
The Chalice

Newsletter of the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

June 2021

If you have announcements for The Chalice, send them to office@ouuf.org at least one week before the first of the month.

Thank You!

Upcoming Services

June 2021

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June 6

TED Talk

Brian Warren and Caitlin Chapman

June 13

Flower Service

Rev. Mary Grigolia, Caitlin Chapman, Lara Lillibridge

Bring a flower to our Zoom service, that represents something you bring to spiritual community - something sprouting or with new buds or blooms.

June 20

Fathering: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

OOUF Men's Group

Beginning with the World War II entry of women into the workplace, we have experienced increasing role reversal (of nurturing children being seen as the mother's role and breadwinning the father's role). While the fundamental importance of mothering has always been self-evident, over recent decades there has been increasing appreciation for the unique contribution of fathering to the emotional and psychological development of children. As sources of nurturance and support have become increasingly diverse, so have sources of inspiration for autonomy and growth. Who has inspired you? What mentors have called you to "be all you can be?". Come share with us the awe and wonder of fathering, as well as instances in which it has not been ideal.

June 27

Deepening Spirituality

Rev. Mary Grigolia, Dave Burwasser

We are always changing. The challenge is to participate intentionally, to be open to guidance from "the deepest wisest self," to learn and grow from everything, and to welcome spiritual transformation - a total shift in how we see the world and ourselves.

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Zoom Addresses

Sunday Service Zoom Login

Join via computer: [https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?](https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXOT09)

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Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519

Join via smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the

OOUF Events Calendar

events are online and times are PM unless otherwise specified

For more information, and to see when rooms are reserved for private use,
[check our online calendar.](#)

1 Tue

7:00-8:00 Poetry Group via Zoom

2 Wed

4:00-5:00 UU Democracy Deep Dive via Zoom

6:30-8:00 OOUF Worship Team dual platform services meeting via Zoom

3 Thu

10:00-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom

2:00-3:30 Dream Group via Zoom

7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation via Zoom

4 Fri

5 Sat

6 Sun

10:15-10:45am Children's Church via Zoom

11:00am Sunday Service via Zoom

7 Mon

7:00-9:00 OOUF Men's Group (**hybrid meeting**)

8 Tue

9 Wed

10 Thu

10:00-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom

7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation via Zoom

11 Fri

7:00-9:00 Game Night via Zoom

12 Sat

13 Sun

10:15-10:45am Children's Church via Zoom

11:00am Sunday Service via Zoom

14 Mon

7:00-9:00 OOUF Men's Group (**hybrid meeting**)

15 Tue

16 Wed

6:30-8:00 OOUF Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

17 Thu

10:00-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom

2:00-3:30 WISE Women via Zoom

3:45-5:00 Adult Program Team Meeting via Zoom

7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation via Zoom

18 Fri

7:00-9:00 Current Events Discussion Group (**hybrid meeting**)

19 Sat

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22 Tue

23 Wed

7:00-9:00 What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group? (**hybrid meeting**)

24 Thu

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7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation via Zoom

25 Fri

26 Sat

27 Sun

10:15-10:45am Children's Church via Zoom

11:00am Sunday Service via Zoom

28 Mon

7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (**hybrid meeting**)

29 Tue

1:00 Listening to Writers of Color Book Group via Zoom

4:00-5:00 Care Givers Support Group via Zoom

30 Wed

Mary's Musings



“Of Thee I Sing” - Welcome to Patriot’s Month.

May 31st started it all with Memorial Day. Soon we’ll observe Flag Day (June 14), followed by Independence Day (July 4). In the emotional and political wake of the Insurrection at the Capitol six months ago, these annual celebrations look and feel different. Our democracy needs a lot of work - insuring equal rights and legal protection for all Americans, facing the shortcomings of our history, listening across divides (to that neighbor down the hall who votes for the other team, or to that family member or co-worker). As I hold these holidays in my mind and heart, I feel grateful to “come out’ as loving this messy American experiment in democracy, in collective

power. During the Vietnam war, the pro-war side wrapped themselves in the American flag. I felt the flag taken away from me. It’s taken me decades and an insurrection to reclaim my rights to the flag, to share my complicated love for the flag, and to commit to be part of implementing its vision that we all are created equal, and to learn the truth about its (our) history. We are patriots when we learn the truth and speak the truth about slavery, the American caste system, our genocide of indigenous peoples. We are patriots when we work together to dismantle the caste system from within us all, daring to believe in the future.

