



Thermal Belt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

July, 2016 News

Come join us every 1st & 3rd Sunday 10:30
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Upcoming Summer Services

July 3, 2016

“Angels”

Reverend Michael Carter

In a change from my usual topic, I wanted to discuss the subject of “Angels”. There is resurgence in some circles on the existence of and the influence of angels in our lives. The word angel is derived from the Greek word *angelos*, meaning courier or messenger. The three monotheistic books mention them constantly. What does the word mean to you? Have you encountered an angel? Do they always have to be in celestial form? Are you or can you be one of them? In a highly technological world, a world more enraptured with information instead of wisdom, is our world in desperate need of angles to keep us from edging ever closer to the brink of a nuclear or environmental apocalypse? Let’s talk about it.



Sunday July 19, 2016
“The Better Portion”
Reverend Joan Kahn-Schneider



Do the activities of your life bring you joy? Feed your soul? Or do you do what you think you should do, rather than what you want to do? Let's consider how we might nourish our spirit, embrace life, and glimpse a better way.

Joan has been a Unitarian Universalist Minister since 1980, serving congregations in Michigan, Ohio, Georgia and New York.

In 1998 she became an intentional interim minister and served congregations in Concord, New Hampshire, Hartford, Connecticut, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Spartanburg, South Carolina.

She was also Director of Ministerial Education at the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Her undergraduate degree is in psychology. She has a Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and a Master of Education in Organization and Management from Antioch New England Graduate School.

Prior to ministry, Joan was a therapist in private practice and owned and operated a small neighborhood bookshop. Retired from full time ministry, she consults with congregations, preaches, teaches and does a bit of freelance writing.

She lives in Hendersonville, where she is a member of the UU Church. She is a mother of four and grandmother of eight and has an adorable puppy, Sam.



Justine Going for the Rose on TBUUF Child Dedication Sunday

Welcome new member Heather Taylor

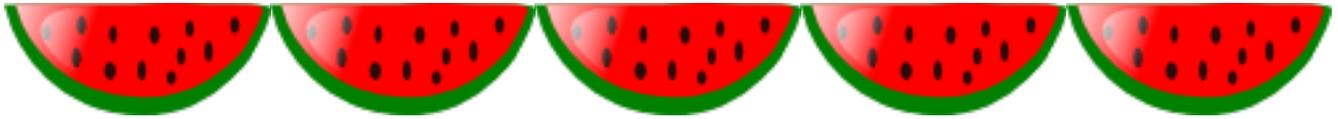
New member, Heather Taylor is from Hickory, NC. She moved to Wisconsin and lived there for 10 years. She received her undergraduate degree in English with a minor in psychology from Marian College in Fond du Lac, WI. After graduation in 2004, she obtained some real field experience, while working at a state mental hospital as a nursing assistant for 4 years.

After earning a master's in rehabilitation psychology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 2010, she became a vocational rehabilitation counselor in Winchester, Virginia.

Heather moved back home to North Carolina for her current vocational rehabilitation counselor position in Forest City. Most of her family still lives in the Hickory area.

Becoming a mother has been the highlight of her life. She is pictured above with her daughter, Justine Taylor on her baby's dedication day.

TBUUF Outreach Report



When our UU board met on July 23rd, they voted to contribute \$200 to the Summer Feed-a-Kid Program that is sponsored by the Polk County Christian Outreach Ministries.

The Congregational Church in Tryon raised \$5,000.00 to purchase the food for this program. Members of this church meet at Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry at 134 White Drive at 10 A.M. every Monday to box up the food. On Wednesdays at 2 p.m., members of this church then deliver the week's supply of food to the children's' homes.

Carolynne Rostick, who organizes the Summer Feed-a-Kid program, told me, "Last year we provided food all summer for 96 children. This summer the number of children who qualify for this program has increased to 143. We like to include seasonal fruit in the boxes but need more money to be able to do this. And, we would also welcome members of the UU to join us in packing and/or delivering the food boxes."

On July 3rd, you'll have the opportunity to donate money to this worthy cause. When we put our ones and twenties together, they add up. One of our members has already added \$200 to our Fellowship's contribution. Please consider adding to this ministry so these children may enjoy the fruits that are in season in western NC.

If you'd like to volunteer to pack or deliver the food boxes, you may reach Carolynne at 828-859-5915. You may see pictures of Carolynne and others packing the boxes in the June 17th Tryon Daily Bulletin, pg. 38-39.

Submitted by Robbie ter Kuile



Announcements News & Notes

Craig Kinney is in the Special Care Unit at Tryon Estates. If you haven't had an opportunity to wish him a happy 90th birthday, you can send greetings to 615 Laurel Lake Road, Columbus, NC 28722. Ninalee no longer drives which gives us an opportunity to help by offering to take her out for a bit of respite. They are thankful for our loving care and thoughtfulness.

TBUUF is a UU Southern Region Honor congregation for the third year in a row having completed our GIFT pledge to strengthen Unitarian Universalism everywhere. Other North Carolina congregations who have completed are Black Mountain, Greenville, Hillsborough, New Bern, Raleigh and Rocky Mount.

TBUUF PICNIC

A committee was formed to work on a potluck picnic outing tentatively slated for Sunday, July 31 at 11:00 at Harmon Field. Please hold the date. Further details will be sent later.

HOSPITALITY REMINDER

A word of caution to those bringing foods for hospitality—We are getting very good at bringing things that are gluten free and labeling them as such. But please remember that nut allergies can be deadly. If you bring something that has nuts inside that aren't visible, or has peanut butter, please label as such. We don't need to start overdoing and cautioning about everything, but nuts can be one of the deadliest for people that are allergic to tree nuts or peanuts.

MUSIC

Here is an opportunity to help with some Sunday services. Do you like to play an instrument or like to sing? Ellen and Annie are always looking for additional instrumental players to fill out our UU Band (flute & guitar).

Even if one is not experienced playing with a group, just give it a try! A practice session is yet to be established. It is not an every Sunday obligation, as we are not expected to play for every Fellowship meeting (first and third Sundays). Call Annie at 864-457-7278 if you would like to play with the instrumental group.