



This Week's Service



Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 am on Zoom

Join Rev. David, Worship Associate

Nellie Dixon, and Musician Nancy Byrne this Sunday at 10:30 AM on Zoom for our Sunday service: "Lessons from a Year Apart." It's been a year since we last had services together in our Sanctuary. What have we learned about our strengths and weaknesses as a congregation and community in that time? What have we learned about ourselves? To join, follow this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83828448189 Meeting ID: 838 2844 8189 To join by phone (audio only): +1 929 205 6099

News & Notes



Invitation to Connection

The Outer Banks Hotline has developed a new initiative to reach out to the LGBTQ community in our area, hiring a Services Specialist and looking for ways to serve as a hub for marginalized communities and provide the kind of services that an LGBTQ Community Center (which we don't have in Dare or Currituck Counties) would offer. They have reached out to us through Rev. David and would like to explore partnership with faith communities.

If you would like to find out more and help Rev. David explore what UUCOB might offer and receive from such a partnership, please contact him at revdamorris@gmail.com .

Update on Water Quality Study



Improving Water Quality of Stream on UUCOB Grounds – Update (February 24th – March 3rd)



Intern Cora McQuaid worked with Dr. David Lagomasino to collect data points that will be processed to create a topographic map of the property using a piece equipment called the Riegl VZ-400, which is a terrestrial laser scanner that can capture very high-resolution images and elevation data. This data will be processed and added as a layer showing elevations on the base map for the church property.

Interns Cora McQuaid and Katrina Griffith collected samples and took measurements from several locations around the church property for water quality testing. They used a device called a YSI to measure for Oxygen, Salinity, Conductivity, Temperature. Water samples were also gathered and taken back to the CSI lab for sample processing. The interns used a process called the Colilert Method which required incubation of the water samples for a 24-hour time period. The interns were interested and excited to analyze the samples after the incubation period. The samples that were positive for coliform had turned bright yellow due to the reagent packet mixed in while preparing the water samples for incubation. When the samples are viewed under a UV light, the ones that test positive for E. coli, glow bright yellow.

Water quality sampling and measurement locations will be added to the base map with notes explaining the results and shared with the UUCOB.

Upcoming Event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm LWV Hot Topic Discussion: The Immigration Experience

The League of Women Voters of Dare County will host a Zoom Hot Topic Session on Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm on "The Immigrant Experience."

Author (and UUCOB Member) Rosemary Rawlins will introduce Sherita Grinter, the daughter of an immigrant from the Killing Fields of Cambodia, who immigrated to America in the 1980s. The audience will also meet Outer Banks resident, Aysha, who will speak about her more recent emigration from China due to the harsh treatment of the Uyghurs. Both participants will take questions from the audience.

This meeting is free and open to the public. Register to receive Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuGgrz8uHtQluwSY2AOlsr8u2UB7td_Z

Rev. David's Quote of the Week

South African liberation leader and President Nelson Mandela (1918 – 2013) wrote: "I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended."

How does President Mandela's image--the glorious vista and the hills yet to come--strike you? Is it an invitation to despair, because there is always more work ahead, or an invitation to joy, because there is always a new way to travel in the liberation and fulfillment of our human wholeness? Let us learn that we need not wait for some final arrival at "the goal" to celebrate, but that we can celebrate every step along the way, and delight in both how far we have come and in all that we can still hope for.

Share the Plate – MARCH



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

GEM Adult Day Services: a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality services to adults with memory loss, physical, and mental disabilities and those in need of socialization. GEM provides a positive, supportive environment for both participants and their caregivers.

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"

Making Things Happen at UUCOB



Building Improvements to be Made This Spring

Gallop Roofing is scheduled to replace our roof and windows. The dates planned to complete the work are Wednesday May 26th through Sunday June 6th. We have been experiencing significant leakage through the upper windows in the RE/Heron Pond building for some time, and despite heroic efforts by Dennis Tromba and Gary Crane to re-caulk the existing windows, it has become clear they need to be replaced. During rainstorms, the Montessori school has been managing leakage with the use of buckets.

In addition, in reviewing our insurance policies, it also became clear that the roof over the entire structure (Heron Pond plus The Meetinghouse) should be replaced. Prior to making an investment in window and roof replacement, the board thought it prudent to conduct a structural inspection. That inspection was completed and the buildings were found to be structurally sound.

A review of the church's finances was also conducted, and we determined that, thanks to prudent investment and the financial support of our congregation, we have enough money in reserve to complete the work and still have funds sufficient for two years of operation, should they be required.

IMPORTANT NOTE: During at least 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, of course, weather dependent. Look for updates in the newsletter for any schedule changes.

Stay Informed – Get Involved



The UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina offers resources and multiple ways for you to participate in social justice issues in our state. For information on how to get involved, CLICK HERE.

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