

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WILMINGTON

## BEACON SEPTEMBER 2017

### OFFICE HOURS

#### MINISTER

TUESDAY 11AM – 4PM

WEDNESDAY 11AM – 4PM

THURSDAY 11AM – 4PM

AND BY APPOINTMENT

#### DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY 9AM – 1PM

TUESDAY 12PM – 6PM

THURSDAY 2PM – 7PM

AND BY APPOINTMENT

#### ADMINISTRATOR

TUESDAY 9AM – 2PM

WEDNESDAY 9AM – 2PM

THURSDAY 9AM – 2PM

FRIDAY 9AM – 2PM

**\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CALL  
AHEAD**

### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:15AM

SEPT. 3

WORSHIP TEAM

SEPT. 10

REV. CHERYL -  
HOMECOMING

SEPT. 17

REV. CHERYL

SEPT. 24

REV. CHERYL W/CHOIR



***MINISTER'S MUSINGS***

This year is a special year in the life of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington. It is our fiftieth year in existence. On April 29, 1968 a hardy band of thirteen people gathered together with the idea of creating a liberal religious community in Wilmington. They believed that they could create a fellowship and grow it into a vibrant congregation. So they began in a room at the Blade Runner hotel. They would meet in each other's homes until one day they bought a building downtown. Eventually they outgrew that building and purchased the land and built the campus in which we now reside. They had a dream and we have kept their dream alive and well.

We should be proud of what they dreamed and proud of what we continue to build, a caring community of open hearts and open minds, dedicated to living ethically and working to make the world a better place. That we have been doing it for fifty years is something indeed to celebrate. And so as we begin this new church year let us celebrate our past and dream new dreams for our future.

Homecoming is on September 10th. It is a time when we welcome back our youth to their Sunday school, and we gather after the second service to celebrate a new year together. This year as we gather let it also be a time for us to recommit ourselves to the future of this congregation. Let us remember that there were people fifty years ago who had a vision, not just for themselves, but for generations to come. Let those of us who benefitted from their vision, remember that we too have a responsibility to those who have not yet entered our doors or have not yet been born. Let us keep in mind a vision for the future.

What vision do we have for the generations to come? Will they too find a place where they will be accepted for who they are, just as they are? Will they too find a place to explore their beliefs in a supportive environment? Will they too find a place where they can use their gifts and talents to make their lives and the world beyond a better place? They will, if we commit today to ensure that the next fifty years of this congregation are even better than the first fifty.

The theme for the month of September is Connections. It is appropriate that we begin this special year with a focus on connections. We are connected to each other here in the congregation. We are connected to the world beyond the congregation. We are connected to the past and to the future. We are here not only for ourselves. This congregation does not belong to any one person, it belongs to all of us and most importantly to our mission.

The new year begins! Let us celebrate our rich history and dream of a bright future!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Cheryl

**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

## A Fresh Start

For me Fall has always been my fresh start. The weather starts to get colder and I feel refreshed and rejuvenated. I am ready to take on new challenges with a renewed sense of vigor.

With Fall comes a fresh start for our congregation. We are embarking upon a new congregational year. Hopefully, for many of us, we have just wrapped up our summer of spending time with family and friends and now we are ready to get back to the joy of spending time each week at UUCWNC. Our students are beginning a new year of RE with their ardent teachers. Reverend Cheryl has just come off her month of rest and rejuvenation and I am certain is busy preparing for a new year of inspiring messages from the pulpit. We have brand new members on the Board of Trustees who are pumped up and looking forward to working with our congregation over the next year. There are fresh starts and new beginnings all around our congregation this time of year.

Personally I am excited for the year ahead. There is a great deal of positive energy surrounding the Board and our congregation. As a Board we are continuing the hard work of creating a governance structure for UUCWNC. We have the wonderful task of helping our entire congregation prepare for our 50th birthday! What an amazing milestone to look forward to celebrating. Together we are looking forward to creating positive impacts throughout our UU community.

It is my fervent hope that this sense of positivity, excitement, and rejuvenation will be contagious and continue to spread through the congregation. We can all enter this year with the knowledge that we will work together to make our UU corner of the world the best place it can possibly be.

Thank you all so much for being a part of our community and the Board of Trustees sincerely looks forward to working with you all over the next year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFLECTIONS**

It's back to the classroom for us in Youth Religious Education! Teachers are all trained, geared up and ready to get started...our first class of the 2017-2018 school year will be on September 10th at 9:30. All classes will start in the sanctuary, be introduced to the congregation and then we'll be sung out to our rooms.

This year, I had to reorganize the class rosters as we don't have enough teachers to teach the curriculum I had originally planned. Classes and curriculum are:

Preschool: Chalice Children

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade: Creating Home

3rd Grade – 7th Grade: Harry and UU

8th Grade – 12th Grade: Teen Discussion Group

Preschool will be led by Toni Aberson, Dot Hodder and Elke Holzer-Hennecke. Chalice Children teaches the preschoolers about our Unitarian Universalist faith, and is much loved by children and teachers alike. It nurtures children's sense of wonder and introduces them to the sense of community that our congregation provides. This is one of the Tapestry of Faith curricula and is available online here: <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/chalicechildren>.

