
WEEKLY DIGEST

January 11, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, January 14

Sunday Worship Service will be January 14 at 10:30am. Service Led by Thea Hagepanos. 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 14

QUEST Sunday at 9:15 in Dobkin Hall

Childcare Provided

Service as a Spiritual Practice: Following the Path of Rev. Martin Luther King with Betsy Randall-David

Thirty years ago (8/23/94) the King Holiday and Service Act was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. Inspired by Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s life of service, Former Senator John Lewis and Former Congressman Harris Wofford proposed the legislation to encourage Americans to find common causes and methods for improving their communities. Thus, MLK Jr Day of Service became the first of two federally legislated Days of Service. It is celebrated across America with organized community wide service activities. It is a day **on**, not a day **off**.

MLK famously said "everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

In Quest this week we will be discussing service as a spiritual practice as well as an important pillar of social justice. If you are not on the QUEST email list and would like links to the readings and questions, please email Heidi at quest@uucwnc.org.

Share The Plate, January 14

In honor of the Martin Luther King holiday, our STP donation goes to the New Hanover County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Founded in 1909, the NAACP's mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

Objectives include:

- Informing the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination.
- Removing racial discrimination through democratic processes.
- Seeking enactment and enforcement of laws securing civil rights.
- Educating people about their constitutional rights and how to take lawful action.

NAACP committees include:

- **Legal Redress** which investigates allegations of civil rights or social justice violations.
- **Education** that promotes unbiased, equitable education for all children in our public schools.
- **ACTOS** - Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics – a program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African American high school students.

Our donation can help the NHC NAACP send local students to the national ACTOS competition and fund three \$2000 scholarships to help high school seniors and college students pay for their college education. For more information, visit nhcnaacp.org and their Facebook page.

Thanks to your generosity, we recently donated \$613.57 to Church World Services.

Coat Drive Complete!

Church World Services has ended the coat drive for this year, thanks in large part to UUCWNC. Congratulations on donating the most coats for resettling refugees of all collection locations!

Honoring Six Years of Service to Our Congregation

The Board of Trustees invites everyone to join us as we honor Leslie O'Connor. Not only has she been an important mentor to the children, but she has led many congregants through journeys of faith formation with her adult learning sessions. Bring yourself and your sweet tooth to Dobkin Hall after the service on January 14 for a piece of cake and a chance to express your gratitude.

Open House, January 14

Sunday, January 14, 4-7 pm

Everyone Welcome! 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.

The UUCWNC Gallery Presents

The UUCW gallery wall features the art of Reverend Kelley Wheat-Rivers. The first thing Kelley ever remembers wanting to be was an Artist. Although she didn't pursue a career in the field, she still loves to create art whenever she can! Created specifically for this show, these pieces are pen and marker over watercolor. And what makes these pieces extra special is that the watercolor paints used were gifted to Kelley from one of her beloved hospice patients, an artist and retired art teacher.

Kelley and her family cherish this congregation and the loving community they've found here. 30% of any proceeds from sales will be delightfully donated to our congregation to further the amazing work we're doing.

Last Chance to Purchase 2024 Coastal Attractions Books

We have just 16 books available to purchase. The cost is \$30 per book, but the coupons are worth far more. Thank you to those who have supported this fundraiser. See Becki Schreiber or Kathy Gillcrist to purchase one of the last books during the month of January.

Noise In Dobkin Hall

The Interior Committee has been asked to see what can be done about the higher noise level in Dobkin Hall since the carpet was replaced with vinyl flooring. We are looking at several noise reduction methods and materials which will help. These include covering the bulletin boards with sound absorbing materials and adding acoustic tiles to the walls. Anyone with experience in sound management is welcome to give us input. And if anyone wants to give a special donation for a piece of the project, we welcome it!

Please be patient and understanding as we research the options within our budget. Dobkin Hall is UUCWNC's primary social area, and we want to get it right.

Roxie Morison, morisonroxie@gmail.com

Variety Show in May

Anyone interested in helping me pull together an entertaining evening in May please send an email. Especially those of you who have participated before, but new folks are definitely welcome!

Tina Baldridge, bzsab.baldridge@gmail.com

Social Justice

SUPPORT:

New Hanover County NAACP

Sunday, Jan. 14, After UUWCNC Service

Become a member of our local NAACP! Get information about how to sign up at the SJM Action Table in Dobkin Hall after this Sunday's service.

SHOW UP:

MLK Holiday Events

"Until Justice Just Is: Conversations for Peace – Where Do We Go from Here?"

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:00-8:00 pm – MLK Community Center, 401 S. 8th Street

Come to this YWCA sponsored event in honor of MLK Day! Keynote Speaker: Deborah Dicks Maxwell, President of the NC State Conference of the NAACP. Open and free to the public. Click [here](#) to sign up for the event.

Annual Awards Banquet

Friday, Jan. 12, 6:30 pm – Hotel Ballast, [301 N. Water Street, Wilmington](#)

Buffet dinner cost is \$75. Keynote Speaker: Linda Thompson, NHC's Chief Diversity and Equity Officer. Tickets are available [online](#).

MLK Fun Day for Kids

Saturday, Jan. 13, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - MLK Community Center, 401 S. 8th Street

MLK Annual Parade

Monday, Jan. 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Downtown Wilmington

Begins in the Central Business District (from the Cape Fear River to Third Street and Red Cross Street to Ann Street).

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, Feb. 8, 5:30-7:00 pm**. We are meeting at church in **Dobkin Hall**. For more information about our Social Justice Ministry or any of these announcements and events, contact Michael S. at mjsheridan08@gmail.com.

UU Justice NC's Friday Action Hour – PLEASE NOTE NEW ZOOM LINK!

Friday, Jan. 12, 11:00 am – 12:00 .m Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other NC UU's to learn about current social justice issues and take action. [Michael Sheridan is the sponsor for this week's Friday Action Hour!] *****NEW*** Zoom Link:**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87452791684>

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.

On the Calendar

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| 1/11/2024 | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| 1/12/2024 | 1:00 PM | Mah Jongg (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| 1/13/2024 | 9:30 AM | GLT (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| 1/14/2024 | 9:15 AM | Quest (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | Sunday Worship (S&Z) | Sanctuary & Zoom |
| | 10:30 AM | Youth Religious Ed | Classrooms |
| | 11:45 AM | Comm Meeting (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| | 4:00 PM | Open House | TBA |

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| 1/15/2024 | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 3:00 PM | Final Wishes Information Session (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 6:00 PM | CFM (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| | 7:00 PM | UU Book Discussion Group (S) | Sanctuary |
| 1/16/2024 | 12:30 PM | MET meeting (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| | 5:00 PM | BOT Exec. Meeting (Z) | Zoom 1 |
| 1/17/2024 | 6:45 PM | Choir Rehearsal (S) | Sanctuary |
| 1/18/2024 | 9:00 AM | PCP (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 11:30 AM | ROMEO Lunch (O) | Off Campus |
| | 2:00 PM | Poetry Group (Z2) | Zoom 2 |



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.)

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