

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WILMINGTON



BEACON SEPTEMBER 2018

OFFICE HOURS

MINISTER

REV. CHERYL M. WALKER

TUESDAY 11AM – 4PM

WEDNESDAY 11AM – 4PM

THURSDAY 11AM – 4PM

AND BY APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LESLIE O'CONNOR

MONDAY 10:30AM - 3:30PM

WEDNESDAY 10:30AM - 3:30PM

THURSDAY 10:30AM - 3:30PM

ADMINISTRATOR

JULIE BURCHAM

TUESDAY 9AM – 2PM

WEDNESDAY 9AM – 2PM

THURSDAY 9AM – 2PM

FRIDAY 9AM – 2PM

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SEPT. 2

WORSHIP TEAM

SEPT. 9

REV. CHERYL

SEPT. 16

REV. CHERYL

SEPT. 23

REV. CHERYL

SEPT. 30

WORSHIP TEAM

UUCWNC BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: BILL SINGLETON

VICE PRESIDENT: DON SMITH

SECRETARY: TAMMY ELLISON

KAREN GOTTOVI

MIKE HOSICK

MELTON McLAURIN

RICK NIDA

BETH O'CONNELL

PAMELA WAITE

TREASURER: JOHN GRIGSBY

GENEROUS LIFE TEAM

As we enter our second year, we thank each of you who have contributed to UUCWNC this year either financially or through volunteerism. Your gifts help to create a generous community. According to Joshua Becker, in his paper “Becoming Minimalist”, there are nine ways generous people see the world differently.

- “They recognize the resource pie is not finite.”
- “They know that generosity leads to greater happiness.”
- “They find success in helping others succeed.”
- “They believe changing even one life is worthwhile.”
- “They trust others.”
- “They dream big dreams for their money.”
- “They see more resources to give than money.”
- “They fully embrace the reality that life is short.”
- “They are content to live with less.”

“Our world is desperately seeking cheerful and generous givers. They improve society. They inspire us. They push us forward. And their view of the world is one I desire to further grow in my own life.”

Year 2 Members – Heidi Kaufman, Robin Middleton, Gary O’Connell, Sylvia Quinn, Bill Stewart, and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker will be joined by Year 1 Members – Merritt Blalock, Pat Forrest, Sara Jarvis, Richard Maxted, and Fran Strauss. This team will be responsible for the Annual Pledge Drive in the spring, but plans to explore other ideas building on the generosity and gratitude themes and investigate ways to develop leadership, communication and coordination within the Congregation.

Be on the lookout for ways YOU can become involved!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A New Year for the Board of Trustees

By Bill Singleton
President of the Board of Trustees

I would like to share my reflections on what the Board invested its time doing over the past year and on what the new Board can expect to focus on doing during this new year.

The previous Board (2016-2017) showed that it valued the development of policies to guide the congregation. It did this by reading about the roles boards can play in governing churches and by meeting to discuss the Board's specific role at a one day retreat. From that start the Board created an outline for a policy manual with topics for each of the areas in which the Board and the church's staff can separately and together govern and manage the church.

The Board should govern the church, not by picking paint colors for the halls or contracting to fix the roof, but by setting out policies that govern the Board itself. And by specifying the authority by which the minister and the staff can operate the church. Because our church is of moderate size, Rev. Cheryl is our minister as well as the executive that manages the church's staff and operations every day.

Our Policy Manual models the best practices of church governance. It details the roles and duties of the Board's officers. It spells out what our minister and her roles of CEO and COO should be responsible for. The Board of 2017-2018 invested its time in picking up the Manual from the prior Board and expanding it. It did this so that the congregation and the Board's own members will be able to see how future Boards can be expected to function to fulfill the congregation's mission to maintain the church financially and operationally.

In reflecting on what the Board of Trustees did in the past year I am thankful for the way the members worked together on a difficult project, creating a significant part of the UUCWNC's first Policy Manual. I know that the investment of time was worthwhile. I expect that it will pay off in the future by making the plan and the methods for the Board to govern the church clear and workable. I am looking forward to the new Board's work to continue expanding the Policy Manual.

Make it a
september
TO REMEMBER

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

The old saying, time flies when you're having fun, feels particularly true to me these days. I am just returning from vacation in Vermont and my home town, New York City, and it feels like I just left. I had a great time in both places. Vermont was beautiful and restful. New York City was hectic and restful. Mostly, I spent time in both places with dear friends, some of whom I have not seen for years. The days just flew by.

