

Newsletter 7/30/26

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

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Aug. 2 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'Welcome Back and a Confession'

In the Third Century, St. Augustine of Hippo came up with an awful, hateful, dehumanizing idea called "original sin." Although the handle cannot be found in the original Christian writings, the hellfire and damnation crowd picked it up and ran with it for the next 1,700 years. Bummer!

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 clicking here to reach them on our website. Information on upcoming services can also be found on our Facebook page.

Aug. 9 - Rev. Pat Jobe: 'Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton' Two of our most radical and world-changing ancestors were both Unitarians. They saw needs that needed to be met and organized a response. Their kindnesses have inspired so many right down to today, the here and now.

We helped UU Justice NC raise \$10,000 for hydration packs for immigrant farm workers. Many of our folks gave individually, and \$200 came from the ministerial discretion fund.

And as it turns out, we have not stopped supporting the immigrant families in Davidson. Designated gifts are still coming into All Souls in Forest City and will be paid directly to the families. Help from eight different congregations came in lavishly and we were able to pay \$20,000 in rent assistance.

All Souls is still caring for a number of people in Rutherford County, Gastonia and Charlotte. We recently worked with a woman who needs heart surgery and a family who lost water service in Spindale. This is the tip of the iceberg. Love to all as we are part of a wonderful, caring, active congregation during dark days. P.S. from Gandhi: "It is quite proper to resist and attack a system, but to resist and attack its author is tantamount to resisting and attacking oneself. For we are all tarred with the same brush, and are children of one and the same Creator, and as such the divine powers within us are infinite. To slight a single human being is to slight those divine powers, and thus to harm not only that being but with him the whole world."

A called church conference will be held Aug. 9, after that day's service, to vote on Revised Bylaws. A copy of the proposed changes is posted on our website along with a synopsis of the changes -- [click here](#) to read them. We are being asked to vote "yes" to all proposed changes or "no" to all changes. If you have any questions about the proposed amendments, email Jim Price by [clicking here](#). If you're unable to attend Aug. 9, email Linda Heydenburg -- [click here](#) -- to register your vote. All emailed votes must be received no later than Aug. 8. Our website has more on the meeting, our upcoming postcard campaign to encourage early voting in Mecklenburg County and our in-person efforts to register voters in Iredell County. [Click here](#) to visit our Latest Announcements page on the website.

Choir meeting Hey, all you UU singers! We will have a brief organizational meeting following the service this Sunday. Please attend. We need a lot of information such as your email addresses, musical knowledge, Sunday availability, etc. So come to the service so we can get things started. For more, contact Doug Wall at 980-505-9903.

Fellowship members relax at a Hawaiian pool party hosted by Andi and Ray Smith. The July 25 party was an auction item, and good times were had by all.

Our next volunteer shift at FeedNC will be Aug. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No experience is necessary as we chop, cook, serve and clean for this Mooresville nonprofit. Please [click here](#) to email Jim Arnold if you can help.

UU Justice NC did not join us in sitting back for the month of July. During UUJNC's July meetings, we learned about and took actions addressing Duke Power's Carbon Plan. We heard about the Christian Nationalism movement and the Zoom training available to learn effective responses. We developed our understanding of the existing threats to healthcare in North Carolina and were given contacts and talking points to use with elected officials.

The fundraising for migrant workers' hydration packets collected \$10,000. Thanks to the individuals and the Fellowship for contributions.

Everyone is invited to join the weekly Friday Action Hour, a virtual gathering of justice-seeking friends where we take action together and nurture our spirits for the work ahead. It's an opportunity to live our values.

Information, phone numbers and suggested scripts for all actions are spelled out in the Google doc -- [click here](#) to view it. Join us this Friday morning at 11 by [clicking on this Zoom link](#). If Friday doesn't work for you, please take a moment to look over the Google doc, updated every week to describe small actions you can take to support Unitarian values. Sign up for our Friday Action Hour weekly email by [clicking here](#).

Please send best wishes to our August-born members and friends:

Aug. 3 Helen Abney
Aug. 9 Phil Sterner
Aug. 13 Harvey Wigder, Olivia Street
Aug. 25 Jo Abney, Jeff Blum, Dean Clarke

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.

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