

# THE REACH

OCUUC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ORANGE COAST  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH



## Sunday Services in Apr. 2021

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**April 18 |** Before the Song at the Sea  
Matt Meyer

**April 25 |** The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle  
Rev. Sian Wiltshire

## THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

From Debra Quam, President, Board of Trustees

*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."*

*Mark Twain, Nov. 30, 1835 – Apr. 21, 1910*

Now that spring is officially here, it is time for new beginnings, longer days of sunlight, and Covid vaccinations on the way for everyone! In the not-too-distant future, we will be able to safely explore, dream, and discover as Mr. Twain advises above.

After months of being shut in due to Covid, many of us are longing for more in person interaction. When can we come back to onsite meetings again at OCUUC? A committee has formed to answer this question and address all the details that must be considered for a safe return. Members are Nancy Loughrey, Rev. Sian Wiltshire, Rev. Judy Tomlinson, Beth Syverson, Meg Wilson, Debra Quam, and congregational nurse, Marilyn Giss. In general, we have set a policy that we will comply with California and CDC guidance, and will not return until everyone has had an opportunity to get vaccinated. Our best estimate for onsite worship, if cases continue to decline, will be early summer. Watch for a

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survey in the next few weeks, and there will be a Town Hall on Zoom in April.

The OCUUC Sanctuary Construction Committee (SCC) has been meeting regularly since the congregation approved moving forward with the new sanctuary at the February 21, 2021 special congregational meeting. Craig Sperry is chair of the SCC which also includes, Barbara Morihiro, Audrey Prosser, Bob Loughrey, Nancy Loughrey and Debra Quam.

Craig is creating and posting a weekly blog on the progress of the new sanctuary building. To see the updates, go to the [ocuuc.org](https://ocuuc.org) website, select blogs, and then Work in Progress: Our New Sanctuary. Here is a link to a recent sanctuary update <https://ocuuc.org/sanctuarywip/sound-check/>.

Speaking of the OCUUC website, have you noticed its fabulous new look? Many thanks to our Communications Chairperson Nina Smith and to Jonathan Magoon Pearson for the many hours of work they each devoted to bringing us the information packed and easy to navigate redesigned website.

It is time for the OCUUC annual operating fund pledge drive and by now all OCUUC members and friends have received pledge packets. Please give as generously as you can so that OCUUC can continue to thrive. Your donations make our church community possible! Thank you to Pledge Drive Chairperson, Sandie Martin and her committee members for their many hours of work on the operating fund pledge drive. Sandie and her team came up with the wonderful idea of asking staff and others who have been working on projects at the church to make videos to show you some of what has been going on at the church this last year. A video will be featured each Sunday of the pledge drive

campaign. Here is a link to the video Beth Syverson made of what it takes to produce the church service music via Zoom. Truly an amazing effort each week! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OCUUC/permalink/10158832347759564/>

In last month's Reach article, I promised to provide pictures of the newly remodeled RE/Administration building lobby, Victoria Room, hallways, and bathrooms. Here is a link to a video of the completed project. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OCUUC/permalink/1015813554644564/>

Happy spring to you all.

Debra Quam, [president@ocuuc.org](mailto:president@ocuuc.org)

## SIAN'S SHENANIGANS

From Our Minister: Rev. Sian Wiltshire

When I was in my 20s and 30s I kept waiting to feel like an adult. I couldn't wait to "grow up." I think I thought it meant that I would

be/ feel "perfect" and do all the right things, make all the right choices. I would be wise, compassionate and never fail anyone (including myself). I thought it might happen when I became a manager in my career

at the time – I had authority! But I didn't feel any different. Then I thought it would happen



when I bought my first house – so responsible of me! Nope. I still felt the same. Nothing seemed to have changed. Then, somewhere in my 40's I began to realize that being an adult wasn't about some magical moment when I would be transformed into a perfectly responsible and enlightened being; that it wasn't about what I did, either. It was about growing "up," becoming just a little bit better at all those things that made me a better human being.

We are always growing and learning. Each day is an opportunity to become something more than we were the day before. And being an adult isn't about being perfect, or having authority, or being financially responsible. It's about always being open to learning and growing. It's learning to be open to becoming. So, I don't know about you, but I can't wait to grow up!

