



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2021

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November 14: Where Do We Come From?	Rev. Sian Wiltshire
November 21: Recent History	Rev. Sian Wiltshire
November 28: Have a Merry Christmas, Martha!	Rev. Rica Kaufel

## THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Nancy Loughrey, President, Board of Trustees

At our last Board Meeting October 23rd, the Board considered all the changes that are happening in our church and our community. The two biggies are the pandemic and our new Sanctuary-to-be. Of course, that's just the start!

We talked about the different kinds of change:

- Short or long term,
- Technical (a solid "fix" is possible, i.e. we all need to learn to use Zoom) or adaptive (more systemic and not as possible to "fix" i.e. some people prefer Zoom and will stay online indefinitely),

- Controllable and non-controllable.

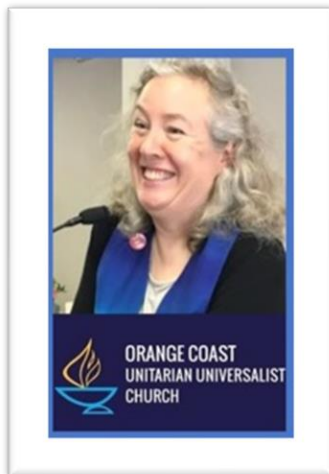
We have all of the above.

We also talked about what happens when things change and how we can lead the congregation through challenging times. The Board and Staff are often the first to experience the excitement and stress. I do love the serenity prayer - *"Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and The wisdom to know the difference,"* but it doesn't go far enough. Susan Beaumont gives perspective on dealing with the challenges of change when she says, *"Overwhelm is an opportunity to stop and pay exquisite attention to what is emerging"*. We are not going back to the "before times". What will OCUUC look like a year from now?

A dark blue rectangular box with white text. At the top, 'ORANGE COAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH' is written in large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it is the church logo (a stylized flame in a bowl). Underneath the logo, the text reads 'Many Different Beliefs, One Loving Community'. At the bottom left is a white video camera icon inside a blue circle. To its right, the text says 'JOIN FOR OUR SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 10:30' followed by the Zoom link 'https://zoom.us/j/3931579606'.

We all must pay attention and stay in communication. We have lots going for us--our Fifth Principle encourages us to operate as a democracy after all, so we are listening! We have policies and standing rules in place to spot trends and address issues. Above all, we are a loving community that cares for each other and our larger community. We can do this together!

Nancy



We are in the middle of making history right now. OK, so we are always in the middle of making history, but it just feels so "present" to me right now (no pun intended). It feels that way because I have no idea what the future holds, which is a very unsettling feeling. Everything seems up in the air: what does the future hold for our children when it comes to the environment? After the pandemic, what is the future of school? Of business? Of church? How will "Zoom" and other forms of video communication change the way we interact with one another? Is it good or bad? Both? How do we navigate all the diversity this beautiful country holds? What does the rise of fascism, nationalism around the world mean for democracy?

Gah! It's enough to make you want to pull out your hair! And we can let it stress us out if we aren't careful. Or we can react differently. We can get creative--we can experiment, try new

things, open our minds to possibilities instead of trying to go back to the "good ol' days." It's risky. It's a bit scary, even. But it's also exciting! There is one thing I know for sure: I'm glad you are all in this with me! So, let's go make history!

With Love,  
Rev. Sian



#### WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER 2021

*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.*

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: Both/And History.** History is being revised to include the point of view of those who are marginalized. How do we hold both the good and bad of our US history?

Rev. Sian

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: Where Do We Come From?** Each of us has our own history – where we come from, our ancestors, our culture that makes us who we are. What can we learn from where we came from?

Rev. Sian

**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Recent History.** History doesn't have to mean a long time ago. It can mean how we are dealing with the history we are creating right now. Come explore how we might change recent history for the better.

Rev. Sian

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: Have a Merry Christmas, Martha!** Advent can be a busy time of preparation, caretaking, and maybe even worrying. Can we be festive without being stressed? And how can we call ourselves back into a moment of joy, contentment, and spiritual renewal?

Rev. Rica Kaufel



### 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](mailto:joysandsorrows@ocuuc.org), type in the chat during this part of the service, or, if you are attending the service in person, you may write your joy or sorrow for in-person share.