This year I am entering my tenth year as your minister and it feels like I just started last year. Time flies when you're having fun. And I am having fun as your minister. Not every day, because some days are hard. When I have to say a final farewell to people I have come to love, those days just break my heart. It is part of the profession of parish ministry. You can't do it well unless you love the people, but loving them means your heart will break. Yet even with the heart break, I enjoy ministry with this congregation.

Over the years there have been growing pains for sure. I am not the person I was when I first arrived and this is not the congregation it was when I first arrived. Yet at our core we are very much the same. At the core of this congregation is still a group of dedicated people who come together, despite of our differences, to worship together, care for each other and try to make the world a better place. At my core I am still a person who loves to laugh, is passionate about Unitarian Universalism, and wants to help people live their best lives.

As I enter my tenth year, I look back at what we have done together and look forward to what I dream we can do; though mostly I look forward to the future. In the short term I hope that we can start a small group ministry. Leslie O'Connor and I have been discussing how we can implement this program so that people can develop deeper relationships with one another. In the long term I think about our facilities. We are at the limit of our campus and have no room to expand, yet the Unitarian Universalist message of love could serve more people. These are just two of the things that I think about. There's a million more.

I know that I will not be the minister of this congregation forever, no one gets to be the minister forever. I don't know if I will celebrate my twentieth year as your minister (it could happen). All I know is that I love this congregation with all my heart and all my mind and all my soul. While I am still your minister there is still much I hope we can do together. Let's continue to laugh together, cry together, worship together, care for each other and build a better world together. It is what has made the last nine years some of the best of my life and what can make the next ten even better.

Peace and many kind blessings,

Rev. Cheryl

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFLECTIONS

We affirm that every one of us is held in Creation’s hand – a part of the interdependent cosmic web – and hence all strangers need not be enemies; that no one is saved until we all are saved, where All means the whole of Creation.

– *William F. Schulz*

September 9th marks the first day of UUCWNC’s children’s religious education program. The concept of social justice, and how our individual behavior can promote or stifle it, is a common theme in the curricula for all age groups. Eden Avery and I are partnering together this year to integrate religious education and social justice activities. We hope that our efforts will help our children of all ages understand social justice and realize that they have the capability of improving people’s lives beyond their own. We hope to instill in them the energy to seek out opportunities to create social justice, reinforcing our Unitarian Universalist values every day. We also want to help adults become aware of all the volunteer opportunities available in our local community, and to focus efforts for maximum positive impact. Together, the multigenerational approach can achieve a level of synergy that will accomplish much and provide meaningful experiences for all.

Please join us on Sunday, September 16th for an Opportunities for Social Justice Engagement workshop. It will be held from 12:15 – 2:00 pm in The Sanctuary. Eden and I will co-facilitate a learning session on how you can make a difference in our community. And look for future announcements about special events co-sponsored by UUCWNC Social Action and Religious Education groups.

Here are the classes planned for the new school year. Please recognize and thank the volunteer teachers when you see them. They are true heroes who give so much of themselves to help raise the next generation of UU’s. We are still in need of teachers, so if you are interested, please contact me and I’ll get you onboard!

GRADE	TEACHERS	CURRICULUM
PRESCHOOL & K	TONI ABERSON, DIANA NIELSEN	CHALICE CHILDREN
1 ST -4 TH	JANE HORRELL, SALLY FREEMAN, GORDON SMITH	LOVE WILL GUIDE US
5 TH -7 TH	ELIZABETH TERRY, JORDAN GRIFFITH	RIDDLES & MYSTERY
8 TH -12 TH	PAT FORREST, BRENDAN COOK	TEEN PROGRAM

Shalom,
 Leslie O’Connor
 Interim Director of Religious Education

Greetings from the MEMBERSHIP team.....



Fall Welcome Classes have been set..... The dates are:

November 4, Sunday at 1pm to 2:30pm

November 7, Wednesday at 6pm to 7:30pm

November 11, Sunday at 1pm to 2:30pm

Any and everyone are invited to attend these classes!