With Love,

Rev. Sian

## Worship in April 2021

*Worship Theme: Becoming*

*Please note that given the changing nature of the world, topics may change to address the needs of our times. Below are the topics currently being considered.*

**Apr. 4: The S-I-Z-E of Your Soul** Easter is all about transformation. On this Easter Sunday, let's talk about how we can grow the size of our souls—what transformation is all about.

Rev. Sian

**Apr. 11: Indigenous Rights.** Each week we acknowledge that our church property rests on Acjachemen and Tongva land. What more can we do to support indigenous rights in OC?

Rev. Sian

**Apr. 18: Before the Song at the Sea**  
As people of faith we're called to work

together to create the world as it might be. Living the change we wish to see can bring us through discomfort and troubled water. In the midst of a status quo that can push us down, join us this Sunday for a service of rhythm and song, and a challenge to live our values and lift each other up.

Matt is a musician and worship leader who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and serves as Director of Community Life for Sanctuary Boston.

Matt Meyer

**Apr. 25: The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle.** The Unitarian Universalist Association (our denomination) is currently wrestling with the adoption of an 8<sup>th</sup> Principle (we currently have 7). Come hear what is being proposed and why.

Rev. Sian



## Joys and Sorrows on Sundays

If you would like to express a Joy or Sorrow to be read during the service on Sunday, please send an email by 9:00 am on Sunday morning to [joysandsorrows@ocuuc.org](mailto:joysandsorrows@ocuuc.org). You will also have an opportunity to type a response in the Zoom chat. And please continue to reach out to one another and stay in touch. An unexpected phone call is like a smile; free and does a world of good.

## RANDOM KINDNESS

Religious Education News  
from RE Minister Rev. Judy Tomlinson

Happy Spring! Passover! Easter! Nowruz!

Lo, the earth awakes again! Back when the first vaccines were approved I began singing

Easter songs in the faith that we would soon be together again. Now we have an OCUUC Task Force (in which I'm participating) working on re-opening plans. No, we won't be meeting in-person by Easter Sunday. No, it won't be as soon as we would like. But I do feel the sap rising and the buds forming that will surely blossom and bear fruit in the months ahead.

Part of the re-opening process is answering a few survey questions that will provide the Re-Opening Task Force with vital information. Please, we need to hear from you. Your perspective counts. Parents, children and youth have been some of the most impacted by the pandemic. Our ministries are here for you.

Becoming is our April Religious Education theme. How did becoming a parent change you? Wow, let me count the ways. Some of the questions we will explore this month: Whose example helped you know who you wanted to become, what kind of person you wanted to be? If you stopped growing right this minute, what would you be happiest to keep exactly as it is? What would you regret not being able to become?

Our Sunday morning RE program looks forward to:

**April 4:** Virtual Easter Egg Hunt, story, and games

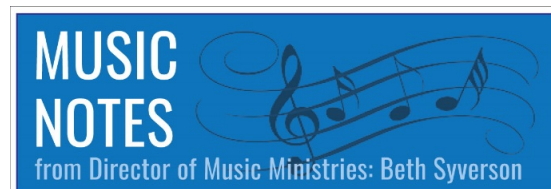
**April 11:** Finding Your True Self (Who are you becoming?)

**April 18:** Becoming People of the Earth (Earth Day)

**April 25:** Making Hopeful Predictions (Imagination)

My hopeful prediction is that I will see you all in the months ahead!

Rev. Judy



Every Spring, Music Ministries hosts an Open Mic Night - a completely free event where people of all ages, abilities, and experience can share their talents. In the past we've had poetry readings, dog acts, stand-up comedy, in addition to musical acts. Last year's Open Mic Night was the last event held at the church before the quarantine began. This year, since we're *still* quarantined, we're going to host the Open Mic Night, and participants will perform LIVE on Zoom. Open Mic Night will be Saturday, April 3 at 7pm at Zoom #393 157 9606. If you'd like to perform, email me to get on the roster and set up a tech rehearsal on the Thursday or Friday before the event. Performers must pre-register. I hope many of you will perform and/or attend as an audience member.