## FORMING FAITH

Religious Education News

Karen Magoon Pearson

Director of Religious Education

The PreK-7th graders read the picture book *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Letitch Smith during their time together on October 10th as part of exploring how listening helps build relationships. This book was also selected in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 11th. It's a story about a group of Indigenous Women who are using the tradition of Jingle Dancing to help the world heal the fear caused by the pandemic. The dresses, also known as Prayer Dresses, mimic the sound of falling rain and bring a sense of peace. This tradition originated with the Ojibwe people during the 1918 flu pandemic, so it is apt that it is having a resurgence during these challenging times. The Youth Group also learned about Jingle Dancers the following Sunday.

I learned a great deal by researching this tradition in preparation for these two lessons. You might also find it a meaningful thing to explore on your own or with your family. You can start by watching this read-aloud of *Jingle Dancer*. One of the

important things when we talk about Indigenous Culture or People is that we sometimes fall into talking about it in past tense - this story allows us to connect to something that emerged during the last pandemic and is still being used traditionally in Indigenous celebrations and revived by current Indigenous activists to reclaim and tell stories of their people. Indigenous People never went away. This video about the present-day Jingle Dress Project is another good and engaging resource, and you can dive deeper with these profiles of four Jingle Dancers.

One thing I appreciate about this work is that I am often learning right alongside our children and youth as we explore new concepts together. I'm glad I had the opportunity to listen to and learn from these dancers that are taking the traditions of their ancestors and putting them to work to help our society today.

Karen

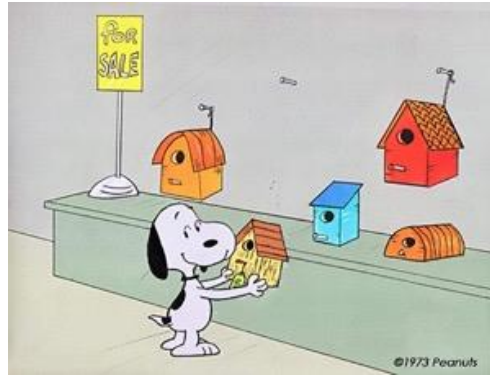


What do Brahms' Hungarian Dances, Mozart's Turkish March, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Song of India all have in common? They are all good examples of a composer "borrowing" a different culture's musical themes (or one's concept of another culture's musical themes). I played these pieces for the Prelude of our service about Cultural Appropriation. In the case of Mozart's Turkish March, he evokes the sound of the Turkish Janissary (military) bands, which was a very popular custom at the time. Even though Austria and the Ottoman Empire had been at war for centuries, a 1699 treaty between the two regions created an Austrian fascination with all things Turkish. To celebrate the treaty, Turkish diplomats brought musicians with them to Austria, and the Austrians couldn't get enough of the "exotic" sound. Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Rameau, Rossini, and Gluck all reference Turkish music

in their compositions. But upon closer examination, it seems like these European composers embraced certain elements of the Turkish military band - namely the upbeat march tempo and the use of the piccolo, triangle, and cymbals. European orchestras even engaged black Viennese musicians in Turkish garb to play those instruments. Were these composers honoring the rich traditions of Turkish music, or were they grabbing a few elements of the limited music they heard from these diplomatic musical engagements with the Turks? And notice whose name is now prominent in these compositions - the European composer. This type of cultural appropriation is so easy to overlook, but now that we are aware of it, we can all try to better engage with different cultures' music and art forms, bringing in more than just a few stereotypical elements, and creating connection with individuals from the culture we're trying to honor.

In other news, OCUUC's Board has arranged for me to take a 10-week sabbatical from January 3 through March 14, 2022. I will use that time to refresh and renew, explore different kinds of music, and learn some new skills. I am grateful that Steve Morihoro, Barbara Morihoro, and Sarah Hunter will be handling the worship music while I'm away. We are already making plans for the time I'm going to be gone, and I trust that this dream team will create fantastic worship experiences for you all. We will be calling on the church's musicians plus guest musicians to continue our quality music-making and song-leading. Thanks to all involved for gifting me this much needed break.

