



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP *of the Carolina Foothills*



*Nurse Bridget ensures the Easter Bunny is safe to enter
Charlotte's Piedmont Medical Center on Thursday.*

Greetings!

The 2020 Spring Equinox happens at 6:46 a.m. on May 7 when the Planting Moon is full. But in the Carolina Foothills, Spring has arrived! Since we can't be together before then, let's all take a moment to celebrate the natural earth's renewal. This weekend can represent not only a religious commemoration of Easter and Passover, but the moment we embrace a new appreciation of our environment and community.

*So... Happy Spring, Easter, Passover,
and National Grilled Cheese Day!*

Show & Tell Gallery - Some social distancing photos from our members and friends!



David and Robin Edgar



Have you herd? -Maria Lund



Lyndon Harris



Lyndon's Work in Progress



Becky Kraai

Contemplating Easter in a Good Friday World

Dear Ones,

“Ironically, this is the most beautiful spring ever.”

I have heard this comment from three friends now, and I have offered it twice myself. But what does it mean to think about the beauty of rebirth in a world that seems so chock-full of death? When the silent menacing danger inherent in the spread of COVID-19, seems to slither unchecked in the spring grasses around us?

Historically, Good Friday is a specific reference to the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the spiritual leader and a political dissident, who was executed 2000 years ago by the Roman Empire, leaving his followers devastated. Our world today seems more like Good Friday than Easter - lies and betrayals by our political leaders, and rampant mismanagement of the COVID crisis, placing more and more people into the crosshairs of the deadly virus. But at the same time, in the midst of this darkness, we can also see the bright lights of the real heroes who courageously and selflessly don masks and protective gear and do the work of healing the world and creating a brighter future. Mr. Rogers always told us that, in dark times, we should keep our eyes on the helpers, the ones who embody our best hopes.

It's probably too early to begin dreaming about a “renaissance” for our communities in the aftermath of COVID-19, but perhaps we might plant some seeds of hope in our hearts, so that when the time comes, we will be ready to flourish again.

On Sunday, April 19th, we'll reconnect the bonds of our fellowship by way of ZOOM, where I will offer a reflection on “Contemplating Easter in a Good Friday World.” Please join us! Details above. You can sign in either by computer or by your phone.

In the meantime, stay safe and be well.

Warmly,
Lyndon



Becky Kraai

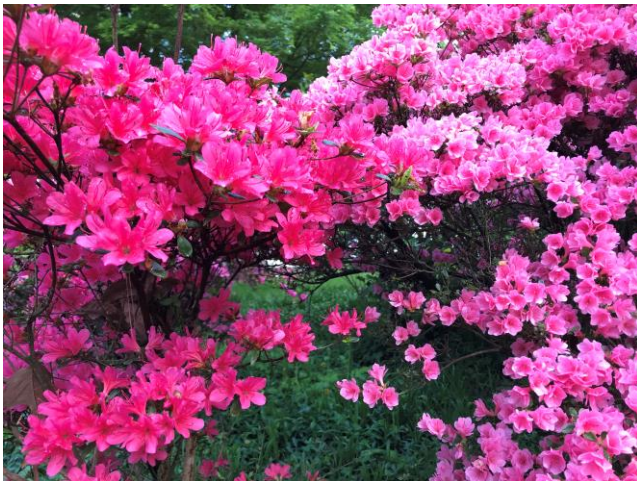


Thanks Monica Moffat

More Show & Tell



Cathy and Nick Fischer



Becky Kraai and Derek Harrison



Images taken by Monica Moffat in March and... now.

Meanwhile, we stay safe...



That Easter Bunny gets around! Here he is at Lake Norman...at a safe distance.

Monica is Making Masks!

