

THE REACH

OCUUC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ORANGE COAST
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH 2023

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Mar. 5: "That'll do, Pig. That'll do."
– Rev. Sian Wiltshire

Mar. 12: AI (Artificial Intelligence) – Spooky
or Really Cool?
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Mar. 19: Now is the Time!
– Rev. Sian Wiltshire

Mar. 26: Rooted Together
– Rev. Liz Murphy

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Nancy Loughrey, President, Board of Trustees

We have a busy March coming up!

In addition to Sunday worship, we have four all-congregation activities: Open Mic Night, Town Hall Meeting, Article 2 Study Groups, and a Pledge Luncheon. You will find information on each event elsewhere in this REACH, but here's my take.

We start off right with the fun part – Open Mic Night on Saturday, March 4th. This is always a great time for community, showing off, entertainment, and just being silly. See p. 3

On Sunday, March 5th, the Town Hall Meeting after the service will detail the challenges we are having in getting to construction of our new sanctuary. We are committed to making it work, but it is a very hard thing! Update Report: p. 9.

Potential changes in the statement of Unitarian Universalist "Principles and Purposes" to "Purposes and Covenant" is a big deal in UU circles. It describes what we are all about. Learn what it is all about and share your opinions at the workshops March 18, 25th and April 1. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about our UU neighbors! See p. 5.

We will have a Pledge Luncheon on March 19th to kick off our operating pledge drive for the 23-24 fiscal year starting July 1. This is also an important time for community and commitment each year. Crepes and Mimosas! How great is that? See p. 4.

Each of these events epitomize what we are all about. Having fun, struggling together, sharing our deepest values, and commitment to supporting this organization. It all is various ways we share our community. See you there!

Nancy Loughrey

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SIAN'S SHENANIGANS

From Our Minister: Rev. Sian Wiltshire



Vulnerability

I've been almost 10 years with this wonderful, beloved community and because of that I feel more comfortable sharing some of my own vulnerabilities/my full humanity with you. We've developed a trusting relationship and you all have held my wounds gently and lovingly.

Being vulnerable is one of the hardest things we can do, and yet so important. It's important that we can all be the authentic beings that we are – warts, beauty and all. For me, learning to be vulnerable has been hard, but if I want to be authentic with you all, it means sometimes showing some old wounds. It's hard to know when to share deep wounds or scars, whether you will be safe or not judged; whether people will truly listen or try to "fix" you. Sometimes, you just want to be heard.

So I want to remind you all that if you need a safe place to speak from your wounds or your heart, you have it with me and the Pastoral Care Team (Laurie, Judith, Birdie and Marilyn). We are all here to listen without judgement, without advice being given – just be here with you.

I have had people tell me "I've never told anyone this before..." and it's such an honor to be trusted in that way. Please know that this church and I hold you in a circle of love. Here you are safe. Here you are loved.

With love,
Rev. Sian



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March 5: "That'll do, Pig. That'll do." We all know that pigs are as smart as dogs, but they aren't quite as cute and so we eat pigs (but not dogs). How do we reconcile our desire to hug cute cuddly dogs, but eat the less cute, but just as smart pigs? This topic is sponsored by Maureen McCornaghy who won the chance to choose a sermon topic at our last auction. Come and hear what omnivore Rev. Sian has to say!

March 12: AI (Artificial Intelligence) – Spooky or Really Cool? ChatGPT and other AI computers are creating quite the stir these days. Will they be taking away jobs or creating them? How much can we really trust what they tell us? Are we entering a dystopian future? Rev. Sian explores, with a lot of fun, this fascinating topic.

March 19: Now is the Time! We've got so many exciting things going on in this church this coming year! Come and hear about our future and where we are going, in our annual launch of the Pledge Drive! Rev. Sian.

(Lunch and fun entertainment are after the service – all are invited!)

March 26: Rooted Together. The natural world is a beautiful teacher of the possibility of relationship surrounding us -- and the harmony possible in community. What truth and connection might we find just outside our back doors? How might we learn some powerful lessons about vulnerability from the buzzing bees and the sprouting leaves? This Sunday, we'll consider how we are "Rooted Together," examining how the spirit of life works within us and around us when we most need it. Rev. Liz Murphy



Town Hall Meeting on New Sanctuary this Sunday, March 5th!

