

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WILMINGTON



## BEACON SEPTEMBER 2019

### 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

SEP. 1	WORSHIP TEAM
SEP. 8	REV. CHERYL- HOMECOMING *2 SERVICES BEGINS*
SEP. 15	REV. CHERYL
SEP. 22	REV. CHERYL
SEP. 29	WORSHIP TEAM W/CHOIR

### UUCWNC BOARD MEMBERS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For me, September – rather than January - feels like the start of a new year. Perhaps it is because that's when school begins (an event deeply ingrained in my consciousness even though I am approaching my late 60's and am no longer a student or a parent of one). Or maybe it is because I was raised Jewish, and Rosh Hashana, which occurs in the fall, is literally the start of the Jewish new year. And of course, September is the beginning of a new church year for us here at UUCWNC.



This fall, I'm taking the opportunity to think about what I'd like to accomplish this year as a member of our church Board of Trustees. At the July board meeting, the trustees elected the executive committee, with Don Smith as president, me as vice-president, and Toni Alberson as secretary. As I begin my term as vice-president, I look forward to learning more about church leadership. Please feel free to contact me, or any of the other board members (Karen Gottovi, Mike Hosick, Jim Ludwig, Cornelia Maxted, Rick Nida, or Pamela Waite) with questions or concerns, or just to get to know us better! I know I speak for everyone when I say that we appreciate the foundation created by previous boards and officers and are grateful to be able to learn from their experiences as we work to help move the church forward.

In September, when we return to having two services and Sunday School, I invite each of you to think about the things you'd like to try this year as a member of our church. Perhaps you'd like to become involved in Religious Education, the Choir, Quest, Membership, Caring, or Social Justice? Or you might enjoy hosting an open house, serving as a Sunday greeter, volunteering for coffee hour, or helping with Soup Sunday? Or would you like to mark a special occasion by providing flowers for the sanctuary? These are just a few possibilities I can think of, and I know we'll be hearing more this year from the Generous Life team about ways to become involved in our church community. And in the meantime, just reaching out to people who are new to the church, or to those you don't know very well, is always rewarding.

As we contemplate our plans and hopes for the upcoming year, I'll leave you with a verse from the poem *Leap Before You Look*, by W. H. Auden:

The sense of danger must not disappear:  
The way is certainly both short and steep,  
However gradual it looks from here;  
Look if you like, but you will have to leap.



## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

We begin a new year together, as we have done for the past ten years; and with each new year I think about what my hopes and dreams and plans are for the coming year. I thought it would be interesting to look back at what I hoped in my first year as we begin my eleventh year. My goal for the year, was a simple one back then – learn people's name by sight without the help of their name tag. Learning people's names means learning people's stories, and in my first year my goal was to learn who people were. Ten years later I am still learning people's names and their stories. The people who were here in that first year aren't all the people who are here now. We have welcomed new people and said goodbye to people too. I am always learning your stories. We are always learning about each other. This is the most important thing we do in a community, get to know one another. And let others get to know us.

We live in turbulent times and in these times it is crucial that we have communities where we are known and we are loved. What makes Unitarian Universalism unique isn't its theology or creeds, but the fact that we covenant to celebrate our differences. And we have many differences; theologically we are diverse, politically we are diverse, we have diverse identities of race, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, age and a whole host of other identities. Our challenge as, Unitarian Universalists, is to celebrate not merely tolerate our differences. I call it a challenge because it is something that we have very few if any examples of in our world. What we try to do in our congregations is build a culture of diversity celebration. Where does that exist in our world?

To celebrate our diversity, which is our goal, is primarily done by learning about one another. It is not something we learn by reading a book or watching a program or a movie. It is done when we spend time with real people in real time. When we no longer think of people in the abstract but we acknowledge and celebrate the holy in each of us, and I believe we are all holy in our being. When we are in relationship with people who are different than we, we are also challenged to explore our own preconceptions and prejudices. We all have them, that is not debatable, our challenge is what we do with them. To create a community where diversity is celebrated is not easy. We are charting a course no one has traveled before.

After ten years I know we are working towards making the dream of a diverse community where we are celebrated for our differences a reality. We have come far but we are not there. So, after ten years my goal for me and for us is still to know one another, one name, one person at a time.

Many Kind Blessings,

Rev. Cheryl



## GENEROUS LIFE TEAM



### LIVING THE GENEROUS LIFE

The mission of the Generous Life Team is to promote the growth of a vibrant culture of generosity and giving, one that celebrates the generous spirit in all of us, supports our present and future needs, and explores the many ways we can live generously.