The content of these classes vary, however each class is different enough that attendance to all three classes would be highly recommended. There are no mandates to become a member of UUCWNC after the classes. Membership is an individual commitment but does require a private meeting with Rev. Cheryl before the church book can be signed. This being said, you are encouraged to become a member of the church to benefit from all that our members enjoy.

The Welcome Table



The mission of the Welcome Table is to provide a warm welcome on Sunday mornings **to our visitors, members and friends**. In addition to providing *Welcoming*, the Welcome Table provides *information about the church* and in particular *Membership*. *Childcare and church activities information* is also given out at the Table.

Please consider greeting on Sunday mornings. Just stop by the Welcome Table after Sunday services to sign up for a date/s to greet!

Membership team: Tim Gugan, Diane Miller, Carol Anne Davis, Tina Schenk, Merritt Blalock, Margaret Armstrong, Becki Schreiber and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker.

FULL MOON gathering for September

This year, the September Moon is also called the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the moon that rises nearest to the date of the autumn equinox. This full Moon provides the most light at the time when it's needed the most—to complete the harvest!



Photo Credit: Almanac reader, Robin Osbon

The Full Moon gathering for September will be held at the home of Sandra M on Tuesday evening, September 25 at 7:00pm. Robin B will be our High Priestess for the evening offering a program that celebrates the autumnal equinox, our goddesses and women.

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.

SEPT. OPEN HOUSE



OPEN HOUSE Sunday, September 23, 4-7 p.m. This fun, casual social event is at the home of Marlene and Tony Barney. It is a great way to get to connect with other UUs, both newcomers and old friends. It's a potluck, so please bring something to share. There will be detailed information on fliers in the lobby and social hall at UUCWNC, or you can call the office at 910-392-6454. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



Social Justice in Our 50th Year - Renewing our commitments

By Eden Avery, Social Justice Ministry

Fifty years ago, our Congregation was born out of turbulent times. We now find our society in a similar struggle where even our most fundamental UU principle is constantly under attack - the inherent worth and dignity of every person. UUCWNC is increasingly becoming known as a presence of love and light in our community, providing a beacon of hope and safety for many feeling stressed, oppressed, and marginalized. It is imperative that we build on our UU faith and rise to Rev. Cheryl's challenges from the pulpit to renew our commitment to inclusivity within our Congregation and strengthen our work for justice and equity within our community. In our 50th year, we have an opportunity to fully integrate "social justice" into our Congregational life through education and faith development programming for all ages, and by strengthening our relationships with local faith groups, community partners, and the UU world outside of our city limits.

One initiative we will pursue this year is to **renew our status as a "Welcoming Congregation."** In 1995, UUFW went through the established "UUA Welcoming Congregation Program" to help ensure an accepting, supportive religious space for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender. Since then, our Congregation has grown and evolved, as has the world. So it is time for us to intentionally reaffirm our commitment to being a safe, welcoming congregation for all people through education, congregational life development, and community outreach. This will be an integrated, collaborative effort through social justice ministry work, youth and adult programming through the Director of Religious Education, and worship.

To kick-off this "reaffirmation", **UUCWNC will be hosting a table at the 2nd Annual Port City Pride Block Party! Saturday September 1, starting at noon, on Castle Street between 5th & 7th.** All are invited to this is day-long fun, family-friendly event which celebrates diversity and inclusivity within our community.

Finally, mark your calendars for Sunday September 16 (1pm in the Sanctuary) to participate in our annual fall conversation about social justice planning for the year. Rev. Cheryl and Leslie O'Connor (our new interim Director of Religious Education) will join us as we discuss how we can we continue to educate ourselves and harness our energy and enthusiasm to work for justice and compassion this year. Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation reaffirmation process and what else is being planned - and share your thoughts and ideas. ALL members and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact Eden Avery with any questions edenavery99@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events. All are invited to participate!

- ★ *Port City Pride Block Fest* – Saturday, September 1, noon on Castle Street
- ★ *UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry planning conversation* – Sunday, September 16, 1 pm, Sanctuary
- ★ *UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina Annual Gathering* – Saturday, October 13, Eno River UU Fellowship in Durham, NC (Contact Eden Avery if interested)
- ★ *Souls to the Polls Sunday* (early voting for New Hanover County residents) – Sunday, October 28



2nd Annual Port City Pride Block Party - Saturday, Sept. 1st on Castle Street between 5th & 7th: UUCWNC will have a table/booth set up at this important and FUN event! We are looking for volunteers to staff the table. We'll have new UU brochures to hand out and easy kids activities. Please contact Leslie O'Connor, dre@uufw.org if you feel like partying and you're able to help out.





