

NEWSLETTER 12/4/25

Sunday Service, 3 P.M.: FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Dec. 7 - Jane Pope: 'Harp to Heart: Peace with Strings Attached' Jane Pope will play her Celtic harp and offer some wisdom she's picked up from plucking its strings for almost 40 years. Jane performed with her husband Gary, a fiddler, as The Dawn Treaders. They played folk festivals, Scottish highland games, weddings and other events from Chicago to Orlando until his death in 2007. She is a retired newspaper editor and has been a member of this Fellowship since August 2024.

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. 14 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'How to End a Year Well' Prior to our annual meeting, Rev. Pat will riff on ending a year well with the help of Theresa Woody at the piano. How do you end things well? A day? A project? An event? Ending sometimes "puts a bow on things." We all need good beginnings, middles and ends. 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.

If guest speaker Mary Helen Hensley did nothing else for anybody in the room last Sunday, she showed me the power of being yourself, making your own kind of music, come what may. We do not come here to win the favor of others, but that may be a byproduct. We come here to grow and learn and expand into whatever role feels best from the choices life gives us. Mary Helen is not everybody's cup of tea, but her experiences have given her a dynamic smile, sense of humor, and passion for fun. She made me feel empowered to keep doing my best for the Unitarians of Lake Norman and for the poor folks in the town where I grew up. She left me ashamed of all the small stuff I worry about. She encouraged me to say "Yes!" to life.

We will be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14, following our regular service. There will be a short report of activities we participated in during the year and an election for the slate of officers for 2026. The candidates:

Board of Trustees

President: Greg Davis, moving from 2025 Vice President in accordance with our bylaws (a one-year term expiring in December 2026)

Vice President: Jim Price (a one-year term, becomes president in 2027)

Secretary: Véronique Singerman (a one-year term expiring December 2026)

Co-Treasurers: Karen Abrams and Linda Heydenburg (terms expire December 2026)

Trustee at large: Gail Arnold (a one-year term expiring in December 2026)

Building Committee

Phil Sterner (a three-year term expiring December 2028)

Tracy Grimm (a two-year term expiring December 2027)

Alan Perkinson (a one-year term expiring December 2026)

Nominating Committee

Andi Smith (a three-year term expiring December 2028)

Sue Friday (a two-year term expiring December 2027)

Agnes Fiore (a one-year term expiring December 2026)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

We're moving into the homestretch of the drive and have just passed \$70,000 on our way to our goal of \$75,325!

Houston, we don't have a problem, we have a lift off! If you have already turned in your pledge, you are part of this special success, and we appreciate your generosity tremendously. If you haven't yet had a chance to let us know about your support for the coming year, now is the time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Call Karen or Linda, bring your pledge card to this Sunday's service, or let us know your pledge by emailing to this address. We look forward to hearing from you!

Humanists of Lake Norman Quarterly Gathering: When: Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. (new start time)Where: Friends Meeting House, 625 South St., DavidsonProgram: A.C. Grayling "returns." The Origin and Future of Humanism video will be followed by discussion. Grayling is a noted British philosopher and author of over 30 books on philosophy, human rights, ethics and the history of ideas. He is Master of the New College of Humanities in London. A short, informal social gathering with refreshments will precede the program.

One more volunteer is needed for our Fellowship's quarterly Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup in Davidson this Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m. Come see what our neighbors throw away! Contact Jim Arnold to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for our Thursday, Dec. 11 shift from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at FeedNC in Mooresville. Please join us to chop, cook and clean as we serve the needy among us. Contact Jim Arnold if you can help.

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.

All of our struggles are connected. Decisions made decades ago echo today. Decisions made today may echo in 2050. This is why we chose to focus on healthcare and Medicaid funding in last week's Friday Action Hour. Medicaid funding is facing another funding cliff, and the aftershocks will impact everything: housing, education, immigration, criminal justice, etc.

Using scripts provided by our partners, we called our state and federal representatives to demand that they fully fund Medicaid. If you haven't already, please take this action. You can find your legislator's contact information, a script for calling, and more information in the Google Doc, which provides a summary of each week's meeting and a guide to the week's

actions. Please join us this Friday on this Zoom link. Follow our concerns and actions each week as outlined in the Google Doc. And 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.

Rev. Pat Jobe

UU Lake Norman Minister

2025 Board of Trustees Jim Arnold, President

Greg Davis, Vice President

Véronique Singerman, Secretary

Karen Abrams & Linda Heydenburg, Co-Treasurers

Natalie Heling, At-Large Trustee

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.