



Unitarian Universalist Peace Fellowship

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

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Reminders

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Sunday Services

12/ 22 = Michael Jenkins: Happy Merry Christma-Hanu-Kwanzaa, or Nah?" : So many holidays, so little time...(or money, for that matter). With the seasons reaching its zenith and this decade soon coming to a close, how can we as UU's survive the over-commercialized, heretical-slash-political relativity without bidding 'Bah Humbug' to it all? Join us at UUPF, as we have Min. Michael Jenkins, Jr. guide us to and through "the most wonderful time of the year" with rejuvenating reasons to rejoice!

12/25- An Inter-generational, kid and visitor friendly service of carols, special music, nativity scripture , and stories. (Families coming to the Christmas Ever service should plan on just bringing themselves—all refreshments will be furnished by the Fellowship. Please don't stay late to help clean up—that is already handled so everyone can get home as early as possible.)

1/5— Rev. Kathie McCutcheon : Will include a remembrance ceremony, as we have done in the past around All Souls Day. Please bring photos or other mementos of those family members who are no longer with us except in our hearts. All are welcome to share their personal tributes to their loved ones. Children are welcome to stay in the service for this memorial, but we will be prepared to have supervision for those whose parents wish that alternative.

If you are a UUPF member and have lost an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, child, sibling) in the past two years and would like to have a commemorative stone placed in our Memorial Garden in their honor, please contact Joe Yamiolkowski no later than this Sunday (December 22nd) so we can have them engraved.

The placing of the stones in the Garden will immediately follow the service.

Help in the Kitchen?

The kitchen may be short-staffed for the next couple of weeks. Check in with Jennifer before or after the service to find out if help is needed.

Foods of the World Gathering

Minesan kno'nichiwa genkidesuka?

Please join us for foods from the country of the "Rising Sun" Japan.

January 11, 2020, 6:30 pm, at UUPF. Bring friends and family. We always make lots of food to share. Call Marcia or Ed (919) 263-8676 for details.

INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

and UU PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 12, 2020

(@11:45 – 12:30, following the Sunday service)

Facilitated by Lynda Creutzburg & Karen Matteson

Are you a "new UU" or new to UU PEACE Fellowship? A visitor? Just interested in a brief refresher course on our faith? You're invited to this short (45 min) introduction to our faith and our congregation. On the agenda: a very abbreviated history of Unitarian Universalism, information about UUPFs history, people & programs, and a chance for you to ask questions. Sign-up via email: kkmatteson@att.net

"Before the Service" Discussion Group

The next "Before the Service" discussion group will take place on January 12, from 9:15 – 1:15. It will be focused on articles in the Winter issue of the UU World magazine, especially "The Existential Issue of Our Time." That issue is, of course, the climate crisis. The article explains a relatively new and growing response, "Extinction Rebellion." Relying on "non-violent direct action" its approach can offer new energy but also new challenges, especially for those who are committed environmentalists but not "activists." You can access the article at www.uuworld.org/issues/winter2019. (After Mark your calendar and join the discussion. Karen Matteson & Dave Ritter (If the above address does not take you to the correct page in UU World magazine, type "The Existential Issue of Our Time." into the "Search" area of the page to go to proper link.)

Children's Donations

There will be a receptacle for Save the Children donations on the table in the sanctuary. Please help the RE children with their gift to others.!

Tri Area Ministries Food Pantry

We're pleased to announce some exciting news. During January and February, TAMFP will be renovating our building and adding additional refrigeration and freezer capacity. These improvements will enable us to provide a more wholesome variety of fresh foods, and increase the number of clients we can serve.

We'll reconfigure the client area so that we reduce waiting time and accommodate more clients. We will streamline donation intake so that donations flow sequentially through the building from drop-off to pick-up. We're replacing the residential refrigerators and freezers with walk-in units. This will increase our capacity to store fresh food, reduce spoilage and increase the floorspace within the pantry so that we'll have more room to sort and pack donations and a safer work area for volunteers. We're also adding a new shed to increase our storage capacity for canned goods.

There will be some minor disruptions to our normal schedule as the construction gets underway, which we wanted you to know about.

We will be closed for clients from Monday, December 23rd through Sunday January 5th. During this time, we will still need our regular volunteers to help us get our building ready for the renovation.

When we re-open on Monday, January 6th our permanent new open hours for distribution will be 10AM till 1PM on Monday, Wednesday and the 3rd Saturday. We ask that volunteers continue to report at the same time (8:00 – 9:00). We'll operate temporarily from a portable office and sorting/packout space next to our building. The renovation is expected to take 8 weeks, and we intend to be operational in our improved building on Monday, March 2nd.

During the renovation, our donation intake, pack-out and client distribution will be operating in a temporary space. We're trying our best to plan activities to cause as little interruption as possible, but inevitably there will be some disruption as unexpected glitches come up. We ask for your understanding and flexibility through the process. During the renovation, and on-going, we ask that volunteers park along South White Street, leaving the on-street parking on East Holding Avenue for our clients.

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If I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our Board members or myself directly at michael.burger@triareaministry.com.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, THANK YOU for helping us to #StopHungerFeedHope in

HKonJ Moral March on Raleigh (February 8, 2020)



Join hundreds of UUs and tens of thousands of North Carolinians to give life the shape of justice on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the annual HKonJ Moral March on Raleigh.

You can gather in front of Raleigh Memorial Auditorium (2 E. South Street) between 8:30 and 9:00 am with other UUs to march with UU Forward Together (or march with other groups from your community) The march begins at 10:00 am. And after the march, UUs will gather at a nearby church for lunch, singing, worship, and networking. More details will be included in the January newsletter.

Contact the NC NAACP to volunteer as a marshal, distribute signs, or register voters at the march.

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:

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

Raleigh Rescue Mission

On November 30, Joe Yamiolkowski, Max Byrd, Alfreda Clarkson, Cindy, Meady and Graham Thomas fed 30 men and 50 women and children at the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Cindy said how proud it made her feel to serve the folk who came for a meal that day. They began work at 2:00 p.m. and left at 6:30 p.m.

The next meal is planned for Saturday, February 29, 2020. If we have more help, people can take shifts, and work for less time. So mark your calendar! Ed and Marcia Obregon are the contact people for this event.

New Voting Laws Workshop

This workshop is intended for anyone who would like information on the new voting laws. It would also prepare you to assist in registering voters.

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Place: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, 3313 Wade Ave, 3313 Wade Ave, Raleigh, NC 27607

All are welcome to attend this 90 minute workshop to learn the latest on photo ID, rules for voting, and our proven messaging to educate voters and increase turnout. We use evidence-based messaging, easy to read and understand election hand-outs and best practices for voter engagement. It is essential that our volunteers are prepared to communicate the new ID requirements in a manner that will not unintentionally disenfranchise voters. You will learn: - Up-to-date voting laws - 2020 Election Schedule and what is on the ballot - How to successfully educate and motivate voters to cast their ballot - Voter Registration best practices - How YOU can help citizens vote.

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!

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 crrativegirlnet@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.

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