



This Week's Service



Sunday, April 25th at 10:30 am
streamed live from the Meetinghouse
via Zoom

This Sunday: Join Rev. David, Worship Associate Nellie Dixon, and Musician Sherrie Lemnios online for this week's service, streamed live from the Meetinghouse: "Becoming Unitarian Universalism" A glance at the thinking of American Universalist founding figure Hosea Ballou tells us both how radical our religious ancestors were in their time, and how far our thinking has evolved since then. Would Ballou, who thought Universalism was about Christian salvation, recognize his influence on our faith today?

To join us on Zoom, follow this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83828448189>

Meeting ID: 838 2844 8189
Join by phone (audio only): +1 929 205 6099

News & Notes



UUCOB Pledge Drive – 2021-22
Together We Thrive

It's Annual UUCOB Pledge Drive season. We hope that you will join in pledging your support to our congregation for the coming budget year. In good times and bad, whether in person or virtually, we continue our work of *fostering wonder, creating connection, nurturing hope, and working for justice.*

Your support makes it all possible. This is a challenging time financially for many--it is for UUCOB as well. At the same time, we've been incredibly grateful for the continued support of our members and friends, and we hope that all will feel moved to pledge so that we can continue to be here as a beacon of free religious inquiry in our community.

COMING SOON: You will receive an email with instructions for making your pledge to UUCOB using our new fill-in Pledge Form.



Reimagining Leadership
at UUCOB

Every year about this time, we work to find volunteers to take on key leadership positions in our congregation. We have been blessed over the years--as we are right now--with an extraordinary outpouring of gifts of time, energy, and commitment, and yet it's a challenge every year to "fill the positions." This year, and especially in light of the loss of our beloved and dedicated Treasurer Dave Feild, the Board is starting with a new question: **What if we looked differently at how we lead and support the activities and events that make our congregation the strong, spiritually imaginative, committed community that it is?** A small working group from the Board is looking closely at sustainable leadership structures for small congregations like ours and may have proposals to make for our June congregational meeting.

Meanwhile, how are YOU connecting with the tasks that make UUCOB "happen" from day to day and week to week? Is there a gift, a talent, a skill that you might have to offer? Do you have some time you'd be willing to share with your congregation? Your UUCOB Board members would love to hear from you. **Don't know who to contact? Start with Rev. David at revdamorris@gmail.com, and he'll help you find the right connection to make!**

Rev. David's Quote of the Week

Poet Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892) wrote:

Why, who makes much of a miracle?
As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods,
Or talk by day with any one I love, or sleep in the bed at
night with any one I love,
Or sit at table at dinner with the rest,
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields,
Or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining
so quiet and bright,
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring;
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.

Today we mark Earth Day, which acknowledges both the wonder of the living planet of which we are a part, and the necessity of stewardship for it by humans, who can have such an impact on the life of that planet. May we recognized the miracles that surround us, and may we be part of the ongoing miracle that sustains it--and us.

Share the Plate – APRIL



One half of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to...

Friends of the Reserve/Kitty Hawk Woods: a non-profit citizen organization established in 1998 to support program funding, environmental education, stewardship of natural and cultural resources, and scientific research of the North Carolina Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve.

To donate: Visit our website: www.uucob.org and click on the DONATE button. After you specify the amount, you will have the option to select "Sunday Morning Offering"

Important Reminder



Building Improvements to be Made This Spring

Gallop Roofing is scheduled to replace our roof and windows. During the first 3 days of the job, Wednesday, May 26th through Friday, May 28th, our contractor requests that no one is present on the premises to allow for the safe removal of the asbestos siding. This scheduling is weather dependent so look for updates in the newsletter for any schedule changes.

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