

# NEWCOMER NEWS



Olympia  
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Congregation

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**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 (on sabbatical until November)  
Rev Sara Lewis, [dcfd@ouuc.org](mailto:dcfd@ouuc.org)



## THE MONTHLY THEME

OUUC practices something called "theme based ministry", with a theme each month that is shared among different aspects of congregational life: worship, small group ministry, religious education for children, and more.

This year we are subscribing to a service called "Soul Matters" that creates resource packets for each theme of the month, so you will sometimes hear people refer to Soul Matters as well. We have called our Small Groups "Soul Matters Groups" because they are working with the Soul Matters packets of resources each month.



Listening to both sides of a story will convince you that there is more to a story than both sides. ~ Frank Tyger

Our spiritual practice for October is Deep Listening.



## STILL TIME TO JOIN A SOUL MATTERS GROUP

Our small groups, known as Soul Matters groups, are 6-10 people meeting once or twice a month September-May to reflect on the theme of the month. Once these groups fill there is not another chance to join one until next year, so this is the time if you are interested in being part of a small group.

Register on the OUUC website:  
<https://www.ouuc.org/learn/adult-faith-development/>

# HUGE Used Book Sale

## BOOKS BROWNIES & BEANS



**1000s of Gently Used Books  
Benefiting Local Non-Profits**

**Friday & Saturday • 9am - 4pm  
October 25 & 26, 2024**

Coffee • Homemade Brownies • Entertainment  
Saturday Only



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This is the 21st year of our annual book sale: "Books Brownies & Beans", affectionately called "BBB" sometimes. This is a massive, volunteer led fundraiser which 100% benefits our chosen community partners who are doing work in alignment with our congregational UU values and faith in action focus areas.

This year the book sale will raise money for ASHHO Cultural Community Center (doing anti-racism work), Interfaith Works (doing economic justice work), and OlyEcosystems (doing environmental care work).

Everyone is welcome to volunteer for the sale, and there are tons of easy small jobs you can sign up for! Also come shop and support this sale!

Learn more at:

[www.ouuc.org/books](http://www.ouuc.org/books)

## NEW UU CLASS

We hold a class for newcomers to learn more about OUUC and Unitarian Universalism on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome to join us, RSVP's are encouraged: Rev Sara at [dcd@ouuc.org](mailto:dcd@ouuc.org)

Upcoming schedule of topics:

10/3: UU Values, Beliefs, and History

10/17: Congregational History and Campus Tour

11/7: Worship and the Liturgical Year

11/21: Faith Development and Education Programs for All Ages

12/5: Pastoral Care and Spiritual Practices



## 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!

This month's menu plans:

10/3 A Pretty "Grate" Dinner

10/10 SuperFoods

10/17 National Pasta Day

10/24 Book Sale Set Up Dinner

10/31 Halloween Party!