



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

of the Carolina Foothills' September, 2023 Newsletter

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



Harmon Classics Labor Day Spectacular, Tryon Equestrian Center

Happening This Month:

Sept. 1-4 - NC Apple Festival
in Hendersonville

Sept. 3 – Service at 10:30

Sept. 4 – Labor Day

Sept. 11 – Patriot Day (9/11)

Sept. 17 – Service at 10:30

Sept. 21 – International Day
of Peace

Sept. 23 – Art on Main - Hendersonville

Sept. 23 - Harmon Field Music Festival - Tryon



Sunday, September 3 – Rev. Ernie Mills

THE SOUL OF "THINGS"

At a level of the psyche we call the "unconscious," we experience life similar to the ways children, poets and "primitives" do; that is a world filled not with "things" or "its," but with living, animated beings possessing feelings and emotions- an "I-thou" world. At this level, "things" have souls. These kinds of experiences are often deemed irrational, childish and illogical and subsequently repressed in favor of reason. Yet they still live in the depths of our unconscious and influence our lives in powerful ways. We will explore the soul in "things" and how we are moved in ways we are not always aware of.



Sunday, September 17 – Rev. Ernie Mills

The Art of Compromise

You've probably heard the saying "Sometimes it might be better to be happy than right." Yet what if being right is what makes us happy (even when it may make the other unhappy)? One of the most important ingredients in healthy, human relationships is the willingness to compromise and if being right all the time is what makes us happy - well, so much for healthy, happy relationships. The art of compromise is a spiritual practice as well as a strength of character. The unwillingness to compromise is a sign of weakness and often ignorance. Compromising is an "art" rather than an exact science, because it involves much more than logic and reason. Compromise most often demands that we set our emotions and our need to be right aside for the sake of healthy, happy relationships. We'll examine this art under the microscope of compassion.



A gift for Ernie and his family –Don Greeson

On learning of the passing of Ernie's daughter, Joanne, the Fellowship searched for a way to express our heartfelt sympathy. As Alisa Mosley explained, a more traditional church might offer food or flowers, but something more personal and lasting might be a better choice for us. She had a thought... what better way to celebrate the memory of a loved one than to create a personal work of art, perhaps something made by Whimsical World Gallery artist David Cedrone? She suggested a colorful "sun-catcher" to hang in front of a window so that Joanne's memory would be projected every time the sun rose. When I heard the idea, I volunteered to sketch a design for David to consider. His interpretation of my simple rendering was amazing, and he enhanced the finished creation with a faceted glass jewel at the center (dotting the j) to scatter the light, allowing it to dance around the room. Ernie's response?

Alisa and Don: I brought the gift home, opened it, and when we saw it we all cried. It's so beautiful and such a wonderful way to memorialize our daughter, Joanne. We have felt such tremendous support from our extended family, UUFCF. Once more I am reminded of how much we all need each other and those "everlasting arms" that are there to reach out to us when we are in the "belly of the whale." From the bottom of my heart I thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and encouraging words. Ernie

Ukraine Fund Raiser

September 9 is the date for the Edgars' yard sale to raise money for Ukraine, which will be held at Robin and David's home at 160 Caledonia Rd in Landrum. You can bring your donations to the Fellowship on September 3 OR, if they're bulky items, call Robin at 704-651-7156 and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

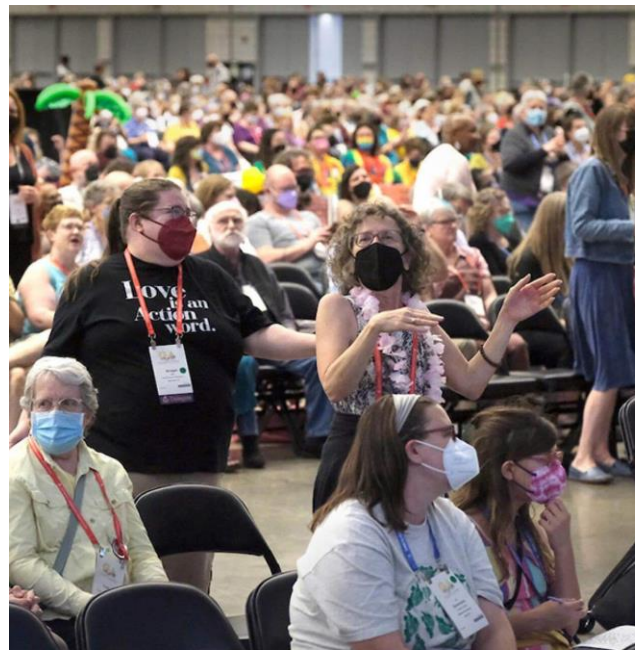


UU Activity at the National Level

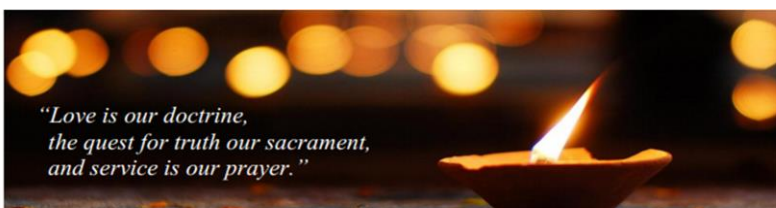
Our little fellowship, meeting in an art gallery outside a small town in the foothills of the Carolinas, can sometimes feel like an outsider to the larger, and usually much more conservative, religious populous. But at the national level, Unitarian Universalists remain a powerful force for inclusivity and justice. A peek at on-line articles in *UU World* reveals some serious work on behalf of our principles, with headlines like these:

- **Hypothetical Argument, Real-life Harm**
- **In 2022 Elections, UU the Vote Built on Prior Success**
- **U.S. Supreme Court Cases that Impact UU Principles**
- **Key Things to Know About General Assembly 2023**
- **UUA in the Public Square for LGBTQIA+ Rights**

Let's remember that we are a part of an active, progressive denomination working not only to promote the worth and dignity of every person, but for justice, equity and compassion in human relations. To read these articles and others, go to: <https://www.uuworld.org/departments/uu-news>.



Thousands attend the opening celebration of the UU General Assembly held in Pittsburgh in June.



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

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