If you've enjoyed some of the artists' videos we've shared during Sunday services, you might want to check out the church's YouTube channel. I've created a Playlist of all the outside videos we've shared - by Lea Morris, The Aeolians, lutist Christopher Wilke (who is Alex Bailey's cousin, by the way), and India.Arie. And of course, we also have the playlist of OCUUC-created music videos on our YouTube channel as well. Make sure to subscribe to our channel to get notified of new additions.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/OrangeCoastUU>

As many of us are starting to get vaccinated, and as spring emerges, we might get a little antsy to gather again at the church. A Re-

opening Committee is working hard to address the complicated issues about worshipping and meeting again at the church building, so stay tuned for more information coming. But just a heads-up that singing together in Daniels Hall will be one the last things that return. Singing is a super-spreader activity because of the intense exchange of air involved in that activity. So, it's possible we will be able to worship in Daniels Hall but without being able to sing. Of course, those participating on Zoom from home will be able to sing, though. It's going to be a strange transition, and we have no idea how long it will take to return to our full worship experience. I miss singing together terribly, and I will be so excited when we can sing loud and strong; but not until it's safe to do so. I just wanted us all to start thinking about this aspect. Give a little compassion to the singers you know who have had to put their soul-feeding practice on the shelf for over a year. When we fully return, there will be a joyful noise indeed! Until then, be well.

Musically Yours,

Beth Syverson

[MusicDirector@ocuuc.org](mailto:MusicDirector@ocuuc.org)



**Operating Fund Pledge Drive Fiscal Year  
2021/2022**

Well, here we are after operating “socially-distanced” and avoiding spreading COVID-19 for a year! We’ve done well, we’ve survived through a steep learning curve with Zoom

and been running our meetings and our church services using that powerful tool. During Sunday services in April you will see some more behind the scenes videos of what it takes to bring the church into your home.

We even conducted last year’s Operating Fund Pledge Drive using only electronic communications and the US Mail - and we did well - thank you so much for all who contributed! This helped keep OCUUC going throughout the pandemic.

We must complete our Annual Operating Pledge Drive so that the Annual Budget can be created for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022. During the 2021 Congregational Meeting, on June 13th, we will vote on the budget proposed by the Finance Committee for the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2021.

We must do this so we can be certain of the continued existence of our beloved institution. This, frankly, provides the substance and the cost of all programs necessary, including the Zoom software, for us all to remain connected.

The Annual Operating Pledge information packet was mailed out the week of March 15th. It included a brochure, a letter from our President, Debra Quam, and our minister, Rev. Sian Wiltshire.

A pledge card was included reminding you of the amount you pledged for FY 2020/2021. You may use that information to complete your pledge for FY 2021/2022.

***If you haven’t done so yet***, please complete your pledge card and return it as soon as possible so our Finance Wizards can plan for our upcoming church fiscal year.

Thank you!

**Your Operating Fund Pledge Drive  
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All events are Online  
Sunday Services: 10:30 am on Zoom

*Most of our meetings take place on Zoom.  
Find your event on the OCUUC website calendar and click on details to find the Zoom meeting ID.*

**Thursday, April 1**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 2**

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 3**

StitchWits, 10:00 am

Open Mic Night, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, April 4**

RE Class, 9:30 am

Meditation Group, 9:45 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

Atheist/Humanist Group, 12:15 pm

**Monday, April 5**

Fiction Book Group, 7:30 pm

**Thursday, April 8**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 9**

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 10**

StitchWits, 10:00 am

Exploring OCUUC, 10:00 am

**Sunday, April 11**

RE Class, 9:30 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

LGBT Action Group, 12:15 pm

**Monday, April 12**

UU History Workshop, 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 13**

Anti-Racism discussion, 7:30

**Wednesday, April 14**

Committee on Ministry, 6:00 pm

**Thursday, April 15**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 16**

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 17**

StitchWits, 10:00 am

**Sunday, April 18**

RE Class, 9:30 am

Meditation Group, 9:45 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

RECY Committee Meeting, 11:45 am

Nonfiction Book Club, 12:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 20**

Caring Circle, 12:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 21**

Finance Council Meeting, 2:00 pm

**Thursday, April 22**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

**Friday, April 23**

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

**Saturday, April 24**

StitchWits 10:00 am

Rainbow Movie Night 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 25**

RE Class, 9:30 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

Women's Circle, 12:00 pm

**Monday, April 26**

UU History Workshop

**Wednesday, April 28**

Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00

**Thursday, April 29**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30



UPDATE!!

