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INTERFAITH ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE



Please join us as we celebrate the lives of people who have died in Thurston County over the past year, and whose remains have not been claimed by family or friends.

Together we will mourn the deaths and celebrate the lives of these members of our community who may have died alone, but are not forgotten.

- ◆ Meditative music
- ◆ Eulogies by faith community leaders
- ◆ Litany of the Deceased

All are invited to attend.

For more information, contact office@interfaith-works.org

Join us at
**MILLS AND MILLS
FUNERAL HOME**
5725 Littlerock Rd SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

***Social justice and peace through
interfaith understanding and cooperation***



SONGS OF GRATITUDE

33rd ANNUAL

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 20, 2016 — 2 P.M. Abbey Church at Saint Martin's University

Please join us for an afternoon of sharing and friendship around the theme of living in thanksgiving every day for the blessings and joys of life we have been given.



- Interfaith readings by faith and community leaders.
- Music by The Olympia Peace Choir, The Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation Choir, and The Saint Martin's Chorale.
- After the hour-long event, join together for informal fellowship and refreshment.

600 Father Meinrad Gaul Dr. SE; Lacey, WA 98503

See the map on our website for more on the location and where to park on the SMU campus
<http://interfaith-works.org/about-iw/programs-projects/interfaith-thanksgiving-celebration/>

We welcome The Rev. Sandy Ward to her new ministry at Tumwater United Methodist Church. And we honor The Rev. David Kegley as he departs Westminster Presbyterian Church after many years of service and wish him well in his future pursuits.

Interfaith Works Board Urges Support for Two Ballot Measures*

Olympia Initiative 1 for Increasing Educational Opportunities

Many world religions have acknowledged the eminent importance that education has played in developing individuals both intellectually and spiritually.

Unfortunately, due to economic barriers, many educational opportunities remain out of reach for some Olympia's poorest residents. Trying to overcome these barriers through greater funding is complicated by Washington's current tax system.

While recognizing its limitations, the Interfaith Works Board urges support for Olympia's Initiative 1 as a model for increasing educational opportunities. By supporting this initiative, the IW Board believes it is acting out the values of our mission statement to support charitable, social, and educational endeavors.

Initiative 1433 - Minimum Wage

While there is a tremendous amount of diversity within any interfaith organization, all our creeds emphasize the need for compassion for the most downtrodden among us.

Throughout Washington State, many people continue to struggle with poverty. Even as our economy grows, several communities—specifically low income families in Thurston County—find it difficult to pay for basic necessities.

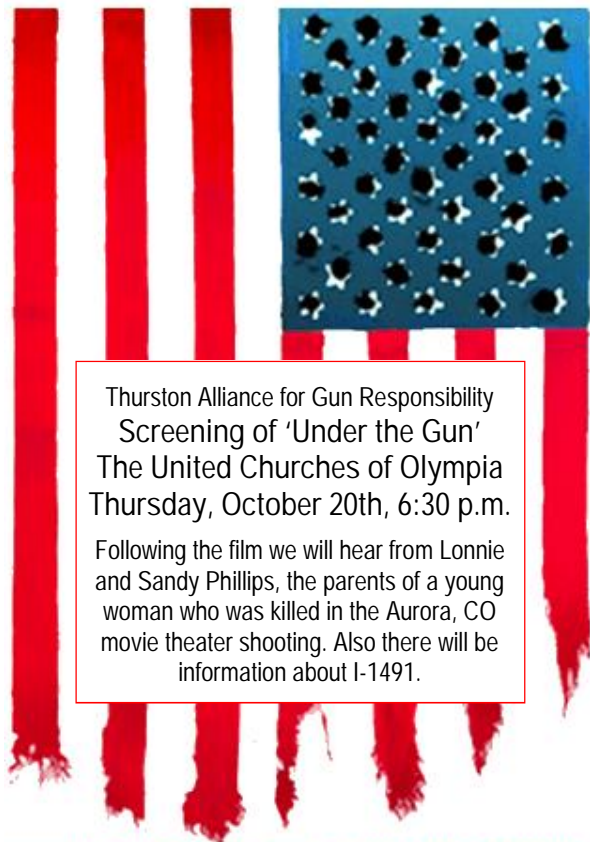
For these reasons, the Interfaith Works Board supports the passing of Initiative 1433. I-1433 guarantees workers in Washington State the right to earn paid sick and safe leave and raises the minimum wage to \$13.50 by 2020.

All people in our state should be able to take care of themselves and their families in times of sickness and crisis, and should be able to earn a livable income regardless of their occupation.

*These actions reflect the position of the Board of Directors of Interfaith Works and do not represent the views of any specific member faith community or congregation of Interfaith Works or any related denominational movement.

UNDER THE GUN

IN THE GUN DEBATE, TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON



Thurston Alliance for Gun Responsibility
Screening of 'Under the Gun'
The United Churches of Olympia
Thursday, October 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Following the film we will hear from Lonnie and Sandy Phillips, the parents of a young woman who was killed in the Aurora, CO movie theater shooting. Also there will be information about I-1491.

FROM KATIE COURIC AND STEPHANIE SOECHTIG,
THE TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU FED UP



IW's 2017 Multifaith Calendar is here!

