

Connect with Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church

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OUR MISSION

To transform our lives and our communities by living our Principles.

“The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

There are seven principles that Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Connect with Our Church Family

Sermon Discussion Groups – Sermon Discussion Groups are gatherings of small groups each with a trained facilitator. These groups discuss all sorts of issues but are usually tied to the worship theme for the month. It’s a way to go deeply into spiritual and philosophical themes beyond Sunday morning. Look for sign up in The Blast. Contact - Rev Sian Wiltshire, minister@ocuuc.org

Agnostic/Humanist/Atheist Group (AHA) – This discussion group supports humanists, agnostics, atheists, deists, and others who view human activity as the basis for moral systems, and humans as integral parts of the cosmos. Meets on the first Sunday of the month after church. Contact - programs@ocuuc.org

LGBT Action Group – LGBTQ+s and non-LGBTQ+ allies are always welcome. At our meetings, we plan social justice events such as "Transgender Inclusion in Congregations" online course, or Adopt-A-Family at Christmastime, or Pride events. Contact lgbtaction@ocuuc.org

Book Clubs – We have a variety of book clubs that cover many different topics: Fiction, Non-fiction, and Anti-Racism. Please check our website and The Blast for more details.

Religious Education for Children – Our Religious Education/Exploration Program is one where professional and volunteer staff partner to create a warm and welcoming environment. This is a place where our children and youth, PreK-high school seniors, can explore their feelings and beliefs about the religious and spiritual aspects of life. We would love to support you and partner in this key aspect of your family's life. Contact dre@ocuuc.org

Women's Circle – This group meets the fourth Sunday of every month for women to share what is important in their lives and discuss various topics or reflect on the sermon. We build our circle by listening and caring. Women of all ages are always welcome: join us in the Victoria Room. Contact women@ocuuc.org

StitchWits – This multi-discipline needle group makes items for charity, and shares ideas, inspiration, friendship, and laughter! stitchwits@ocuuc.org

Artists Unite – Meeting monthly, painters, sketchers and other creative types work on individual projects-in-progress, and share news about recent completed projects, artist demos, workshops, exhibitions, newly acquired art materials or techniques and art books. Contact Linda Sperry at lindaspery@gmail.com

Connect at Our Church Events

Wild and Scenic Environmental Family Film Festival – This annual event is where we show high caliber films with themes of environmental activism and social justice. filmfestival@ocuuc.org

Spring and Fall Auction – Our twice-yearly auctions are our primary method of raising funds for OCUUC, apart from pledges. In addition to raising money, the auction also gives us a way to socialize with people from church in new and fun ways. There are two parts to an auction: donating goods and services and bidding on the offerings. Contact - auction@ocuuc.org

Passover Seder and Hanukkah Party – The annual family-friendly events are open to everyone in the church. Contact - Maureen McConaghy alsklinng@gmail.com.

Open Mic Night – Come enjoy watching members of the OCUUC community perform acts of all kinds. Coordinated by Beth Syverson. musicdirector@ocuuc.org

Connect with Our Church Service Opportunities

Flower Committee – Fresh flowers enhance our Sunday morning worship experience. Flowers may be dedicated to a person or a significant event. worshipflowers@ocuuc.org

Caring Committee – The Caring Committee spreads the word and provides meals, visits, or rides when church members and friends need help due to medical issues. Do you like to take food or visit/help those in need? Get on the list by emailing caring@ocuuc.org

Orange Coast Choir – Our wonderful choir rehearses every Thursday night from 7:30-9:00 pm and before church on Sundays. (They sing in about three services each month, as well as at the Christmas Eve service. Singers just need to be able to match pitch and follow directions; no auditions are required. Contact Director of Music Ministry Beth Syverson at musicdirector@ocuuc.org

Sunday Morning A/V Operators – Volunteers are needed to help with sound and slides during the Sunday worship service. Training is provided for this vital service. Contact Beth Syverson at musicdirector@ocuuc.org

Slide Show Creators – We use Google Slides every Sunday at our Worship Services. We have a small rotating team, so each person makes about one slideshow per month. Training is provided. Contact Beth Syverson at musicdirector@ocuuc.org

Religious Education for Children and Youth – You can teach or help or just be one of the two adults needed for each RECY class. Volunteer weekly, once a month, or on an “as needed” basis. Contact – dre@ocuuc.org

Ushers – Sign up to be an usher for Sunday mornings. Ushers hand out the Order of Service programs, help people find a seat, and pass the collection plate. ushers@ocuuc.org

OCUUC Committees and Groups – A number of committees participate in the governance of the church, including: Membership, Religious Education, Pledge Committee, Board of Trustees, Buildings and Grounds. All are run by volunteers!