

NEWSLETTER 1/8/26

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

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Jan. 11 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'Deeds not Creeds'

Reading Steven Charleston's book comparing the story of Jesus to the Native American tradition of vision quests, we find some encouraging similarities to the journey of early Unitarians as they considered how professing believers could own slaves. 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.

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.

Jan. 18 - Rev. Melissa McQueen-Simmons: 'The Movement in the Year of the Horse'

Considering everything happening in our communities and across the nation, we get another year to gallop into adventure. What does adventure and freedom look like for all of us? Where do you see your impact with the freedom and adventure for the civilization and the environment you encounter?

Rev. Melissa McQueen-Simmons is the Spiritual Director/virtual pastor of Wholy Ground Spiritual Center in Mint Hill. Melissa is ordained in the United Church of Christ and is currently pulpit supply for the Southern Conference, a member for the Racial Justice and Equity team, and member of Holy Covenant UCC. She is also a facilitator for Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education, which fosters informed, responsible, and values-based decisions about sexual health and behavior. She is intentional about healthy relationships with self, others, and the Divine of our understanding. She is committed to relationship-building within the community. Melissa also co-leads the LGBTQ committee for the Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice.

I'm really supercharged for this Sunday's service. Steven Charleston has given me great insights into the stages of the Native American vision quest, and by so doing he has brought a historical moment into focus for Unitarians. I am supercharged too over the great time we had last Sunday after service with the Inclusion Community. Sitting with several of our folks and two of their folks -- Jennifer and Allison -- we learned how close we are to them in philosophy and social action. Just as our folks in Forest City get excited when they think we support an alternative world view in our rural-small town red state world, our folks were experiencing a lot of positive emotions to find Inclusion Community. Doug Wall did get in trouble for trying to recruit some of their members, all in good fun.

Together is Better Lunch

Mark your calendars now for the "Together is Better Lunch" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. 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. 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. What to know if you're coming: Please park in our usual lot and walk over to the Temple. Enter through the front door, which faces the road. Please arrive between noon and 12:45 p.m. and try not to be late! Mary Nicholson and Lynn Henderson will be there to greet you and help the Temple volunteers receive your desserts or breads. Karen Abrams will help as she is able. PLEASE plan to bring a serving utensil with the food you are bringing. All else will be supplied.

Ask any questions at this Sunday's service or reach out to Lynn or Karen. See you there!

Auction 2026

Yes, there will be an auction in 2026! We will have it at Bailey's Glen Clubhouse on the evening of May 9. For newcomers, our fundraiser has both a silent and live auction with food, drinks and fun. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this great event. If you have a skill or talent, think about what you might like to donate. We will offer some ideas in upcoming newsletters so everyone can begin to think about how they can help contribute. Any questions? Contact Pat or Doug Wall.

We are sending love and good luck wishes to Karen Abrams, who is having shoulder surgery this week.

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 Membership@UULakeNorman.org or call her at 214-769-9177.

Rev. Pat Jobe
UU Lake Norman Minister

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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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