
WEEKLY DIGEST

February 29, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, March 3

Sunday Worship Service will be March 3 at 10:30am. Service Led by Rev. Kelley Wheat-Rivers.

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, March 3

Sunday at 9:15 in Dobkin Hall
Childcare is Provided

Imagining Your Legacy with Planned Giving Presented by Guest Speaker John Zachary CFP CRC

There are many ways to give generously. Legacy giving is unique in that it can provide not only for the present but also for the future, potentially paying it forward for years to come. However, the process can be complex and difficult to navigate without some help. This is why the Generous Life Team has brought an expert, Certified Financial & Retirement Planner John Zachary, to speak with us about the ins and outs of planned giving in a way that everyone can understand. Please join us this Sunday as John helps us to learn how planned giving can allow us to achieve philanthropic goals, maximize the current (or future) value of our gifts, and save on taxes!

The Generous Life Team works to promote the growth of a vibrant culture of generosity that celebrates the giving spirit in all of us.

Share The Plate, March 3

Share the Plate this week goes to The Harrelson Center.

For many people in our area, living under the threat of financial and emotional crisis is an everyday reality. Where do you turn when your life has turned upside down?

Fortunately, you can turn to The Harrelson Center. Housed in a former jail, The Harrelson Center is the home to 22 nonprofit partners that provide centralized humanitarian services to the Wilmington community.

At the heart of the Harrelson Center is the Help Hub, a one-stop resource that exists to help folks in crisis avoid eviction, maintain utility connections, and afford vital medications. Because of its location, the Hub can also quickly connect people to one or more of the non-profits in the building. Access to healthy food, clothes, job skills, emotional support are just a few of the resources available, at no cost. And, in addition to the convenience of all these agencies under one roof, the Harrelson Center provides the financial support and structures to help these agencies not just survive but thrive in this challenging economy. In place of competition between agencies, the Harrelson Center promotes an atmosphere of collaboration, mutual respect, and support. The essence of community.

All the non-profits share a commitment to provide needed services and resources to improve the lives of those in need, providing every individual with hope, dignity, and a sense of self-worth.

As one staff member observed, *"People can come here because it is not only in the heart of Wilmington but because it IS the heart of Wilmington."*

As it's been said many times, this former jail *"was once a place of incarceration. Now it's a place of transformation."*

Please join us as we support the transformative work of the Harrelson Center.

For more information go to: <https://harrelsoncenter.org/>

Mother Hubbard Food Collection, March 3

Our Mother Hubbard's Food Collection is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month. Please bring your food donation on Sunday, March 3, 2024. The 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 a later donation.

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
- Other shelf stable foods

Open House, March 10

Everyone Welcome! Bring a dish or beverage to share.

Sunday, MARCH 10, 4-7 pm
Hosts: Linda and Bob Harootyan
708 Autumn Crest Place
Wilmington, NC 28405
(703) 999-8174

DIRECTIONS FROM UUCW

(Total 8.2 miles)

- Turn LEFT onto Lake Ave.
- Turn LEFT onto College Rd.
- Turn RIGHT onto Oleander Dr.
- Continue onto Military Cutoff
- Turn RIGHT onto Arboretum Dr. (LANDFALL: USE VISITOR LANE)
- Turn RIGHT onto Sun Runner Place
- Turn RIGHT onto Autumn Crest Place
- #708 is on the LEFT at the end of the street.

Taco Night Fundraiser in May

The Taco Night event has been moved to May due to a very busy church calendar. For more information contact Dennis at dmcculley1@gmail.com.

Social Justice

VOTING – VOTING – VOTING!!!

2 opportunities to support democracy and voting rights:

Primary Elections

Early Voting: Feb. 15 to March 2. Election Day: March 5.

Remember to bring your photo ID. To find out what races are on your ballot go to: www.vote411.org Enter your address to access your races, the candidates, and candidate's responses to questions.

