



# THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## *of the Carolina Foothills*

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 January

- Jan. 2 -- Public Holiday
- Jan. 5 – UUFCF Service at 10:30**  
*Reverend Ernie Mills*
- Jan. 13 – The Wolf Moon (*full*)
- Jan. 19 – UUFCF Service at 10:30**  
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- Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 20 – Inauguration Day

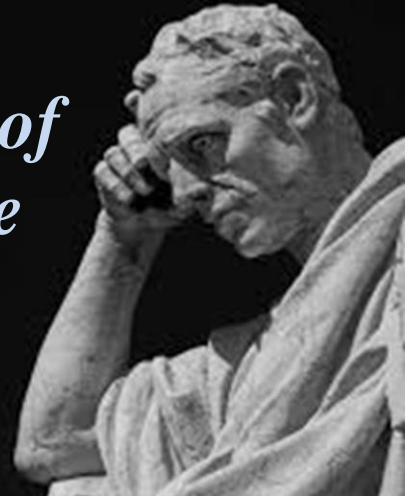
*A change for the Nation*



### *January 5, 2025 at 10:30 -- Rev. Ernie Mills* **Discussing the Fifth Principle**

You've heard the saying "follow your conscience" yet that may not put you in the line that everyone else is marching in. In fact it may put you at odds with the prevailing attitudes of the world around you. But never fear if you happen to live in a democratic society- you can speak your conscience without fear of being persecuted or prosecuted. But are we experiencing the erosion of democracy in America and with it the right of conscience? And what can we do to affirm and promote this principle?

## *Affirming The Right of Conscience*



### *January 19, 2025 at 10:30 – Rev. Ernie Mills* **Discussing the Sixth Principle**

## **"Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All"**

We are experiencing globalization nowadays more than ever before, yet we are far from feeling a sense of community with our neighbors around the world. Meanwhile the forces of nationalism and isolationism seem to be growing stronger and fostering a strong resistance to the creation of a world community. I would like to believe that we are experiencing the pangs of a new birth that will lead to a sense of one world, one planet that we all share.

# *“Deeds, Not Creeds”*

As a denomination, how do Unitarian Universalists put these principles to work?

*Ernie’s series of sermons based on the UU Seven Principles reminds us it takes more than Bible lectures to effect change. Though our Fellowship is small, it belongs to a strong, principled and active movement supported by a large network of churches working for change. The following is an explanation lifted from the Unitarian Universalist Association’s website that introduces several organized efforts to address social ills.*



**We** have a legacy of “deeds not creeds.” Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places as we harness love’s power to stop oppression. From grassroots community organizing to interfaith state, national, and corporate advocacy; in protest marches, prayer vigils, and press conferences; in homeless shelters and in prisons, Unitarian Universalists put our faith into action.

Our justice efforts are grounded in our congregationally-driven [social justice statements](#) and our call to break down divisions, heal isolation, and honor the interconnectedness of all life and all justice issues. We model these commitments by creating just, welcoming, and inclusive congregations. We act in partnership with groups and communities most impacted by injustice on [local](#), [state](#), [national](#), and [international](#) levels.

Our ministry focuses on organizing and includes service, education, advocacy, and public witness (the spiritual practice of taking a public position in support of justice). Our [UUA Organizing Strategy Team](#) drives strategy, strengthens the capacity of UUs to organize for justice, and to mobilize people and power for liberation. Our [Side With Love](#) campaign harnesses the power of love to end oppression. Our [Love Resists](#) campaign—a joint effort with the UUSC—activates people of faith and conscience to resist the harm inflicted by criminalization. [UU the Vote](#) is supporting congregations and UU organizations in activating thousands of Unitarian Universalists to mobilize for electoral justice at the local, state and national levels.

Our [UU College of Social Justice](#) provides experiential learning opportunities to deepen the work of justice for people of all ages. Our work is led by our denominational staff, congregational leaders, and a wide variety of [coalition partners and UU groups](#) focused on justice and identity.



## *Women's Group*

*meets Wednesday,  
January 8 at 2:00  
in the Landrum Library.*



## *Men's Group*

*meets Tuesday,  
January 7 at 10:00  
in the Polk County Library.*

*Feel free to contact any of the Board of Trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.*

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