

NEWSLETTER 12/18/25

Sunday Service, 3 P.M.:
FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
625 SOUTH ST., DAVIDSON

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Dec. 21 - Abbess Ayya Sudhamma: 'Journey to Wisdom'

Abbess Sudhamma will share her amazing journey in traveling the world and studying Theravada Buddhism. Abbess Ayya Sudhamma was raised in Charlotte. She was an attorney before leaving home in 1998 to become a Buddhist nun. She received her novice orientation in 1999 and higher ordination in 2003. The Abbess is the first American woman ordained in Sri Lanka, and was recognized by the UN in Bangkok as an "Outstanding Woman in Buddhism." Abbess Sudhamma served as the resident monk at the Greenville, S.C. Buddhist Vihana for over eight years, and visited a monastery in Australia for most of 2012. She is now glad to be back home as Abbess of the Charlotte Buddhist Vihara.

Services can be viewed live at 3:10 p.m., and later for replays, by visiting our website. Information on upcoming services can also be found on our Facebook page.

Dec. 28 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'Eat, Drink and be Merry'

On the last Sunday of both the calendar year and the church year it's important to again take stock, feel some gratitude even for those among us who believe there is nobody to whom to be grateful. Unitarian Universalists in the modern world honor all kinds of celebrations, holy days, holidays and combinations thereof. We will have just passed Christmas and the burning of the Yule Log by adherents of the nature-based religions. In a few more days, there will be eating, drinking and merrymaking to welcome the new year. The Rev. Pat Jobe joined our Fellowship on Aug. 1, 2020. He is married to his lovely spouse Gabe and is an enthusiastic supporter of UU Lake Norman, FeedNC, Heart of the Carolinas UU Animal Ministry, the Barefoot Ministry, and all work done by UUs in our area.

The annual meeting showcased so many community outreaches and the great work we do on Sunday afternoons. How could we not have felt great about who we are in the larger community and how we are to each other? Phrases like "mutual respect" and "shared humanity" come to mind. As outgoing President Jim Arnold made so clear, thanks were earned and shared all around.

Read the official minutes of last Sunday's 2025 annual meeting by clicking [here](#).

Proposed Amendments for the Bylaws At the annual meeting, the Board proposed two amendments to modify our Bylaws relating to past presidents and treasurers. We will vote on these at the Jan. 25 service:

1. This amendment applies to the composition of the Board. The president will continue to serve on the Board for the year following their term of office. They will serve as an advisor to the Board and will also have full voting rights.

2. The list of Treasurer responsibilities will be modified.

The position of Co-Treasurer will be established, but may possibly be eliminated or changed in the future should the congregation engage a full-time administrator. The Co-Treasurer will be a full member of the Board and as such will be able to vote on all issues. Both treasurers will be elected for two-year terms.

To read the complete Bylaws, please go to our website, then click on the Membership tab and then Directory & Documents. Annual Pledge Drive

While most of us no longer believe in Santa Claus, we certainly do believe in Santa's helper, otherwise known as Secret Santa, otherwise known as the generous member who offered a matching challenge to help inspire us to reach our budget goal of \$75,325.

As of Tuesday, we stand at \$73,680 -- 98% of the way there! Wrap that up and put a ribbon on it! Thank you to everyone who has been so kind about responding. As we all know, it takes a village and we at UU Lake Norman have a special one. Who knows, maybe the elves will help us find a way to reach \$75,000?

A Soup Supper Invitation

Our congregation has been invited by the Inclusion Community to join them for a Soup Supper on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 5 p.m. The Community meets at The Hut, which is behind the Cornelius Presbyterian Church at 21211 Catawba Ave., Cornelius. There is no cost and we do not have to bring anything -- they would just like to get to know us since we share many values.

Together is Better Lunch

Mark your calendars now for the "Together is Better Lunch" on Sunday, Jan. 18. What a great way to start the New Year! We're joining with members of Temple Kol Tikvah, our neighbor on Davidson's South Street, for lunch from 1-2:30 p.m. that day. This gathering has grown out of the visit we enjoyed when Rabbi Becca spoke to our Fellowship for Easter services. We all agreed that we would like to get to know our neighbors, and what better way than to break bread together? We are also asking our Quaker Friends if they would like to join us as well. Lunch will be inside at the temple. All we need to bring is dessert and homemade breads.

Just when Heart of the Carolinas UU Animal Ministry thought its work was done for the year, an emergency fence build for two dogs has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27.

A referral from Animal Control says either Wee Bit or Potamas will have to be euthanized if the fence doesn't go up. The work site is 3331 Falcon Ridge Rd., Maiden. Corner posts will be set at 9 a.m., with remaining work to start at 10 a.m. Please come help if you can. The ministry will also build a fence Jan. 3 in Iron Station.

In related dog news, Pat and Doug Wall's granddaughter is looking for a home for a "super sweet" stray found in Charlotte. Zeus had a collar but no micro-chip and shelters say they would have to euthanize him if he's taken there. Please contact the Walls if you or someone you know might take him in.

Since May 2020, North Carolina UUs and friends have gathered online at 11 a.m. on Fridays to take action and experience the joy and power of community at Friday Action Hour. Organized by UU Justice NC, we recap the past week and take action on the issues impacting our state and country. Join us and you will learn more about these issues and get guidance and encouragement to take action. Join us this Friday on this Zoom link. Follow our concerns and

actions each week as outlined in the Google Doc. Sign up for our weekly Friday Action Hour email.

UU Lake Norman's Building Fund accepts donations to help ensure our future. For more information, please contact Alan Perkinson.

FROM OUR TREASURER

Thanks to all who have pledged to keep our Fellowship strong. You can mail your pledge to: UU Lake Norman, P.O. Box 991, Davidson 28036. To set up easy online giving from our website, just click the "Pledge or Donate" tab at the top of the page.

Join us? If you are not a member but would like more information on becoming a member, please contact Marjorie Flowers at admin@UULakeNorman.org.

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We walk diverse paths to find meaning and purpose, but we are united by our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all, and the obligation to express our faith through acts of justice and compassion. Join us as we create a diverse, spirit-curious, and justice-seeking community.

Please send your newsletter items, suggestions or comments to Bruce Henderson at news@uulakenorman.org. The deadline for each week's newsletter is midnight Wednesday.

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