Membership Matters

SMALL UU CONGREGATION GROWS BY 20% DURING PANDEMIC

UU Church of Loudoun/Lessburg, CA, with 83 members before pandemic, comes out of Zoom-time with 99 members, becoming a *breakthrough congregation*.

How did they do it? What can we learn?

Rather than put membership growth on the back burner during pandemic, they chose to regard Zoom as the new normal, making outreach and growth central to the congregational mission, merging hospitality and membership teams, training themselves on how to welcome new-comers and help them connect.

To join our Membership Team, please contact Stephanie Gibson at stephaniegibson11@yahoo.com

Update on Dual Platform Services

I'm excited about the Intercongregational Worship and Dual Platform Teams commitment to transitioning our zoom worship services into Dual Platform, Hybrid (in person and on Zoom), commencing sometime after September 1. The hybrid platform enables those of us who have the opportunity to worship in person, while including those who are prevented from doing so by distance or circumstance. Inclusiveness of family and friends is a core value of Unitarian Universalism, as expressed in our Principles, especially the first three.

The summer of preparation for hybrid services gives the opportunity for groups of up to 10 people to meet in each of the buildings and experiment with development of protocol, procedures and equipment, probably resulting in the purchase of special equipment to enhance the hybrid worship experience. If these meetings occur where worship services will be held, the experience will extrapolate most readily, and be most relevant.

My concern is the need to raise the hope of adventure, while lowering expectations. You will recall the zoom era learning curve which continues to the present time. Hybrid services involve another level of complexity: doing two things at once, which are considerably more challenging than walking and chewing gum. Despite our best preparation and planning, there will be another learning curve.

However, the bottom line is the process of adjustment which will be required is not only of worship teams, but also reciprocally of attendees. Hybrid services inevitably involve compromise for the greater good. Life is a series of trade-offs. Something is lost when something is gained. No matter how well conducted, they are not likely to be experienced initially as equally nourishing as either in person or zoom services, where everyone is on the same platform.

June 2021 Cause of the Month

As part of our covenant with one another, OUUF members have made a commitment to live our values in the world through Causes of the Month, which we support through our offering.

The cause of the month for June is **Family Planning Services of Lorain County.**

Family Planning Services provides confidential, high-quality, low-cost reproductive health care to both men and women at medical offices in Elyria and Lorain, serving more than 5,000 individuals a year. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. The agency takes a holistic approach to health education by providing information on a wide variety of topics to a wide range of groups or one-on-one.

JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021 CAUSES OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE

JULY Oberlin Weekday Community Meals
AUGUST League of Women Voters- Oberlin Area
Education Fund
SEPTEMBER El Centro
OCTOBER Genesis House
NOVEMBER OCS Helping Hands
DECEMBER UU Service Committee- Guest At Your Table
JANUARY Let's Get Real
FEBRUARY The Haven Center of Neighborhood Alliance
MARCH Lorain Co. Free Clinic
APRIL Lorain Co. Rape Crisis Center
MAY UUA Disaster Relief Fund

Adult Programs

Mondays:

OUUF Men's Group, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., hybrid meeting

Tuesdays:

Poetry Group, Tuesday, June 2, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom

Bring poems that speak to your life, that spark your imagination in these winter days; come to listen and share. (Poems do not have to reference Groundhogs). All are welcome.

Zoom login for Poetry is:

<https://zoom.us/j/99928081815?pwd=To5FQk5sZO5TbEpLUGNmTk5NMldhdzo9>

Meeting ID: 999 2808 1815

Passcode: 559893

Join by smartphone by dialing: 301-715-8592, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 99928081815#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 559893

Care-Givers Support Group, Tuesday, June 29, 4-5 p.m. on Zoom.

