Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at the Whimsical World Gallery, 116 Jones St in Landrum, SC *Mailing Address: UUFCF, P. O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782* 



#### **Happening in December**

Dec. 3 – UUFCF Service at 10:30

Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 15 – Hanaukka begins

Dec 17 - UUFCF Service at 10:30

Dec 21 – Winter Solstice

Dec 25 - Christmas

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve





Sunday, December 3, 2023 - Rev. Ernie Mills

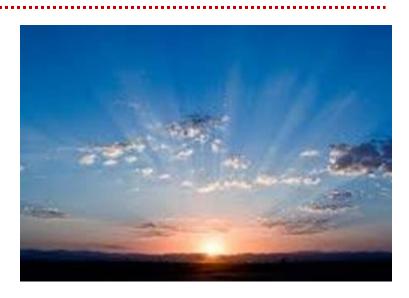
# "Getting in the Way"

The Tao is often referred to as the Way. To get in the Way begins by removing obstacles that get in the way of getting in the Way. Knowledge is one of those obstacles. When we know, or think we know, we close our minds to the great mystery and wonder of life. Another obstacle is isolation and thinking we can go it alone.. Finding companions is vital as we journey on the Way. Getting in the Way is moving along with the rhythm and flow of life. The goal of this process is "self-actualization" or in Taoism terms bringing life to its completion.

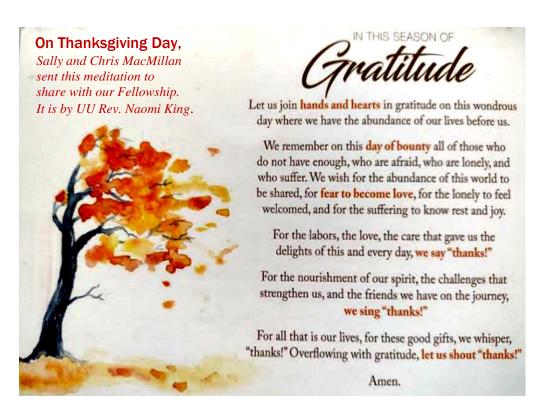
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### **UU Yule**

(This reflection comes by way of special request. It is a "first" for me.) Yule is a noun that means Christmas. Yet its origins derive from natural or pagan festivals that celebrate the winter solstice, that is the birth of the Sun. Yule provides us a first-hand look at the pagan celebrations that form the background of Christmas, the birth of the Son. The connections between the pagan Yule and the Christmas story reveal the natural and universal sources of religion. We are all living under the same Sun, all children of the same Divine Force.



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#### 2023: The Year in Pictures











# Light for All: Winter Solstice with UUMFE

7 pm Wednesday, December 20

Join us for an evening of music, reflection, meditation, and spiritual grounding hosted on Zoom! The Winter Solstice occurs when Earth's axis tilts away from the sun, making it the shortest day and longest night of the year for those living in the. Join UU Ministry for Earth and other UU partners to honor this time of year, our connection to the natural world, and to remember that light does come after darkness. We will be featuring the work of Energy Democracy organizations and how we can work toward Light for All!

## For more information and to register:

https://www.uumfe.org/supportfor-activists/light-for-all/





