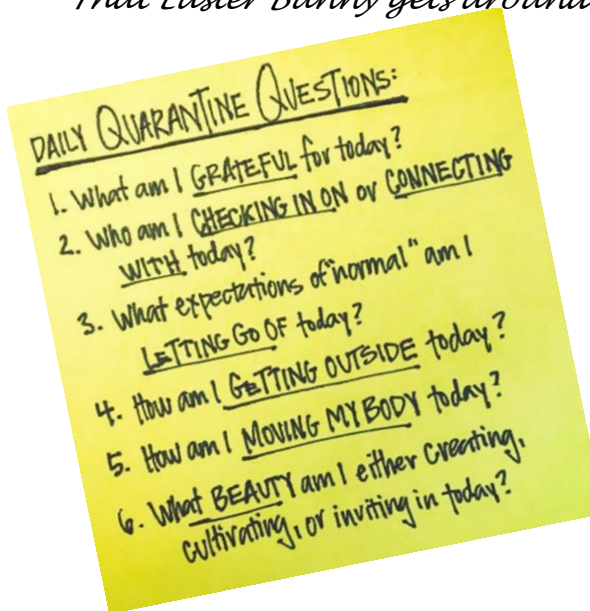
These masks are designed to fit over the N95 masks; to assist in making the N95's last longer. All the masks are made out of 100% cotton, so they can be sterilized. The construction includes three layers of fabric; the inside layer is actually a pocket so that various types of filter material can be inserted. (I use coffee filters in mine) There is also a piece of heavy wire sewn into the top edge over the nose area so that that part of the mask can be molded to fit over peoples noses, thus ensuring a good fit.

In order to stretch some of the pretty material that people have donated, I used bleached muslin for the inside two layers. The blue ones at the top are the ones I made first. I made six of them and gave them all away to close friends. Those first six are made with three layers of the same material. Then I realized that I could make more masks if I used white muslin for the inside two layers. These take hours to make and I am hoping that our local hospital will be happy to have them. I'm attempting to get a dozen or so made first before I approach them. Meanwhile, I'm getting requests from other folks regularly and I am holding off on giving them away because I would really prefer that they go to medical usage.

I got this pattern off the Internet, after spending several hours looking for one that can really do the most good, and that can be used by medical personnel.

I'm happy to share the link for the pattern.

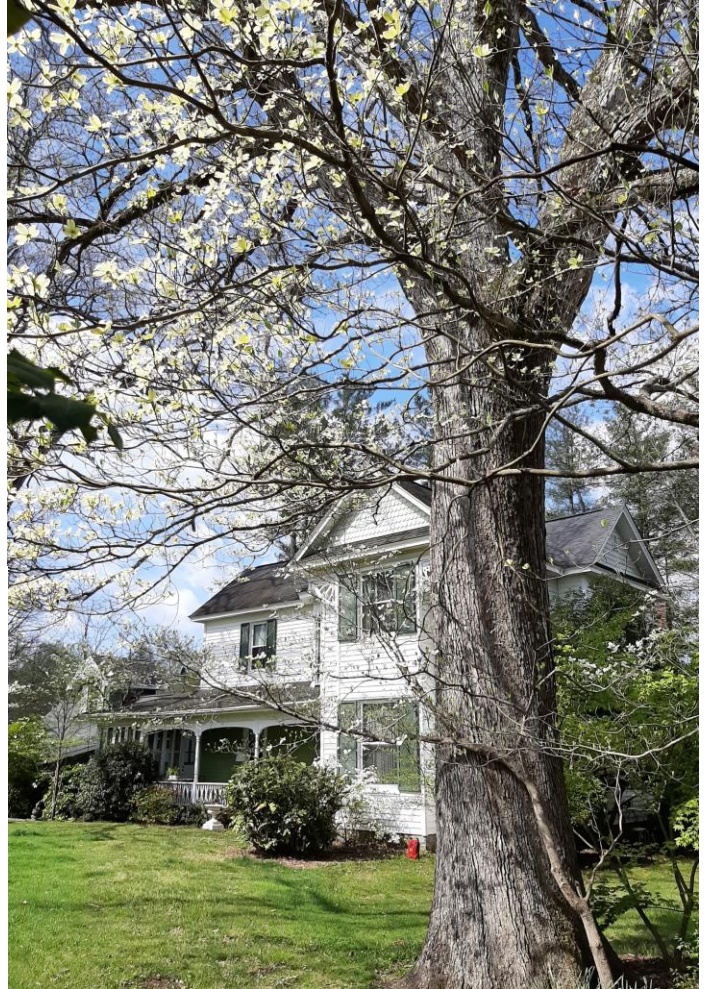
Monica the Mask Maker



A Few More...



Lyndon Harris



Don Greeson



Unitarian Universalist affirmation:

*“Love is our doctrine,
the quest for truth is our sacrament,
and service is our prayer.”*
