



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: UUFCE, P. O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782



Happening in June

- June 2 – UUFCE Service at 10:30
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 16 – Father’s Day
- June 16 - 10:30 UUFCE Service, Annual Meeting and Picnic at Harmon Field
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- June 20 – Summer Solstice
- June 26 – Forgiveness Day
- June 30 – UUFCE Service at 10:30



June 2, 2024 at 10:30 -- Rev. Ernie Mills

Justice and Wholeness

I learned from Martin Luther King, Jr. that justice is wholeness; it encompasses both the outer and inner life. In King’s letter from the Birmingham jail, written in 1963, he wrote, “Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust...segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality.” In essence racism is a form of fragmentation, not only of society but of the racist. Social justice and wholeness go hand in hand. We will explore this deep connection.



June 16, 2024 at 10:30 -- Rev. Ernie Mills

My Numinous Encounter with a Timber Rattlesnake



Serpents, especially snakes, and specifically of the venomous kind, were worshiped by our ancestors. Snakes evoked what Rudolf Otto called the “numinous” (mysterious) or what we today refer to as the “holy” or “sacred.” The word, sacred in its original meaning, referred to both the “awesome” and the “awful” and had nothing to do with morality or ethics. Venomous serpents had the power to give life and deal death. One example is the bronze serpent. In Numbers 21, a serpent made of bronze was mounted on a cross as a healing symbol. My encounter with a rattlesnake was both awesome and awful, but the experience was truly holy.



Men’s Group Meets June 4 at 10:00 am
at the home of Derek Harrison, 56 Whitney Avenue in Tryon.
Give us a try! BYOCoffee

Serious and not-so-serious discussions about issues both societal and personal

Summer Food Program

Gretchen Boyd delivered the contribution from our Fellowship to Outreach on Tuesday. Along with Gretchen, the Board thanks all who participated in what has been called the “Feed-A-Kid” initiative again this year. And we owe our thanks to Gretchen for spearheading it.

What to Bring to the Picnic

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 following fiscal year, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The meeting, to be held at Tryon’s Harmon Field, will follow the service, when Ernie will tell us why serpents have been (and still are?) worshiped in some cultures. (*Surely there are no snakes by the river at Harmon Field...*) 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 screened shelter by the children’s play area.

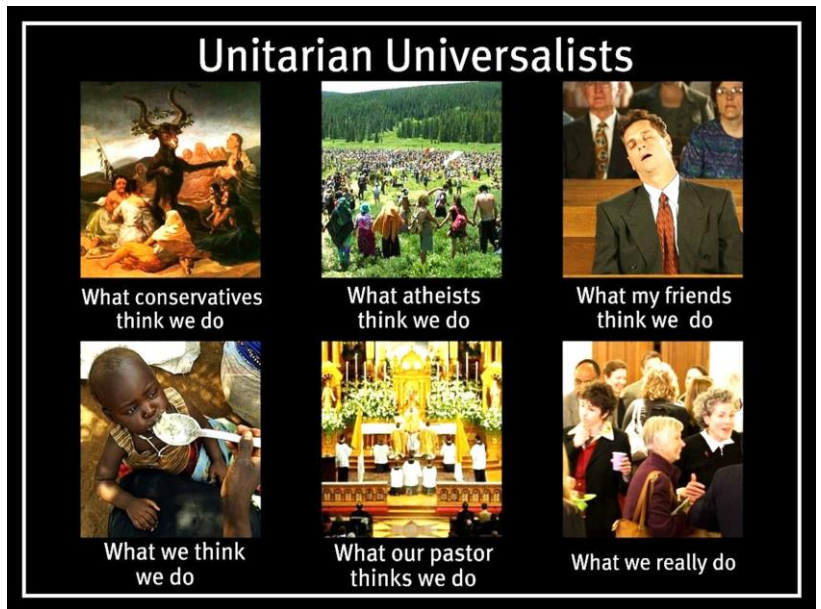
June 30 at 10:30 - Selected UUFCF Members

Why are You a Unitarian Universalist?

June’s Fifth Sunday Service will feature members of our fellowship, whom Ernie has invited to share their personal spiritual journeys and how they landed in our liberal faith tradition. Some are predictable; some will surprise you. Such stories explain why we have such a rich and varied denomination, one that doesn’t rely on strict

adherence to religious dogma or allegiance to a supreme leader. Of course, on June 30 we’ll be back in the WWGALLERY.

See you there!



GASP Seminar at the Columbus Library

An acronym for “Generations Against Single-use Plastic,” the GASP project is a community organization created by Robin Edgar, who invites us to attend her program at the Columbus, NC library on June 15 at 2:00 pm. The library is located at 1289 W Mills Street.

UUFCF Current Board Members

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

