

NEWSLETTER 12/24/25

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

Please visit our website and events calendar for more information.

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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 merry-making 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.

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. 4 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'Waking from the Lie of Separation'
Ministers shoot for the moon and sometimes hit the top of the barn. It is a daunting challenge perhaps summed up by a quote attributed to Mark Twain: "A man carrying two cats down the street with their tails tied together is getting ten times the experience in carrying cats as the man watching him." How do we awaken from the lie of separation?

The issue of George Bame being more beautiful than Greg Davis has gotten completely out of hand.

When Greg heard me give him a shout out for being beautiful, but acknowledging that George and Jim Price are better looking, Greg came back with, "They're older than me. See what I have to look forward to?"

Just today I used voice-to-text hoping to send George this message, "Your beautiful card arrived." Instead voice-to-text heard "You're beautiful. Car arrived." You can't make this stuff up.

Hoping we all have the best holiday ever. Eggnog and baked goods make me so happy. I really hope Mimi, AKA Susan Cameron, reads this. She bakes so well.

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" at 1 p.m. 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.

Proposed Amendments for the Bylaws

At the annual meeting, the Board proposed two amendments to modify our Bylaws. 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 to the following:

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 Co-Treasurers will be elected for two-year terms.

Pledge Close-Out for 2025

This coming Sunday is our last service of the year. If you have not yet had a chance to complete your pledge, please do so by Dec. 31. If you have any questions about your pledge, please contact Karen Abrams at this email address. Pledge and gift statements for 2025 will be sent out in early January for your tax records. Thanks to all who have given! We are still happily accepting pledges for 2026!

'Twas a week before Christmas
and all through the town
Our volunteers had put
all their tools down.
Their green shirts were hung
in the closet with care,
A well-deserved break
for some rest and self-care.

But like any good elves they know
the job is never quite done,
So we are calling on our team
for 2025's one more "final one."

A couple of cuties
that have been a bit naughty
just need a safe space
to run, play and potty.

So grab your shirts and your tools,

And don't even think twice,
Let's get these sweet pups
back on the list full of Nice.

Please join us for this very important build on
Saturday, Dec. 27!

Just in case you want to make an end-of-the-year donation, Heart of Carolinas UU Animal Ministry thanks you in advance! Wishing you and your family, both two- and four-footed, a very happy holiday season!

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.

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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