

Our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's
Nuusletter for February, 2022

*Meeting at the Whimsical World Gallery, 116 Jones St in Landrum, SC
Mailing Address Remains: UUFCF, P. O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782*

Happening This Month

- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 4 -- Olympics Opening Ceremony
- Feb. 6 – In Person Service at 10:30**
- Feb. 13 – Superbowl Sunday
- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20 – In Person Service at 10:30**
- Feb. 21 – Presidents' Day



Sunday, February 6, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

UUunity, ComUUunity, and the Foundations of Fellowship

On February 6th, 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!*

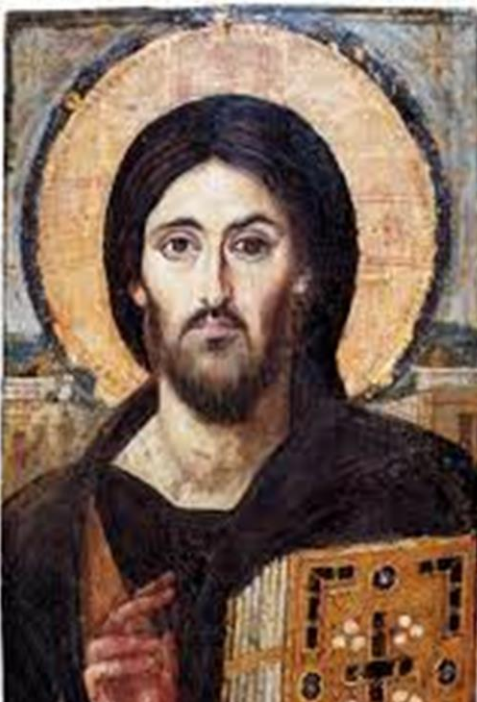


Sunday, February 20, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

A Prophet is Born, with a Radical Message to Inspire: The Non-Violent “Third Way” of Jesus of Nazareth

This sermon was originally intended for December, but since I opted to focus the sermon on a Christmas theme, I'll return to this talk on February 20th.

With over two billion followers of the way of Jesus in the world, sometimes there can be many mixed messages – that Jesus was a blond-haired and blue-eyed European (not!), or that he was some kind of gnostic magician (false!). Centuries of interpretation of his life and ministry lead one theologian (Rudolf Bultmann) to make a distinction between the “Jesus of History” and the “Christ of Faith.” Join us on February 20th, when we will explore the message and commitment to justice of the historical Jesus, borrowing from Walter Wink's understanding of the “Third Way” of Jesus, and other new resources recently published. Discussion to follow.





Lyndon's Letter



Dear Ones,

With the great blizzard of January 2022 behind us, I am excited to see you on February 6th, when we will celebrate new members to our fellowship! It will be an exciting day celebrating our common life together as a community of compassion, seeking to be a little leaven in the bread of our community so that all of us rise and thrive. Unitarian Universalism has a long tradition of openness and dialogue, with a deep commitment to social justice and equity. We are delighted to add to our membership more like-minded individuals, growing our circle. Ours is an open community – all are welcome, each perspective heard and honored (even if we sometimes disagree). Welcome to the fold, new members!

Another exciting thing about our New Members' celebration is a significant upgrade in our sound system. After many months of dialogue about the addition of a respectable PA system, the board happily approved my recommendation, and we will give it a try next service! Not only will we be able to hear presenters, but, with the addition of a "Phil Donahue-style" wireless microphone, we'll be able to hear each other as well. It's always good to be heard. And on February 20th we will return to a theme promised in December 2021, "The Non-Violent Third Way of Jesus."

As we make our way through the third year of the global pandemic of COVID-19, let us remember those who are struggling, and those who have lost family members. In our remembrance, may we find ways to encourage and uplift those struggling with this virus.

In closing, we send our warmest wishes and best regards to each one of you.

Warmly, *Lyndon*

An Invitation to Join Us

Whether you've been attending for years as a friend or have just discovered us, please know that you're welcome to become a member at any time. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Carolina Foothills may be a small congregation, but it serves as an oasis for those who strive to rise above religious intolerance and willful ignorance. We welcome all who embrace justice, compassion, and a responsible search for truth and meaning.

Call for Participation

The UUFCF Board is seeking a few good people to discuss and research meaningful ways we can contribute funds and/or physical energy to regional projects and causes, beyond those to which we already support. We have some funds which have been saved, possibly for a future building, yet we believe it makes sense to continue renting for the foreseeable future. We could offer a portion of these funds to another organization for a worthy venture. If you have some interest or ideas, please contact Becky at Rebecca.kraai@gmail.com.



Email your announcements for the Newsletter to dgreeson1@gmail.com.

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