

Newsletter for January, 2022

Still wearing masks and meeting at the Whimsical World Gallery, 116 Jones St. in Landrum

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Happening this Month:

- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
(Also National Hangover Day)
- Jan 2 – UUFCF Service at the Gallery
- Jan 16 – UUFCF Service at the Gallery
(This is the New Member service)
- Jan 17 – Martin Luther King Day
(Also now Civil Rights Day)



Sunday, January 2, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

Auld Lang Syne and a Search for the Divine

Endings and new beginnings inspire our thinking about new ways of being in the world: New Year’s resolutions, changes of heart, and promises we make to ourselves and others that we will (or will not) do certain things. “I’m going on a diet.” “I plan to start meditating.” or “This year I will quit smoking (but not until December).” or “This year I’m going on a digital diet – to reduce my intake of social media.” or “This year I will _____” (you fill in the blank).

As I grow older, the passing of time, and these year-ending/year-beginnings remind me of my mortality, and of the finitude of life. I have begun to think about legacy issues: “What do I want to do with the time I have left? How would I like to be remembered?” All of us, each in our own way, engage these thoughts on some level. I think that’s why we make resolutions. What do you think? Join us for a discussion on the spirituality of commitments, resolutions and living intentionally.

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

“UUnity, ComUUnity, and the Foundations of Fellowship”

On January 16th, we will explore and discuss what it means to be a UU fellowship, a spiritual community honoring the interdependent web of all creation, of which we all are a part. We will do a deep dive into the foundational aspects of a spiritual community: honoring the worth and dignity of every person, seeking truth, justice, and peace, as we employ the democratic process in our deliberations. In short, our quest to become more and more like the “beloved Community” about which Dr. King so eloquently spoke.

Come celebrate with us!





Lyndon's Letter



Dear Ones,

Endings and beginnings. That's what we experience this time of year. The end of one season, and the beginning of another one, Christmas giving way to New Year's. 2021 turning to 2022. How will the old year end? What will the new year bring?

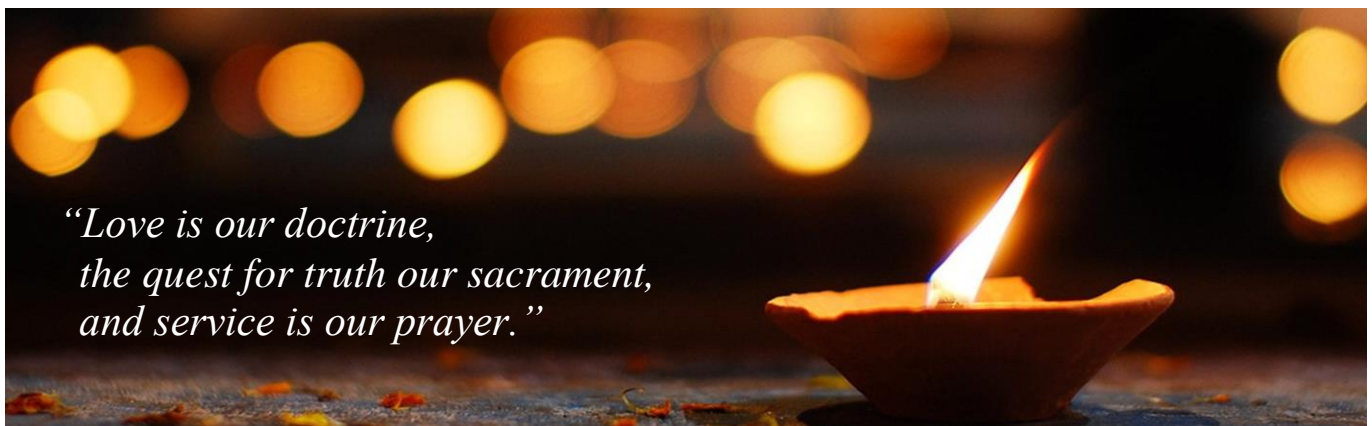
I've spoken before of the Roman god, Janus, from whom we get the name for the month of January. The distinctive feature of Janus is that he had two heads: one looking backwards and one looking forward, one looking at what has passed, and one watching for the new to emerge. I resonate with Janus' plight this time of year. Looking back to 2021, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your engagement with our fellowship during a somewhat confusing year, with the pandemic spreading in fits and starts. In the first half of the year our services were held virtually by Zoom, and in the second half, in person. 2021 has brought many new friends into our mix as our fellowship has grown (we will celebrate at our new members' ceremony on January 16th), and we are especially grateful for our new friend, David Cedrone, artist and owner of the Whimsical World Gallery, the gallery which happens to be our home as a fellowship now. Thank you, David!

As we anticipate the opportunities and challenges of 2022, I am grateful to share these with you on our mutual journey together as a fellowship. For the first Sunday of 2022, we will explore the spiritual implications of commitments and resolutions in a sermon I'm entitling, "Auld Lang Syne and a Search for the Divine."

On January 16th, we will have a celebration of thanksgiving for our new members and explore the spiritual dimensions of community, of what it means to show "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence." (UU 7th Principle)

Until then, we send blessings and best wishes,

Lyndon



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