



## Our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's August, 2022 Newsletter

Meeting at the Whimsical World Gallery,  
116 Jones Street in Landrum, SC

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### Happening This Month

- August 7 – Service at 10:30
- August 8 – International Cat Day
- August 11 – Full Moon (*the Sturgeon Moon*)
- August 21 – Service at 10:30
- August 21 – Senior Citizens Day (*who knew?*)
- August 26 – National Dog Day
- August 29 – International Day Against Nuclear Tests



Sunday, August 7, 2022 – Lyndon Harris

### “Where have all the flowers gone?”

#### *The case for Nuclear Non-Proliferation*

Russia increases its attacks on Ukraine. Finland and Sweden apply to NATO for protection from invasion. China threatens military action if a US diplomat even visits Taiwan... has the world gone mad? The logic behind nuclear proliferation mirrors that of amassing assault weapons for self-defense... patently absurd. But how do we fight such insanity? This Sunday, Lyndon takes up the subject with a resident expert, our own Ellen Thomas, who participated in a Washington DC vigil for nearly two decades.

Sunday, August 21, 2022 -- Lyndon Harris

### On Dignity: Unitarian Universalism's First Principle

The first principle of Unitarian Universalism is “The inherent worth and dignity in every person.” But what does that mean? One way to find clarity regarding the word and experience of dignity is to consider its opposite: *humiliation*. Humiliation is a visceral reality that is much more recognizable in human experience. Movies and popular media are much more adept at conveying humiliation than dignity. But claiming and working for human dignity, in accordance with our first principle, is essential for manifesting peace in the world. The first sentence of Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states, “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” Join us Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> for a conversation about the importance of dignity for world peace. We will borrow ideas from Dr. Evelin Lindner, the founding president of the Nobel Prize nominated Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies research institute ([www.humiliationstudies.org](http://www.humiliationstudies.org)).



### Lyndon's Letter

Dear Ones,

Maria and I send you greetings from the other side of the COVID voyage. On our flight down to Key Largo to visit family recently, someone on the flight (we think) was generous in sharing their germs, and so we both came down with COVID. The good news is that we made it through and we both tested negative last weekend, and are back on track with work and our projects.

And we are delighted to be back with you this Sunday, August 7th! For this coming Sunday, I'll be joined by our resident expert on nuclear non-proliferation, Ellen Thomas. Ellen helped lead the Peace Vigil against Nuclear Arms in Washington, DC, for almost 20 years, and will share some of her insights and experiences. Such an important topic! It's been 77 years since the US dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki seeking to end World War II. What have we learned since then? What strategies might we embrace to do our part in advocating for arms reductions? Please join us this Sunday to explore the challenging reality of our present nuclear age and consider ways in which we might become more effective peacemakers.

Warmest regards,

Lyndon



## A Follow-up to our Contribution to Tryon's Roseland Center

In response to a note from Becky Kraai, Dr. Warren Carson of the Roseland Center provided a brief update with photos! From our outreach budget last year, UUFCF donated \$5000 to the Center to be invested in its mission to support the youth of the community through after school and summer programs, and/or update the facility where needed.. Here's what he wrote on July 15:

*Good afternoon,*

*The July 6th edition of the Tryon Daily Bulletin carried an article about Roseland's summer program and other work at Roseland. The support from your congregation was included as a part of that article. We concluded the first week today at 1 pm and will finish up next week and host a back to school activity in August. In addition to supporting the summer program, some of the funds you contributed helped with the lighting and electrical upgrades.*



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**Unitarian Universalist affirmation:**

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