
WEEKLY DIGEST

February 8, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, February 11

Sunday Worship Service is February 11 at 10:30am, led by Rev. Patty Hanneman, *Finding Love at the Center*: Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared Unitarian Universalist values. Yet often we forget to extend that love to ourselves. This morning we'll reflect on what that might look like.

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 use the following link:

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

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

An Important Notice from the Minister and the Worship Team

The breakdown and inability to repair our office folding machine is providing us with an opportunity to reduce our paper usage while taking advantage of our new sanctuary screens, and you will be seeing a different system in place this Sunday: greeters will ask you to consider doing without a printed order of service and instead follow along with each part of the service as it is displayed on the screens. While we will be printing a few orders of service and will have on hand large print versions, we ask you, if you are willing, to try doing without that particular piece of paper. The screens will have each part of the service displayed so you can keep up with what is happening; announcements will still be noted (though we will show announcements on the screens also) and what would have previously appeared as an insert will be available as a handout (like directions to Open Houses). See how this works for you and do send any concerns or feedback or suggestions for improvement to Rev. Kathy, rev.kathy@uucwnc.org. Thank you for your willingness to take a step towards being more environmentally thoughtful.

Quest, February 11

Quest is not meeting on February 11, please join us at the Committee Fair!

Share The Plate, February 11

This week's Share the Plate recipient is The Warming Shelter. Located in Wilmington at Grace United Methodist Church, it opens on extremely cold consecutive nights to offer emergency, overnight beds and comfort to persons experiencing homelessness. Cots, blankets, hot meals, and care items are provided. Hosts offer a non-judgement zone of safety to cultivate an environment of relaxation and peace.

With only 24-48 hours' notice to mobilize, the shelter is organized and hosted by several United Methodist pastors and a dedicated community of volunteers. During the cold snap in January, it was open for six days and hosted 140 guests on the coldest night.

Our financial donation could cover the costs of one night at The Warming Shelter, which exceeds \$550. Financial donations also fund two other initiatives: a downtown drop-in day center open two weekday mornings and mobile shower, washer, and dryer trailers. For more information, please visit:

<https://hoperecoveryilm.org/>

Committee Fair, February 11, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Are you getting a nudge to volunteer in your congregation and community? Learn something new? Meet new people? Here's your chance to chat with committee, team, and group members as you wander through Dobkin Hall, the foyer, and classrooms. Get a head start by checking out UUCWNC's Resource Guide (<https://www.uucwnc.org/serve/>). Help yourself to coffee and finger foods. It's like coffee hour on steroids! Participate in Committee Bingo by asking committee members questions on your Bingo card. Then don't forget to enter the Bingo raffle which will take place at 12:25pm. What speaks to your heart? Sign up for something new!

Disability Rights & Accessibility Committee

The Social Justice Ministry is establishing a Disability Rights and Accessibility Subcommittee to identify opportunities to better serve individuals with all types of disabilities, both within our church walls and in our local community. To ensure our

church is as accessible and welcoming to individuals with disabilities as is feasible, we plan to collaborate with various committees to evaluate strengths, challenges, and opportunities. We will also encourage our congregation to engage with, support, and advocate for individuals with disabilities and organizations which support them. Beth Hansen is chairing the subcommittee and is looking for members. If interested, please stop by the Social Justice Ministry table at the Committee Fair this coming Sunday, and/or contact Beth on Sunday mornings or at hansenforest@aol.com.

Open House, February 11

Sunday, February 11, 4-7 p.m.

Everyone Welcome! It's a potluck, bring something to share.

HOSTS: Beth and Gary O'Connell, 978-758-9769

WHERE: 2028 Bay Colony Lane (Landfall Subdivision), Wilmington 28405

DIRECTIONS FROM UUCW, 4313 Lake Avenue, Wilmington, 28403 (9 miles)

- Head East on Lake Ave. and turn LEFT onto S. College Rd.
- Go .4 mile, turn RIGHT onto Oleander Dr.
- Go 3.4 miles; Oleander turns into Military Cutoff Rd.
- Continue straight on Military Cutoff Rd. for another 2.6 miles.
- Turn RIGHT onto Arboretum Drive, which is the entrance to Landfall. **Tell the attendant at the gate that you are visiting Beth and Gary O'Connell at 2028 Bay Colony Lane.** Note that you'll need to give the name and address, and that according to a recent rule change, the attendant may ask to see your license.
- Continue straight on Arboretum Drive for 2.4 miles, to Bay Colony Lane (there is a white wall on the right).
- Turn RIGHT on Bay Colony Lane. At the fork, stay to the RIGHT.
- Go 0.2 miles. **The house is on the RIGHT**, across from the 2nd traffic island.

PARKING & ACCESSIBILITY:

- Parking is on the street and might be a short walk to the house. Park in the areas not blocked off by traffic cones.
- There are a few steps to the front door.
- If you have mobility concerns, please park in the driveway.

NYRDs, February 17

Do you have NYRDs envy?! This month NYRDs is hosting a game night for the whole church. Everyone is welcome. Join us on February 17 from 3-6pm for fun and food! Bring a game, some food, or just yourself. We'll have lots of fun and laughter. Hope to see you there. Any questions contact Dan- danbwr@gmail.com

Directory Photos, February 18

We are providing an opportunity for those who have not yet submitted a photo to be added to the online directory! Dan Wheat-Rivers will be taking pictures next Sunday, February 18th in the building. If you would like to have your photo in the directory, please look for Dan after the service.