Musically Yours,  
Beth Syverson  
Director of Music Ministries



## AUCTION--SAVE THE DATE!

It's The Great Auction, Charlie Brown! We have amazing dinners, outings, games, food, goodies and items *from* our friends *for* our friends to bid on to raise operating funds for our beloved community! ***Now, we need those bids.***

There are two parts to this season's auction, which is a bit different from the past. We are doing online only bidding for items and some services. Link here:

<http://togetherauction.com/ocuc>

If you see something you want to bid on in our online auction catalogue, try bidding as of November 1. If you cannot bid online, it will be a "LIVE" auction item, which will only be bid on at our Auction Luncheon on Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 in the afternoon in our courtyard. We will "close" the online bidding after the live auction at 8:00pm. That way, folks that attended the live auction will still have time to get home and check on items they have been bidding on, but early enough so folks don't need to be up late to check their bids, whether they attended live or not.

If you win an item, contact the donor to know how to pick the item up. We will not have a table set up with all of the items on it as we have in the past. We are trying to keep the online items online only with no live element to them.

For those who are planning to attend the Live Auction on 11/13/21, we are having a



Thanksgiving-style Luncheon in the courtyard served by our Snoopy Chefs! To keep the food clean, we are asking folks in line and near the food to wear masks, please.

Our Chefs will dish your choices on your plate with care and love! Food choices may include roast turkey breast, stuffing, cranberry sauce and all of the fixins to make delicious sandwiches with those ingredients!

Side dishes including various potato and corn salads and a traditional Charlie Brown style appetizer will be on hand as well. We will have tea, lemonade and wine to drink and pumpkin, apple and pecan pies for those who stay for dessert.

Please get your luncheon ticket as soon as you can so that our Chefs know how much food to have on hand.

Luncheon tickets are **\$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door**. See the Auction committee in the courtyard after church services to get your tickets or contact us at [auction@ocuuc.org](mailto:auction@ocuuc.org) if you won't be there between now and then; we can add your ticket price to your paddle number or many other options.

If you have never been to an auction before or even if you have, the event begins with checking in. You are assigned a unique paddle number and can get a catalogue if you did not get yours the week before at church after service.

You will mingle, have an appetizer and a drink, take fun photos at our photo booth, listen to some live and recorded music, double check your catalogue for items you wish to bid on. Then lunch begins.

Once everyone is served, the bidding will begin! As items come up that you wish to bid on, you raise your paddle and hold up as many fingers as correspond to the number of "slots" you wish to fill with your bids. For example, if Charlie Brown wants to attend Violet's Halloween Party with Sally, he will

hold up his paddle with two fingers. The going price is per slot, so if the bids go from 10 to 12 to 14 and finally, he wins with 16, he will pay for two 16 dollar slots totaling 32. If he wanted Snoopy to attend as well, he would have held up 3 fingers and would have won three at 16, totaling 48.

When all the items have been bid on, the event ends with dessert, and you may get a print-out of the items you won and may pay for them right then. Speak with a committee member about payment details or if you have any questions.

**This is not just a fundraiser, this is a community event. We would love to see you there regardless of your desire or ability to bid on items. The auction itself is entertaining and very often funny! Just like our Peanuts friends Charlie Brown and Snoopy!**



We have a few new leaders! Karen Kennedy has been our Membership Chair and is moving to Sonoma. Our new CO-Chairs of Membership are Nina Smith and Linda Sperry. Thank you so much, Karen, and welcome to Linda and Nina!

Joel Ibanez is the new OCUUC Vice President of Finance as approved by the Board of Trustees on October 23, 2021. Joel brings a strong administrative background to this position, and we are excited to welcome him to the Board.

Joel is replacing Debra Quam as Vice President of Finance. Debra has served on the OCUUC Board of Trustees for the past six years, most recently as President for three years, and previously as Treasurer and Recorder. Debra remains on several church committees including the Sanctuary Construction Committee and Property Use Group Committee.

Please join me in welcoming Joel to the Board and thanking Debra for her years of service on the OCUUC Board of Trustees.

Nancy Loughrey  
President, OCUUC Board of Trustees



## THE COOKBOOKS ARE COMING!

Just in time for holiday entertaining and gift giving, OCUUC's new cookbook is going on sale on Sunday, November 7. Editor Betsy Enger has put her heart and soul into this ambitious project, and we are grateful for all the time she devoted to make it a success.