The Sanctuary Construction Committee is dismayed with the recent bid for \$2.7M for our new sanctuary. We have reviewed the bid in detail and have prepared a report, which begins on this page. We have recommended to the Board, and the Board agrees, that we take a break and rebid the job in the Fall. Our reasoning is in our report.

While this does not need formal congregation action, we do feel we need to talk. It affects all of us. We don't expect the Fall bid will come in at our original budget amount, so we also need to talk about our options.

Childcare will be available. We will start 15 minutes after the service ends. We understand that this is short notice, but there is a lot happening this month and we didn't want to wait. The meeting will be recorded, but this is your chance to voice your thoughts as well as hear from others. We hope to see you on site or on Zoom!

We will get there!

Nancy Loughrey

SANCTUARY CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Feb. 22, 2023

Chronology

Fri., 1/20 Bid received by email from General Contractor (HABC) through Architect (Domus). Amount is \$2.267M. When non-contractor costs like building permits and architects' fees are added, the new total cost of construction would be \$2.696 M. This is roughly a 50% increase in costs.

Mon., 1/23 Sanctuary Construction Committee meets on Zoom to debrief and kvetch.

Thurs., 1/26 SCC meets with HABC and Domus to review possible cost savings identified by Domus. HABC has some additional ideas and will work on possibilities.

Mon., 1/30 Craig and Nancy meet with Domus and HABC and an expeditor to gather information on possible strategies for working with the city on requirements.

Wed, 2/1 HABC presents their proposed changes and we discuss what might be acceptable and alternatives. They will explore further changes per our discussion.

Thurs., 2/2 SCC meets in Victoria Room to review plans and discuss alternatives.

Monday, 2/13 HABC suggests additional changes

Status

At this point, the SCC feels we have pushed as hard as is productive on HABC and Domus. We have considered all their suggestions. The short answer is that we can probably save about \$200k by changes that we consider acceptable, and there could be another \$100k in changes that we really hate to accept. They are:

- No dropped ceiling – there is a dropped ceiling in the drawings. It would be open ductwork. We had already accepted a lower cost finish
- Main opening changed from wide open Nanodoors to series of four storefront doors
- Carpeting on the podium instead of hardwood floors.

The source of the increase seems to be 75% from inflation and 25% from the increased requirements.

Alternatives

We have considered getting one or more additional bids. We agreed we would have a sole source contractor, but we could get other bids at some cost to the relationship. We do feel that HABC is honest and straightforward with us. It took about two months to get this bid, as it is a very complex process (over a holiday) that requires getting bids from several subcontractors. We may have trouble finding other contractors to invest that level of time in us without payment or confidence they may get the job. We have done a little research to check some of the subcontractors' bids.

Anecdotally, we are hearing this level of cost increase is not uncommon in today's market. The news and our contacts say this is typical. However, we are also hearing that the market may be turning around and may be more favorable to us in a few months. For example, lumber futures prices spiked during the pandemic, but have nearly returned to normal levels. HABC reports this is not yet reflected in wholesale prices.

It has been suggested that one solution may be to ask to phase the work. If we just built the basic shell right now, and added the ceiling and landscaping later, we would have a lower initial outlay. When we consider the effect of interest rates on our projected mortgage payments, we worry that it may be a long time before this is feasible. We could certainly do another fundraising campaign.

Another solution might be to do some of the work ourselves. We feel the projects we might take on are not going to make a significant change in our costs.

Finally, we might have some success in asking the City to give us a variance on some of the requirements. We have some good contacts and the discussion with the expeditor helped us develop a strategy. While we may have some success with this, it will take time and is not going to yield savings that will totally solve our problem.

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PLEDGE DRIVE

It is the time of year when we begin our annual pledge drive campaign. This year's pledge drive theme is just that: *"Now is the Time to Pledge to OCUUC."*

As members and friends of OCUUC, we rely on our minister and staff and our fellow volunteers to keep our church a spiritual refuge and a loving center of support and friendship. We, of course, need funds to maintain these benefits.

What is a Pledge Drive and why do we keep doing it?

The OCUUC Operating Fund Pledge Drive has as its purpose to renew the promises we all make to sustain and revitalize our fund for day-to-day expenditures that keep our buildings usable and keep our staff paid for their services.

We do this annually so that yearly pledges can be used by our Finance Committee to complete an annual budget to guide us financially. We can only count on pledges made or renewed each year in producing that budget.

Each year we run a new Pledge Drive for our FISCAL year, which is July 1-June 30.

