion's Park playground.

### Generation XYZ Lunch

Sun Aug 17, 12:15pm

All between the ages of 18-50ish are welcome for the monthly lunch at 12:15pm after services.

[The Commons](#) | Questions? Contact Kedo Baye

### Nature Group at Burfoot Park

Sat Aug 23, 10am

All ages welcome to join Anissa at Burfoot Park for nature and beach combing.

[Burfoot Park](#) | RSVP: Anissa at [reassitant@ouuc.org](mailto:reassitant@ouuc.org)

### Water Communion In-gathering

Sun Sep 7

Remember to gather a bit of water over the summer for our Water Communion In-gathering service!

### Annual Picnic

Sat Sep 13, 12pm

Save the date for the OUUC annual picnic at the Rose Garden.

[Rose Garden Shelter at Squaxin Park](#)



## Ways to Get Involved

### August 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 August 2025](#)

### Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Our coffee hours are only possible through the help of volunteers who make the coffee, set everything up, and wash the dishes after.

[Sign Up Here To Help](#)

### 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](mailto:dcfd@ouuc.org)

### 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!

[Shop Now](#)

[FAQ](#)

[Learn More](#)

### 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

### Fellowship of Reconciliation Vigil for Peace

Fri Aug 1, 4:30 - 6:00pm

The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice invites you to show your support for Palestine at the Fellowship of Reconciliation Vigil for Peace every Friday from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at Percival Landing.

[4th & Water Street, downtown Olympia](#)

### Accompany Immigrant Neighbors to Court Hearings and Check-ins

Sat Aug 2, 2:30 - 5:30pm

A.G.U.A. (Accompaniment Group for Unity and Action) is looking for volunteers to do accompaniments to court hearings, biometrics and ICE check-ins. We are an Olympia based group and have been doing 3-5 accompaniments a week. We cannot prevent a detainment, but we can be a friendly and supportive presence to our immigrant neighbors, many of whom are afraid to go to their court hearings. No-shows result in orders of removal. Our next 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](mailto:agua.of.oly@gmail.com)

### UU Ministry for Earth Common Read

Sun Sept 7

The UU Ministry for Earth 2025-26 Common Read begins in September! We will be reading "What if We Get it Right?" by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson. We can't wait to look toward an imaginative future for climate justice with you!

We will be sending general reminders in our monthly newsletter and opportunities to connect 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

Sept 22 - 25

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 hang-out. 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

### Sunday Worship:

9:00 am (in-person only)

10:45 am (in-person and online)

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Tuesdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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