



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Carolina Foothills May 2019

Services at 10:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at
Sunnydale, 334 S. Trade St., Tryon

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782

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Reminder.... we are now at our new location!

We meet the first and third Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at our new location at Tryon's historic **Sunnydale** log cabin located at 334 South Trade Street in Tryon. ***Please do not park in spaces by the Dollar General or your vehicle may be towed.***



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A Letter from Our Minister and Board President 2019-2020 PLEDGE DRIVE

Dear Members and Friends,

We are so thankful that you are part of our wonderful open, active, and welcoming community that recognizes the worth and dignity of each human being! With our move to our new location at Sunnydale, we are anticipating our Fellowship's growth with more community involvement such as the recent Community Coffee Conversations and our on-going work with Outreach Ministries.

Spring is a time of new beginnings and it's also that time of year when we ask you to give or pledge your expected annual financial contribution to UUFCF so we can plan our budget and

activities for the upcoming year. In addition to your generous financial support, we appreciate your unique gifts and talents, so please do not hesitate to contact any of our Board members with any questions or ideas you may have about getting more involved in the activities of our Fellowship.

Thank you for your financial contribution to kick off the 2019-2020 pledge drive! Your commitment enables us to work together as a force for good in our community, embracing freedom of thought, encouraging spiritual growth, and promoting love and social justice in our ongoing search for truth.

Lyndon

Lyndon Harris
Consulting Minister

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Robin Edgar
President of the UUFCF Board

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What is a "donor of record"?

It states in our bylaws that one must be a financial "donor of record" in order to be a Member or Friend of the UUFCF Fellowship. A contributor is automatically a donor of record if their contribution is made by check. Those who prefer to contribute cash need only put their contribution in an envelope with their name on it. Please contact our Treasurer Gretchen Boyd at boydgrt@aol.com if you have any questions.

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Upcoming Services

May 5, 2019

"Denial, Deception, and Love"

Rev. Michael Carter

I was listening to NPR on the way to church one morning, and the conversation (I believe the guest was a writer for the Weekly Standard) turned to how the country is so polarized around politics and culture that no one can agree on what data or facts really mean. The host spoke about the Trump base and how even if they are going against their own interests, it doesn't seem to matter as long as it benefits the president, and yet many of them are convinced that what they are doing is right. This type of tunnel vision acknowledges only one particular political party and even one particular religion for that matter. What makes us act against our own best interests when it can appear so obvious to others that we are stuck? Let's explore.



Rev. Carter is an ordained interfaith minister who received his BA in Letters from the College of New Rochelle and his Masters in Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 2000. He is the former consulting minister to UUFCF and currently serves as minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Swannanoa Valley.

May 19, 2018

“The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Human Being”

Lyndon Harris

Belief in the dignity and worth of every human being is the first founding principle of Unitarian Universalism. But what does that mean? And how do we do it? This teaching will be a reflection upon the sources for this first principle, and a consideration of its implications for community. Drawing upon experiences of the disenfranchised to assert their rights for self-determination and identity, we will consider ways be supportive as we grow into that “Beloved Community” of Dr. King’s dream.



A forgiveness coach, peace activist, and an inspirational and motivational speaker, consulting minister Lyndon Harris has spoken at numerous conferences across the United States and around the world. His work at Ground Zero as priest-in-charge of Saint Paul’s Chapel (located directly across from the World Trade Center in New York City) has been written about widely, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, The Christian Science Monitor, and Die Zeit (Hamburg).

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Coffee, light refreshments and fellowship follow our services.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer for providing snacks for coffee, a quote for the chalice lighting, and to be a greeter at the door are on the back table at each service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

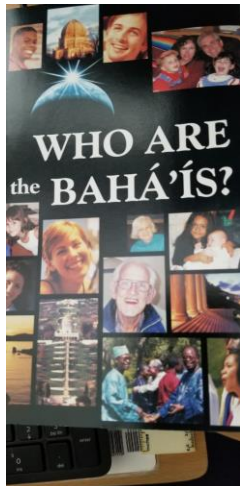
Summer Feed-a-Kid

We have started collecting donations for the Summer Feed-a-Kid program. This program really makes a difference for our local families in need. If donating by check, it should be made out to Thermal Belt Outreach, with Summer Feed-a-Kid on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact our treasurer Gretchen Boyd at boydgrt@aol.com.

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Beloved Community

UUFCF is partnering with Congregational Church to bring Amir Bashir to share about the Baha'i community of faith at the Beloved Community meeting on **Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.** A light meal will be served.



Born in West Chester, PA, Amir Bashir served in both the US Army and the Air Force. He joined the Baha'i Faith Community in 1973 while stationed at March Air Force Base in Southern California and has travelled in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He earned a BA in Political Science from Rutgers University in New Jersey and has been doing independent studies of world religions, cultures, classic political philosophy, and history for more than 45 years. He now resides in Spartanburg County.

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Passing the Newsletter Editor Torch

Laura Converse is handing off the newsletter to Don Greeson beginning with the June issue. Please submit any items you would like included by the 20th of the month to Don at dgreeson1@gmail.com. You're also welcome to share your ideas for topics or content you'd like to see in the newsletter with Don.

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