Please make sure that you have updated your Zoom app, whether it's on your iPhone, iPad, or desktop computer. Zoom is making some security changes and you have to have version 5.0.5 or later for you to access Zoom. If you don't know how to update, here is a helpful link: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>



## FAR, BUT NEAR!

*This year has brought many challenges, and, like so many things, it has the glass half-empty and the glass half-full perspective. We have a few half-full stories for you. If you have something positive to share that has come out of our need to Zoom, please let editor know @ lindajclough@gmail.com*

### Ed and Frances Kurata

We thank all the people who put the zoom services together. They have given us a lift during these months of isolation.

The sermons are uplifting. The music is amazing. We knew it had to take a lot of work and Sunday's explanation of all that is involved made us appreciate it all the more.

"We have had to stop driving, so we look forward to Zoom services even when in-church services resume.

Our sincere gratitude.

### Katherine Tatis

I know most people would be hard pressed to find something positive in this pandemic. For me, it's been the increase in online events. The most important has been OCUUC's change to run their services and other activities on Zoom because it allowed me to connect up with my friends and the people from my "home church" that I missed so much in the few years since relocating from Orange County. While I tried attending the UU Fellowship located in my new area, it was hard starting over. It just wasn't the same. I missed knowing that this group of people accept me for who I am. Being able to reconnect with OCUUC and my friends brought all that back. It gave me a feeling of comfort and security, but it also helped open up a life that had become increasingly solitary long before any quarantine or shutdown.

Now with OCUUC back in my life, I not only have a church service to attend on Sundays, I also have a knitting group on Saturdays and invites on other days of the week as well. I know that the church will eventually open for in-person services again and I have been told that it will be a combination service, that those of us who attend services and other activities by Zoom will still be included. I can't imagine what that will look like, but I'm certainly glad to hear it.

### Robin O'Connor

I "found" OCUUC several years ago while out on a walk. I saw the rainbow flag and checked the Unitarian history out on the internet. The church and the choir became my spiritual home.

When timing my retirement move to the Central Coast, I insisted that I would not miss Winter Solstice as it had become so meaningful to me. Inevitably we did move and the end of January 2020. I had a wonderful, tearful leaving for which I was very grateful. I was optimistic as I had already researched and found a UU church (with a similar size choir) close by in San Luis Obispo. I showed up to Sunday services and started singing with the choir. I missed OCUUC, Beth and the choir immensely but tried to make the best of it.

When COVID-19 hit, the church and choir in SLO had trouble responding. Since I was new, I had not made any real connections. I was in shock and felt cut adrift.

I was still in touch with Beth and others in the choir, but I was scared (as all of us were) and lonely. I badly needed to see and talk to my friends. I asked and was welcomed back to join in choir practice and online services. I was able to obey stay at home orders and feel the warmth of friendship and communion. The online services and my involvement in Choir has kept me sane and connected, especially when the world was going crazy, and we had so little hope. I was so happy that Rev Sian stated that we would never go back the same: that we would continue online as it is my solace, my meditation, my sanity and my centering.

### Bob Melville

In 2007 I had serious stroke, that ended my coming to church every Sunday since 1989 when I moved to Costa Mesa. I've been a Unitarian

since 1947. When Zoom happened my joy went through the roof. Now I could go back to OCUUC each Sunday from home - WOW !!! It was life changing, joy joy joy !!!

Love to all at OCUUC!



### UUMF SPRING MEN'S RENEWAL

The Unitarian Universalist Men's Fellowship (UUMF) will be holding its 2021 Virtual Spring Men's Renewal on Zoom, April 23rd and 24th.

Those in our Congregation who identify as male are invited and encouraged to attend/participate in a supportive, caring environment. The gathering will be free to participants, though we are asking for a donation to the Camp, which is not required if it causes financial hardship.

