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In the Church

Sunday Worship, March 31

Sunday Worship Service will be March 31 at 10:30am. Service Led by Mercedes McLaughlin, with music by the UUCWNC Choir.

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 31

QUEST is Postponed for the Easter Holiday and the Pledge Drive Kick-Off Sunday, April 7. We will return April 14 with Part II on *Aging: What Can We Do?*

Share The Plate, March 31

Unfortunately, over 500 overdoses occurred in New Hanover County last year. Fortunately, help is available from Coastal Horizons, this week's Share the Plate recipient. They provide comprehensive behavioral health services for individuals and families across our community. Annually, they serve over 15,000 people with many programs to address various mental health and substance abuse challenges. Clients say, "Coastal Horizons is a "change your life" program. I was treated with respect. This program has put me and my family back together."

New initiatives include:

- embedding a therapist in the hospital emergency department to triage youth and facilitate connections to vital community support programs such as Family Centered Treatment, Child First, and outpatient counseling
- assisting more than 1000 individuals in accessing Medicaid benefits since the 12/1/23 Medicaid expansion in NC
- deploying Clairigent, an AI suicide assessment tool, at various school-based sites including Wilmington Health Access for Teens

For more information, visit <https://coastalhorizons.org/>

Easter Egg Hunt, March 31

Hello everyone! Our kiddos will have the opportunity to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service on Sunday 3/31! Please bring a basket or bucket for them to collect eggs! Have your cameras ready because we anticipate some very cute photo opportunities! See you all then!

JUULIETs, March 28

The JUULIETs (Just Unitarian Universalist Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet for lunch on Friday, March 29, 2024, at 1:00pm, at Lovey's Natural Foods and Cafe. Join us for lunch or just come to chat. We'd love to see you and enjoy your company. JUULIETs is always open to new participants. All women are welcome and we're always open to new members. One of the main purposes of the JUULIETs is to provide a ready-made social circle for women new to the congregation. We eat, we laugh, and we leave knowing each other a little better. This is an LGBTQ safe space.

Lovey's is located at [1319 Military Cutoff Rd., Wilmington, NC 28405](#). The restaurant offers a variety of soups, hot foods made to order, and a well-stocked salad bar. The ingredients of each offering are listed on a card which also says whether the dish contains meat, is gluten free, vegetarian and/or vegan. There's something for everyone!

Call or text Stacy Kitt with any questions: (518) 495-7436.

The April JUULIETs meeting will be on Friday April 26, 2024.

Parking Changes, April 7

Beginning April 7, Roland-Grise Middle School will be renting their building and parking lot to a new church. Please begin the habit of parking first in our own lot and only utilizing the spaces closest to The Learning Tree as overflow. It is also helpful to park carefully between the markers in our lot to maximize space.

UU the Vote Initiative for UUCWNC

The Social Justice Ministry is in the process of planning a **UU the Vote Initiative** for our congregation. As many have already expressed, this is a critical election year that requires all of us to support voting rights and fight against voter suppression! Working with resources from several of our justice partners (UU Justice NC, UU the Vote, League of Women Voters, Common Cause, and others), we will be providing a special Sunday service, hosting a "small d" Democracy Party, and launching a series of voting supportive and pro-democracy actions that all of us can take. Stay tuned for more details as our plan develops. If you're interested in being part of these efforts, please contact Beth Hansen at hansenforest@aol.com

Answers to Your Financial Questions

How do I check my donation history?

All members of UUCWNC have access to our secure, digital member database. You can see your own donations, and only yours, when you select your household. Click on View Donations towards the bottom right. (Remember that we operate on a fiscal year, so the donation year 2024 refers to July 2023 – June 2024.) If you are a member and are having trouble accessing the database, please let Holly know so you can receive a new invitation to reset your password.

Where does my check in the Sunday collection plate go?

Any check with a blank memo line is credited towards your pledge if you are a pledging member, or to general UUCWNC collections if you are not. Checks designated in the memo as Share the Plate (STP) are split: half the amount is sent to our Share the Plate recipient; half is sent to general UUCWNC collections, which supports our operating expenses.

Do you have questions about how things work at UUCWNC? Chances are that others are wondering about the same things! Please contact Holly at office@uucwnc.org. If it's a commonly asked question, we may anonymously share the question & answer in the Digest for others' benefit, too.

Social Justice

LEARN MORE:

Jubilee Three Anti-Racism Workshop [Online on Zoom]

“A Community Experience: Building Capacity to Dismantle Systemic Racism”

Friday, April 12, 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 14, Noon – 6:30 pm

Our UUCWNC 8th Principle Team took this workshop and **highly recommends it!!**

Do you want to deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and our daily lives? Paula Cole Jones leads this unique and acclaimed program, partnering with experienced UU trainers Dr. Leon Spencer and Lutricia Callair. This 2½ day Zoom workshop includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work (with multiple breaks throughout the day, including a 2-hour meal break on Saturday). Cost is \$170 per participant and \$85 for second and third person in household. Our Social Justice Ministry is offering a limited number of **partial scholarships** for this event! [Contact Michael Sheridan at mjsheridan08@gmail.com if you are interested in a scholarship.] Register here for the workshop: <https://pcolejones.wufoo.com/forms/myjuo7e0ssk3wb/>

Transgender Day of Visibility

March 31 – This day celebrates the joy and resilience of people in the transgender and nonbinary people everywhere. Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all trans, nonbinary, genderqueer, genderfluid, and intersex people, and many more who are targeted by laws that violate their rights. Learn more here: <https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/international-transgender-day-of-visibility>

SPEAK UP & SHOW UP:

Keep Calling and Writing: How the Climate Justice Movement Affects Federal Legislation

Thursday, April 4, 8:00-9:00pm

UUSJ is pleased to present a Zoom policy talk by Katie Thomas Carol, Esq., Director of Energy and Environment Programs for the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center (the CPC Center). Drawing from almost a decade of experience on Capitol Hill working on energy and environmental policy and legislation, Katie will speak in

her personal capacity about the power UUs have to help drive the progressive agenda. [Register Here.](#)

JOIN US:

UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry

Monday, April 8, 5:30-7:00 pm

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

Friday, March 29, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

This week we will celebrate our **200th Action Hour!!** Since May of 2020, North Carolina UUs and friends have gathered on Fridays to take action and experience the joy and power of community. Get your confetti ready, because this Friday, we will celebrate all the wins we've had over the past four years – and offer a preview of this year's state legislative session that is starting in a few short weeks. Join using this **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

3/28/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	11:30 AM	ROMEO Lunch (O)	Off Campus
3/29/2024	8:30 AM	PCP (Z)	Zoom 2
	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
3/31/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
4/1/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
4/3/2024	6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)	Sanctuary

4/5/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
4/6/2024	3:00 PM	NYRDs Game Night (D & C3)	Dobkin Hall, Classrooms 1-3
4/7/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
	11:30 AM	MHC Food Collection	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.)

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