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Volunteer News

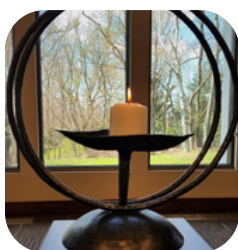
June 2026

Chalice Lighting for the theme

Rev. Scott Tayler

Notice now, this flame.
Seemingly so singular.
Dancing all alone.
Yet, pull back. Look with more
attentive eyes.
And slowly the chalice cup
comes into view.
And the air that, while unseen,
keeps the flame alive.
All of it a reminder,
that being lovingly surrounded,
and beautifully bound
is what sets us free and allows
us to flourish.

May this be the gift of this
precious hour.
May we, too, pull back.
And see ourselves anew.
How tenderly tethered we are.
And how wonderfully,
that sets us free.



June's Theme is "Flourishing Together"

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/>

Check in question: What
circle of care and support
helped you discover your
unique brand of flourishing?

IMPORTANT JUNE DATES AT OUUC

6/7 12:15pm Budget Expo forum
6/11 5:30pm Final Community Dinner of
Year
6/14 12:15pm Annual Congregational
Meeting

CHANGES TO ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

OUUC has had a long tradition of adult education and adult faith development programs. Over the years the program has evolved and been stewarded by many passionate and dedicated volunteers. Of late, the Adult Faith Development team has been only two very dedicated volunteers: Linda Selsor and Linda Whitcher. A huge thank you to them!

It's time for the next evolution, though. The team is ceasing its work and for now this will be a completely staff led program, with Rev Sara coordinating all adult faith development offerings. If you have an idea for a class or other faith development offering, please contact Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

NO BOOKS BROWNIES AND BEANS THIS YEAR

Speaking of changes to long standing traditions, there will also be no Books Brownies and Beans sale this Fall. If you love the books, please support Susan Dodson's efforts with the Book Nook: <https://books-ouuc.com/>

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Our volunteer of the month for June will be Alicia Martinelli. Alicia has done 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 June 8th.



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

CLOSING OUT THE CHURCH YEAR

The church program and budget years will be ending in June. Many programs will take a break for the summer:

- The last community dinner will be 6/11
- The annual congregational meeting will be on 6/14, and there will be no more 12:15 forums after that
- The Spark will discontinue publication after 6/18
- There will be no July or August Volunteer Newsletter

Important considerations for volunteers as the year rolls over:

1. The 2025-2026 budget cycle ends on June 30th, so if your team plans to spend money from your budget it needs to be spent before then. For budget questions you can contact Ian at officemanager@ouuc.org
2. If you have a leadership transition, make sure files are transferred and team contact info updated in Realm and on the website. If you need help with any of this contact Chloe at memberengagement@ouuc.org
3. If you are changing your meeting schedule or pausing meetings over the summer, contact Victoria at office@ouuc.org so the calendar can be updated

Thank you for another wonderful year at OUUC!