



Our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's
Nuusletter for February, 2025

*Meeting at the Whimsical World Gallery, 116 Jones St in Landrum, SC
Mailing Address Remains: UUFCF, P. O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782*

Happening This Month

- Feb. 2 – Service at 10:30**
- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 9 – Super Bowl
- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 – Service at 10:30**
- Feb. 17 – Presidents' Day



Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Ernie Mills

Webs, Nets and Tapestries – Symbols of the Whole

Our last, but not least, UU Principle is “the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.” Notice the two last words “a part,” rather than the single word, “apart.”

We are learning each day that humans are not the free standing, autonomous, independent beings that exist apart from the web of existence. Yet for many centuries this has been our guiding (misguided) myth. The sooner we not only acknowledge this, but start to live it in our daily lives and lifestyles, the better off we will be and the better our chances are of saving our planet.

We will delve into this progressive consciousness and see if we can come up with ways to live it out.



Sunday, February 16, 2025 – Ernie Mills

The Life and Times of Julia Ward Howe

Most of us know Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) as the author and poet known for writing the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” What we may not know is that Julia was raised as an Episcopalian, but in 1841 became a Unitarian. Julia was an activist for women’s rights, an outspoken opponent of slavery and a strong supporter of the 14th Amendment. Although few of us may agree with some of the terminology of the “Battle Hymn,” Julia captures the spirit of what makes America truly great. Her words should instill hope in all of us for a brighter future for our county.





A Note from Ernie



As I mentioned in my reflections during our last service, there has never been a progressive movement in history that has not met with some form of backlash. Forces will always arise to prevent the forward movement, to not only push back but backward.

As an analogy, think of progress as a flowing river. There will always be forces that seek to dam the flow but we all know that water will either overflow or burst through it. The old saying is true: “You cannot stop progress.”

Another analogy is the “arc of the universe” as in the words “the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.” Yes, the arc is bending toward justice, but who is bending it? We are. As one community among others, we Unitarian Universalists have been bending the arc of justice for ages. But again, there are forces that seek to prevent us from bending the arc and even attempting to bend it backward toward injustice.

We must not be discouraged or disparaging about what we are witnessing in this country and around the world. It won't last and neither will it prevent the forward moment of our past efforts and what we can do now to reach out and grasp that arc and bend it toward justice.

Thanks, *Ernie*

An Invitation to Join Us

Whether you've been attending for years as a friend or have just discovered us, please know that you're welcome to become a member at any time. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Carolina Foothills may be a small congregation, but it serves as an oasis for those who strive to rise above religious intolerance. We welcome all who embrace justice, compassion, and a responsible search for truth and meaning.

New Member Sunday

On March 16, we'll be welcoming new members with a brief ceremony during the service, and after the service, celebrating by treating new members to lunch. Ernie also hints he has a surprise for those joining the Fellowship. So mark your calendars!

Men's Discussion Group

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in the Columbus Public Library at 1289 W. Mills Street

Women's Discussion Group

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



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