



Unitarian Universalist Peace Fellowship

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here

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Reminders

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- ◆ 12/6 (Friday) National Climate Strike 12:30—2:30 Durham Central Park—see p. 3
- ◆ 12/ 8 (Sunday) Social Action Meeting at UUPF (patio, weather permitting) after service
- ◆ 12/15 (Sunday) Gingerbread House Party at UUPF following Service

Sunday Services

11/24: John Pavlovitz—Thank-Full: Fullness isn't just the physical feeling we have when we leave the table. It's the emotional realization that we have what all we need, that we have enough—actually more than enough. We are full to overflowing.

Thanksgiving shouldn't be an occasion. It shouldn't be an event. It should be our default setting. Join pastor John Pavlovitz as he helps us find the full places.

Gingerbread House Party

Sunday, December 15th

Come join the holiday fun!

Following the service on Sunday, December 15th, we will celebrate the season by listening to favorite holiday music and creating gingerbread masterpieces! Gingerbread houses will be available and ready to decorate. Add your own creative touches to make a truly extraordinary gingerbread house!

To make sure we have adequate supplies on hand, please sign up prior to Thursday, Dec. 12.

When: Sunday, December 15th following our usual Sunday service.

Who: Everyone is welcomed to participate, families, couples, individuals.

Bring: One bag or box of something that can be shared to decorate the houses. Think landscaping,

shingles, windows and more! If you have a favorite CD of holiday music, we'd be happy to hear it.

Preconstructed gingerbread houses, frosting and some decorations will be provided.

Lunch: Taco Soup (vegetarian and meat versions) will be provided. If you have the time and inclination, feel free to bring bread or a dessert item.

Questions? Contact Sue Hansen, sueahansen@gmail.com

Holiday Giving

World Vision collection

The children will be collecting money to send a gift to a family in desperate need in another country. Depending on how much we collect, we may buy chickens, goats, or even a cow. We invite everyone in the congregation to join us in changing the life of a child.

The Compost Patrol

Our YRE program has begun a new environmental initiative led by our Squirrels (youth age 10 and up), composting food and scraps generated our Fellowship. Each week Squirrels will empty the compost tubs into the main compost bin outside to make dirt while reducing methane in the landfill.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Please remember to put food scraps, napkins, coffee grounds in the labelled tubs placed all around the building, NOT in the garbage. Squirrels will manage the rest. Questions/Comments please see Becky, Fearless Squirrel leader and YRE Facilitator.

National Climate Strike: Friday, December 6th, 12:30-2:30pm Durham Central Park, 502 Foster Street, Durham, NC 27701

With the consequences of climate change becoming ever more clear and dire with each passing day, a new powerful wave of the climate movement has been swelling up over the last couple of years. Young people around the world have been rising up to defend our future, and have been going on strike – every week, all over the planet – for months. In the September Climate Strikes alone, 7.6 million people took to the streets. The Sunrise Movement, the Extinction Rebellion, and 350.org are some of the organizations that will be participating. Join us to demand a Green New Deal and stand up for the future that we all believe in.

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/strike-for-a-green-new-deal>.

Elizabeth Norval is going and would love to carpool.

Decorating the PEACE Christmas tree

Please bring mittens, gloves, scarves and woolly hats to decorate our Christmas tree. After Christmas, children and adults in Raleigh will find joy from your gift.

Want to use the UUPF Building?

If you plan to use the building for a meeting, you must contact Becky Suzik at crreativegirlnet@gmail and request that you be put on the UUPF calendar to avoid conflicts.

SWIM

A group of UUs gathers every year between December 26 and January 1, in Florida, for a time of fellowship and renewal. This year they will be at a 4H camp by a lake, in Lake Placid, FL. Elizabeth Norval has been attending most years since 1999, when her late husband, Vonnie Hicks, first took her there. This year she is heading the Youth Program and Outdoor Trips. Please go to: <http://swimuu.org/home/> to register for SWIM using SOAR. The catalog can be downloaded from the home page to view workshops and changes. If you are new to SWIM, please read the catalog for useful information, or talk to Elizabeth.

Social Action Meeting

Social Action Meeting : December 8, after the service

Place: The patio, weather permitting

What: Action steps to take to increase the impact of PEACE Fellowship

Members who discussed the book, "Justice on Earth" by editors M. Marish-Marzetti and J. Nordstrom, feel the need to take action to implement our values. Come join us in deciding what form our action should take. All are welcome.

Before the Service Discussion

The meeting will be on Sunday, November 24, 9:15-10:15: **“A Divided Thanksgiving Dinner – and its Fallout.”** Does your Thanksgiving table turn into a battle ground over religion, politics, and even food preferences? Phyllis Diller said, “My cooking was so bad by kids thought that Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.” What are you looking forward to – or dreading?

