
WEEKLY DIGEST

January 4, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, January 7

Sunday Worship Service will be January 7 at 10:30am. Service Led by Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, *Betwixt and Between*: the post-holiday time can feel empty after the intensity of celebrations. In our congregation, this time may have a kind of emptiness as we wait for news of the next settled minister. How do we move through emptiness, and can it bring its own kind of meaning?

To join via Zoom, please go to our website at www.uucwnc.org and click the link at the top-center of the page, or click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93934181063?pwd=SE5YUHREbnlVaHU3NWs2akh5ekErdz09>

Dial by your Location 1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 93934181063.

Quest, January 7

QUEST Sunday, January 7 at 9:15am in Dobkin Hall, Childcare Provided

Questivus: a Celebration of 'the Best of Us'

(with a nod to those who celebrate Festivus)

with Discussion Facilitator Carl Middleton

We start a new year of discussion, exploration and discovery with no reading or video assignment, but with a request to review the year which has passed for a glimpse at 'the best' it had to offer us. As you gaze in the 2023 rear view mirror, what moments (even the small ones) of joy come to mind? We invite you to share a moment or two with us.

Against the backdrop of a world which can leave us feeling disheartened, frustrated, and even hopeless, let's spend our Sunday time together sharing and rejoicing in the joys of the year past with a commitment to creating and appreciating 'the best of us' in the year ahead.

Share The Plate, January 7

This week's STP recipient is the **Unitarian Universalist Association Disaster Relief Fund**. It allows the UUA to respond flexibly to current disaster needs and new emergency situations as they arise. It is part of a covenant between the UUA and congregations, between congregations who give generously and those in need, and with our community partners.

The UUA Disaster Relief Fund disburses grants to UU congregations and recognized UU non-profit entities to help them recover from the impact of tragedies such as hurricanes, wildfires, human caused disasters such as water contamination, and the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, funds went to UU churches in the Philippines following typhoons, Bowling Green Kentucky after tornados, and Port Charlotte Florida after Hurricane Ian. Funds are used to repair damage to congregations' buildings, member's and friend's homes, and local partner organizations. They also help with relocation expenses. For more information, visit uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/disaster-response.

Mother Hubbard Food Collection, January 7

The Mother Hubbard's Food Collection at UUCW is now slated for the 1st Sunday of each month. Please bring your food donation on Sunday, January 7. Our Mother Hubbard's Donation Basket is now located in Dobkin Hall. If you forget to bring your donation on Sunday, the basket is always there for donations at a later time.

The food items always in great need at the Cupboard are:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- CANNED MEAT AND TUNA, Stew with meat, etc.
- White or brown rice (1 lb. bags)
- Pasta and jarred/canned sauce or
- Other shelf stable foods

Open House, January 14

Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, January 14, 4-7 pm
~ Bring a dish or beverage to share ~

Hosts: Becki and Paul Schreiber
2205 Umstead Lane
Brunswick Forest Neighborhood
Leland, NC 28451
(910)742-6128 (Becki's cell)

DIRECTIONS FROM UUFW

(Total 12 miles)

- Turn RIGHT onto Lake Ave.
- Turn RIGHT onto S. 41st St.
- Turn LEFT onto Oleander Dr. (US Hwy 76W), go 6.66 miles
- Merge onto Hwy US-17S toward Shallotte/Myrtle Beach, go 3.04 miles
- Turn LEFT at light onto Brunswick Forest Pkwy, go 1.13 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto Skidaway Dr. go .1 mile
- Turn LEFT onto Forest View Cr., go .08 mile
- Take the first RIGHT onto Umstead Ln.
- 2205 Umstead Ln. (Yellow House) is on the LEFT.

Parking & Accessibility:

Those with limited mobility may park in the driveway.

Others, please park along the street.

There are parking permits inside, please put one on your car dashboard.

There are no steps to the front door.

New Nametags Are Coming!

Later in the month of January, UUCWNC members can anticipate receiving new nametags to wear on Sundays. Rev. Kathy, Holly, and the members of the Membership Engagement Team reviewed several possible templates for the new nametags before settling on a design that all agreed would be a positive change. The new nametags make it easier to see the actual name of the person on the tag (since that is what we most care about), and we've incorporated our congregational logo as it appears on our website for consistency.

When we begin the changeover, watch for instructions in the Digest about how to make the switch so that you know what to expect and can also keep your present lanyard, if that is important to you. Thanks for your support in this effort!

Thank You from the UUCWNC Staff

The staff would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for your generosity with our holiday bonuses. There are 8 staff members here, all of whom were delighted to receive the congregation's generous contributions. Thank you to everyone in our loving community for these gifts of love and appreciation.