The theme for this renewal is "Finding Courage."

As of the writing of this notification, COVID-19 is preventing many of us from enjoying fellowship at Camp de Benneville Pines in Angeles Oaks, CA. You can join us from the comfort of your own home, though the beauty of the Camp is always welcome and certainly desired by many who have been up the mountain.

The mission of the UUMF is to support those who identify as male in the quest for lives of compassion, integrity, responsibility and balance. We are a caring, intentionally diverse brotherhood, offering opportunities and forums which promote intimate sharing, personal growth, and spiritual deepening with the hope that we may come to know and better understand ourselves. If you have any questions please contact Cory Brown for more information at:

[KG6EP@AOL.COM](mailto:KG6EP@AOL.COM)

Registration will be limited to the first 100 registrants.

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## What about Anti-Racism?

We have recently had two book groups that read [White Fragility](#) by Robin DeAngelo, which describes how all white people contribute to racism, intentional or not. There were some very thoughtful and meaningful discussions on it, and many feel they deepened their understanding of the issues. What happens next? Out of the last chapter of the book, here is the start of the kinds of things in which we might engage.

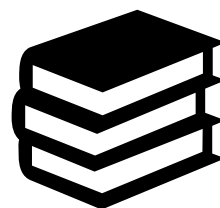
- **Research** – “caring enough to get informed” There is a fire hose of books and movies that are recommended to help us in our understanding of racism and the experiences of people of color. A book or movie group, or both?
- **Repair** – “developing cross racial honesty” Owning your own racism, identifying other allies to help us process, being accountable as individuals and as a congregation.
- **Relationships** – Working with other organizations - The UUA has many resources and curriculum ([Justice & Inclusion | UUA.org](#), Standing Up for Racial Justice(SURJ), Black Lives Matter, making an OCUUC statement?
- **Getting involved** – Effecting change in schools, police, ICE, housing, voting

Where is your interest and energy?

I will organize a Zoom meeting on **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** to see where our energy lies and help organize a path forward.

Full disclosure: I am not any kind of expert on this topic, this list is only a draft and has lots of room for your ideas. In addition, we will need leaders to make groups happen. This will have to be a group effort!

Nancy Loughrey





## Groups at OCUUC

Due to COVID-19, in person meetings are suspended indefinitely.

Stay in touch (electronically) and stay safe. We need to physically distance, but in these uncertain times, we need social connection more than ever.



## OCUUC WRITING CLUB

Are you interested in writing an article, essays, poems, short stories for OCUUC? OCUUC Writing Club is open to all members and friends of OCUUC who are interested in writing reflections about the monthly themes<sup>1</sup> we use in worship (e.g., Beloved Community, Commitment, Play, Imagination, Curiosity, etc.). The group gathers once a month to go over the themes, discuss how we might write about them, share our writing, and be given support in our writing.

<sup>1</sup> April theme: BECOMING

Then, twice a year we will publish the selective writings as a special publication.

Join the Writing Club Facebook group forum to get updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ocuucwritingclub>

If you have any questions, please contact: [writingclub@ocuuc.org](mailto:writingclub@ocuuc.org)



Have you ever played Dungeons & Dragons?

Would you like to learn? Geoff Ayton and Joel Kilchoer are willing, if you are, to lead us in some fun D&D Scenarios.

We are currently playing two campaigns: *Lost Mines of Phandelver*, run by Joel and an *Eberon Campaign* run by Geoff.

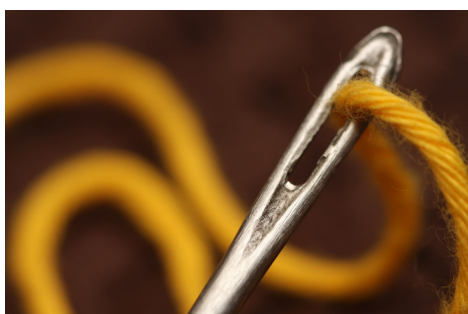
If you're interested, please email Geoff ([Geoffrey.ayton@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffrey.ayton@gmail.com)).

Ages: 12-Adult.