UU the Vote 2024 National Launch

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm ET

We enter the work of UU the Vote 2024 grounded in the current political and spiritual conditions of our faith and national community. The work that is needed in 2024 will require us to anchor in our power and connect authentically to mobilize UUs, voters, and our local communities. UU the Vote 2024 is an ambitious strategy to grow a powerful pro-democracy majority. Join *Side With Love* for the kick-off of UU the Vote 2024, where you'll learn about the electoral work of State Action Networks (like North Carolina!), their partners in key states, and more! Register here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/15gwk4JrxUO2eEcwBkgI0w2>

LEARN MORE:

Parent Advocate Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 29, 7:00-8:30 pm – UUCWNC, Classroom 1

Are you ready to make a difference in a child's life? The NHC NAACP Parents' Council is offering this workshop at our church! Learn about advocating with parents for their children who have learning and behavior challenges in the New Hanover Schools. Here's an opportunity to work in the schools and bring about positive change, one child at a time. If you are interested in the workshop and being part of the NHC NAACP's Advocacy Committee, contact Peter R at rawitschp@mac.com.

SHOW UP:

Poor People's Campaign (PPC) Mass Mobilization

Saturday, March 2

Join PPC for their State House Assembly & Moral March in Raleigh. Participants will gather at 10:00 am at the State Capital (1 E. Morgan Street) and then march at 11:00

am to the NC General Assembly (16 W. Jones St.). This event is part of a National Day of Mobilization, kicking off the PPC's 2024 voter mobilization campaign. [Register Here.](#)

Wilmington Women's Rally

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Innes Park at 3rd Street & Princess St.

Women Organizing for Wilmington is hosting this rally where speakers will address International Women's Day (March 8), voting rights and responsibilities, Reproductive Issues, LGBTQ+ issues, and more. We will have our "*Show Up For Justice*" banner there. Come and join us!

Invest in New Hanover County Students Rally

Tuesday, March 12, 4:00-6:00 pm – Outside of NHC Board of Education Center, 1805 S. 13th Street, Wilmington

The New Hanover County Association of Educators and other public education groups are hosting this event. Speakers will address the proposed cuts to public school staff positions. They will be asking our State Representatives, County Commissioners, and School Board members to invest in our students and staff. Another opportunity to display our "*Show Up For Justice*" banner and have a significant UU presence. Hope you can be there!

JOIN US:

UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry – PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!

Monday, March 11, 5:30-7:00 pm

The next meeting of the Social Justice Ministry of the UUCWNC will be **in person** 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!

March 1, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other NC UUs another week of action focusing on voting and other critical issues. Bring your voice and your people power! Join using 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

Empty Bowls is Back, March 22

Empty Bowls is back after being cancelled the past several years due to COVID. It is March 22 from 11am to 1:30pm at First Baptist Activity Center on Independence Blvd. Tickets are \$35 each. Empty Bowls is a nationwide effort to help the hungry. Local potters make & donate soup size bowls, the soup is donated by local restaurants, and the space is donated, too. You get a delicious bowl of soup and you can pick a bowl to take home with you. All proceeds are split between Good Shepherd Center and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Go to <https://goodshepherdwilmington.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/EmptyBowls2024/tabid/1395180/Default.aspx> for tickets. For questions, email bbc Cochran721@gmail.com

On the Calendar

2/29/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	11:30 AM	ROMEO Lunch (O)	Off Campus
2/29/2024	7:00 PM	SJM Parent Advocate Workshop (C1)	Classroom 1
3/1/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
3/3/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
	11:30 AM	MHC Food Collection	Dobkin Hall
3/4/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
3/5/2024	6:00 PM	Campus Planning Committee (C2)	Classroom 2
3/6/2024	5:00 PM	STP (Z)	Zoom
	6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)	Sanctuary
3/7/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
3/8/2024	4:00 PM	Search Committee Meeting 4-6pm	CAMPUS CLOSED



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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