Social Justice

LEARN MORE:

Press Conference with Bishop William Barber – 12/29/23

Please take the time to listen to this press conference that Bishop William Barber gave regarding having his civil rights under the ADA violated by an AMC theater in Greenville, NC. We must include disability rights in our fight for social justice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PahJwQjN7Q>

SHOW UP:

Jubilee Three Anti-Racism Training – Highly Recommended!!

A Community Experience: Building Capacity to Dismantle Systemic Racism

Friday, Jan. 12, 6:00-9:00 pm EST

Saturday, Jan. 13, 9:00 am-8:00 pm EST

Sunday, Jan. 14, 12:00-6:30 pm EST

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Are you ready to take a leading role to nurture a multicultural future in the face of opposing cultural currents? This hybrid workshop (online and in person) includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work. Offered remotely by program manager Paula Cole Jones with the support of two experienced trainers, you can attend at home via Zoom, or in the company of others on Saturday and Sunday in UU sanctuary locations TBD. There are multiple breaks each day, including a 2-hour lunch break

on Saturday, allowing time to gather, make connections, and break bread together. **Enrollment is limited** so sign up today! \$170 per participant, \$85 for the second or third person in the same household. The first person must register at \$170 for subsequent family members to receive the discount. **Register Now** For more information contact: Paula Cole Jones pcolejones@gmail.com

JOIN US:

UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry – PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!

The next meeting of the Social Justice Ministry of the UUCWNC will be **in person** on **Monday, Jan. 8, 5:30-7:00 pm**. We are meeting at church in **Classroom 1**. For more information about our Social Justice Ministry or any of these announcements and events, contact Michael Sheridan at mjsheridan08@gmail.com.

Safety Plan Committee – As part of UUCWNC's larger effort to create a comprehensive safety plan for our congregation, we're looking for people who are particularly interested in helping us develop strategies for keeping folks safe when they attend a social justice event or rally. If this calls to you, please contact Michael Sheridan at mjsheridan08@gmail.com

UU Justice NC's Friday Action Hour

Friday, Jan. 5, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm When the Lights Went Out in Moore County.

One year ago, a domestic terror attack incapacitated utilities to 45,000 households for 5 days in Moore County, NC. At least one person died as a direct result and many more residents were harmed. To date, no one has been held accountable and nothing has been done to prevent future attacks. Our partners at Blueprint NC teamed up with the Laura Flanders Show (PBS) to break this silence. Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other UUs across NC to watch this 30-minute video and learn about actions to take on this and other social justice issues.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91029655107> and sign-up for the weekly Friday Action Hour promo email [here](#). [Peter Rawitsch is the sponsor for this week's Friday Action Hour!]

STAY INFORMED:

If you are interested in showing up for justice in New Hanover County and around the state, sign up for our **UU Action Alert**. The Action Alert emails will notify you about late-breaking rallies, marches, demonstrations that miss the deadline of the

weekly UU Digest. Contact Peter Rawitsch at rawitschp@mac.com to be added to this important email list.

In the Community

OLLI Class by Friend of UU

“Stories of Adoption: Then and Now” is being offered at OLLI by Jamie Scott. Thursdays, Jan. 25 – Feb. 15 Four sessions • 3 – 5 p.m. \$60 (See p. 18 of the OLLI Spring 2024 catalog.)

The class is told from Jamie’s experience as an "unwed mother" in 1967. In addition to the public, she thinks this 4-part course is relevant to therapists/counselors, adopted persons, adoptive parents, first parents, and people born through assisted reproduction or who have experienced a non-parental event (NPE).

From 1945 to 1973, up to 4 million mothers surrendered their children for adoption. Who were they and why did they relinquish their children? This class explores these questions and more, using documentary film as an anchor for discussion.

On the Calendar

1/4/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	11:30 AM	ROMEO Lunch (O)	Off Campus
	5:00 PM	SMSC (S)	Sanctuary
1/5/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
1/7/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
1/8/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	5:30 PM	Social Justice Ministry (C1)	Classroom 1
1/9/2024	1:00 PM	MET (D)	Dobkin Hall
	1:00 PM	Quilting Group (C1)	Classroom 1
	7:00 PM	Program Council (Z)	Zoom 1
1/10/2024	5:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting (C1, Z1)	Zoom 1, Classroom 1
	6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)	Sanctuary
1/11/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall



To get your event on the calendar, send an email to office@uucwnc.org with the name of the event, day & time, and the room requested. If you require a Zoom meeting, please include that in your request.



To submit an item to the UU Digest please email it to: uudigest@uucwnc.org.
(Submissions must be received by Wednesday at 5:00pm.)

For more information: <https://www.uucwnc.org/newsletter-faq/>



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<https://www.uucwnc.org/serve/member-directory-login/>