

# Connect

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# Starting This Fall

## Fellowship Lunches



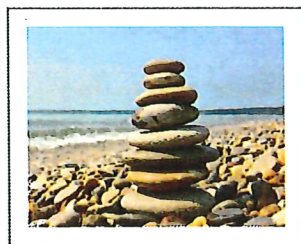
Our whole community 2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch returns on the 2nd Sunday of each month. There will also be a Young Adult Lunch for ages 18-35 on the 1st Sunday of each month and, **new this year**, a Middlers (30's, 40's, and 50's) Lunch on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

## Teen Faith in Action Leadership Council



Youth ages 13-18 meet at 12:30 on the first Sunday of each month, October - May, to plan and lead service and social justice efforts.

## Theme-Based Ministry



For September to May we will focus as a whole congregation on one theme each month, with worship, small group discussions, personal practices, suggested readings, and reflection questions for all.

# Groups

How can I make connections in this active community? How can I find what I need most at this point in my life? The value you find here at OUUC will be deepened as you make connections and build relationships.

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*"Questions to Walk With, Not Talk Through"*

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## **Spiritual Practice**

Soul Matters Sharing Circles are open events, not requiring pre-registration or a long-term commitment, and meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 12:45 - 2:00 pm. Come meet new people and explore a theme with deep and thoughtful questions. This follows our 2nd Sunday Lunch, so eat first then join the circle.

Covenant Circles are closed groups of people who make a commitment to continue meeting together for the church year (usually October to May). In this model, you meet with the same people each month (either once or twice a month) and deepen your connection and trust while exploring the theme. Contact Sara Lewis, our Faith Development Ministry's Accountable Person, [dre@ouuc.org](mailto:dre@ouuc.org).

## **Social**

Women's Coffee Hour, Women's Social, Men's Coffee Hour, Friendship Dinners, Book Group, Young Adult Group, and more! You are welcome to attend any of our group activities.

OUUC's **Faith in Action Ministry** covers a variety of justice issues such as homelessness, international peace, right relationship, criminal justice, and environmental sustainability.

There are many ways you can be a part of justice initiatives at OUUC, in our community, and in the world. Please reach out to our Faith in Action Ministry's Accountable Person, the Reverend Carol McKinley, [faithinactionministry@ouuc.org](mailto:faithinactionministry@ouuc.org).

# Mission

**We are a liberal religious community that opens minds, fills hearts, and transforms lives.**



## **Responding to Homelessness**

Each month, a group provides dinner at the Interfaith Works Shelter and the Salvation Army's Community Kitchen. OUUC is a member of the newly formed Faith Alliance for Tiny Houses (FAITH), bringing together faith communities interested in building and/or siting tiny houses.



## **Immigrant and Refugee Support**

OUUC has a team focusing on immigration and refugee issues and linking members with local organizations. OUUC members are active volunteers at CIELO and Strengthening Sanctuary, two area groups providing support, educational services, and assistance

# Opportunities for Service

We offer many opportunities for growth and meaning created and supported by our members. We are a vital religious community.

The value you will find by serving the church community will be deepened as you make connections and build relationships.

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*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi*

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## **Featured Opportunity #1: Audio/Visual Team**

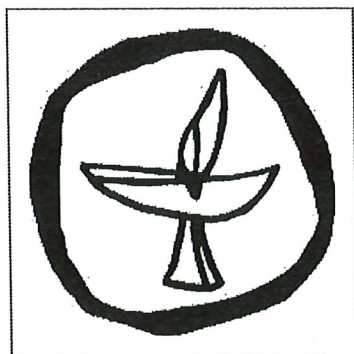
Lights, Camera, Action! Are you interested in sound production and the technical aspects of creating a worship service? Do you like theater and technology? Our Audio/Visual Team offers an opportunity to be an intimate part of creating the Sunday worship experience. Training is provided. Talk to Riley McLaughlin for more information.

## **Featured Opportunity #2: Coffee Crew**

Bring a smile to someone's face when you give them a warm cup of coffee after Sunday services. Giving that cup of coffee is offering hospitality to all. Plus, it's fun to join the active Sunday morning team! Training is provided. Talk to Julie Rosmond for more information.

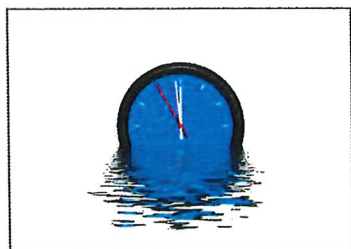
# Fall Class Highlights

## Membership Class Series



Not a member yet? For those who are new to Unitarian Universalism, completing three classes is required for membership. Already a member? You may refresh or deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Classes will offer ample opportunity for discussion and reflection. Starts October 8.

## Faith and Climate Action



Learn about what's happening internationally and nationally (Paris Agreement, Green New Deal), in Washington State and locally. This three-session class starts on October 21.

## Book Group



The OUUC Book Group meets the fourth Thursday of the month starting on September 26. You are invited to join in the discussions, whether for one book or all. The current selections include fiction and non-fiction titles.

**Full class list at [ouuc.org/education](https://ouuc.org/education).**

## Steps

**Explore** – Browse our website, [ouuc.org](http://ouuc.org). Take a look at our publications. See what happens on Sunday mornings and at events. Questions? Our staff, volunteers, and members can answer your questions or find out who can.

**Connect** – It might mean attending Sunday services, taking a class, or participating in a small group. All are welcome.

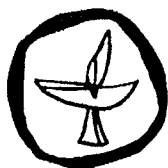
**Serve** – Take action to advance justice in our world. Serve the congregation in a ministry area of your choice, according to your talents.

## Ways to Connect

Our website contains valuable information to help you get connected. Find details about worship services, classes, events, opportunities for service, and more. Find us at [ouuc.org](http://ouuc.org).

Our weekly update is sent by email every Wednesday. It contains timely information about upcoming events. It's the best way to stay informed! Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday morning or at [ouuc.org](http://ouuc.org).

You might want to join OUUC's Realm Online Community. The Realm website and app provide members and friends with a church photo directory, ability to communicate within groups, online giving, event registration, and more. Contact the Congregational Administrator at [administrator@ouuc.org](mailto:administrator@ouuc.org) to sign up.



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