



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 June

June 1 – UUFCF Service at 10:30

June 14 – Flag Day

June 15 – Father's Day

June 15 - 10:30 UUFCF Service

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 20 – Summer Solstice

June 29 – UUFCF Service at 10:30

***then Annual Meeting and Lunch,
ALL at the Tryon Depot***



June 1, 2025 at 10:30 -- Rev. Ernie Mills

Tranquility

Painting by Rae Sloan Bredin

Tranquility is the name of a Queen Ann-style home in Flat Rock, built in 1880 by my great-grandfather, W. F. Edwards. It would be great if tranquility was something we could find in a building or a place on the map. A lasting and genuine tranquility is a state of mind and something we must nurture in ourselves in spite of the external environment we may find ourselves in. It is not a luxury, but a necessity; it is restorative and a vital need of the soul. We will explore ways we can nurture tranquility in our lives.



June 15, 2025 at 10:30 -- Derek Harrison

A Unitarian Universalist Idea of God

“I want to explore the changing idea of God in the modern world, and in particular how the UU conception of God differs from that of many other religions. That will require distinguishing any discussion of religion from discussions of God, and more importantly, suggesting how modern spirituality has been evolving toward a possibly more mystical and pantheistic understanding of God, with some reference to the ideas of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.” –Derek Harrison



Men's Discussion Group

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 in the Polk Co. Public Library at 1289 W. Mills Street, Columbus, NC



Women's Discussion Group

meets the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 in Cardinal Coffee in Landrum at 114 E. Rutherford Street

Summer Food Program

Gretchen Boyd reports that there are 67 families with a total of 174 children enrolled in the “Feed-A-Kid” initiative sponsored by Thermal Belt Outreach. Thanks to all who contributed to this vital program.

What to Bring on June 29

Speaking of food, remember that the second Sunday in June is when we have our annual Congregational Meeting to learn about the Fellowship’s plans, budget, and board members for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. But then we eat! The Fellowship will provide two main dishes—one meat and one vegetarian—as well as plates and utensils. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. All this will take place in the Tryon Depot Room, 22 Depot Street.

Happy Birthday, AUA

Long before Unitarians and Universalists joined forces in 1961, the American Universalist Association united Unitarian congregations across the country. This is a partial reprint of the message sent to fellowships in celebration of its 200th birthday. It is written by Reverend Nancy McDonald Ladd.

This is an historic year for Unitarian Universalists. May 25, 2025 is the 200th anniversary of the chartering of the American Unitarian Association (AUA), one of the founding organizations that makes up today's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). In 1961, the Universalist Church of America, founded in 1793, and the American Unitarian Association, founded in 1825, consolidated to become the UUA.

In a few weeks, many of us will gather in Baltimore, MD for our annual General Assembly – a location not far from the pulpit that, in 1819, the Rev. William Ellery Channing preached ninety minutes of what we now call The Baltimore Sermon – that foundational text which came to serve as a kind of declaration that Unitarianism existed as a point on the landscape of American religion. I hope you will join us at GA to celebrate this anniversary and so much more, together in community.


It’s also true that the chartering of the AUA as an institutional representation of Unitarians was met with ambivalence – indeed, Channing himself declined to lead the organization out of a concern about the consolidation of power. However, out of that age-old dance of interconnection and individuality that we have been practicing for generation upon generation, an organization was born. Its initial purposes were to propagate Unitarian religious views and aid in benevolent work in the community.

The AUA – and we Unitarian Universalists – have become so much more. Our roots run deep in this country and abroad, and the foundational concepts brought forth by liberal religion, including Unitarianism, have paved the way for more inclusive religious practice, congregational commitment, and institutional leadership. In fact, our own UUA President, the Rev. Dr. Sofía Betancourt, joined with the Chief Officer of the UK Unitarians, Liz Slade, to celebrate the happy coincidence that both the AUA and the original UK Unitarian organization, the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, were founded on the same day in 1825.

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