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# Interfaith **CONNECTION**

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## TAKING SHELTERING TO A NEW LEVEL

*Meg Martin, Shelter Program Director*

We have some very exciting news! Starting November 1, Interfaith Works will continue our long-standing tradition of providing overnight shelter to vulnerable adults living on the streets of Olympia as we move into the basement of First Christian Church to open the Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter. The Family Support Center shelter, which occupied that space for the past five years, is moving into their new downtown facility.

Interfaith Works envisions an ultimate goal of providing one centralized and integrated site to serve a broad range of needs of adults living on our streets. As we work towards this goal the Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter at First Christian Church will help meet this crucial need.

### Year-Round Shelter, Improved Program Design

Moving into the basement of First Christian is an important step in addressing the complex needs of the street community. We will be able to operate a year-round, overnight shelter with an improved program design that will include

- 1) more in-depth volunteer trainings
- 2) hiring qualified staff and
- 3) 42 beds for highly vulnerable homeless adults

We will be better equipped to meet the needs of our guests and provide vital support to move people out of homelessness.

We have traveled a long road and overcome many obstacles to get this project off the ground. Our work is not done and we need to be steadfast and creative about how to provide sup-

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## SHELTER NEEDS & WISH LIST

### **MOST IMPORTANT: VOLUNTEERS!**

Volunteer teams are needed to serve in a support role at the shelter during evening hours, 5-10 p.m. nightly. *(At the new Interfaith Works shelter, volunteers will not be needed during overnight hours).*

Congregations, Faith Communities, Clubs and Community Organizations are encouraged to sign up for a two week shift and recruit 2-3 volunteers to serve each evening in a support role under direction of the staff on duty at the shelter. We will provide training and orientation to each team.

### **BEDDING**

- Twin size sheet sets (new or used)
- Standard pillowcases
- Light to medium blankets (machine washable)

### **PERSONAL HYGIENE & TOILETRY ITEMS**

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Razors (for men and women)
- Men's toiletries (shaving cream)
- Deodorant (for men and women)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothbrushes, floss and dental hygiene
- Pocket or small combs

### **EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS**

- Desktop laser printer (wi-fi capable)
- Laptop or notebook computer (relatively up to date)
- Lockable two or four drawer filing cabinet
- Large capacity coffee maker
- High quality extension cords

### **OFFICE SUPPLIES**

- Printer paper
- Binders
- Expanding File with Pockets (A to Z)
- Permanent markers ('Sharpies')

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port to people during daytime hours. However, we start off this fall knowing we will be able to provide supportive, nightly shelter for the most vulnerable on our streets. This is a relief, and helps us get closer to our destination,

## First Christian Church-Stewards of Hope, Love and Support

We express our very special thanks to First Christian Church. You have been stewards of hope, love and support in our community for so many living on the streets. Thank you so much for your action, dedication to justice and spirit in our community. It is truly radiant. We are excited to continue to foster a relationship with First Christian



First Christian Church in downtown Olympia, new home of the Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter.

Church to help meet the needs of homeless adults on the streets of our city.

## Our Community of Supporters

We also give special thanks to YOU for all your support along the way! We could not have stayed this strong without you. Please keep up with all the happenings and be on the look out for ways to get connected in the coming months. We will be scheduling volunteer trainings and sharing our donation "wish list". Be sure to check on The People's House website, Facebook and your inbox for updates. Together we are transforming our community!

## 9-11 EVENT VOICES ARE DIVERSE

Danny Kadden, Executive Director

This year's annual 9-11 interfaith service, organized by Interfaith Works, was held at First United Methodist Church and attended by several dozen persons from an array of faith communities and from no particular faith community.



Our 5th Annual 9-11 remembrance event, held at First United Methodist Church

were heard and hearts uplifted.

The open program invited participants to share readings, song, stories and personal words reflect-

ing the spirit of peace and tolerance. Many voices

The Rev. Ruth Marston, Associate Pastor of First United Methodist, lit a special Peace Candle used by the church at regular Sunday services since 2003. The coming together of the interfaith community on September 11 was a powerful gesture of diversity and friendship, demonstrating how we can personally break down the barriers and social distance that might otherwise divide us, learn from each other and commit anew to a common purpose.



Julia Moore prepares water as part of her reading for the 9-11 gathering of remembrance.

Praise be to the Lord of the  
Universe who has created us and  
Made us into tribes and nations,  
That we may know each other, not that  
We may despise each other.  
And trust God, for the Lord is the one that  
Hearth and knoweth all things.  
And the servant of God,  
Most gracious are those who walk on  
The Earth in humility, and when we  
Address them, we say "peace."

