

OUUC

WEEKLY UPDATE

August 19th 2025

Announcement deadline: 11:00 am Tuesday mornings

Sunday Worship August 24th

“Golden, Wounded” with Rev. Corey Passons

True healing begins when we honor the complexity in ourselves and others—the wounds we carry and the light we hold. Through story, compassion, and spiritual practice, we’ll explore the transformative power of connection in times of injustice and divisions.

9:00 AM In-Person
Only

10:45 AM In-Person &
Online

There will be no more After-Service Forums until September 14th — Happy Summer!

Join Online at 10:45am

Click here for Zoom
Meeting ID 873 210 124 | Passcode 2306

Click here for Youtube
Watch today's service live stream on Youtube

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Last Sunday's Service

“What is Home?” with Rev. Ken Jones

Rev. Ken Jones has worked with people who don’t have buildings to stay in, and the agencies trying to assist them, for many years now. Most everyone agrees that it is an urgent need and effective solutions are difficult to come by. But the fact that we have this problem raises some deeper questions about what a “home” is and why it is so important in our culture today.

Content Warning: Rev. Ken Jones will be talking about people without homes.

Guest Minister Bio: The Rev. Ken Jones (he/him/his) is semi-retired from Ministry in UU Congregations, having served in Tacoma, Yakima, and Ellensburg, Washington and Hood River, Oregon over the last twenty-five years. His “home” is in Yakima, but he is eager to spend more time wandering in his mini camper van (in which he’ll be traveling to Olympia for this service!)

Watch Last Sunday's Service Here

Find Last Week Order of Service Here

Important Community Updates



Staff Away

Rev. Sara will be away on vacation (to dance camp) from August 15th to August 25th. In the meantime please contact another staff member if you have an urgent need.

Victoria Ridgway will be away from the window from August 25th to September 4th. She is still available by email and phone, but may take extra time to get back to your requests.



OUUC Feeds People in a New Way

Starting soon, OUUC will welcome Oly Food Not Bombs to our kitchen on Wednesdays from 11am – 4pm.

Oly Food Not Bombs is the local chapter of a national non-profit organization that advocates for peace and community care, especially for those who are without homes. Oly Food Not Bombs is a group of people who come together to prepare food for those in need. They operate on volunteers and donations. You can find out more about the national organization [here](#). You can find Oly Food Not Bombs on Instagram [here](#).

If you would like to volunteer to help Oly Food Not Bombs prepare or distribute food, please feel free to show up at noon on Wednesdays in the kitchen. If you would like to donate money or food please get in touch with Victoria Ridgway in the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Stephan, Office and Facility Manager, or Victoria Ridgway, Office Assistant.

Thank you for welcoming the Oly Food Not Bombs volunteers if you see them at OUUC on Wednesdays.



Peanut-free facility

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.

This Week's Gatherings



Help Remove Invasive Plants

Sat Aug 23, 10am

□ OUUC



Nature Group at Burfoot Beach

Sat Aug 23, 10am

□ Burfoot Park

Help the Environmental Action Team remove invasive plants on the OUUC grounds! B.Y.O. water, sunscreen, garden gloves and weeding utensils.
Contact John Crutcher for more information

All ages welcome to join Anissa at Burfoot Park for nature and beach combing.
RSVP: Anissa at reassistent@ouuc.org



Street Medic Training

Sun Aug 24, 12:30pm
□ OUUC

As we take to the streets to stand up against fascism and defend our communities, it is essential that we build the skills to keep each other safe. In this protest first aid class, you'll learn the basics of responding to an emergency in a protest setting. We'll discuss chemical weapons decontamination, bleeding control, and common medical emergencies you might encounter in the streets. We'll also talk about the ethics of street medicine, legality, and best practices when you decide to help out. This class is open to everyone, regardless of previous medical training. Whether you're new to first aid or looking to expand your skills, we're excited to have you. Show up to learn so you can show up for your community in the streets, we keep us safe!

Register Here!



Quick Faith in Actions for the week of August 17th

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!

Upcoming Events



Water Communion In- gathering

Sun Sept 7, 9am & 10:45am
□ OUUC

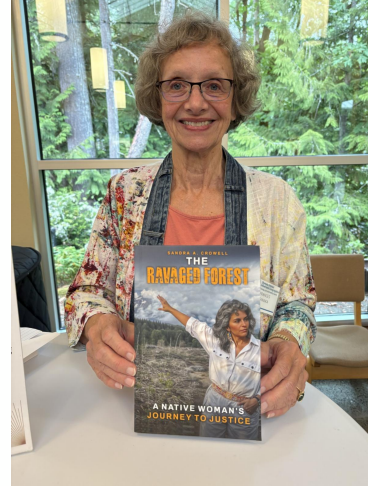
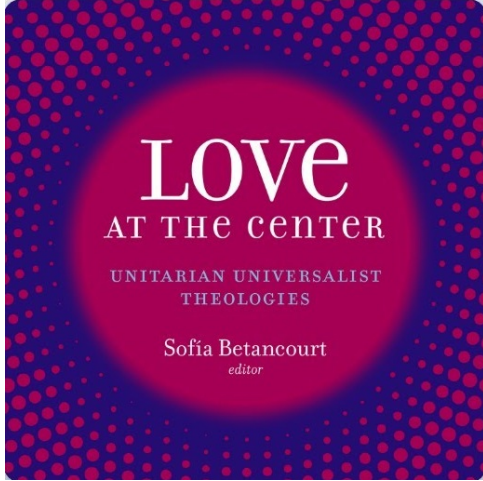
Remember to gather a bit of water over the summer for our Water Communion In-gathering service!