We are excited to welcome five new members as we begin our work this fall: Don Wood, Ed Quinn, Eileen Barley, Jo Ann Skinner, and Pat Wilkie. They will be joining Fran Strauss, Merritt Blaylock, Richard Maxted, and Sara Jarvis for the coming 2019-2020 year.

When we meet in September, we'll be outlining our direction for the year. In addition to planning and coordinating the pledge drive, we anticipate engaging in continuing study and activities focused on promoting and supporting a culture that supports generosity in our congregation. As in previous years, we'll also be planning and coordinating our annual spring pledge drive.

Thanks again to our "retiring" members: Bill Stewart, Gary O'Connell, Heidi Kaufman, Robin Middleton, Pat Forrest, Sylvia Quinn. We'll miss you and will work hard to fill your shoes.

## Full Moon Gathering for September 2019

September's Full Moon is the traditional autumn season Harvest Moon. During the years, the Harvest Moon has also taken the name of Blood Moon during October and wraps up the autumn moons with the Mourning Moon of November.



The September 2019 Full Moon gathering will be on Tuesday evening September 17 at 7:00pm at the home of Diane M who will also be our High Priestess for the evening. We will be celebrating the Harvest Moon with a ritual of gratitude to our favorite goddesses for the bounty of harvest. Each member will bring an item for the altar, preferably something that represents their bounty of harvest.

All women of any age are welcomed to these gatherings, however the number in attendance will be determined by the hostess depending on how many women that she can accommodate. So, if you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Full Moon's email address, [fullmoon@uufwilmington.org](mailto:fullmoon@uufwilmington.org).

This website can also be used for any questions or for information about the Full Moon gatherings.

## NEWS from the MEMBERSHIP team



The dates for the fall Welcome Classes have been set. The dates are:  
*Sundays, November 10 and 17 both at 1pm. Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm*  
Please sign the Welcome Class list at the Welcome Table if you plan to attend.

There are still openings to serve on the Membership Team. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Membership Team, Please see any member of the Membership Team at the Welcome Table before or after Sunday morning services or contact Diane Miller at [dianewhitt@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianewhitt@bellsouth.net)

Our Membership Team consists of genuinely friendly and caring individuals who are concerned with making sure that all people entering UUCWNC feel welcomed, and for those who desire to become members offering information and help with the process of membership.

## 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 our church* and in particular *Membership. Childcare and church activities information* is also given out at the Table. Please stop by the Welcome Table for more information or just to say hello!



## GREETING

**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, Tina Schenk, Becki Schreiber, Kami O'Keeffe and Rev. Cheryl M. Walker.



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**CANCELED**

**Our September UU Open House is canceled.** We hope you will attend the many other September UU activities including the Homecoming Celebration on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and all the events planned for Rev. Cheryl's 10 Anniversary Celebration the last weekend in September. Looking ahead, Suzy Tenenbaun and Steve Lane will host our next UU Open House on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.



Homecoming is ALMOST here! On **Sunday, September 8**, we'll be having our Annual Homecoming Celebration. It's the beginning of our "new Church Year", after our summertime vacations and rest. Back to two (2) services (9:30AM and 11AM!). Rev. Cheryl returns from her well-deserved rest – AND we have a delightful Potluck Lunch after the end of the Second Service. Lots of food, conversation, catching up after time away and an opportunity to share our spirits with each other – it's always a terrific time! Please bring a dish to share and join us for a lovely time!





Please set some time aside on the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> for Rev. Cheryl's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! There are three (3) separate events to choose from – come to one, come to all 3, whatever you wish!

⊕ **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – *Bowling Party at Ten Pin Alley***, on College Road from 6PM to 8PM. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in Dobkin Hall, near the exit door to the Parking Lot. We need an exact count of folks participating so we can rent the correct number of lanes. Shoe and Lane Rental is just \$5 per person (we've had a donation to underwrite a portion of the lane rental). This family-friendly event will be a GREAT time, so join us for the fun!

⊕ **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – *Wine and Cheese Reception in Dobkin Hall***, from 5PM to 7PM. Please bring a treat to share. A Wine and Beer area will be staffed to accept donations for your spirits of choice. What a great opportunity to gather, schmooze and congratulate Rev. Cheryl on her 10 years with this Congregation. Now, THAT'S the way to start your weekend evening off right! MY very next choice will be the Roy Zimmerman Concert in our Sanctuary at 7:30pm (tickets available separately at the Door, or ahead of time from Martha Brophy or Thea Hagepanos)

⊕ **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – *Potluck Lunch with Rev. C!*** begins after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service and goes till whenever we're done! (probably around 3PM or so). Please bring a dish and/or beverage to share and come join another Celebration of Rev. Cheryl's 10 years with us. There will be plenty of food, conversation and joy to share, so we hope you'll join us for our final festivity of the weekend.