Please consider carefully how you can help this year by making a generous pledge when you are asked.

Mark your calendars to attend the pledge drive kick-off brunch and program on March 19th, in the OCUUC courtyard and in Daniels Hall immediately following the Sunday church service.

Crepes, charcuterie, salad, mimosas, champagne, coffee, tea, and lemonade to be served. Vegan, gluten free and vegetarian dietary needs will be accommodated. No cost to attend. There will be a short program and pledge cards will be

distributed. Those who complete and turn in their pledge cards that day will be eligible to participate in drawings for valuable prizes!

Please pledge as generously as you can to keep OCUUC financially secure and viable. We are all in this loving community together.

Debra Quam
Pledge Drive Committee Chair



My hope as your Director of Music Ministries is that some of the music that we experience together on Sunday mornings touches you deeply. I know not every piece will move every person in the same way. That's impossible! But I try to provide enough variety that hopefully something in each service will meet you where you need. In the past few weeks, the choir has sung a Handel aria in Italian, a bluesy Holly Near song, and a Queen rock song. If you have any special requests or suggestions, I'm always open to hearing what your favorites are!

I hope you will consider coming out for our Open Mic Night on Saturday, March 4 at 7pm. It'll be a hybrid event, so performers and audience members can enjoy the evening on Zoom or in the Room. Performers who are playing instruments need to arrive by 6:30, and other performers need to show up by 6:45pm to get on the roster. I'm not taking any pre-registrations. It'll be a true Open Mic experience. This event is open to any family-friendly performance 5 minutes or less, no matter the age, the genre, type of act, or experience.

On April 29 we'll host our bi-annual Music Under the Stars evening of music. The musicians will entertain you AND feed you munchies out on the patio under the stars. Mark your calendar!

Musically Yours,
Beth Syverson
Director of Music Ministries,
MusicDirector@ocuuc.org

FORMING FAITH

Religious Education News
Karen Magoon Pearson
Director of Religious Education

Eight kids and four adults from OCUUC attended Elementary/Family Winter Camp at Camp deBenneville Pines in the San Bernardino Mountains over President's Day weekend for the largest camp they have hosted since COVID. We slept in cabins, ate wholesome meals, worshiped together, played in the snow, went on chilly hikes, and warmed up in the lodge with hot chocolate and board games. It was a magical time for all of us.

It was my first time visiting in the winter-time, and it was amazing seeing our beloved camp so transformed. The children forged even closer bonds with their families, their OCUUC friends, friends they had met at previous camps, and new friends.

We are so blessed to have this camp available to us, and I know everyone that has had a chance to be there knows how transformative an experience it can be. That's why, as camp continues to reopen, we are putting in a special effort here at OCUUC to get as many of our children and youth "up the mountain" as we can in the coming months.

Save the dates for:

Elementary Summer Camp and the Counselor-in-Training Program the second week of July,
Junior High Camp the third week of July,
Senior High Camp the last week of July, and
Family Camp the first week of August.

OCUUC offers scholarships, and we will work together to arrange carpools and do whatever else is needed to make sure our youth and families can take part in these amazing opportunities.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or requests.

"The mountains are calling, and I must go."

-John Muir



SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH!!

We haven't had an Open Mic Night on-site since before COVID! So it's time to change that!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4 at 7pm. Open Mic Night is open to any family-friendly act. Each performer can have 4 minutes for their act. All ages, abilities, and types of acts are welcome. Music, poetry, drama, comedy, dog acts, dance, you name it!

This will be a hybrid event, so performers and audience members can be at home **or** on-site. (On-site performances are preferred, but we will accommodate Zoom performances as well.)

No need to pre-register before March 4. Performers just need to come in at least 15 minutes before the event to sign in. Musicians who need sound checks need to come 30 minutes before the event.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Syverson at MusicDirector@ocuuc.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE H!

With a humorous speech titled, "Victor Cupid's Toughest Case", Dave H., a longtime member of our congregation who moved to Portland, OR., won the *Babble-On Toastmasters*

Club's 2023 Humorous Speech Contest on January 22, 2023. He will go on to represent his Club at the Area 53 contest in February. The winner at each level advances from individual Clubs to the Area, Division, and ultimately the Toastmasters District 7 Conference in May.

For the Humorous Speech Contest, contestants deliver a five-to-seven-minute speech on a topic or their choice, and are judged on content, organization, and delivery.

