



Due to the COVID 19 Stay in Place Policy, UUCOB facilities are closed to all events and activities until further notice.

This Sunday's Service



This Sunday: May 10
Explore Sunday Services online

Rev. David is out of the pulpit this week, so we will not have an online UUCOB service. We strongly encourage you to join a service from one of the many UU congregations who are celebrating Sunday mornings together in various formats and media. Choose a city or community you know or would like to visit, search for a congregation there, and visit their website for information about their Sunday services during the coronavirus crisis. We can heartily recommend services from the All Souls Church in Washington, DC and Charleston, SC; you may enjoy an NC service from the Community Church of Chapel Hill or the Eno River UU Fellowship in Durham; or go west to find All Souls in Tulsa, OK or First Unitarian of Portland, OR. You can share your experience and any ideas you find!



UUCOB Pledge Drive - 2020-21

Each of Us and All of Us

It's Annual UUCOB Pledge Drive season and a mailing is on the way. So far we have received pledges from most of your Board members, and 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. We know well that this is a challenging time financially for many--it is for UUCOB as well. At the same time, we've been very grateful for the continued support of our members and friends, and we hope that all will feel moved to pledge as you can so that we can continue to be here as a beacon of free religious inquiry in our community.

UUCOB - Creating Connections...



UUCOB Teatime with Rev. David
Wednesdays 4:30 pm - 5:15pm

Rev. David has been in the "Zoom Room" for anyone who wanted to drop in and visit. We will be changing to one "Teatime" each week, on Wednesdays. This will allow us to make it possible for more of us to see and hear each other--rather than just visiting with Rev. David, as much as he enjoys that!

The Zoom information for the Wednesday Teatime at 4:30 PM remains the same: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/613253772>

Meeting ID: 613 253 772 Come enjoy a visit with your UUCOB friends!



Dare County Arts Council's The Courthouse Sessions (Home Edition), featuring Outer Banks musicians.

Angelo Sonneso, friend of our congregation, is on the concert schedule for broadcast on Thursday, May 21 at 8 pm on Dare County Arts Council's Facebook page. For more information: <https://www.darearts.org/events>



UU the Vote:
This week's OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP and Learn...

1. "How We Thrive!" Tuesday, May 12 7:00pm Join our National UU the Vote team for this live, virtual event that will feature musicians from across the country, a message from UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and opportunities for you to get involved and make meaningful impacts in 2020! Register here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/Q7gv-XyC2ke12BvUwImglQ2?sourceid=1041573>

2. 2020 Census: Get Out the Count! Phone Banking with You Can Vote Did you know that North Carolina currently has over a 50% return rate for the 2020 Census! This is encouraging news, but we still have a long way to go. Not only is the census critical to getting fair representation and funding for North Carolinians, but this effort can also help minimize the amount of door-to-door canvassing that will be necessary during this pandemic. To sign up for a volunteer shift, you can go to: <https://www.youcanvote.org/training>

Share the Plate



For May 2020: Share the Plate: One half of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to:

Coastal Humane Society, launching a new program to help Dare County residents feed their pets through this COVID-19 pandemic. Operation Feed Our Pets will stock dog food, cat food and cat litter in local food banks so residents can get food and supplies for their furry family members.

To contribute, visit our website: www.uucob.org then, click on DONATE. Specify: Sunday Offering

Connect with UUCOB

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Rev. David's Quote of the Week

David Whyte's poem "What I Must Tell Myself" includes these words:

"I know
my innocence
and I know
my unknowing
but for all my successes
I go through life
like a blind child
who cannot see,
arms outstretched
trying to put together
a world.

And the world
seems to work
on my behalf
catching me
in its arms
when I go too far.

I don't know what
I could have done
to have earned
such faith."

Where do you turn when you need to know that the world will catch you if you go too far? What are your sources of confidence that life is good, even when it's difficult? All times, not just the ones we're living through, call for us to know and to deep UUCOB Annual Meeting Sunday, of strength, wisdo

Reminders



Mark your calendar...

The UUCOB will hold the meeting via Zoom on Sunday, June 14, at 11:15 after a shortened Sunday Service. Need more information?

Email: jenniferatuucob@gmail.com

UUCOB's Virtual Poetry Slam

Correction from last week: This is an original poem by Rosemary Rawlins as a nod to Billy Collins, not by Billy Collins, as was stated last week.

Genesis

I no longer care who made the universe
Or if it was made in seven days and seven nights
I can still look up to the sky and wonder
What's beyond the clouds, the moon, and stars

And when I look up to the sky, I say thank you
Thank you for letting me visit;
for the pair of eyes that don't need glasses
But not for the lungs that wheeze from time to time
Thank you for two legs and arms that work,
but not for the right
Ear that always closes up, or the throat I always need to clear
I don't need to give you a name; I swell with gratitude
before you
knowing my words float and drift in space
Not knowing where they land or if they simply soar on by
Tipping their hats at all the other thank-yous
passing through.

Dennis Tromba states, "I think the following entry into the conversation would serve to balance out the uniformly optimistic points of view heretofore offered on the poetry slam page. Before one perceives the light at the end of the tunnel one must learn to deal with the darkness."
Thomas Wolfe, "Look Homeward Angel"

...a stone, a leaf, an unfound door; of a stone, a leaf, a door.
And of all the forgotten faces.

Naked and alone we came into exile. In her dark womb we did not know our mother's face; from the prison of her flesh have we come into the unspeakable and incommunicable prison of this earth.

Which of us has known his brother? Which of us has looked into his father's heart? Which of us has not remained forever prison-pent? Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?

O waste of loss, in the hot mazes, lost, among the bright stars on this most weary unbright cinder, lost! Remembering speechlessly we seek the great forgotten language, the lost lane-end into heaven, a stone, a leaf, an unfound door.
Where? When?

O lost, and by the wind grieved, ghost, come back again.

Submit inspiring or humorous thoughts, poems, or quotations to: susanatuucob@gmail.com