

**UUCOB News & Notes**

UUCOB is taking a **4-week summer break.**



**There will be no Sunday services on:**  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Sunday services will resume August 28<sup>th</sup>.** Our speaker will be Chris Sawin, CEO of the Outer Banks Community Foundation who will speak about the important work of this philanthropic organization.

**ART SHOW**



Please plan to stay after the service on Sunday, as artist Nancy Oelrich will be on hand to give a talk about her oil paintings which now grace our sanctuary.

**August 28<sup>th</sup>** is also the last day Nancy's paintings will be available for purchase.



**Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 am**

Please mark your calendar to celebrate the life of Dick Liston.

A memorial Service and reception will be held at the UUCOB Meetinghouse.

**Transition Team Update**



Rev. Roger is currently setting up Zoom meetings with various teams, so we can all orient ourselves to this creative shared ministry and be ready to hit the ground with our first service with him in September.

Lee has signed a contract to rewire our space for improved Wi-Fi connections at the front of the sanctuary, add outlets to eliminate floor cords for safety and improve overall function. Matt Florez, the founder of Angel Advanced Tech, grew up in the OBX and has a community focused work ethic. His teams have assisted many churches, non-profits and individuals with audio-visual and Wi-Fi needs in Dare and Currituck counties. This project is designed to maximize the quality equipment we have as well as integrate our new, larger television. Bryan and Lee look forward to working with AAT on this exciting project!

Transition timeline is always available on our website [HERE](#).

**Connect with UUCOB**

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Want to know what's planned for Sundays planned as we move forward? The UUCOB Calendar on our website Sunday Service topics. Go to the [Calendar](#) and click on the word "Service" on each Sunday.

**Minister's Message**



Friends and Members of UU Congregation of the Outer Banks.

I am Reverend Roger Butts. I will be spending time with you all as a part-time contracted minister this year. I thank the transition team for asking me to come and do this with you all.

I will be traveling there four times this year and will be visiting you twice a month via Zoom. It is a new day in ministry. Right now, we have more openings in congregations that we have ministers looking for work. So we are trying something new here. I am honored to be joining you in this way, this year. And together, we will explore religious liberalism, open faith, freedom, and growth (in spirit and wisdom).

I live in Colorado Springs. I am married to a United Church of Christ minister, Reverend Marta Fioriti. She is from Northern Virginia. I have three teenagers and a black lab.

I have been ordained for 20 years. I was called to be the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Quad Cities (Davenport, Iowa) in 2002. In my 20 years, I have spent about 7 of them as a hospital chaplain. I have been blessed by the journey of ministry.

One thing about me you might want to know: I went to school at Appalachian State, and during those college summers, I worked at the Holden Beach Fishing Pier for a guy named Gil Bass (truth!).

My favorite quote is from Carl Sandburg: "I am an idealist. I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way!"

Feel familiar? Let's make it an adventure!



I wish you a happy early August. See you soon-ish. I will be spending August getting to know certain teams and groups at UUCOB.

But if you want to talk, you can always reach out to me via email: [rogerbutts80905@gmail.com](mailto:rogerbutts80905@gmail.com) or call or text at 719-433-3135

I am sending you a special blessing. The idea of the blessing, which comes from a book I wrote a year or so ago, is simple. May grace find you in the unexpected moments of your daily tasks.

*May life surprise you today.  
May a sense of grace come out of nowhere in the middle of your daily tasks.  
May a sense of peace find you  
in the unlikelyst of places.  
May a sense of courage and renewal find you.  
May God's love surround you.  
And a may a gentleness, a returning quietness,  
and a restoring stillness be with you,  
now and always.  
A restorative wholeness is yours to claim and embrace.  
And may faith, hope and love be your constant companions.  
God bless your day.  
Amen.*

Blessings and in faith, hope and love,  
Reverend Roger