

NEWCOMER NEWS

November 2024



Olympia
Unitarian
Universalist
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.

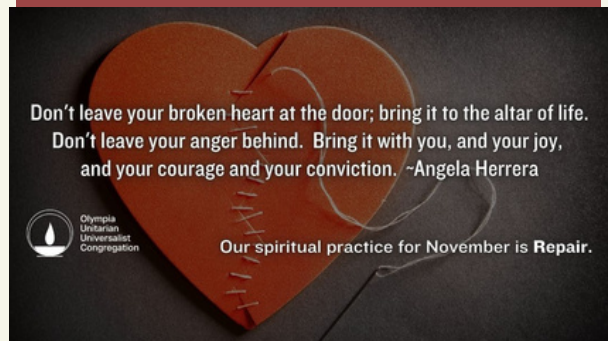
We are also happy to chat with you in general. Feel free to reach out:
Rev Mary Gear, minister@ouuc.org
Rev Sara Lewis
faithdevelopmentministry@ouuc.org



THE MONTHLY THEME: THE PRACTICE OF REPAIR

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.

We have a Spiritual Practices Mini Retreat on the theme of the month on the 2nd Saturday of each month, you can find registration information here:
<https://www.ouuc.org/worship/spiritual-practices/spiritual-practice-groups/>



OTHER SPIRITUAL PRACTICE GROUPS

We have other spiritual practice groups and opportunities here as well. We have a Buddhist Sangha group that meets every Thursday 6:30-7:30pm, and a UU Pagan group that meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30. We also host Dances of Universal Peace on the 2nd Thursdays 6:30-8pm, and a Death Cafe on the first Monday at 4:30.

All of these groups are drop in, just come!

PARTNER CHURCH

OUUC has a partner church in Kissolymos, Romania, which is part of the Unitarian Church of Transylvania. On November 17th we will honor this Partner Church connection in our worship service and have a minister joining us remotely from Romania to deliver the message. It will be a very interesting worship service!

You can learn more about the Partner Church program here: <https://www.ouuc.org/connect/partner-church/>



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

All are welcome to come together at 2pm on Thanksgiving for a holiday potluck. Rev Sara will be organizing, RSVP's are much appreciated: dcfd@ouuc.org



NEW UU SEEKER'S CLASS

We hold a class for newcomers to learn more about OUUC and Unitarian Universalism on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10am-11:30am. All are welcome to join us, RSVP's are encouraged: Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org

Upcoming Topics of the Classes:

November 7th, Faith Development for All Ages

November 21st: Topic TBA

December 5th: Topic TBA



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. (The one week we won't this month is Thanksgiving). 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.

Questions? Email Rev Sara at dcfd@ouuc.org