Do you care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend or child? Join us. Led by Rev. Mary. All are welcome. (usually 4th Tuesdays, meeting monthly)

Zoom login for Care-Givers is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91083839716?pwd=SlFzZWROt1pESnhQNo4yeU1PSXlKUTo9>

Meeting ID: 910 8383 9716

Passcode: 510093

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 91083839716#, (then perhaps: 0#,) then entering the passcode plus pound: 510093#

Book Group: Listening to Writers of Color, Tuesday, June 29, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our June book will be One Native Life by Richard Wagamese. **One Native Life** is a look back down the road **Richard Wagamese** has traveled — from childhood abuse to adult alcoholism — in reclaiming his identity. It's about what he has learned as a human being, a man, and an Ojibway in his 52 years on Earth. Whether he's writing about playing baseball, running away with the circus, making *bannock*, or attending a sacred bundle ceremony, these are stories told in a healing spirit. Through them, Wagamese shows readers how to appreciate life for the journey it is.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84335138667?pwd=b1EyN3NZZHNDRGNNb3lMT292T2l3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 843 3513 8667

Passcode: 302751

Wednesdays

Democracy Deep Dive: Strengthening the Heart of Democracy, Wednesday, June 2, 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Inspired by American History professor Heather Cox Richardson, on **1st Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.** we explore right-wing extremism in the United States.

This month's column reflects on Memorial Day and how we honor the lives of those who died to protect the vision of democracy, in the context of the far-right attack on truth with

the Big Lie about the election and beyond. With the Senate's rejection of a bi-partisan commission investigating the January 6th insurrection, how do we move forward?

How may we support our representatives and communities in resisting the divisions and reactivity, and holding elected representatives accountable?

All are welcome. Please share this invitation.

Copy & paste this link into a web browser:

<https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife>

What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group, Wednesday, June 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Zoom

You are warmly invited to explore with us all the ways in which the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism lie at the heart of Jesus' consciousness.

Zoom Login:

<https://zoom.us/j/99356254184?pwd=ZkoyVmdJSXAoaGk5dGozZW5adWVadz09>

Meeting ID: 993 562 54184

Passcode: 580 483

Thursdays

Thursday Morning Meditation, (weekly on Thursdays), 10-11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Welcoming awareness as the wise body, beautiful heart, responsive mind, and boundless spirit. Drawing wisdom from many traditions. All are welcome. Led by Rev. Mary.

Zoom login for Meditation is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97515604579?pwd=bjJRcWdpMU1VcGxpVHNiZXlnS2piUT09>

Meeting ID: 975 1560 4579

Passcode: 679876

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-436-2866, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 97515604579#, (then perhaps: 0#,) then entering the passcode plus pound: 679876#

Evening Meditation, weekly on Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom

"Meditation can give you what you cannot get from any other source, it introduces you to yourself. It allows you to see that the Spirit is within you. You are no longer alone." - Swami Rama

The meditation group that started as a Sangha in Michael Reitz's (Casper) apartment a year ago has continued to meet, using his excellent format as a guide. We would be delighted if others would like to join us.

Call or email Ann Cook-Frantz, convener, if you would like to join us, and she will send you the zoom link: anntcf78@gmail.com or 5087-572-0563

Dream Group - Thursday, June 3, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Exploring spiritual growth through metaphors, stories, roles and relationships, wisdom and humor of dreams. Bring a dream (or dream cameo) to share. All are welcome.

Zoom login for Dream Group is:

[https://zoom.us/j/93122029279?](https://zoom.us/j/93122029279?pwd=TC9UMmVGQVZHUHEzcWJ1OWUzUHorZz09)

[pwd=TC9UMmVGQVZHUHEzcWJ1OWUzUHorZz09](https://zoom.us/j/93122029279?pwd=TC9UMmVGQVZHUHEzcWJ1OWUzUHorZz09)

Meeting ID: 931 2202 9279

Passcode: 238245

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-205-6099, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 93122029279#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 238245#

WISE Women - Thursday, June 17, 2-3:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Explore our monthly theme, Imagination, How are you experiencing Imagination this month? All are welcome.