Kindergarten through second grade will be led by Sally Freeman, Liz Irwin and Gordon Smith. Creating Home helps our students develop a sense of home that is grounded in our Unitarian Universalist faith. It introduces the concept of UUism and our congregation as being their "faith home" where they can feel comfortable and welcome. This is also a Tapestry of Faith curricula and can be reviewed here: <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/home>.

Third through seventh grade will be led by Dāna Mann, Kaylee Tuttle-Topping, Kathryn Waple and Jane Horrell. Harry and UU is a social action program based on the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling, and it looks like it's going to be a lot of fun! Check out the curriculum description and a lesson plan here: <http://www.imagine-re.com/harry-and-uu.html>.

Eighth grade through twelfth grade will be led by Brendan Cook, Pat Forrest and Ida Jeter, along with some assistance from Carl Middleton and John Noll. This program will be conglomeration of RE/Timely Topics/Youth Group/Service Projects and Worship Services. It is designed to help our youth come into their Unitarian Universalist beliefs while providing the opportunity for them to feel like they are part of the great community that is UUCW-NC!

The Wilmington Pride Youth Group continues to meet weekly. We serve many LGBTQIA+ youth in our area each week, with 8-12 regular attendees. If you know of an LGBTQIA+ youth who might like to attend, please contact me: [dre@uufwilmington.org](mailto:dre@uufwilmington.org) for info.

Our Welcome! Class will be held October 15 (1 pm), 18 (6 pm) and 22 (1 pm). Learn more about UUism and UUCW-NC! See the notice in this Beacon for more information.

The Wilmington Progressive Book Club, meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6pm in Dobkin Hall (Sept 13 & 27). September's book is No is Not Enough by Naomi Klein.

Peace,  
~SUE

## Caring Committee

Acting in concert with the minister, the Caring Committee provides short term support, care and assistance to UUFW members and friends who are experiencing illness, injury or crisis. We are here for you. Please let us know when you need help with a difficult situation. Your personal information will be held in the strictest confidence, or shared with the congregation at your request.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in our community, consider becoming a member of the Caring Committee, or just let us know that you are available to make a meal, provide a ride, or a visit when the need arises. To join or offer your services, please contact any of our members. Tina Schenk will be the Caring Committee chair for the month of September. Other members are: Carol Anne Davis, Diane Halley, Liz Irwin, Jeannie Lennon, Jane Linn, Kami O'Keeffe, Kim Singleton, and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker.

## NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Our fall 2017 Welcome Classes will begin Sunday, October 15 at 1pm to 2:30pm in Dobkin Hall at the Fellowship. Other class dates and times are Wednesday, October 18 at 6pm to 7:30pm and Sunday, October 22 at 1pm to 2:30pm.

Each class is different and focuses on a different aspect of UU life. The class material is as follows,

Class I: Getting to know other attendees

Class II: Getting to know Unitarian Universalism

Class III: Getting to know Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Wilmington

Leading these classes will be members of the UUCW Board, other congregational leaders and our minister, Rev. Cheryl M. Walker. For more information or to sign up for the classes, please stop by the Welcome Table after Sunday Services or contact Diane Miller at [dianewhitt@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianewhitt@bellsouth.net)

As always, "greeters are always needed for Sunday services". For friends or new members, this is a great way to meet the congregation of UUFW. Stop by the Welcome Table and sign up to greet! The personal reward of greeting cannot be measured!

Stop by the Welcome Table after Sunday services to talk with a Membership team member regarding interest in joining UUCW or the Membership team. Membership team members: Tim Gagan, Carol Anne Davis, Charlene Cole, Pan Waite, Diane Miller, chairperson and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker, minister.

## NEXT WIHN OPPORTUNITY!

The Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) unites communities of faith in a collaborative effort to assist homeless families. On a rotating basis, host congregations provide accommodations and meals for up to four families for one week, four times a year. Additional congregations (including ours) support the hosts, by providing food and hosting services to support the program.



Our next WIHN opportunity is Sunday September 17th and Monday September 18th and Sunday September 24th.

We will need volunteers for transportation of guests, providing food, serving food, meal cleanup, evening and overnight hosting, laundering sheets, moving bed-cots in and out of the host church (Pearsall Presbyterian on Market Street), as well as “making the beds,” and driving the van and trailer to the next host church. As you can tell, we need several volunteers to make this happen.