**Please sign-up** on the sheets in Dobkin Hall, if you'd like to assist with setting up or cleaning up for either of the parties. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Thea Hagepanos, Sylvia Quinn and the RCPPT* (Rev. Cheryl's Party Planning Team!)

## CONCERT: HIROYA TSUKAMOTO

Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, there will be a REALLY special concert in our Sanctuary. Hiroya Tsukamoto will be playing. Here's some information on him.

Hiroya Tsukamoto is an innovative guitarist and composer fuses folk, jazz, and world music. Born and raised in Japan, in 2000 he received a scholarship to Berklee College of music and came to the U.S. "In terms of musicianship, Tsukamoto's guitar work was just ridiculous. Right from the beginning of his first song, it was obvious that the folks in Bernunzio's were in for a treat. His brand of finger style guitar is so intricate, and so blazingly fast at the same time, I kept imagining how many clones I would need to make of myself to accurately replicate his sound. One song that drove that point home was his set opener, "From Coast to Coast," a song that had some of the fastest harmonic runs I've heard," wrote Trevor Lewis of the Rochester City News.

Tsukamoto's instrumental abilities are indeed breathtaking and astounding, but his performances are so much more than that. He has the unique capability of engaging an audience thru a personable and genuine approach that transfixes his audience and almost transcends his capabilities as a guitarist. Audience members will be mesmerized; Tsukamoto plays with an effortless skill on the guitar and a repertoire that will have you traveling the world, not to mention experiencing new sounds with his own compositions.

Tsukamoto headlines concerts throughout the U.S. as well as internationally including Blue Note in NYC and Japanese National Television. Most recently, Hiroya won 2nd place in International Finger Style Guitar Championship in 2018.

You Tube Link:

1. Soledad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POGNMdmKYo4>

2. Gemini Bridge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aEhApYFtWg>

Please make some time to see this wonderful musician!!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:15 AM Guest (D) 10:15 AM Worship Service (S) 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)</p>	2	<p>3 10:30 AM Yoga (D) 1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D) 6:00 PM S-Anon (C2) 6:30 PM Set up Zen (D) 6:50 PM Zen Group (D)</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM AA Group (D) 5:00 PM Recorder Consort Practice (S) 6:00 PM Navigator Scouts (D) 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2) 7:00 PM WPYG (D)</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning 1:00 PM Mah Jongg Group (D)</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Set Up AA Group (D, C3) 11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C3) 1:00 PM Sewing Mats for Homeless (D)</p>
<p>8 <b>HOME COMING</b> 9:30 AM Guest (D) 9:30 AM Worship Service (S) 9:30 AM Youth Religious Ed 11:00 AM Worship Service (S) 12:15 PM Homecoming Potluck Lunch 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)</p>	9	<p>10 10:30 AM Yoga (D) 1:00 PM Chalice Quilters (A1) 1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D) 6:00 PM S-Anon (C2) 6:30 PM Set up Zen (D) 6:50 PM Zen Group (D)</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM AA Group (D) 5:00 PM Recorder Consort Practice (S) 6:00 PM Progressive Book Club (D) 6:00 PM Worship Meeting (C2) 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>12 5:45 PM Caring Committee (C2) 6:30 PM BOT. Exec. Meeting 7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2) 7:00 PM WPYG (D)</p>	<p>13 8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning 1:00 PM Mah Jongg Group (D)</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM Set Up AA Group (D, C3) 11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C3) 6:30 PM Wilmington Progressive Coalition Potluck (D)</p>
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<p>29 9:30 AM Guest (D) 9:30 AM Worship Service (S) 9:30 AM Youth Religious Ed 11:00 AM Worship Service (S) 12:00 PM Pot Luck Luncheon for Rev. Cheryl (D) 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)</p>	30	<p>1 10:30 AM Yoga (D) 1:00 PM Gentle Yoga (D) 6:00 PM S-Anon (C2) 6:30 PM Set up Zen (D) 6:50 PM Zen Group (D)</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM AA Group (D) 5:00 PM Recorder Consort Practice (S) 6:00 PM Navigator Scouts (D) 6:45 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM SMART Recovery (A2) 7:00 PM WPYG (D)</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM Weekly Cleaning 1:00 PM Mah Jongg Group (D) 6:00 PM Set up - HTC 7:00 PM Hiroya Taikamoto Concert (S) 9:00 PM Clean up - HTC</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Set Up AA Group (D, C3) 11:00 AM AA Group (D)(C3)</p>