Zoom login for WISE Women is:

[https://zoom.us/j/91280099980?](https://zoom.us/j/91280099980?pwd=MUSxb1BDMjA2SVQoTVR3cTRDVWZGUTo9)

[pwd=MUSxb1BDMjA2SVQoTVR3cTRDVWZGUTo9](https://zoom.us/j/91280099980?pwd=MUSxb1BDMjA2SVQoTVR3cTRDVWZGUTo9)

Meeting ID: 912 8009 9980

Passcode: 527342

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929-205-6099, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 91280099980#, then entering the passcode plus pound: 527342#

Fridays

Current Events Discussion Group, June 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Zoom

We gather to enhance our awareness of current events and provide emotional support to one another in responding to them with vigor.

Zoom Login:

<https://zoom.us/j/94407037950?pwd=UW5EcC9kMnlzOGFDazNYYndNNldvUTo9>

Meeting ID: 937 7402 1775

Passcode: 294 216

MORE ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE & TEAM EVENTS

OUUC Sunday Services & OUUF Worship teams meet on Wednesday, June 2, 6:30-8 p.m. on Zoom

to discuss moving to dual-platform services (in person and on Zoom). All are welcome. (Same login as Sunday morning.)

OUUC Sunday Services & OUUF Worship teams meet together on Wednesday, June 16, 6:30-8 p.m. on Zoom

for our monthly review, assessment and preview of Sunday services. All are welcome.

Zoom login for Sunday Services Committee is:

[https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?](https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09)

[pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09](https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09)

Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519

Passcode: 134017

Join by smartphone by dialing: 301-715-8592, then entering the Meeting ID plus pound: 92624190519#, (then, perhaps, 0#,), then when prompted entering the passcode plus pound: 134017#

Care Team OUUF

Our mission is to make visible the "spirit of caring fellowship", facilitating care for members and friends in their times of need.

Adult Program Team

Our mission is to provide transformational adult programs for spiritual exploration and ethical living for members and friends of OUUF and the larger community.

Adult Program Team meets on Thursday, June 17 at 3:45 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting by computer:

[https://zoom.us/j/97055771526?](https://zoom.us/j/97055771526?pwd=Q1psWjJzcDZxeWxoWHRpMlBqYnBoZz09)

[pwd=Q1psWjJzcDZxeWxoWHRpMlBqYnBoZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97055771526?pwd=Q1psWjJzcDZxeWxoWHRpMlBqYnBoZz09)

Meeting ID: 970 5577 1526

Passcode: 975903

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Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for new members! If you are interested in joining, please send an email stating your interest to communications@ouuf.org.

UUA News

UUA Youth Opportunities

From involvement in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to leading the faith caucus to establish the International Criminal Court, to overcoming UN apathy about sexual orientation & gender identity issues, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) has a long history of providing strong leadership in all aspects of human rights at a policy level.

With a deep passion for and commitment to international human rights, youth and adults from all over North America gather annually for our three day seminar to dig deeply into issues with global impact.

The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, and worship services, participants undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth as we explore some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today. Registration for the Virtual 2021 Intergenerational Spring Seminar will open in December 2020.

[Register here.](#)

Exploring Class and Classism

[UU Class Conversations](#) provides Unitarian Universalist congregations and organizations with the tools and language to explore class and classism through a distinctly UU lens.

Building upon our faith community's ongoing diversity work - from race to gender to sexual orientation to gender identity - the project aims to produce more welcoming congregations while strengthening our shared commitment to social justice.

Multicultural Leadership & Inclusion

Effective justice ministry depends on partnership, since racial discrimination touches everyone. UU partners in racial justice work, beyond the Unitarian Universalist Association, include [UU State Action Networks](#), the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#), the [UU College of Social Justice](#), [Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries](#) (DRUUMM), and [Allies for Racial Equity](#). UUs also form interfaith partnerships, such as with the [Interfaith Organizing Initiative](#), [Congregation-Based Community Organizations](#), the [Forward Together](#) movement, the [NAACP](#), and the [Living Legacy Project](#). Learn more [here](#).

Reproductive Justice

Decisions about children, families and sexuality are some of life's most profound. We advocate not only for the freedom of those choices in each person's life journey, but also for the ability of all families and communities to realize a sense of wholeness with regard to their sexual and reproductive lives. We create safe and healthy environments for children in our faith communities and campaign publicly for just and compassionate laws for family planning, reproductive health, and gender equality. Read about what we're doing [here](#).

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