The 200-page cookbook is in binder format with colorful dividers. Included throughout the book are regular recipes as well as Keto, vegetarian, gluten-free and vegan offerings. Betsy divided the book into various sections--appetizers, beverages, breads, breakfast, casseroles, desserts,

recipes by and for kids, main dishes, salads, soups and sandwiches, stir fry and vegetables. There is a section at the end for new recipes to be added by the individual cook to keep the cookbook updated in the months ahead.

Recipes include contributions by OCUUC members and friends as well as favorite dishes Betsy has included in prior cookbooks she has produced over the years. A big thanks to OCUUC'ers Betty Hogan, Pat Larkin, Phyllis Daniel, Barbara Morihiro, Jan Rován, Sandie Martin, Marcia Hackett, Maureen McConaghy, Karen Anderson, Sian Wiltshire, Karen Kennedy, Audrey Prosser, Elysse James, Sarah Hunter, Linda Clough, Linda Sperry and Betsy Enger for contributing recipes.

"Cooking with Love" will be sold during coffee hour in November and December for \$20 each (cash or check) with 100% of the sales going to the new sanctuary, thanks to the generous underwriting by an anonymous donor. The cookbooks will make perfect holiday gifts for friends, family, and yourself.



## FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you would like to sign-up for flowers, please see **Jamie Pendarvis** or email [jpendarvis@mac.com](mailto:jpendarvis@mac.com). You can bring your own flowers or we can purchase them for you at a cost of \$25 cash prepaid.





Some events are Online

**Tuesday, November 2**

Fiction Book Group 7:30pm on Zoom

**Thursday, November 4**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm on Zoom

**Friday, November 5**

Social Hour, 7:30pm on Zoom

**Saturday, November 6**

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

Writing Club 6:30pm on Zoom



**Sunday, November 7**

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room

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

RE at Park, Youth Group onsite 10:30am

AHA Group, 12:15 pm on Zoom

Dream Group, 12:30pm Suite 4

**Wednesday, November 10**

Finance Council, 2:00pm Victoria Room

Antiracism book discussion, 3:30pm on Zoom

**Thursday, November 11**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm on Zoom

**Friday, November 12**

Social Hour, 7:30pm on Zoom

**Saturday, November 13**

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

It's the Great Auction, Charlie Brown! 1pm Courtyard

**Sunday, November 14**

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall and Zoom

RE at Park, Youth Group onsite 10:30am

**Tuesday, November 16**

Caring Circle, 12:00pm on Zoom

**Wednesday, November 17**

Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm on Zoom

**Thursday, November 18**

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm on Zoom

**Friday, November 19**

Social Hour, 7:30pm on Zoom

**Saturday, November 20**

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

**Sunday, November 21**

Meditation Group, 9:45am Youth Room

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall and Zoom

RE at Park, Youth Group onsite 10:30am

Nonfiction Book Club, 12:30pm on Zoom

**Monday, November 22**

How to Be an Antiracist book discussion 7:00pm on Zoom

**Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, November 26**

Social Hour, 7:30pm on Zoom

**Saturday, November 27**

StitchWits, 10:30am on Zoom

**Sunday, November 28**

Worship Service, 10:30am Daniels Hall

RE at Park, Youth Group onsite 10:30am  
Women's Circle, 12:00pm Victoria Room and Zoom

Hannukah Party, 5pm Suite 4 or on

Zoom (TBD)

Social Hour, 7:30pm on Zoom



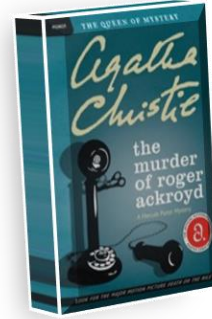
## NEW SANCTUARY UPDATE

As we get closer to the targeted date of early February 2022 when the demolition of the existing Suite 4 building is to take place, there are a number of tasks that are in need of completion. The construction committee continues to move forward on these requirements in collaboration with our architect, *domusstudio*.

Most importantly we are awaiting feedback on the Development Review Plan submitted last month to the City of Costa Mesa Department of Development Services. Once feedback is received, we will work on any responses to questions the City has posed. Then we will move ahead with applying for the building permit. (The comprehensive design review application is a requirement for the building permit submittal application.)

Our sanctuary construction committee continued to meet with our architect on Zoom throughout October according to the project timeline, addressing all of the work to be completed at this stage of the project. Among our tasks is to continue to refine the choice of sound absorbing materials to enhance the acoustics of the space.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact me at [craigsperry@aol.com](mailto:craigsperry@aol.com).