### My second favorite UU Joke...do you have one?

**Q:** How Many UUs does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A:** UUs wish to issue the following statement: "We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a lightbulb; however, if in your own journey you have found that lightbulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your lightbulb, and present it next month at our annual lightbulb Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of lightbulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence."



## 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 are knitting, crocheting or sewing the following items for Stand Up for Kids:

- \*hats
- \*scarves
- \*fingerless mitts
- \*cowls
- \*baby blankets

Preferred colors: dark blue, purple, black, grey. Sizes for 12-24 year-olds. We have no specific patterns to use, just use your favorite. If you would like a pattern, just ask! This is an ongoing activity, so feel free to join!

If you would like to participate, please let Barbara Schilling know at 949/285-0918 or [harper0117@gmail.com](mailto:harper0117@gmail.com). Stitchwits meet on Zoom every **Saturday at 10am**. Find the link on the calendar page of our website or contact Barbara.



## LGBTQ Action Group

The LGBTQ Action Group meets on the **2nd Sunday of every month at 12:15pm** on Zoom. This month's meeting is on April 11, and we will have a guest speaker sharing their

personal story. Let us know if you (or someone you know) are LGBTQ and would like to be our guest one month, and we'll put you on the schedule!

And we are continuing our new film series called Rainbow Movie Night. On the **4th Saturday of every month**, we host a communal viewing of an LGBTQ-related film, followed by a discussion. Our next Rainbow Movie Night will be **April 24**. Contact Alex Bailey if you have a movie recommendation.

We always have several wonderful allies joining us in our events, which are open to everyone. We appreciate and honor our allies' contributions and support of the LGBTQ community at OCUUC. The LGBTQ Actions Group's purpose is to educate minds and change hearts, ensuring everyone feels like they belong in our welcoming community. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Beth Syverson or Jan Mabie anytime. ([MusicDirector@ocuuc.org](mailto:MusicDirector@ocuuc.org), [Janselectrical@gmail.com](mailto:Janselectrical@gmail.com)) Thank you for your support!

Beth Syverson (she/her/hers)



## OPEN MIC NIGHT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
**7 PM (VIA ZOOM)**

Our annual [Open Mic Night](#) is coming up on **Saturday 4/3 at 7pm**. It'll be on [Zoom](#) this year, but everything else will be the same. It's

open to all performers of all ages and abilities. And it's free to perform and to attend. Just a few requirements:

- Your act has to be family-friendly (Rated PG)
- You have to perform your act LIVE on Zoom. No pre-recording for this event.
- You have to attend one of these tech rehearsals with Beth. Both rehearsals will be at [this Zoom address](#).
  - Thursday, April 1 between 2 and 3pm
  - Friday, April 2 between 8 and 9pm

We are open to poetry readings, dog acts, dance numbers, singing, stand-up comedy, or instrumental performances. Pretty much anything goes! Please let me know you are planning to perform, and tell me which rehearsal you are planning to attend. That way I will send you a reminder when it gets closer, and I'll give you a doc that will help you set up your equipment before your rehearsal.

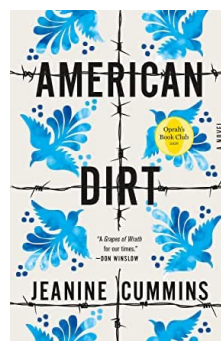


## Women's Circle

Mark your calendars for April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon when the Women's Circle will meet on Zoom. The Women's Circle is one of the longest running church groups at OCUUC and is for women of all ages. Grab your cup of

coffee or tea after the Sunday service and drop in the zoom gathering. If you have not been to the Circle for a while or if it's your first time, no worries! Friendly faces are waiting to greet one and all.

The Women's Circle meets every month on the fourth Sunday. Find the zoom meeting link on the [calendar page](#) of the OCUUC website. Contact [Peggy Priver](#) or the church administrator at [admin@ocuuc.org](mailto:admin@ocuuc.org) if you have any questions. See you there!



## FICTION BOOK GROUP

The selection for our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on Zoom is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, a book of fiction based on actual events happening to migrants entering the US for the south.

