



Thermal Belt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship August 2017

Services at 10:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at
835 N. Trade St., Tryon, NC
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Upcoming Services

August 6, 2017

The Cracks Where the Light Gets In
Rev. Dr. Marc Mullinax

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of fixing pottery with gold lacquer; the cracks that remain visible - the breakage and repair - are understood to be a part of the object's history and therefore beautiful. Our autobiographical "cracks" contribute to an aesthetic wholeness...holiness. Breakage and repair are the graced history of a person. Join us on August 6 as we think together about how our checkered autobiographies are exactly what this world may need at the critical moment. Need light? Just look within where we – at some point – failed and needed (like Humpty-Dumpty) to be put back together again.

Dr. Marc Mullinax is professor of religion and philosophy and chair of the faculty at Mars Hill University. He holds both a Ph.D. and an M.Div.



August 20, 2017

A Few of My Favorite Things: A Personal Journey with Voluntary Simplicity
Rev. Jeff Jones

Downsizing is often seen as a rite-of-passage as we get older. But what if living with fewer material possessions was a way of life? And as I will suggest in my sermon, material clutter is not the only baggage we might carry with us in life.

Rev. Jeff Jones was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry in 1998. In June 2017, he left full-time parish ministry (nine years in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and seven years in Marietta, Georgia) to pursue a ministry in Compassionate Living, a cornerstone of which is Compassionate Communication. He and his wife have just moved to Asheville and he is looking forward to creating this new ministry as student, practitioner, facilitator and activist.



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Coffee, light refreshments and fellowship follow our services. Our thanks to Laura & Al Converse and Christine Mariotti for providing the hospitality in August.

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Notes from your TBUUF Board

The new Board met for the first time this church year on July 9, 2017. Here are few of the highlights.

- We start the year in a strong financial position.
- Outreach Activities and Opportunities
 - The Board wants to encourage member and friends to participate in the UUA Chalice Lighter Program. Ninalee is getting more information and will provide an article for the September newsletter. The Board also wants to participate as a Fellowship. Chalice Lighters could provide us an opportunity to get a grant in the future if we ever wanted to get a building, or if we wanted to expand to four Sundays a month.
 - We discussed the need for volunteers in Rutherford County to become “Guardians ad Litem”, legal advocates for disadvantaged children. We will get more information about the program and make it available to the Fellowship.
 - Many of our Friends and Members are helping with the Feed-A-Kid Program at Thermal Outreach Ministry.
- Possible changes in the way we handle Hospitality and Welcoming were discussed. Thoughts were that we would have a core committee that would rotate each of these activities and recruit other volunteers to help. This way we would have two people each week and new volunteers would have help learning the ropes.

- Sunday service speakers are full for the remainder of the calendar year. We are working on having a service on November 19 based upon Native American Spirituality. This is the service closest to Thanksgiving.
- Our Holiday Service will be on December 17 at the Harmon Field Cabin.
- The Board is exploring a major by-law revision that would simplify our management and be more appropriate for a small fellowship.
- The Board is also considering a name change that makes finding us easier for people searching for a UU congregation. Possible ideas were The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Carolina Foothills or just Unitarian Universalists of the Carolina Foothills. Let us know your thoughts.

The Board welcomes your ideas and input. Please discuss any of your ideas with a Board member after service, or you are welcome to attend our next meeting on Wednesday August 9, at 10:30 at The Black Coffee in Tryon.

TBUUF Board Members 2017-2018: Phil Nungesser, Co-President; Nan Covert, Co-President; Ninalee Kinney, Vice President; Gretchen Boyd, Treasurer; Penny Kessler, Secretary; Linda Jahnke and Barbara Moffitt, at large members.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Order of Service

After three years of producing the OOS twice a month, Linda List is handing off responsibility for the OOS to Christine Mariotti beginning with first September service. Our thanks to Linda for chasing down details and presenting the Sunday morning program over the past three years so we can settle in and participate in the service. Thank you, Christine, for taking this on.

TBUUF Welcoming Committee

During August there will a sign-up sheet on the Information Table for anyone wishing to join the Welcoming Committee. If you would like to share your ideas and/or become one of our Greeters, please consider joining this committee. The initial meeting will be in September.

Summer Feed A Kid Program Update

Thermal Belt Outreach's summer Feed a Kid program is proceeding well. Our Fellowship donated \$700 toward the purchase of food. Several members and friends also volunteered to help; thank you to food packers Laura and Al Converse, Monica Moffat, Nan Covert, Sheila and Phil Nungesser, Ellen Douglas and Bob Wiede, and to drivers Monica Moffat and Gretchen Boyd.

U Yule!

Tired of all this heat? U Yule is coming! Save the date--December 17.