



Our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's
Newsletter for June, 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

- June 5 – Service at 10:30**
- June 15 – Flag Day
- June 19 – Father's Day
- June 19 – Service at 10:30 and
Congregational Meeting**
- June 21 – Summer Solstice
(*Summer begins*)



Sunday, June 5, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

“Who Are We? Discerning Our Identity as a Fellowship”

During the month of June, I propose that we take part in a two-fold process of discernment, a kind of “spiritual inventory” drawing upon the Third Principle of Unitarian Universalism: “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.” I’ll lead us in a guided process that will inspire us to get to know one another better. We’ll explore questions like “What is my story?” “How did I get here?” “What obstacles have I overcome?” and “What brings me the greatest joy?” It will be fun! With a little bit of humor and an extra helping of community wisdom, we will delve into the 3rd Principle.



Sunday, June 19, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

“How Best May We Serve? Discerning Our Role in Community Service”

On June 19th, in concert with our annual meeting, we will continue our exploratory journey about our hopes and dreams as a fellowship for serving our community and the wider world. We will use UU principles 2 (Justice, equity and compassion in human relations), and 7 (Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part) as our guides. In our joys and sorrows, we find out who we are, and from these experiences, we find our joy in serving. And maybe we’ll have some tomato sandwiches!

Following the service will be our Annual Congregational Meeting and the election of new board members.

Unitarian Universalists

affirm and promote:

- 1 The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- 2 Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- 3 Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- 4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- 5 The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- 6 The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- 7 Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part





Lyndon's Letter



Dear Ones,

It's that time of year. "What time is that?" you ask? Tomato season! Each year, the warmth of the morning spring-into-summer sun reminds me that this (*this!*) could be the year. This could be the year when the soil is right, the moisture level remains optimum, and those wretched tomato hornworms are thwarted – or at least held at bay. Tomato season is a quest, not unlike the movements of a long-distance runner as she prepares for a marathon. Each year we plant the treasured Cherokee purple heirloom tomatoes in hopes that the harvest will be bountiful. After all, some day – *surely* – Charlie Brown will actually get to kick that football, right? This could be the year when the Holy Grail of summer – a large juicy Cherokee Purple slicer resting on a bed of Duke's Mayonnaise and butter bread, sprinkled in salt and just a little pepper – will be accomplished.

The energetic movement of tomato season - or as some would say - life, is growth. A seed is germinated. It finds sustenance in the soil. And with the miracle of water, sunshine and photosynthesis, and a bit of luck, growth happens. To be sure, growth is only the first part of the life cycle. Decline, diminishment, and death follow, but that's a topic for another day!

Growth. As a fellowship we have had the blessing of growth recently. New folks have joined our community. New energy, new ideas, new leadership is emerging. We are *blessed*. It's interesting to note that the Hebrew form of the verb for blessing is *reflexive*. In the Old Testament, it was said that Abraham was *blessed* so that he could be a *blessing* to others.

The same is true for us. We are blessed so that we may be a blessing to others: our community, our towns, our world. And so, for the month of June, let's share a two-fold process of discernment. On June 5, we'll explore the Third Principle of Unitarian Universalism - "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations." With a little bit of humor, and an extra helping of community wisdom, we will delve into our communal experience of that 3rd Principle.

Building on that, on June 19th (in concert with our annual meeting), we will continue with an exploratory session about our hopes and dreams, as a fellowship, for serving our community and the wider world. We will use UU principles 2 (Justice, equity and compassion in human relations), and 7 (Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part) as our guides. This two-fold process is based on a simple concept: it is in our joys and sorrows that we find out who we are, and, using these experiences, we find our joy in serving.

So please join us! Bring an open mind and an open heart ready to share.

Affectionately,
Lyndon



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