In his winning speech, Dave takes on the persona of Victor Cupid, a film noir-esque private investigator, who is hired to recover a Maltese Puffin for a sketchy client. He tells the story with vivid descriptive phrases, and masterfully changes voices as he portrays the various characters.

You can view his speech at <https://youtu.be/7dS-vUOTBE>.
Congratulations, Dave!



STITCHWITS

Do you knit, crochet, sew, or enjoy any other crafts? Do you believe in using your skills to help others? Then you might be a StitchWit!

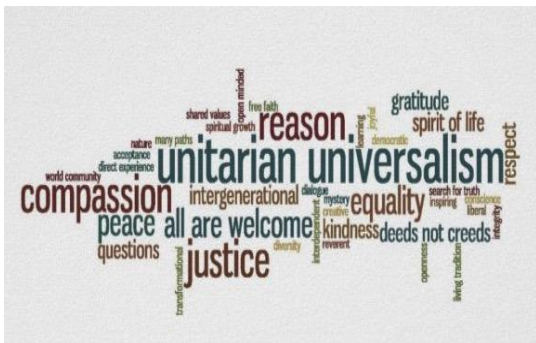
Stitchwits meet on Zoom every Saturday from 10:30am to 12:30pm and are knitting, crocheting, or sewing items for **Stand Up for Kids**.

Find the zoom link on the [calendar page](#) of our website or contact Barbara Schilling at 949/285-0918 or harper0117@gmail.com



JOYS AND SORROWS ON SUNDAY

If you would like to express a Joy or Sorrow to be read during the service on Sunday, you may send an email by 9:00 am on Sunday morning to joysandsorrows@ocuuc.org, type in the chat during this part of the service, or, when attending the service in person, you may write your joy or sorrow for in-person share.



A STUDY IN LOVE: EXPLORING OUR UU VALUES

Join Intern Minister KC Marie Pandell (Tapstry) and Judith Stamper (Orange Coast UU) for a three Saturday session exploration of Unitarian Universalist values, how they relate to Article II and the future of the faith, with other Orange County UUs. We'll make new connections, explore our faith deeply, and see where each other worships. This event is in person. All are welcome.

- Session 1: March 18, 10am - Noon; Unitarian Universalist Church Fullerton
- Session 2: March 25, 10am - Noon; Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist
- Session 3: April 1, 10am - Noon; Tapestry Unitarian Universalist

These are three separate discussions, with different topics each time. Plan to attend all three and get to know new friends from three congregations. Sign up on the patio after Sunday services or contact [Judith Stamper](#).



The AHA Group is a discussion group supporting humanists, agnostics, atheists, deists, and others who view human activity as the basis for moral systems, and view humans as integral parts of the nature of the cosmos. The Zoom link is on the [church calendar](#).

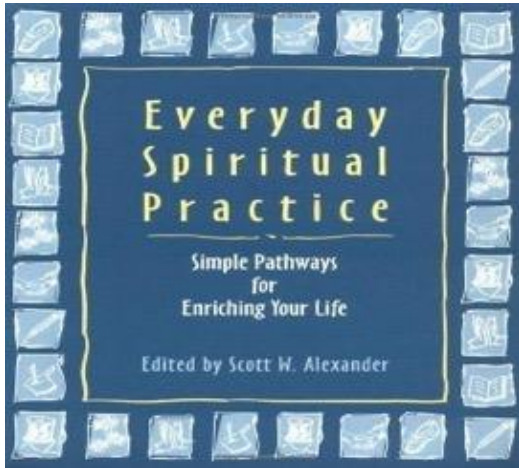
This month, our special guest speaker will be Stephanie Campbell, President of the OC Chapter Americans United for Separation of Church and State.



So that we may attend the Town Hall Meeting immediately after the church service on Sunday, March 5, the March meeting of the AHA Group will take place at **3pm**.

The Atheist/Humanist Group usually meets on first Sundays at 12:15 pm on Zoom, and will return to 12:15 pm in April.

For more information, email programs@ocuuc.org



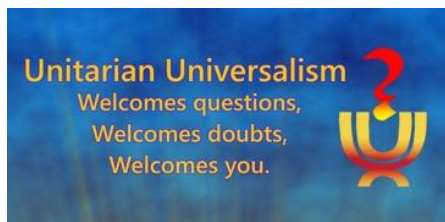
"Everyday Spiritual Practice" Discussion Group

Thursday March 2, 9 and 16
5-6:15 p.m.
Led by Linda Spery

Have you ever wondered how to integrate your heartfelt beliefs into your daily life?