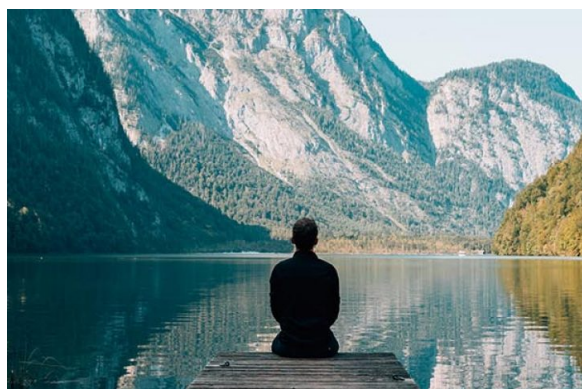
Please join us at 7:30 pm for what will no doubt be a lively discussion on this important issue in our country. Co-chairs: Eva Goodwin-Noriega and Marcia Hackett.



## Sermon Discussion Groups

We currently have four lively Sermon Discussion Groups that meet twice a month via Zoom. We check in and support one another, rehash Rev Sian's compelling, stimulating sermons and readings, and enjoy a thoughtful, pleasant time together. Each group has one facilitator and total 10 members. Currently, Karen Kennedy has an opening for one woman on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 1:00 pm.

We now have three people and a possible leader interested in an evening Sermon Discussion Group. It will cater to our members who work or have other commitments during the day. I'm looking for SIX more people to sign up! Please contact Karen Kennedy for questions. (949/215-3748) or [kkg17kk@gmail.com](mailto:kkg17kk@gmail.com).



The Meditation Group put together an invitation video that is posted on the OCUUC website. Here is the link for viewing: <https://ocuuc.org/community/groups/meditation-group/>

We find that even over Zoom, there's something about meditating together... there's that collective energy of mindfulness that can

make it easier to meditate so that's why I really value this group and I'm so happy we have it." Amelia Russo-Neustadt

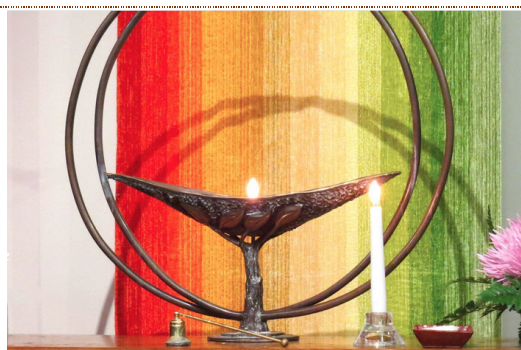
Please feel free to join on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 9:45 to 10:20 am PST – before the Worship service. All are welcome! Find the Zoom invite info on the website calendar:

<https://ocuuc.org/events/meditation-group/>

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## HISTORY OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

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Tapestry has invited OCUUC to participate in a workshop series regarding the history of Unitarian Universalism. It is being hosted on Zoom.

Join the Zoom meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2925414573>

or by phone at 669-900-9128  
Meeting ID 2925414573#

All workshops are at 6:30pm – 8:00pm. There are workshops scheduled into August. Here is the list of workshops through April:

**Mon. April 12:** Gently Down the Stream: Polity

**Mon. April 26:** Rise in the Sea: Unitarianism

## APRIL PLATE SHARE



### About UU Justice Ministry of CA

*The Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California (UUJMCA) was founded in 2002 to lift up the prophetic voice of Unitarian Universalism and UUs at the state capitol in legislative and policy decisions. Over the years, UUJMCA's advanced justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles.*

*UUJMCA works towards collective liberation by supporting and using the powerful network of UUs in California, putting our faith into action with accountable relationships with our coalition partners and frontline communities. Our work focuses on four broad "issues areas" - climate justice, economic*

*justice, immigrant justice, and racial justice & abolition.*

*Through congregationally-based trainings, regional gatherings, advocacy days, and immersive experiential programs like our SALT Young Adult Fellowship and UUBorders Journeys, UUJMCA works to ensure that California UUs have access to and participate in statewide justice education, advocacy, and witness that deepens their faith and changes life for the better in California.*

[UUJMCA.org](http://UUJMCA.org)



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- Words by Dan Berggren



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