



Unitarian Universalist Peace Fellowship

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

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Reminders

- ♦ 2/1 (Saturday) Shawl Ministry meeting at UUPF 10AM; all welcome
- ♦ 2/2 (Sunday) Religious Education Committee meeting 10 min after service in classroom; all are welcome
- ♦ 2/2 (Sunday) Super Bowl party at UUPF 6 PM (see pl.2)
- ♦ 2/8 (Saturday) HKonJ Moral March Memorial Auditorium 8:30 / 9:30 / 10:00
- ♦ 2/16 (Sunday) "What's on Your Mind?: "Before the Service" Discussion (see p. 2)
- ♦ 2/17 (Monday) Civil Rights Museum Field Trip (see p. 2)
- ♦ 2/23 (Sunday) Adult Religious Exploration Program Planning (see p. 2)
- ♦ 3/14 (Saturday) Foods of the World

Sunday Services

2/2 John Pavlovitz : *God Pants*—Small religion is restrictive—and all religion is small religion. It's not religion's fault. It tries to force God into a space God was never meant to occupy. The moment we fashion a container for the Who, What, and Whys of our existence, we've already shrunk God down to something less than whatever God is. Maybe we need a better box—or ditch to it altogether.

2/9 Rev. Randy Lewis

2/16 Rev. Steve Halsted

Water

We have water! Thanks to the efforts of Charlie Shytle and Steve McDaniel, who found the leak (no easy feat) and repaired it this week. We also appreciate the cooperation of our neighbor, Roger Slee, in whose backyard the leak occurred. Steve had to dig a pretty big hole there to get to the bottom of it.

While we're talking about large, muddy holes, please be aware that we have some in our own back yard, too. On Sunday, Cindy Brody got stuck in one, and Charlie once again came to the rescue, pulling her car out with his truck.

To avoid getting stuck this Sunday, we suggest that if you must park in the unpaved area behind the building that you come all the way around to the north side of the pavilion where there is higher ground and better drainage. On your way out you can exit at the northeast corner of our property, between the two white reflector stakes marking the secondary entry/exit.

Super Bowl Party at the Fellowship!

6pm Sunday, Feb. 2

Watch the Super Bowl on the big screen, check out the new commercials, hang out with some fun people, eat some great food. Not a football fan? No problem. We'll let the serious fans have the front near the screen. There's plenty of room to talk, or bring other games to play if you like.

To RSVP and for more details, contact Steve Henson. (shenson333@gmail.com or 919-616-0463)

New committee forming; volunteers needed

UU PEACE Fellowship is forming a "Safer Congregations Committee" to promote safety and well-being at the Fellowship for our members and visitors. Together we will identify things we can do to make our church community and building safer. Initially we will meet once a month and then shift to meet once a quarter/ or as needed. Interested? please talk with or email Becky Suzik thewriter@bellsouth.net or Amit Sinha sinhaamitr@gmail.com

Hooray for yoU U!!!

Congratulations to the Children of UU PEACE Fellowship for meeting our fundraising goal of \$80 to purchase a goat and two chicks for a family in need, through Save the Children. Great job! Thank you to everyone for your contributions. If you know another organization we may be able to support for our next Youth Social Action intention, please share with someone on our Youth Religious Education team!

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to our annual Winter Mitten Tree. Your donations are making a difference through "A Note in the Pocket"--an organization gifting clothing to homeless and impoverished children across Wake County. This wonderful organization is always in need of new or gently used clothing of all sizes.

<https://noteinthepocket.org/donate-clothing-supplies/>

Adult Religious Exploration Program Planning Sunday, February 23

Last fall a group of Peace folks interested in programs that would bring members and friends together for learning, sharing ideas and getting to know each other, met to brainstorm ideas. An environmental book discussion and the Before-the-Service program were the result of our conversations. It's a new year and a good time to consider new ideas and/or continue those we've started. The next planning meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 23, @ noon, after the service (room TBA). As always, all are welcome. Bring your ideas and join us! If you can't attend, you can send me your ideas: Karen Matteson kkmatteson@att.net.

"What's on Your Mind?: "Before the Service" Discussion

The next "Before the Service Discussion" scheduled for Sunday, Feb 16, 9:15-10:15 am.

What's on your mind? Do you have a subject you've been itching to discuss with other friendly, open-minded UU's? It can be one of the topics for our next conversation at UUPF on Sunday, Feb 16, before the Sunday service. (Coffee will be available, too.) Dave Ritter (dritter3dritter3@gmail.com) Karen Matteson (kkmatteson@att.net)

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

January 22, 2020. Tony Lieberman, Steve Henson, Chris Sinah, Amit Sinah, Alyssa McCain, Secretary, Earl Creutzburg, President (all Trustees) plus, Becky Suzik and guest, Karin Cross, attending.

1. Building use by a non member offering children's programs ("I Shine" Inner Wellness Curriculum), parent & child programs and track out camps) was presented by Karin Cross with a positive Board reception. For more information, contact Becky Suzik.
- 2..Safety & health issues (from the UUA "Safe Congregations Handbook") was discussed and its implications to UUPF. A "Safer Congregation Committee" will be formed to address the many safety issues for the building, rooms and occupants. Volunteers are needed for this committee. Interested? See Becky Suzik or Amit Sinah, co-chairs.
3. A draft of the "Unacceptable Conduct" Policy was reviewed. This will replace our outdated "Disruptive Persons" Policy. For more information, contact Chris Sinah.
4. Building expansion update: Raleigh city engineers are reviewing septic tank capacity information in regard to requiring possible expansion. i.e., The permitting process continues so stay tuned....
5. Our 2020-2021 pledge campaign will soon be underway. Committee chairs are urged to get their budget requests into the Treasurer, Ken Dorsey, as soon as possible.