(Excerpt From A Muslim Prayer for Peace)

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9/27 - 10/20 Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Climate Change: From Despair &amp; Denial to Courage &amp; Action.</b> Four critical perspectives on climate change will be examined: Scientific, Emotional, Spiritual, Political.. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
October 4 Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Introduction to the Enneagram.</b> An important tool for understanding ourselves and others, this class highlights the spiritual aspects of the nine distinct worldviews of the Enneagram. Fee includes book "The Essential Enneagram" Cost: \$60. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595;prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
10/7 - 10/21 Tuesdays 10-11 am	<b>Fundamentals of Tai Chi.</b> Reduce stress and promote flexibility through a series of graceful, gentle, flowing movements. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
Oct 10-12 Fri-Sun varies	<b>Crisis Clinic Volunteer Training.</b> An opportunity to serve those in need as well as for personal growth. Build listening skills, empathy, learn to stay calm. Training weekend followed by 6-week in-service period. Must be able to commit to entire 60 hr training. Free; registration required. Info: Nanci, 586-2888 x103; <a href="http://www.crisis-clinic.org">http://www.crisis-clinic.org</a>
October 10 Friday 7:30 pm	<b>"Parenting through Times: Stories of Resilience".</b> A Playback Theater performance with the Heartsparkle Players, where audience members tell their stories and watch them enacted on the spot. Cost: \$7-12 Sliding Scale (no one turned away). Traditions Café, 300 - 5th Ave SW, Olympia 98501. Info: 943-6772; <a href="http://www.heartsparkle.org">http://www.heartsparkle.org</a>
October 11 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Yoga and QiGong as Prayer.</b> As a way of prayer, of being with God, we will exercise our physical, mental and spiritual muscles. This retreat also allows time for silence, journaling, and to pray the divine office with the Sisters. Cost: \$50. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595;prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
October 18 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Appreciative Living.</b> How can we develop a mindset that looks at "What is going well?" How do we live out of hope, inspiration, and joy with one another?. This interactive workshop uses the Appreciative Inquiry model. Cost: \$50. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595;prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
10/18, 25;11/1 Saturdays 10 am-Noon	<b>Using a Patient Advocate to Improve Your Healthcare Experience &amp; Outcome.</b> The role and benefits of a patient advocate; how to select one (paid or unpaid), and more. Lectures, discussion, guest speakers, video. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
October 18 Saturday 10 am- 3 pm	<b>Citizenship Day—Free Legal Clinic.</b> Volunteer immigration lawyers, paralegals, and interpreters on hand to help legal permanent residents to apply for citizenship. <b>Important:</b> See website for info on what to bring. Minneart Center at SPSCC, 2011 Mottman Rd SW, Olympia 98512. Info: 877-926-3924; <a href="http://www.wanewamericans.org/citizenship">http://www.wanewamericans.org/citizenship</a>
October 25 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>The Two Therasas: Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux.</b> Seemingly so different, these two women share much more than a name. One fiery and charismatic, the other, a "Little Flower". How did each become a saint?. Cost: \$50. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595;prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
November 1 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Poetry: One Cell in the Body of God.</b> Poetic elements will help us write from the genuine parts of ourselves and dig deeper into the mysteries of our human and spiritual lives. No previous writing experience necessary. Cost: \$50. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595;prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
November 3 Monday 7-9 pm	<b>Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change.</b> A workshop crafted for churches. The role of the church in the settlement of the U.S. and tangible steps in addressing injustices codified in church doctrine and still present in federal law. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
Nov 15-Jan 3 Saturdays 10 am-Noon	<b>Faith Based Grief Support.</b> Grief can find support in faith, or cause your faith to tremble. You are invited to learn about the grief process, share thoughts and feelings and support. Free. St. Michael Parish, 1208 - 11th Ave SE, Olympia, 98501. Info: Bene Reece, 292-7143; breece@saintmichaelparish.org. <a href="http://www.saintmichaelparish.org">http://www.saintmichaelparish.org</a>
November 23 Sunday 2 pm	<b>SAVE THE DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration.</b> Words, music, songs and stories of many faiths. Reception with light refreshments to follow. Children and people of all faiths welcome! Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 201—8th Ave SE, Olympia 98501. Sponsored by Interfaith Works



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September 21 Sunday All Day	<b>International Day of Peace.</b> In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples. Olympia invites you to be a part of our 5th Annual celebration. Heritage Park, 5th & Water Sts. See schedule for activity and event details.
Sep 22-Oct 13 Mondays 10-11:30 am	<b>The Immortal Symphonies of Beethoven.</b> An investigation of the life and compositional genius of Ludwig van Beethoven. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
Sep 23 & 30 Tuesdays 7-9 pm	<b>What's in Your Medicine Cabinet?.</b> Learn how to evaluate what is in your medicine cabinet, and how to dispose of unwanted medications properly to protect your family, pets, and the environment. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
Sep 25-Oct 23 Thursdays 10-12 am	<b>American Religious Traditions</b> A look at the past and present role of religion in America, and its influence on American culture. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>
September 27 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Story as Legacy: Recording Your Legacy.</b> This highly interactive workshop will help you begin recording the legacy of your life experiences for your relatives and future generations. Cost: \$55. Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College St NE, 98516, 438-2595; prioryprograms@gmail.com; <a href="http://www.stplacid.org">www.stplacid.org</a> .
September 27 Saturday 1:30-3:30 pm	<b>Breaking Free: Drawing the Line with the Addict in Your Life.</b> Designed to help those dealing with another's addiction. Presentation, video, discussion, Q&A.. Cost: \$10. Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2300 East End St NW, Olympia, 98502. info@ouuc.org. <a href="http://ouuc.org">http://ouuc.org</a>

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