NEWCOMER NEWS

April 2026

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

We focus on a different theme each month, and April's theme is Embracing Possibility. Join us all month to explore this theme in worship.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

This is a special monthly newsletter that shares what is happening here at OUUC for those who are new. We are trying to avoid insider language and assumptions here, if anything doesn't make sense please let us know.

We are also happy to chat with you in general. Feel free to reach out:
Rev Mary Gear, minister@ouuc.org
Rev Sara Lewis
dcfd@ouuc.org

CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, join Rev Sara and members of our pastoral care team for a chronic illness support group. There is an optional book that accompanies this group, titled "Tend to Your Spirit". Copies of the book can be found in the commons, where we meet for coffee and purchased in the office. Questions? Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for our summer camps for children!

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Day Camp for rising Kindergartners and 1st graders will be from July 13th - 17th, 9 am - 12 pm.

Chalice Camp for ages 5 - 11 will be from July 6th -10th , 9 am - 3 pm. . Activities include meditation, arts and crafts, music, stories, and outside play.

Cost is pay what you can, suggested donation is $200 however no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Find more information at: ouuc.org/summer-camps

Questions? Rev. Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

EASTER

Easter in Unitarian Universalists congregations can be filled with a variety of different traditions. Some people celebrate the Christian resurrection while some celebrate the themes of renewal, spring, and the rebirth of nature. However you feel called to celebrate this time of year, you are welcome here.

Join us at Burri park, down the street from the church for our annual easter egg hunt! The hunt starts at 12:06 pm and then we will return to the church for prizes.

FAITH IN ACTION

We have many ways that we put our faith into action, such as service teams, showing up together for events, and more! Learn more on our website or contact Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

https://www.ouuc.org/act/current-justice-efforts/

NEW UU/NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next class for newcomers to learn more about OUUC and Unitarian Universalism will start on April 9th . Join us on Thursdays fro 6:30 pm - 8 pm in classroom 5. All are welcome to join us. RSVP's are encouraged:
Chloe, memberengagement@ouuc.org.

Upcoming Topics:
4/9 #1 Who we are: OUUC
4/16 #2 Who we are: UU
4/23 #3 How we learn and grow
4/30 #4 How and why we worship
5/7 #5 How we care for each other
5/14 #6 How we put our faith into action

COME EAT WITH US FOR FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

A great way to get to know us is to come to one of our weekly dinners. We put on a dinner on Thursday evening almost every week, 5:30pm. All are welcome, it's not a potluck, just come!

We have many activities after dinner: spiritual practice groups, a kids class, game nights on the 2nd Thurs of the month, and more.

Menu Plans:
4/2 Eat the Rainbow
4/9 Rice & Beans
4/16 Spring Soups
4/23 Pasta Night
4/30 Around the World

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