It is a great holiday gift and it supports the work of IW. A source of accurate dates and descriptions of approximately 430 events, including observances from 14 world religions. See: <http://interfaith-works.org/multifaith-calendar/>



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◊ IW COMMUNITY CALENDAR ◊

A listing of some of the activities and events of IW members, and of general interest. IW does not necessarily endorse these events. [More information on these and other events is in our online calendar at: <http://interfaith-works.org/events/>](#) Submit an event: <http://interfaith-works.org/submit-an-event>

October 18 Tuesday 6:30pm	WA State Supreme Court Judicial Candidates Forum - Hear the Candidates. Ask Your Questions. Co-Sponsored by: League of Women Voters Education Fund, League of Women Voters of Thurston County, Black Alliance of Thurston County, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation Faith in Action Ministry, and The Olympian. Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW; Olympia, WA 98501.
October 20 Thursday 6:30pm	Screening of 'Under the Gun' - following the film we will hear from Lonnie and Sandy Phillips, the parents of a young woman who was killed in the Aurora, CO movie theater shooting. Also information about I-1491. Cost: Free. The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Avenue SE; Olympia, WA 98501. Contact: thurstongunsense@gmail.com Thurston Alliance for Gun Responsibility. http://gunresponsibility.org/
October 22 Saturday 9am-3pm	That Which Sustains Us: Silence, Beauty, & Gratitude - Confronted daily with incessant demands for our attention, we can refresh our spirits during times of silence when we focus on the beauty that surrounds us. Then we can re-enter our busy lives with sincere gratitude and inner peace. Images, poems, and stories will help to re-mind ourselves what most sustains us. Register by prior Friday. Cost: \$60. Bring a sack lunch. The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE; Lacey, 98516.
October 28 Friday 5:30-9:30pm	2016 Women of Achievement Awards by YWCA of Olympia – honoring IW's Meg Martin, Prairie Rose Hyde, Penelope Partridge, Sandi Roberts, LaTasha Wortham, and South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity. Special Guest Speaker, Former US Surgeon General, Dr. Jocelyn Elders. VIP Reception starts at 5:30pm. Main Event starts at 7pm. VIP Tickets: \$93 includes Main Event: \$35.00. Washington Center Main Stage, 512 Washington St. SE; Olympia, WA 98501.
October 30 Sunday 2:00pm	All Souls Day - an Interfaith Works event celebrating the lives of people who have died in Thurston County over the past year, and whose remains have not been claimed by family or friends. Mills and Mills Funeral Home, 5725 Littlerock Rd. SW; Tumwater, WA 98512. For more details see: http://interfaith-works.org/about-iw/programs-projects/all-souls-day/
November 4 Friday 7-8:30pm	1st Friday, Unity of Olympia: Lecture by the Department of Ecology/Water Conservation, art by local artist and photographer, LeRoy J. Lacelle, featured non-profit South Sound Estuary, and music by the Unity Music Team. No admission, suggested donation to the featured local non-profit. Unity of Olympia, 1335 Fern St SW; Olympia, WA 98502.
November 5 Saturday 7-9:00pm	Iraq N' Roll (2011) – TBH First Saturday Film Series - Intimate and poignant film about family, culture and identity by filmmaker Gili Gaon follows popular contemporary Israeli rock musician Dudu Tassa. (56 min, Hebrew and Arabic) Free, donations gladly accepted. Temple Beth Hatfiloh, 201 8th Ave SE; Olympia, WA 98501. www.ruthfilms.com/iraq-n-roll.html
November 5th Saturday 1-4pm	2nd Annual Founding Celebration of the Black Alliance of Thurston County - Giving Thanks Recognition & Dinner. 2017 legislative, education & social justice agenda; children welcome; free parking on site. All people of good will are welcome. Black Alliance of Thurston County, a new catalyst for action in the South Sound. Risen Faith Fellowship, 2129 4th Ave. E, Olympia, WA 98506. http://www.blackalliancethurston.org/
November 6 Sunday 3-5:00pm	Seattle Pro Musica Concert at St. John's Episcopal Church. The distinguished Seattle Pro Musica will make its annual visit, under the direction of Karen P. Thomas. This is one of our most popular concerts each season. St. John's Episcopal Church, 114 20th Ave SE; Olympia, WA 98501. Phone: (360) 352-8527, website: http://www.stjohnsoly.org/
November 12 Saturday 9am-5pm	Interracial and Intergenerational Movement Building: Weaving Activism into Our Lives - Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Fall Retreat. FOR will provide coffee and tea, not food so bring your own lunch. No restaurants are nearby. Cost: \$15 or pay-what-you-can. Pre-register by Nov. 9th if possible. Gwinwood Conference Center, 6015 30th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. http://olympiafor.org/
November 20 Sunday 2:00pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration 2016 - music by The Olympia Peace Choir, The Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation Choir, and The St. Martin's Chorale. Join us at the Abbey Church on the campus of St. Martin's University. For more information see: http://interfaith-works.org/about-iw/programs-projects/interfaith-thanksgiving-celebration/
December 15 Thursday 6:30-8:30pm	Lessons and Carols Concert - Lift your voice with our choir and organ in the service of Lessons and Carols. Bishop Greg Rickel will be the special guest. St. John's Episcopal Church, 114 20th Ave SE; Olympia, WA 98501. Phone: (360) 352-8527, website: http://www.stjohnsoly.org/