



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

of the Carolina Foothills

Meeting 1st and 3rd 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 late September and October

Sept. 29 - UUFCF Service at 10:30

Oct. 6 - UUFCF Service at 10:30

Oct. 14 - Columbus Day and/or Indigenous People Day

Oct. 16 -- Full "Supermoon" (*Biggest of the year!*)

Oct. 20 - UUFCF Service at 10:30

Oct. 31 - Halloween



Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Two for the Show

Yes, this is the October issue, but there's one more service in September worth crowing about! Annie Ewing and Ian Read will each be sharing their stories on their UU history. One found the denomination as a spiritual home, the other was born into a Unitarian Universalist family. We're fortunate to have both in our congregation, and eager to hear their perspectives.

Annie Ewing

Our favorite keyboard player Annie provides wisdom from her personal history and an active lifestyle. At 91, she sets an example we can all admire, from her humble beginnings in Greenville, SC, to her college years majoring in music, to her role as wife and mother of three children. After college, she moved to California and, in her words, "found work" in Music Education... and found her husband. The marriage lasted for 20 years, but when it was over she returned to South Carolina. Beginning in the 1980s, she developed an interest in an Alternative Spiritual Life, ultimately focusing on UU congregations where she found a home. Annie's continued involvement in the local community includes her contribution of musical talent and, of all things, hiking!



Dr. Ian Read

Ian was raised in the UU tradition from a long line of Unitarians. He grew up in the Midwest before moving to California for graduate school, where he began his career as a professor at a small liberal arts college. During his twenties and thirties, he had the unique opportunity to live for a year each in South Africa and Brazil. After 18 years of teaching history and international studies, publishing two academic books and numerous journal articles, and working part-time in administration, Ian officially "retired" from his professorship. His family relocated to Landrum, South Carolina, last year.

Currently, Ian balances his work between part-time teaching and administration at Soka University in Orange County, California, teaching middle school at his son's Montessori school in Taylors, and serving as "Office Manager" for Mindful Measures, his wife's growing Applied Behavior Therapy business. His summer job as a manager of the Moving Gurus moving company ended in August when it was abruptly shuttered. In his free time, Ian enjoys spending time with his three children (ages 9, 13, and 16), running, reading, and continuing his academic research with the hope of publishing another academic book on the history of Brazil.



Sunday, October 6, 2024 -- Reverend Ernie Mills

Thanks to Athene

Athene, the ancient Greek goddess of reason, was born out of the brain of Zeus. This is a mythical image of the birth of reason and the beginning of what we now know as science. The ancient Greek philosophers came to believe there were natural and rational explanations for everything. Science has come a long way since Athene. This brings us to our Fifth Source, “Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science...” We will explore this source and its impact on our lives in the here and now.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 — Reverend Ernie Mills

“Gonna Find My Way in Nature’s Chain”

Here’s the one for all you nature lovers and worshipers of G.O.D. (Great Out Doors,) the last source of our Living Tradition that focuses on the earth and the “rhythms of nature.” This will bring our series of UU Sources to a close. I hope we all have taken some time to reflect on our spiritual lives and from where we draw our sources in forming and shaping them. Yet we may have discovered in this process that the source(s) we draw from are not listed. For example, a vital source in my life has been and is music and the arts. We’ll set aside a few moments during the service for others to share their source(s) that are not listed.



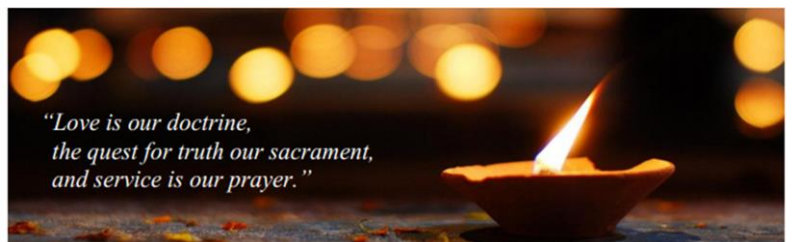
In some cultures, the tree represents harmony and balance in nature, and the connection between the earthly and spiritual.

The Seven Principles

The “Six Sources” Ernie is discussing provide the foundation for UU’s Seven Principles, which are listed here:

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

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