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!

Tax Receipts from UUPF

By Sunday, January 19th, Ken Dorsey will have prepared tax receipts for deductible contributions you have made during 2019. He will have them available for pickup that morning, or will have sent them via snail mail to your home address. If you do not receive a receipt, and believe you have made a contribution of record during 2019 (either by check or cash in an envelope with your name on it), please let Ken know the details so we can make sure our records are correct.

UU's and the HKon J Rally Saturday, Feb 8, 2020

This year, UUs will begin gathering near the corner of Wilmington and South Streets (near the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts and Shaw University) at 8:30 am.

Bring your congregation's banner, signs, and wear your blue UU Forward Together or yellow Side with Love t-shirts.

We'll have rainbow "We Believe" signs for you to carry (if you want) and blue UU Forward Together volunteer vests you can wear at the march (and keep for a suggested donation of at least \$10.

The pre-march rally begins at 9:00 am. The march to the Capitol building (corner of Fayetteville and Morgan Streets) begins at 10:00 am. The People's Assembly rally takes place on Fayetteville Street from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

But Wait! That's Not All!

After the HKonJ march and rally UUs (and friends) are invited to gather in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church (109 South Wilmington Street) from 1:30 to 2:30 pm for food, singing, worship, networking, and learning how UUs can give life the shape of justice by working with others in 2020 to register voters, educate voters about the issues, and get voters to the polls for the 2020 elections.

We hope to see you at HKonJ and that you'll be able to come to the UU HKonJ gathering after the march and rally.

You may also contact the NC NAACP to volunteer as a marshal, distribute signs, or register voters at the march.

Greensboro Civil Rights Museum Field Trip! Please RSVP ASAP!

We are planning a day trip to Greensboro to visit the International Civil Rights Center and Museum. This trip is open to all children and the entire UUPF congregation. Parents can attend or send children without parent, Becky and Elizabeth--Youth Religious Educators (YRE)--will drive and chaperone.

Tentative Itinerary:

Monday, February 17th, 2020: leave UUPF at 8:30 am and return by 6pm.

We will visit the Civil Rights Center and Museum AND another location TBD. Bring bagged lunch. We are currently researching additional visitation possibilities like the Greensboro Science Center, the Greensboro History Museum and the Arboretum.

Cost: Adults approximately \$15 per person, depending on group size. Children's entry fee to the Civil Rights Museum will be paid by UUPF.

If you'd like to attend or have questions please contact Becky.thewriter@bellsouth.net

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.

Building Use, Reservations and Access

We have changed our building access code. If you need access to our building for a scheduled event please connect with Becky Suzik thewriter@bellsouth.net.

If you have a meeting or event scheduled at the Fellowship make sure it is listed on the UUPF calendar to avoid conflicts. Check the calendar by visiting <http://uupf.org/calendar-worship-events.htm> . If you need an event added to the calendar, send meetings/event requests to our rentals/reservations contact, Becky at thewriter@bellsouth.net

UUPF Organizational Structure 2020

Officers:

Facilitator:..Earl Creutzburg...../ Secretary.....Alyssa McCain / Treasurer.....Ken Dorsey

Program Committee....	Trustee	Amit Sinha
	Chair	Ken Dorsey
Sunday Services.....		Ken Dorsey
Pulpit Supp.....		
Order of Service.....		
A.V. Support & Ted Talks		Joe Yamiolkowski
Service Leaders.....		
At Large.....		Steve Henson
At Large.....		Elizabeth Norval
Music / Choir.....		Cindy Bizzell
YRE.....		Senia Reddiboyina
Adult R.E.		Rev.Karen Matteson
		Dave Ritter
RE Director		Becky Suzik
Membership Committee....	Trustee..	Steve Henson
	Chair....	Lynda Creutzburg
Care.....		Lisa Colby
Directory.....		Sally Newman
Orientation.....		Lynda Creutzburg
		Rev. Karen Matteson
Shawl Ministry....		Lisa Colby
Hospitality		
Greeting.....		Earl Creutzburg
Coffee Hour....		Lynda Creutzburg
Events.....		
Chair....		Ken Dorsey
Auction.....		Sally Newman
Thanksgiving Feast..		
Foods of the World		Ed Obregon
Halloween Party		Valarie Pasiiecki

Outreach Committee.....	Trustee.... Chris Sinha
	Chair..... Cara B;edspe
Communications	
Facebook.....	Alyssa McCain
Newsletter....	Sally Newman
Website.....	Joe Yamiolkowski
Contact Us....	Ken Dorsey
Social Action / Social Justice....	Elizabeth Norval & Sue Barnett
Rescue Mission.....	Ed & Marcia Obregon
TriArea Food Pantry..	Earl & Lynda Creutzburg
Denomination liaison....	
Administrative / Operations	
Trustee.....	Tony Lieberman
Chair....	Earl Creutzbutg
Building & Grounds.....	Earl Creutzburg & Donnie Bledsoe
Rentals.....	Becky Suzik
Ways & Means / Canvas..	Ken Dorsey
Library.....	Chris Sinha
Historian.....	
Internal Audit.....	Tom Hansen
Safer Congregation....	Becky Suzik & Amit Sinha

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