



Newsletter for May, 2022

Meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month at the
Whimsical World Gallery, 116 Jones St. in Landrum

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Happening this Month:

May 1 – UUFCF Service at the Gallery

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May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 15 – UUFCF Service at the Gallery

May 20 – National Rescue Dog Day

May 30 – Memorial Day



Sunday, May 1, 2022 – Rev. Michael Carter

The Power of Hope

Friend and once minister to our fellowship Michael Carter returns with an inspirational message for our time. In the chaos of disease, political division and war we need to remember that it doesn't always have to be this way. Michael reminds us that we have power to influence our future. Join the conversation on May 1 and share your hopes for a better world.

In years past, the Reverend Michael J.S. Carter served as minister to the Thermal Belt UU Fellowship, our congregation's former name. Today he serves the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Swannanoa Valley in Black Mountain, NC. Before moving to Asheville in 2007, he was an actor in New York City, and while there earned his BA Degree in Letters from the College of New Rochelle, graduating cum laude. He received his Masters In Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, class of 2000. Today, Michael is an expert on UFOs, and has written several books on the subject.



Sunday, May 15, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

A Celebration of Earth Day

with award-winning singer songwriter Spook Handy

Spook Handy performed alongside Pete Seeger at festivals and concerts more than 50 times from 2003 – 2013, learning firsthand many of Pete's songs and the stories behind them. Even more, he learned who Pete Seeger was and what he stood for. Spook is now traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada with his "Remembering Pete Seeger" World Tour, keeping alive Pete's tradition by sharing a few songs by Woody Guthrie (Pete's most notable mentor), plenty of songs by Pete Seeger and a healthy handful of new songs Spook wrote under Pete's tutelage.

Spook's sixth studio album, "Pete, Woody & Me, Volume II" reached the No. 3 position on the International Folk Radio Charts in May, 2019. In 2016 his original song, "Vote!" reached the No. 2 spot.

Spook was named Best Folk Artist by Upstage Magazine, Gannett New Jersey, The Courier News, The Home News and About.com. His song "Whatcha Gonna Do?" was used in the BBC documentary film "Doomsday Code."

"The passion, purpose and spirit of American Folk Music are alive and well with Spook Handy and his 'Remembering Pete Seeger' World Tour and concert."

-- Gary Wien, Editor in Chief
New Jersey Stage



Lyndon's Letter



Dear Ones,

If you were dreaming (having a nightmare) that a tiger was chasing you alongside a river, and when you look to dive into the river to escape, you see a hungry alligator... what would you do? Not a whole lot of good options, huh? I have one: wake up! Waking up is the best way to put slumbering nightmares to rest.

Waking up is also an effective strategy for facing climate change, or as it seems most appropriate to call it – global climate disruption. Waking up is what happened when Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* sixty years ago (1962). Waking up is what happened when more than 20 million people filled the streets of our cities and towns for the original Earth Day, 52 years ago (1970). That first Earth Day is still considered the largest single-day protest in human history. This first Earth Day was inspired, in part, by the famous photograph from the Apollo 8 Moon Mission, called “Earthrise.” For the first time in human history, we saw beautiful Mother Earth teetering against the vast blackness of interstellar space. Humbling, for sure. And beautiful. So exquisitely beautiful. And an ever-present reminder: we need to WAKE UP!

Today, as I am writing this, it is Earth Day. I send each of you warm greetings and blessings on this important day. And I have some exciting news: since we are not together today, we will observe Earth Day as a fellowship on May 15th, with a special treat. I have asked an old and dear friend, musical and peace troubadour, Spook Handy to perform a concert for us! Spook will be with us to celebrate Earth Day with stories and song. Spook began touring with legendary folk musician Pete Seeger at the end of Pete’s career. I have produced concerts with Pete and Spook, and numerous concerts with Spook alone. Please tell your friends! You won’t be disappointed.

For our next service, on May 1st, we will be away, but our much beloved Rev. Michael Carter will be back. Stay safe and joyful friends. We’ll see you on May 15th.

Warmly,
Lyndon

Lyndon accompanies Spook in a concert for the UN's International Day of Peace Vigil at the Central Park Band Shell in 2014.



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