Welcome! Class

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, November 4, 1 pm

Wednesday, November 7, 6 pm

Sunday, November 11, 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 Leslie O'Connor: dre@uufwilmington.org for information.

Hello dear fellow congregants and visitors,

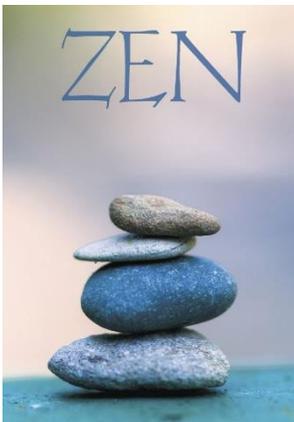


Tricia Ruge here to talk about the future of Tai Chi come fall. Our group, which began meeting in the spring, took a break in July, anticipating a restart in September. Due to a change of plans in my vacation schedule, I will not be available now until the middle of October. We will be ready to roll again on Monday, Oct 15, at 10am. All welcome, including those from outside our congregation!

I'm writing to you all again to give you an update on my teaching style. Some of you know that this was the first class I had taught anywhere in a few years. I have learned many things over the past 6 months, and will be teaching 10+ classes per week around the city come October. First of all, my classes in Dobkin Hall were never seated Tai Chi, but an opportunity for all levels of ability to participate. I have culled the amount of warm up exercises that need to be done seated, making it easier for one to adapt this to individual needs. And I will offer the opportunity, for those who have taken Tai Chi over time, to spend the last few minutes of each class and move through the form at a quicker pace.

For those who have participated, I believe it has been a meaningful experience. I look forward to taking the next steps. See you sooner at services but for class in October.

In peace,
Tricia



The Zen Meditation Class meets every Tuesday at 6:50pm.
If you are new to the group you should arrive by 6:35pm.
If you have questions or would like more information about
the Zen Meditation Class please contact Elizabeth Darrow
at elizdarrow@gmail.com.



Navigators Scouts Chapter 109

First meeting: Wednesday, Sept 5, 6 pm Dobkin Hall
Co-ed Scouting group for all genders, ages 5 to 18

Chapter 109 is ready for 2018-2019! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for a fun scouting experience! We welcome all genders, sexualities and abilities.

For information, email: chapter109@navigatorusa.org and/or join our Facebook group for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1480816658913681/>
(or search for Navigators Chapter 109)

We hope to see you there!

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee Acting in concert with the minister provides short term support, care and assistance to UUCW 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. 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. When needed we do meet during the month to discuss our agenda.

In August some of our church members were briefly in the hospital for procedures. Others needed support in other ways such as rides to and home from church.

Carol Anne Davis was the Caring Committee chair for the month of August. Diane Halley will be the committee chair for **September**.

Other members are: Tina Schenk, Jeannie Lennon, Jane Linn, Kami O'Keeffe, Kim Singleton, and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker.

SEPTEMBER 2018

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26 9:00 AM Teacher Orientation (C1) 9:15 AM Quest (D) 10:15 AM Worship Service (S) 11:15 AM Counters (C2) 4:30 PM Set up SSC (S, C1,2) 5:00 PM Spiritual Soul Center (S) (C2,1) 6:00 PM AA Group (D) 6:00 PM Clean-up SSC (S, C1,2)	27 6:30 PM Beginner's Yoga (D)	28 10:30 AM Yoga (D) 12:30 PM ROMEO's Lunch 1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D) 6:00 PM S-Anon (C2) 6:30 PM Set up Zen 6:50 PM Zen Group (D)	29 10:00 AM AA Group (D)	30 7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2) 7:00 PM WPYG (D)	31 8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning 1:00 PM Mah Jongg Group (C3)	1 10:00 AM Set Up AA Group (D, C3) 11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C3)
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Monday, Sept. 17: We will be having the front drive way graveled so all classes/groups will need to park at the school or in the back drive way (near Spirea Drive).

Tuesday, Sept. 18: We will be having the back drive way graveled so all classes/groups will need to park in the front drive (near Lake Ave.) or across the street at the school.