In this discussion group we'll explore ways to make every day more meaningful as we explore the discoveries of 40 contributors to the book *"Everyday Spiritual Practice: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life,"* edited by UU Scott W. Alexander. Limited to 12 participants on Zoom. You will need to purchase the book. It is available from www.uua-bookstore.org and www.amazon.com.

If you can commit to all three sessions and would like to reserve a spot, please contact Linda at lindaspery@gmail.com.



The Spring Men's Renewal Weekend
at deBenneville Pines Camp
April 28-30, 2023.

"Masculinity: What Stories am I Living?"

What stories do I tell myself about what it means to be a man in these challenging, changing times? Whose story am I living? Is my story getting in my way of living or is it hurting others? What's not true about my story? How do I feel about my story and what am I going to do about it? We will explore these and many other questions. If you are interested, a link to the registration form below.

Our Unitarian Universalist Men's Renewal welcomes men of all ages, backgrounds, and diversities. Scholarships are available, so that no brother will be denied for financial reasons. The Camp is located near Angeles Oaks in the San Bernardino Mountains at 6800 feet elevation. Questions can be directed to Cory Brown at KG6EP@AOL.COM. I encourage those interested to sign up early.

To register use:
<http://tinyurl.com/UUMF-Renewal-Registration>

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MEDITATION GROUP

Our Meditation Group meets every Sunday at 9:45am — in person and via Zoom. Meditation and mindfulness practice are so important for our well-being! Please join our community. We will conduct a short but nourishing guided meditation, then share our experiences along the path. All are welcome!

Find the zoom link on the OCUUC website calendar page by clicking [here!](#)



FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to sign-up for flowers to celebrate someone or for yourself, please see [Sandie Martin](#) after the service to reserve your date. You can also email her at sandiemartin@mac.com.

Let her know if you'd like to bring your own flowers on a particular date, or she can make an arrangement for you at a cost of \$20 cash.

(Sanctuary Const. Report, cont. from page 4)

The other option we might have is scaling down the overall size of the building. We may be able to avoid some of the requirements if it were smaller. It means completely starting over with the architect and planning. Although we might be faster the second time around, it is an extended process.

Recommendation

The Sanctuary Construction Committee recommends that we wait and rebid these plans in the Fall using the savings we already identified and accepted. It is a risk. Prices could go up instead of down. It would allow us the time to work through an appeal to reduce some of the city requirements. It would also allow us more time to fundraise to meet what will certainly be more than \$1.8M.

Next Steps

We recommend a Town Hall meeting on this information early in March. **[MAR. 5TH]**

The SCC will get to work on more cost savings possibilities and working on a possible variance with the City.

We will need help in fundraising.

We are committed to a new sanctuary and feel the congregation is, too. The reasons for building it have not changed. We have come a long way and are so close!





Thursday, March 2

Everyday Spiritual Practice, 5pm on Zoom
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Daniels Hall/Zoom

Saturday, March 4

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom
Open Mic Night, 7pm Daniels Hall

Sunday, March 5

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room
and on Zoom

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall
and on Zoom

Town Hall Meeting, 11:45am Daniels Hall
AHA Group, 3:00pm on Zoom

Monday, March 6

OCUUC Fiction Book Group 7:00pm on
Zoom

Wednesday, March 8

Comm. On Ministry 6:00pm

Thursday, March 9

Everyday Spiritual Practice, 5pm on Zoom
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Daniels Hall/Zoom

Saturday, March 11

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom
Memorial Service, 2pm Daniels Hall

Sunday, March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room
and on Zoom

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall
and on Zoom

RE & Youth Group, 10:30am on site

Writing Club, 11:45am Victoria Room

Nonfiction Book Club, 12:30pm on Zoom

Monday, March 13

Anti-racism Reading Group, 7pm on
Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

OCUUC Moviegoers (TBD) Regency SC
Finance Council 5pm Zoom

Thursday, March 16

Everyday Spiritual Practice, 5pm on Zoom
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Daniels Hall/Zoom