## FICTION BOOK GROUP

The OCUUC Fiction Book Group will take a departure from discussing its usual book of fiction to a mystery novel. We'll meet online on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7:30pm to discuss Agatha Christie's *Murder of Roger Ackroyd*.

**Please note the date change** - not Monday. All are invited to join our lively discussion. Get the link from co-chair Eva Goodwin-Noriega or find it on the calendar page of the church website.



## 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](mailto:harper0117@gmail.com).





The **Atheist/Humanist Group** meets on first Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in the Victoria room. This 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.

For more information, email [programs@ocuuc.org](mailto:programs@ocuuc.org).



## SOURCES ON ANTI-RACISM

*Sources on Anti-Racism* is a weekly blog that contains a list of articles, time-sensitive virtual events and other resources compiled by **Ralph Haller**. The intent is to provide our community with selected sources on anti-racism to help in our yearning for racial justice and equity as an outgrowth of our seven Principles. Please check out Ralph's latest post: <https://ocuuc.org/sourcesonantiracism>



## WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Mark your calendars for November 28<sup>th</sup> at noon when the Women's Circle will meet on in the Victoria Room and on Zoom.

The Women's Circle is one of the longest running church groups at OCUUC and is for women of all ages. 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. Please enjoy your coffee or tea before coming to the Victoria Room as masks are required in the room.

The Women's Circle meets every month on the fourth Sunday. Find the Zoom meeting link on the [calendar page](#) of the OCUUC website.



## MEDITATION GROUP

Our OCUUC Meditation Group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday on Zoom (November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>). Meditation and mindfulness practice are so important for our well-being! Please join our community before Church on Sunday, from 9:45am to 10:20am. We will conduct a short but nourishing guided meditation, then share our experiences along the path. All are welcome! Find the Zoom link on our website.



## RETURNING TO ONSITE POLICY UPDATES

Orange County COVID 19 statistics continue to improve very slowly. Some people

have their boosters, and more children should be eligible soon. The **Returning to Onsite Task Force** is meeting again on Nov. 3rd to review the survey results and perhaps update our guidelines. We are well aware that it is time to plan many holiday events impacted by our guidelines. Please watch **The Blast** for updates.

*We are now requiring that anyone coming onsite to be fully vaccinated.* It is the honor system, no one wants to worry about cards. It also won't be perfect - we will still welcome visitors, and children with their vaccinated parents. Given that change, we feel comfortable discontinuing the registration for Sunday services and returning the coffee service.

**Indoors** - Masks are still required for all indoor activities. Since we are discontinuing registration, more people may be in Daniels Hall.

**Outdoors** - Masks and physical distancing will be encouraged but not required outside on Sundays after the service. Coffee will be available. Each person must monitor and maintain their own comfort level. The courtyard is a special place, and it is easy to flip back to pre-COVID practices. Let's keep each other safe!

Be safe, be well!

Nancy Loughrey



STAND UP FOR KIDS — ORANGE COUNTY was established in 1990 and serves homeless and at-risk youth and young adults 25 and younger. Programs in Orange County offer

street outreach, mentoring, housing support and so much more.

Programs have the overall goal of leading homeless youth to self-sufficiency and preventing at-risk youth from gang involvement, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and from dropping out of high school.

For information about Stand-Up for Kids contact them directly at 714 356-5437. [www.StandUpForKids.org](http://www.StandUpForKids.org)

**Be safe, be well,  
You mean the world to me.  
Be safe, be well,  
You mean the world to me.  
- Words by Dan Berggren**

### TEN REASONS FOR JOINING A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

#### Because here:

1. ...we join with open hearts and minds to worship together, seeking what is sacred among us.
2. ...we are part of a long, liberal tradition of reason and tolerance, of hope and liberation.
3. ...we honor our Jewish and Christian roots, and also reach out to know the great truths found in other religious expressions
4. ...we acknowledge that revelation is never sealed, and we empower ourselves to search for new truths.
5. ...we nurture our children's enthusiasm and encourage their questions.
6. ...we welcome diverse people and views.
7. ...we join our strength with others to create a more just society.
8. ...we respect the whole self-mind, body and spirit working together.
9. ...we encourage each other to be true to ourselves.
10. ...we build a supportive community that eases our loneliness and opens our hearts.

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