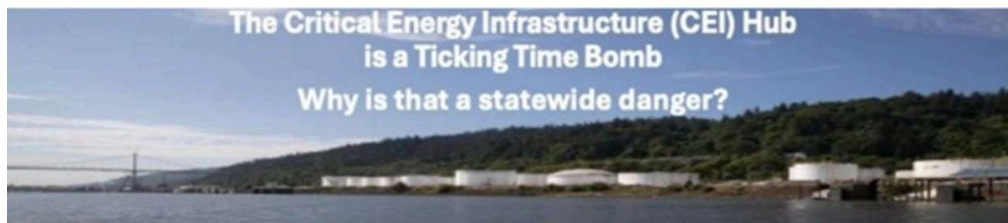


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May 2025 Newsletter



From First Unitarian Universalist Portland:

Join us for an online presentation and explore solutions!

Date: Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 pm

For Zoom link, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/CEIHub2025>

Speakers: Nikki Mandell, CEI Hub Task Force & Laura Rogers, Community for Earth

What is the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub?

- Stores 90% of all liquid fuels used throughout the state (gas, diesel, oil), 100% of jet fuel, and more than 150 chemicals used by Oregon companies; houses an electrical substation, pipelines, RR lines, docks.
- Houses more than 600 above-ground storage tanks; over 400 tanks are in active use.
- Contains more than 350 million gallons of fuels and chemicals (530 Olympic-sized swimming pools).
- Spans 200 acres, along a 6-mile stretch of land between the Willamette River and Hwy 30 in north Portland.
- Owned and operated by ten private corporations.

Almost two years ago, we moved into our new Fellowship building which used to be the Grocery Pub and we have renamed the PUUB (Place of UU Beauty). We have replaced the old oil furnace and made numerous upgrades as part of our efforts to prioritize environmentally sound practices and promote sustainability as we engage in the Green Sanctuary 2030 process. We are partnering with Sustainable Klamath at the upcoming Migratory Bird Day Festival and will be sponsoring a gathering at the Fellowship where community members can learn from representatives of the Oregon Energy Trust on how to access free or low-cost insulation and windows to increase their energy efficiency.

In addition to climate and environmental justice, our Fellowship is prioritizing food security in our community and we are a robust part of the Interfaith Food Pantry. We are celebrating our first year as a pantry where four congregations partnered and pooled their resources to create a pantry that nourishes folks both spiritually and nutritionally. We recognize the importance of centering love and a narrative of solidarity, not charity. In addition to food, we distribute toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags and also bicycles.

Although small, we are a mighty force in our community and growing. If you are ever in Klamath County, we would love to meet you! Our website is <https://www.uufkc.net/>

Earth Action Alert: Hands Off Our Public Lands!

UU Earth Action at our Eugene Congregation is sponsoring a really fun event. They are encouraging EVERYONE to find a Federal Forest or BLM Land. Then take your friends or go with any of the Environmental groups that are supporting this, for a picnic, a hike, or any fun thing you can think of. Take family and friends.

June 7th is the target date, but if that won't work for you, try it anytime. The idea is to find a way to get pictures to our Federal Legislators, and let them know these lands belong to US! These forests are not to be cut!! Hands Off!!! So go and enjoy our Forests, and our Public Lands.

Join us!

**June 7 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.
Hardesty Trailhead
Hwy 58 @ Milepost 21**

Email your officials and tag them on social media!



DIRECT ACTION: JUNE 7th 10 - 5

**Meet at the Hardesty Trailhead
Picnic * Hike * Have Fun**

**Then send an email to *everyone* listed below!
plus take a pic & tag them on your social media
*and say***

“THIS LAND IS OUR LAND”

“STOP LOGGING OUR NATIONAL FORESTS”



Location: East on Hwy 58 at Mile Post 21

Organized by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Eugene - Earth Action Team

Senator Ron Wyden
wyden.senate.gov
@senatorronwyden

Senator Jeff Merkley
merkley.senate.gov
@senatorjeffmerkley

Rep Janelle Bynum
bynum.house.gov
@RepBynum

Rep Val Hoyle
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Rep Maxine Dexter
dexter.house.gov
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Rep Andrea Salinas
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Rep Suzanne Bonamici
bonamici.house.gov
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Rep Cliff Bentz
bentz.house.gov
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Congregations and Clergy Join in Salem to Lobby Representatives

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Lobby Day on April 28th was a really excellent opportunity for many reasons.

I was able to connect with so many UUs from other Congregations, which was a delight. It was really special for me to meet Rae Hastings from our Willamette Falls Church in Oregon City. Rae is one of our newest Liaisons, and we are so fortunate to have her join us.

My own Legislators are so wonderful, and several of their bills which they sponsored, were on the list of what we supported for EMO.

I hope many of you have taken the time to go to other Lobby Days, or have had the opportunity to go to a Town Hall, or a Coffee Time. This, and knowing their staff can help get YOUR voice heard. It takes effort, but is well worth it.

Hope to see you at future Lobby Days!

-Sue Craig

Intro to using Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS)!

OLIS is a tool you can use to learn about and keep track of bills in the Oregon Legislature. Jean Pierce created [this ten minute video](#) to help you learn how to use it:

Watch: Overview of OLIS

Board Update: Annual Meeting set for October 18, 2025

We have been busy with several items over the past few months!

We are welcoming 5 new Board members. They will be introduced over the next few issues of our Newsletter....No we don't want to overwhelm YOU!

Oregon UU Voices for Justice Annual Meeting.

Please put this on your calendar and your church's calendar!

OOUVfJ will be in Salem on Oct.18,2025.

The Theme is:

JOIN US,
Yes, we can!

We will continue fleshing all of this out with at least one speaker, and lots of time for you all to gain as much as possible from the meeting.

It will be in person, and virtually. Hope to see you all.

President's Musings

We are, quite obviously, in a very eventful, somewhat overwhelming time.

But for this column, let me share with you people, events that are relevant to OOUVfJ.

We have 4 people leaving our Board. And they will be sorely missed.

Kathleen McKinney has been our President previously, and worked for years to keep us a viable group after Covid. I know many of you can relate to that because of other groups you are in, that still may be pulling out of that hard time. Kathleen has a strong OOUVfJ history, as well as being a vibrant part of our larger group Nationally. That group is CUUSAN. She was president for two terms throughout our history. And this past year, she served again as our Secretary. None of what I have told you gives even the slightest hint of the hours, years she has served us. Our gratitude to her is very deep.

Thank you Kathleen.

David Delk has been with us for such a long time, that we are uncertain as to his start with us. But he is our longest serving Member by far. He has been deeply involved with so many issues that are part of him and therefore, part of us. The state banking issues that he consistently put forth are an example. He has been our OOUVfJ Treasurer for years, and also has

developed our website, communications, and Action of the Week. I suspect I have only touched the surface. Thank you, David.

John Raymonda has been a stalwart member with many actions and ideas that have helped in many ways. He has helped to keep the information flowing from the Florence Fellowship to us and back. Thank you, John.

Max Merrill has also been such a conduit for great information. He is from our Bend Congregation. He arranged for our Webinar on the water problems on the Warm Springs Reservation which gave us all an opportunity to help with that situation.

His ideas are always solid, and very helpful. Thank you, Max.

You all will be missed, but we hope you will continue to hold us in your hearts, and communicate often, and in many ways, continue to be a part of us.

Thank you, thank you.

Sue Craig



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