

NEWCOMER NEWS

June–August 2026



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Congregation

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:

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FINAL THURSDAY DINNERS

Our Final Thursday dinners before summer break will be June 4th and June 11th, 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship.



SUMMER PROGRAM BREAKS



OUUC continues to have quality and meaningful worship services all summer long, and many things will continue to happen but some of our programs will be taking a summer break.

These programs include our Thursday night Community Dinners, Soul Matters groups and New Member classes, and our Sunday after worship forums. These programs will return in September.

Additionally, many of our volunteer teams take breaks over the summer and then come back to regular meetings and efforts in the Fall.

Our programs for children and youth change in the summer too: the youth group takes a break from meeting, but children's classes are still offered on Sunday mornings. And we offer two week long summer camps for children in July.

Summer gives us a chance to be more relaxed and for staff and volunteers to take a break and be refreshed. So join us now in the summer, and be ready for many things to begin again in the Fall!

SUMMER CAMPS

We will be offering two summer camps at OUUC this year and supporting another camp held at Temple Beth Hatfiloh. Our camps are all pay what you can on a sliding scale of donations, and open to everyone in the larger community.

July 6th-10th Chalice Camp for ages 5-11

July 13th-17th Our Whole Lives for K-1st Grades Camp

July 27-31 Interfaith camp at TBH

Learn more at:

<https://www.ouuc.org/summer-camps/>

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS ON SUNDAYS

Children and youth are always welcome in the worship service, and we have a comfy corner with toys and other items to keep hands busy. We also offer a nursery for children four and under, and a children's class for ages 5 and up each Sunday. Pre-registration is not required but a grown up should sign children in and out. For more information, contact Anissa at reassitant@ouuc.org



SUMMER EVENTS:

These events continue through the summer and welcome all:

Thursdays 6:30pm Buddhist Meditation Group

Parent Group July 18th @ 9am
Decatur woods park, August 8th @ 9am Bigelow Park

4th Saturdays 10am Nature Group at various trails. Email Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org for the exact meet up spot.

All church picnic, Saturday August 30th, 12-3pm, at Yauger Park. It will be a potluck, so feel free to bring your favorite dish to share!

