



Chalice Lighting for the theme

To Practice the Revolutionary
Act of Noticing *
Rev. Michelle Collins

Come, awaken your senses to
this moment,
where we practice the
revolutionary act of noticing:
the breath that sustains us,
the beauty hiding in ordinary
hours,
the small things that keep hope
alive.

Come, let us train our attention
on that which leads us home.



Check in question: What
have you paid attention to
lately?



March's theme is "Paying Attention"

Our spiritual theme for the month will be explored in worship, children's religious education, small groups, and it can be brought into your team meetings as well! Consider using the chalice lighting and check in question provided here.

More Resources for Volunteers

Besides this newsletter, you can find more resources for volunteers on the website at:

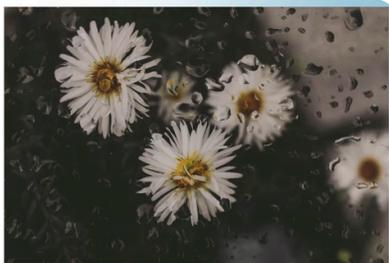
 <https://www.ouuc.org/learn/volunteer-training/>

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES AT OUUC

- 3/1 12:15 Skillbuilder: Self-Care and Community Care
- 3/ 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
- 3/15 12:15 Part Two: How to Respond to Hard Things
- 3/19 5:30pm Stewardship Team Community Dinner Takeover
- 3/22 12:15pm Board Forum: Stewardship Budget
- 3/29 12:15 Forum: Trans Inclusion and Welcome

RESPONDING TO HARD THINGS FORUM

How can we respond in ways that care for ourselves and make us safe(r) for others in distress when hard things happen? These topics were covered in last month's Skill Builder, and you can view the recording on the OUUC youtube channel. Part Two of the forum will be on March 15th.



How To Respond To Hard Things-Part 1

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

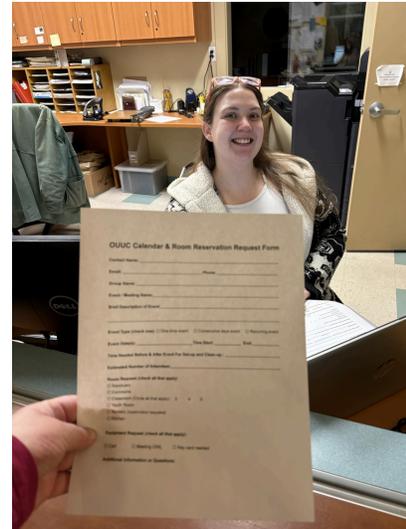


Our volunteer of the month for March will be Anne Kohlbray. Anne does many things at OUUC; if you have anything to say about her as a volunteer that could be shared in the Spark please send it to Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org by March 7th.



Have another volunteer in mind who would make a great volunteer of the month? Nominate them by emailing Rev Sara!

PUT IT IN WRITING: FORMS OR EVEN JUST NOTES!



We all, staff and volunteer alike, get told a lot on Sundays. Verbal communications can end up getting lost in the shuffle as our brains can't retain so much, so please put it in writing. Victoria has forms you can use, or you could write a note. It is also much preferable to use the [forms on the website](#) or send an email.

CHANGE TO CUPS IN THE SANCTUARY POLICY



Cups with lids will now be allowed in the sanctuary. Please bring your own reusable cup, or there will be a few disposable cups available at OUUC.

MANY IMPORTANT FORUMS IN MARCH

Please join us for forums in March,
Sundays at 12:15 in person or on zoom:

- 3/1 Self Care and Community Care
- 3/ 8 Ministry to Families and Children
- 3/15 Part Two of How to Respond to Hard Things
- 3/22 Board Forum: Stewardship Budget
- 3/29 Trans Welcome and Inclusion

2026-27 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



It's Stewardship Season at OUUC, time for supporting all that we love here in this community. If you have a chance to talk about Stewardship in your small groups, teams, or with your friends at OUUC, please do! Learn more and make a pledge on the website here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/give/stewardship/>

NEW FUNDRAISING POLICY



The Board has a new fundraiser policy, which was explored in a forum in February. To request approval for a fundraiser, these are the questions to answer in writing in a communication to the board:

- Date and event description?
- One time? Recurring? Held Before?
- Purpose? Vision and Goals?
- Proposed Lead and at least two other people who will be involved?
- Have you talked to the ministry lead for this ministry area?
- Staff support needed? Volunteer support needed?
- Impact on facilities and resources?
- Who will participate?

FUTURE SKILLBUILDERS

If you have any requests for future skillbuilders, please reach out to Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org



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