Board of Trustees meeting, November 20 - Summary

1. Under Old Business, the congregational meeting with Architect Brett Pulliam on November was discussed. Many good questions were raised including estimated cost of the new addition. Before contract bids are in, an estimate of \$70,000 plus or minus 30% was suggested. The new addition would allow more sanctuary seating and provide an additional YRE classroom.
2. Under New Business, the Board has signed a maintenance agreement for our two HVAC units to be serviced each spring and fall by Tri South Mechanical. The cost will be \$160 for each maintenance visit.
3. UUPF's Disruptive Persons Policy was discussed. Chris Sinah is working on updating the wording of the policy which was adopted by the congregation in 2008. Chris commented that the Raleigh Fellowship has a similar policy which seemed patterned after our policy. Anyone who would like more information should contact Chris Sinah or any of the other Board members (Earl Creutzburg, Alyssa McCain, Tony Liberman, Steve Henson or Amit Sinah). Input is always encouraged.

Religious Education volunteers needed

We need volunteers to work with small children under the age of three in the nursery in the event that Emma Suzik is not available.

We also need more volunteers to help with the Squirrels and Honeybees . All that is required is that you be present in the room to assist the teacher. No advance preparation is needed. You would not need to volunteer more than about once every six weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know our young people. Talk to Becky Suzik, Senia Reddiboyina or Elizabeth Norval to find out more!

Social Action

Forward Together Annual Gathering

On Saturday, November 16, Nancy Locklin, Chris and Amit Sinha and Elizabeth Norval attended the Forward Together annual meeting. Everette Thompson, the campaign manager for UUA Side with Love, gave an inspiring opening address. He then broke us into small groups where we had an opportunity to share our thoughts about people who had influenced us. Real connections were made. The rest of the day provided us opportunities to connect with people who are involved in social action on various levels.

X R stands for Extinction Rebellion. It describes itself as a political network that relies on nonviolent direct action to persuade governments to react to the planet's ecological emergency. It began in London in October 2018. In less than a year it has expanded to more than 650 groups in 40 nations. There are moves afoot to start a group in Raleigh. Read more about XR in the latest issue of UU World on page 36. (You should receive this magazine if you are a member of PEACE Fellowship)

Tri Area Ministries Food Pantry

We suspended our toiletries, etc. donations to "Love Wins Community Engagement Center" in Raleigh as of Labor Day. This was a special effort of the fellowship to help the Raleigh homeless over the summer months. Thanks to all of you who brought donations and especially to Diana DaPontes for initiating this drive. We will henceforth continue our efforts to feed the less fortunate by contributing non perishable food items to the Tri Area Ministries Food Pantry in Wake Forest (the "tri area" represents Wake Forest, Rolesville and Youngsville).

Thank you for your continued support!

These are the often requested items:

Canned meats	Cereal	Pasta	Oatmeal
Canned vegetables	Diapers (all sizes)	Peanut Butter	
Jelly	Wipes	Soups	

YRE Program News for Volunteers

Becky Suzik is UU PEACE Fellowship's newly-appointed Youth Religious Educator working with our kids ages 10+. As part of her role she will be processing background checks on all current and interested volunteers supporting children in the YRE program. This is a new procedure at our fellowship which intends to continue our priority of creating a safe space for our kids to learn and flourish in our programs. Soon Becky will email YRE volunteers with next steps so please respond to her request. Questions? See Becky or Senia (our YRE Chair) after the service.

UUPF Organizational Chart

Officers:

Under Construction

GENERAL INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amazon Smile

Want to support UUPF financially in a really easy way while shopping on Amazon? You can get the message below if you sign up to support your favorite charity (Universalist Peace Fellowship). Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and indicate your charity choice there. It cost you nothing and helps UUPF - Easy!

Remember, always start smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Tri-Area Ministries Food Pantry in Wake Forest

Don't forget The Tri-Area Ministries Food Pantry in Wake Forest is in need of food items and/or money. Non-perishable foods, especially protein-rich things like peanut butter, beans, grains, etc., toiletries, personal care items are welcome. Bring to UUPF on Sundays and the Creutzburgs will see that they're delivered. This is a social action activity for UUPF.

Interested in Joining UUPF?

Please contact someone on the Membership Committee : Lynda C., Lisa C., Corina H., or Sally N.

We want to get active with UUPF's Facebook page!

Alyssa McCain is Facebook Administrator and would like for anyone who has a Facebook account to please "Like" the page. Then, click on downward arrow beside LIKED tab and turn ON notifications so you can be 'in the know' of special events and updates from friends. We have a small community so no need to worry about your phone or email getting blown up! As you may know, social media is a very powerful tool for promoting and providing exposure - FREE advertising! If you do NOT wish to be tagged or have any pictures of you posted, please let Alyssa know by email alyssamccain@gmail.com