OUUC Annual Picnic

Sat Sept 13, 12pm
□ Squaxin Park

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



Love at the Center Discussion Group

Wed Sept 10, 7:00pm

☐ Online

All are welcome to join us for a discussion group around the book “Love at the Center”

UUs regularly re-examine our covenant and values, we do this work to live into the Unitarian Universalism of the future. Following Article II's adoption, it is clear that the value most describe as central to their faith, to their living, and to the mission of their congregations is love itself. Our pressing task now is to ask how this understanding calls us forward, individually and collectively.

In these pages, you'll find personal testimony to love's power, reminders of the centrality of love throughout the long histories of Universalism and Unitarianism, and theologies of love drawn from many different expressions of Unitarian Universalism—from the natural world to the justice rally, to a loved one's deathbed, to the quiet moment before a worship service begins.

Monthly meetings will discuss 3 essays each session.

[Click Here to Register](#)

OUUC Book Group

Thu Sept 11, 6:30pm

☐ OUUC

The group will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday at OUUC at 6:30 (following the community dinner) beginning in September (skipping December). The meeting will also be multiplatform on zoom.

Our first book will be The Ravaged Forest by Sandra Crowell which tells the story of Helen Mitchell Sanders of the Chehalis tribe and her fight for justice for Native Americans who had been cheated out of receiving the full value of their forest land from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The author will be meeting with us in September to answer any questions you have.

Please share any book recommendations you have for October or November with Frances Tanaka.

Copies of The Ravaged Forest will be available to borrow or for purchase for \$20, contact Frances to get a copy.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Ways To Get Involved



September Volunteer Newsletter

This year we will be creating a monthly newsletter for all volunteers at OUUC

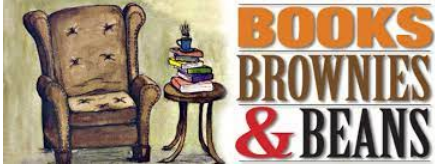
[Check out the September edition by clicking here!](#)



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](#)



Books, Brownies & Beans Entertainment

Do you have a talent that you would like to show off in a low-key non-threatening environment? Do you sing, play a musical instrument, write poetry, tell funny jokes? We are looking for OUUC members and friends who would like to perform at the Books, Brownies & Beans sale on Saturday October 25 between 10 AM and 4 PM. Soloists and small combos are encouraged. Lots of time to prepare something if you want to. We anticipate having time slots ranging from ten to thirty minutes, depending on what you want to do and how much time you need to do it. We are just starting to put together a roster of interested participants and will try to accommodate everyone who is interested. Will be finalizing a roster and schedule around the end of September or beginning of October. If you are interested, please email Karl Johnson. Let them know what you plan to do, how much time you want, your preferred time of day, and how to reach you.



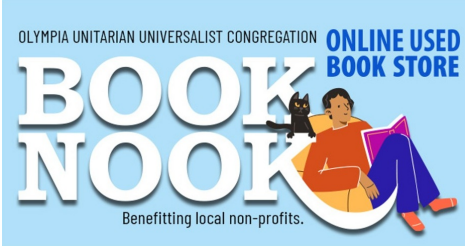
*A Neighbor's
Independence
Depends On You*

**FAITH
IN ACTION**

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](#)



OUUC Book Nook

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 Here](#)
[Learn More Here](#)



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!

[Click Here to order your shirt](#)

Community Connections



Fellowship of Reconciliation Vigil for Peace

Fri Aug 22, 4:30

□ 4th & Water Street, downtown Olympia



Walk for Immigrant Justice

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Location: Olympia, WA

Walk for Immigrant Justice

Sat Aug 23, 6:30pm

□ Temple Beth Hatfiloh

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



Climate Challenge Series Kicks Off

Thurs Aug 21, 6:30pm
□ Good Shepard Church

Restoring Earth Connection kicks off its year long Climate Challenge series on Thursday August 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 at Good Shepard Church 1601 North Street SE Olympia. This first session will focus on how to reduce your transportation footprint. The Federal Tax Credit for buying used and new Electric Vehicles will end Sept 30th. If you have considered at all buying one come here a panel of owners talk about what it is like owning one, range issues, all about charging, etc We will explain how the credit works and other ways to reduce the cost. Also panel members will have their EV’s out in the parking lot for people to look over and sit in, etc. In addition will discuss ways for people with gas cars to reduce their carbon footprint as well: trip reduction, full tires, more walking and biking etc. We are building a community of resilience – please join us.



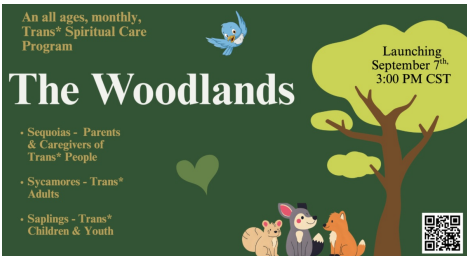
UU Ministry for Earth Common Read

Thurs Sept 11
□ Online

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.

Join Rev. Mary and Rev. Carol (who will be speaking) at the Faith Network for Immigrant Support's Walk for Immigrant Justice on Saturday August 23rd. Starting place is Temple Beth Hatfiloh, then we will walk to Percival Landing Park together.



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

Sun Sept 7
□ Online

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

Sep 22 - 25
□ Fort Worden Historical State Park

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 for more information,

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

Office Hours:
Tuesdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sundays 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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