We are also looking for dedicated volunteers who can coordinate the food for both nights (make sure that there are enough volunteers bringing the right stuff), and another volunteer to coordinate setting up the cots on September 17th, and loading the cots back on the WIHN trailer on September 24th. We would like to rotate coordinators so no one person needs to do it every time our WIHN rotation comes up. Please let us know!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bob or Jessica Holm.  
 raholm1 @gmail.com or jsholm58 @gmail.com

## OPEN HOUSE

What: September 3rd Sunday OPEN HOUSE  
 When: Sunday, Sept. 17, 4-7 p.m.  
 Where: Home of Becki & Paul Schreiber



This drop-in social is a great way to meet interesting new people and connect with old friends. Our UU 3rd Sunday Open House provides an opportunity to enjoy stimulating conversation and eat delicious food. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! It's a potluck, so bring something to share. Mark your calendar and watch for fliers in Dobkin Hall or call the Office at 910-392-6454 for details.

**FULL MOON GATHERING FOR SEPTEMBER**

September’s Full Moon is the well-known, HARVEST MOON~~  
 “shine on Harvest Moon~~~shine on for me and my gal”!



The Harvest Moon is the Full Moon nearest the start of fall or the autumnal equinox and usually occurs in September or up to 2 weeks into early October. The Harvest Moon brings abundant bright moonlight in the early evening aiding the farmers with their harvesting of crops grown in the summer.

The September Full Moon gathering will be Tuesday evening September 5 starting at 7:30pm at the home of Kami O. Kami also will be the High Priestess for the evening and will be presenting a program centered around the autumnal equinox.

All women of any age are welcomed to these gatherings. However, if you plan to attend, please RSVP to the hostess or to the Full Moon’s email address, **fullmoon@uufwilmington.org**. This website can also be used for any questions or for information about the Full Moon gatherings including directions to the gatherings.



**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN  
 SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:30!  
 EVERYONE WILL BEGIN IN THE SANCTUARY,  
 THEN WE’LL BE SUNG OUT TO OUR CLASSROOMS.  
 SEE YOU ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>!**



**WELCOME! CLASS  
(FORMERLY PATH TO MEMBERSHIP)**

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WILMINGTON?**

**ARE YOU NEW TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?**

**DO YOU KNOW EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT US AND WHAT WE BELIEVE?**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU HERE?**

**DO YOU KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE?**

**IF YOU ARE ON YOUR PATH TO MEMBERSHIP, OR IF YOU ARE SIMPLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM AND THE UU CONGREGATION OF WILMINGTON, THESE CLASSES ARE FOR YOU!  
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US:**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1 PM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6 PM  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1 PM**

**EACH CLASS COVERS DIFFERENT MATERIAL, INCLUDING WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW EVERYTHING FITS TOGETHER. CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED *WITH PRIOR COORDINATION.***

**YOU MAY SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, OR CONTACT**

**SUE GRAFFIUS, DRE: [DRE@UUFWILMINGTON.ORG](mailto:DRE@UUFWILMINGTON.ORG) OR  
DIANE MILLER: [DIANEWHITT@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:DIANEWHITT@BELLSOUTH.NET) FOR INFORMATION.**



You're invited  
to celebrate...

# HOMECOMING

at UUCWNC!

**WHEN** September 10, 2017 after second service

**WHERE** Dobkin Hall

**WHAT TO BRING** Copious amounts of Food

(Feel free to bring something from the Harris Teeter down the street.)

**ALSO NEED** Volunteers to help with setup and cleanup  
Please email Jessica Holm to volunteer

**MORE INFORMATION** Jessica Holm at [jsholm58@gmail.com](mailto:jsholm58@gmail.com)

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<p><b>27</b>                      9:15 AM Quest (D)                      10:15 AM Worship Service (S)                      10:15 AM Youth Religious Ed                      11:30 AM Counters (C2)                      4:30 PM Spiritual Soul Center (S)                      6:00 PM AA Group (D)</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      6:30 PM Beginner's Yoga (D)</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      10:30 AM Yoga (D)                      12:00 PM Office Use (C1)                      1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D)                      6:00 PM Five Wishes-The Living Will With Heart (S)                      6:00 PM S-Anon (C2)                      6:30 PM Zen Group (D)</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      10:00 AM AA Group (D)                      3:00 PM Music Staff (S)</p>	<p><b>31</b>                      12:00 PM Office Use (C1)                      7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2)                      7:00 PM Wilm Pride Youth Group (D)</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning                      11:00 AM Charitable Crochet/Knit (C2)</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      10:00 AM AA Group Setup                      11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C2)</p>
<p><b>3</b>                      10:15 AM Worship Service (S)                      11:30 AM Counters (C2)                      4:30 PM Spiritual Soul Center (S)                      6:00 PM AA Group (D)</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      6:30 PM Beginner's Yoga (D)</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      10:30 AM Yoga (D)                      12:00 PM Office Use (C1)                      1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D)                      6:00 PM S-Anon (C2)                      6:30 PM Zen Group (D)                      7:00 PM Quilters Group (A1)</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      10:00 AM AA Group (D)                      3:00 PM Music Staff (S)                      5:00 PM Recorder Consort Practice (S)                      6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      12:00 PM Office Use (C1)                      7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2)                      7:00 PM Wilm Pride Youth Group (D)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      10:00 AM AA Group Setup                      11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C2)                      6:30 PM Wilmington Progressive Coalition Potluck (D)</p>
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