Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Volunteer News

November 2026

Chalice Lighting for the theme of Healing

Don't Leave Your Broken Heart At The Door...
Rev. Angela Herrera

Don't leave your broken heart at the door;
bring it to the altar of life.
Don't leave your anger behind...
Bring them with you,
and your joy
and your passion...
Bring your need for healing,
and your power to heal.
There is work to do
and you have all that you need to do it
right here in this room.



Check in question: What is the kindest thing you could do for yourself right now?

MINISTERIAL TRANSITION

As you have no doubt heard, this will be Rev Mary's last year with us as she retires from full-time ministry.

The Board has formed a search team to find our next contract minister:

Sally Alhadeff
Jenee Wolfram
Debra Dohrman
Kedo Baye
Whitney Godby
Curtis Tanner

Watch for more information throughout this year!

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES AT OUUC

- 11/8 12:15 Skill builder on Safety and Emergency Procedures at OUUC
- OUUC Office Closed 11/11 for Veteran's Day
- 11/15 12:15 Forum with the Board
- 11/22 Greening the Sanctuary
- 11/26 2pm Thanksgiving Potluck
- OUUC Office Closed 11/26 for Thanksgiving Holiday

GETTING THE WORD OUT OR REQUESTING WEBSITE UPDATES

There has been a fair bit of confusion about who to contact regarding the OUUC website or how to get communications out via our social media or Realm. This confusion is fair - we have many staff who all work on some aspect of communications and there have been staff changes too. But the good news is that you can reach the whole communications team by just emailing:

Comms@ouuc.org

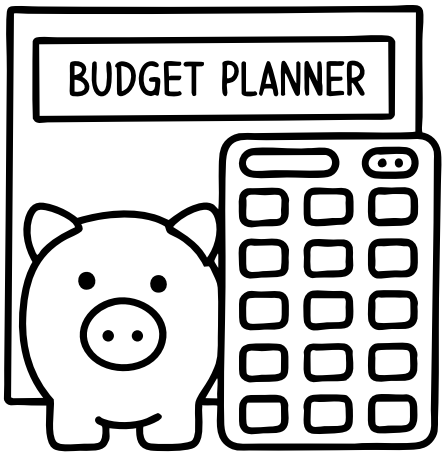


VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our volunteer of the month for November will be Hearthorn Campbell. Hearthorn 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 November 8th.

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

IT'S BUDGET REQUEST TIME!!!!



Believe it or not, it is time to get your budget requests ready for the 2027-2028 budget year!

How do you do that? Each ministry lead will be putting together a budget request for their ministry area and giving that to Rev Mary by mid-December. So if you are in the Spiritual Life ministry areas you will make your budget request directly to Rev Mary. If you are in Faith Development, Community Life, or Faith in Action your budget request goes through Rev Sara. If you are in Resource Ministry your budget request goes through Rev Mary. And you need to get your numbers to them by December!

FRIDGE AND LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUTS

Our new Facilitaties Manager, Jaydin, will be cleaning out the lost and found and the fridge by the Last Sunday of each month. **Even if items are labeled with a name** they may still be disposed of if they have been there for a long time and/or look nasty.

Please pass on the word to check for your items and remove them before that last Sunday.