Saturday, March 18

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

Sunday, March 19

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room
and on Zoom

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall
and on Zoom

RE & Youth Group, 10:30am on site

Canvass Luncheon, 11:45am Daniels Hall

Tuesday, March 21

Caring Circle 12pm on Zoom

Wednesday, March 22

Actionable Antiracism Group, 1pm Zoom
Board of Trustees, 7pm on Zoom

Thursday, March 23

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Daniels Hall/Zoom

Saturday, March 25

Exploring Our UU Values, 10am Daniels
Hall

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

Sunday, March 26

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room
and on Zoom

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall
and on Zoom

Women's Circle, Victoria Room and Zoom

Monday, March 27

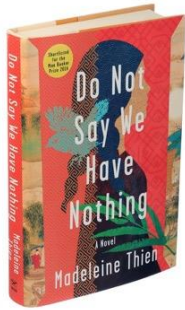
Anti-racism Reading Group, 7pm on
Zoom

Thursday, March 30

Choir Rehearsal, 7pm Daniels Hall/Zoom



FICTION BOOK GROUP



The church Fiction Book Group will meet online on Monday, March 6th at 7:00pm to discuss "Do Not Say We have Nothing" by Madeleine Thien.

Please join us for our usual lively discussions, and bring your reader friends. You can find the link on the church [website](#).

Co-chairs: Eva Goodwin-Noriega and Marcia Hackett.



It's Daylight Savings Time!

March 12 at 2:00am

Don't be late for church! Remember to set your clocks before you go to bed Saturday night. It's Spring forward – set the clock one hour ahead.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN MARCH:

March 4, 7pm: Open Mic Night!
Daniels Hall

March 5, 11:45am: Town Hall Meeting, Daniels Hall after church

March 11, 2pm: Memorial Service, Daniels Hall

March 12, 2:00am Daylight Savings, set your clocks ahead.

March 19, 11:45am: Canvass Kick-off Luncheon, Daniels Hall

March 25, 10:00am: Exploring Our UU Values Workshop #1, Fullerton UU

MARCH PLATE SHARE



StandUp for Kids - Orange County was launched in 2003 with a single focus: To end the cycle of youth homelessness in our community.

We work to provide basic needs, housing, mentoring support, care, and love to at-risk and homeless youth ages 12-24. In 2021, we adjusted programming to address COVID restrictions and changes.

View our [Programs](#) page to learn how we are continuing to grow in the scope and quality of care we provide to our youth.

Youth that have been served include sexually exploited youth, victims of abuse and/or neglect, LGBTQ youth, kids with disabilities, pregnant and parenting young people, and kids forced out of their homes. For information about Stand-Up for Kids visit www.standupforkids.org



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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THINKING ABOUT GA?

The annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists will take place June 21-25, 2023, in Pittsburgh, PA. OCUUC is entitled to three delegates. The primary commitment of a delegate is to attend all plenary meetings, which occur each day, either in person or online. This year a revision of Article II of the bylaws, which address our purposes and principles, is on the agenda, and only delegates may vote. Delegates will also want to attend mini-assemblies, where amendments are proposed and discussion and debate occurs.

Until May 15, adult fulltime registration is \$500, while a full virtual registration is \$300. There is also a no-fee delegate option for delegates who attend only business meetings (plenary sessions, mini-assemblies, etc.). For more information, see www.uua.org/ga.

If you'd like to be a delegate, contact Rev. Sian, Nancy Loughrey, or Phyllis Daniel (phyllisdaniel@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you, Phyllis Daniel.



*Living in
Harmony with
Each Other and
Our Earth*



2023 Pacific Southwest Service Area Assembly
April 21–23, 2023
San Luis Obispo, CA

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA ASSEMBLY--APRIL 21-23

In the spirit of our beloved District Assembly, Camp de Benneville Pines will be sponsoring a traditional assembly to bring members of our 50 churches together to enjoy an engaging keynote speaker, UU-themed workshops, music, worship, and other activities.

The assembly will take place at the San Luis Obispo UU Fellowship and will also feature the camp's annual business meeting with updates.

This is intended to serve the former district or is a 'district-wide' assembly with workshops, including keynote speakers that will interest all UUs.

Join us to share what's going on in your congregation and to enjoy meaningful keynote topics, an assortment of workshops, youth con activities, worship, meals, and more **April 21 - 23** in beautiful San Luis Obispo (SLO) for the 2023 PSW Service Area Assembly. Beyond the assembly, SLO will be celebrating Earth Day all weekend, and the city has many great activities planned - stay an extra day to enjoy time in the area!

Registration is open at:

<https://www.uucamp.org/camps-retreats/family-camps/2023-pacific-southwest-service-area-assembly/>

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