MET Interest Survey Results

The Member Engagement Team (MET) wants to thank those who responded to our recent survey. We forwarded the names of those who asked to become involved in selected activities to the appropriate people, and we hope this will foster new connections. We also appreciate the many comments and suggestions that we received. Some of the ideas were beyond the scope of our committee, but we encourage you to start new groups that you think would enhance our community. It's easy to start a group – just email Rev Kelley at revkelley@uucwnc.org. In fact, we were delighted to hear that a new group is being formed to further LGBTQ+ Justice in our congregation and community.

Social Justice

LEARN MORE:

You Can Vote - Voter Empowerment Trainings

Thursday, February 8, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, and February 9, 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

Our friends at [You Can Vote](#) are gearing up for this year's election! These hour-long virtual webinars are designed to mobilize volunteers with how to educate and empower the community for upcoming elections. This comprehensive training

educates participants in You Can Vote's work and key messages, a thorough understanding of how to properly fill out a voter registration form, best practices, and the voter ID rules for this year. If you're interested in volunteering with You Can Vote in 2024, this is the training for you! [Register for 2/8](#) / [Register for 2/9](#)

SPEAK UP:

Support the Child Tax Credit Bill

In late January, the [House passes \\$78 billion tax bill in bipartisan vote](#) as a down payment on a win for the Child Tax Credit (CTC). Next comes the focused work in the Senate to pass the bill before legislating slows in deference to election season. A new report finds, [approximately 19 million children in families with low incomes get a smaller credit](#) than children in higher-income families, or none at all. You can speak up about this issue and **it will take you less than 1 minute!** Just click here: <https://uusj.salsalabs.org/child-tax-credit-2023-24/index.html>

SHOW UP:

Education Rally in Raleigh-Leandro Education Plan Oral Arguments

February 22 - NC Supreme Court, Raleigh – 2 more seats left!

We will be gathering with others from around the state to press the NC Supreme Court to (once again) rule that the Leandro Plan needs to be fully funded by the General Assembly. This would bring \$57.2 million to New Hanover County schools and \$26.5 million to Brunswick County schools *annually!* We are organizing a bus to take us up there and back (will depart UUCWNC at 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m.). The ride is free and there is also free lunch and a teach-in. We're looking for singers, as well. Let's get on the bus to "Show Up for Justice" and have an impressive UU presence at this important event! Contact Peter Rawitsch for further information: rawitschp@mac.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Poor People's Campaign Mass Mobilization

March 2 - Raleigh and other locations across the country. More information will be forthcoming but put it on your calendar now!

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, February 12, 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 at mjsheridan08@gmail.com.

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

Friday, Feb. 9, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

We Won't Stop Fighting for Our Children. Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other NC UUs for week two of our Month of Leandro Advocacy in the lead up to the Leandro Day of Action on Thursday, February 22nd. On 2/22, the State Supreme Court will again hear oral arguments in the Leandro School Funding Case. This week, we will continue to call and email our state elected officials, asking them to sign-on to [Every Child NC](#)'s Commitment Form in support of the Leandro School Funding Plan. We will also work to recruit UUs across the state to participate in the 2/22 Day of Action. Join us through this **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.

In the Community

Caregiver Support Group

A caregiver support group meets at UUCWNC the 2nd Monday of each month in Classroom 2. The focus is on caregivers who care for someone with dementia or mild cognitive impairment. Facilitator Carol Wise, MSW, has led support groups for several years and is passionate about sharing resources with compassion for the

caregiver journey. The next meeting is Monday, February 12 at 5:30pm. Questions? Please email office@uucwnc.org.

On the Calendar

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| 2/8/2024 | 9:00 AM | PCP (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| 2/9/2024 | 1:00 PM | Mah Jongg (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 2:00 PM | SJM meeting (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| 2/10/2024 | 1:00 PM | Committee Fair set-up (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 2:00 PM | Piano Tuning (S) | Sanctuary |
| 2/11/2024 | 9:00 AM | Committee Fair (D, C1, C2) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 10:30 AM | Sunday Worship (S&Z) | Sanctuary & Zoom |
| | 10:30 AM | Youth Religious Ed | Classrooms |
| | 4:00 PM | Open House | TBA |
| 2/12/2024 | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 5:30 PM | Caregiver Support Group (C2) | Classroom 2 |
| | 5:30 PM | Social Justice Ministry (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| 2/13/2024 | 1:00 PM | MET (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 1:00 PM | Quilting Group (C1) | Classroom 1 |
| 2/14/2024 | 5:30 PM | Worship Team Meeting (C1, Z1) | Zoom 1, Classroom 1 |
| | 6:45 PM | Choir Rehearsal (S) | Sanctuary |
| 2/15/2024 | 11:00 AM | Movement Class (D) | Dobkin Hall |
| | 11:30 AM | ROMEO Lunch (O) | Off Campus |
| | 2:00 PM | Poetry Group (C1, Z2) | Classroom 1, 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.)

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



For Secure Member Directory:

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