

This Week's Service



Sunday, February 20th at 10:30 am
Streamed live from the sanctuary via Zoom

Join Rev. David, Worship Associate

Joe Heard, Musician Sherrie Lemnios, and Tech Associate Bryan Jones ONLINE ONLY for this Sunday's service: "Celebrating Imperfection" We say "nobody's perfect" as a way of excusing what we see as our failures or those of others; many of us strive for perfection in some field of effort or activity and feel shame when we fall short. Perfection is seen as the goal, whether we believe it's attainable or not. What if our imperfections are a gift, an opportunity?

To join online, follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945108473?pwd=bHBITGtPcmdSVnVzREkwQzRGbGZ6UT09>

Meeting ID: 849 4510 8473

Passcode: 370660

Join by phone (audio only): +1 301 715 8592

Rev. David's Quote of the Week

Scientist, essayist, and poet Diane Ackerman (b. 1948) wrote:

In the name of the daybreak
and the eyelids of morning
and the wayfaring moon
and the night when it departs,
I swear I will not dishonor
my soul with hatred,
but offer myself humbly
as a guardian of nature,
as a healer of misery,
as a messenger of wonder,
as an architect of peace.

I first came across and shared these words in the aftermath of the 2016 election, when many feared--with reason, as time has shown--that our nation was at risk of descending into a period of cruelty, greed, and the threat of authoritarianism.. In the ensuing years, and now when hope continues to call out for more active allies, I find them as compelling and quietly sustaining as ever. I hope you feel the same.

UUCOB News



As of next week, WELCOME BACK! Following the current trend in Covid numbers for Dare County, we believe we will be able to return to in-person services on next Sunday, February 27th. We will continue to stream our services, recognizing that a "hybrid" service of this sort keeps us accessible to those who still can't risk in-person gatherings.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 6 for a very special service and Art Show Opening featuring the work of Shay Herring Clanton, formerly of Hatteras Island. Clanton works with watercolor and mixed media. [Check our website for more information here.](#)

Additionally, Shay's sister, Lucinda Herring, will be speaking at the service that same Sunday. She'll talk about her work as a green funeral director and a home funeral consultant and guide. She will share information about making choices at the end of life that care for each other and the earth, in more conscious, ecological and healing ways.



The *Wendy Jewett* Art Show that has been on display since December is now also on our YouTube channel. We hope you'll take a look and share it with friends. [View the show HERE.](#)

If you wish to see any of the paintings in-person or purchase a painting, please email Gwen: gwen@tayloremail.com or Sherrie: walkwithlight@gmail.com

From the Board



From the Meeting on February 10th

A Board meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, February 10th. The UUA Southern Region transition consultants, Lillian Drab-Braddick and Rev. Nathan Hollister, joined the meeting to discuss our transition process. Thanks to Lee Fallon, detailed notes were taken at this meeting. They are now shared on our website. [Read them here.](#)

UU Justice NC News



Thank you to Laura Singletary, who has stepped up to be our UUCOB liaison to [UU Justice NC](#). She will be sharing information and action items in the newsletter.

Rev. Fred Small is coming to North Carolina to present a [Climate Justice Workshop on Saturday, April 9th](#) at the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville. Named one of the top 15 Green Religious Leaders in the world, Rev. Small serves as the Policy Director at Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light and the Minister for Climate Justice at Arlington St. Church in Boston. For more information, contact Kitten Bulen: at buckeyebobbulen@bellsouth.net. Sign-up information will be forthcoming March 1st.

Share the Plate for February



This month, a portion of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to:

Dare Minority Coalition, which continues to connect those in need of housing, job placement and mental and physical health assistance with aid. This year will be devoted to acquiring property for affordable and transitional housing here in Manteo.

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".*

UUCOB Transition 2022



Moving Forward

As you know, the UUCOB Board has been working to lead the congregation through this transitional time since [Rev. David's announcement](#). The Board encourages all of you to check the transitions page on our website, which is updated frequently as plans progress. Stay informed: [Transition 2022](#)

The meetings between the Board and the UUA Southern Region have been productive in helping to set up some important criteria for next steps. By now, all members should have received an Online Congregational Survey. If you have not already completed it, here is the link: [UUCOB SURVEY](#)

After the service this Sunday, February 20th via Zoom, members and friends will be invited to discuss the survey questions (listed below) during the breakout sessions.

- Why did you come to our congregation?
- Why do you stay?
- In the last ministry, I wish our congregation had had more...
- In the last ministry, I wish our congregation had had less...
- What do you hope never changes in our congregation?
- What do you think could be improved with fresh perspective and energy?

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