



Thermal Belt UU Fellowship News

September 2015

Change is Good!

New Days and Place - Regular Services will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, at 10:30 A.M. at 835 N. Trade Street (SR 176) Tryon, NC.

The UU Discussion Group will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. New time is 10:30 A.M. at Tryon Estates.

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Our New Church Year begins **Sunday, September 6** with our Annual Water Ceremony. Please bring a small amount of water from home, travels or a favorite pond, spring or lake. We will pour our water into the communal bowl as a meaningful symbol of our Fellowship.

“Fundamentalism and Doubt” Reverend Michael Carter Sunday, September 6



Rev. Michael Carter

Writer Anne Lamont states that doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. We as UUs are encouraged to cherish our doubts. With that said, the challenge is co-existing with others who not only believe themselves to be more theologically certain than we are about the nature of the universe, but are not too shy about forcing those beliefs on others, in sometimes violent ways. Perhaps attempting to understand the fear that the fundamentalist has and how he or she has come about those fears will enable us to move from our own fears about them to a place of not simply mere tolerance, but acceptance. After all is said and done, we do not have to think alike to love alike.

This is also our **Annual Water Ceremony**. Please bring a small amount of water from home, travels or a favorite pond, spring or lake.

(See TBUUF web page for more about Michael.)



Rev. Heidi Peck

As part of the service, Reverend Peck will lead us in meditations playing Quartz Crystal Bowls. She will also be playing the bowls before the service starting at 10:15. Please join us early to experience the healing and meditative power of the sounds produced by the bowls.

Reverend Heidi Peck “Finding Balance” Sunday, September 20

As we move through the physical world, discovering the spiritual world, and ultimately living from within, reality can be one of the most difficult tasks we undertake. Finding a sense of balance in our daily lives can be most overwhelming when:

- We, or members of our family are facing health challenges
- Our personal or professional relationships aren't working
- Our finances are plummeting
- We aren't certain what we really want.

You can nurture a deeper spiritual connection, where you are encouraged to evolve from your highest potential. You can use empowering spiritual tools such as creative visualization.

(Visit our TBUUF web page for more information about our speakers.)

UU Discussion Group Meetings

Sunday, September 13 “Understanding the Appalachian Culture – Modern Moonshine in America” Nan Covert discussion leader.

In many rural mountain communities, the term “homeplace” held special meaning. To some mountaineers, homeplace is still family, birthplace, neighbors, and an extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents, who live just down the road or hollow. It is the sense of place beyond the name of a town, that has more to do with human relationships, some friendly, some not. Homeplace was about that sure feeling of knowing exactly where one came from – where one married, raised a family and eventually was buried. Do these feelings about homeplace still exist? Do they still produce special images for the words “community”, social action and cultural expression that once set Appalachians off as an identifiable social group? What influence has social media played? Who are the modern Appalachians? Has “Good night, John Boy” gone forever?

Discussion Groups Continued:

Sunday, September 27 Both Nan and Phil will be out of town this Sunday. Please contact Phil at 828 625 3060 if you have a topic and are willing to lead the discussion.

----- Announcements-----

It's Going to be A Girl! A lunchtime shower will be held for mother-to-be, Heather Taylor, to welcome a new baby into our Fellowship.

When: Saturday, September 12 at 12:00 noon

Where: Mi Pueblito, 139 S. Washington St., Rutherfordton, NC

Kindly RSVP: Nan Covert, 704-905-9732, nanccove@gmail.com

on or before Thursday, Sept 11th

Pastoral Care Committee

Here's an opportunity for service in our Fellowship. If you are willing to help other members in times of need by visiting, phoning or providing transportation, please contact Linda Jahnke at 828-802-1024 or email lindam145@yahoo.com

Fall Sundays Services:

Oct. 4 "We REALLY Are All In This Together" with Rev. Jean Rowe

Quantum physics has changed the way we understand reality. It means that the interconnected web of existence is more than ecology. It's the way things really, really operate in all spheres of existence. This has profound influence on ethics, and the way we should live. The key word is *compassion* for all things because we are all in this together.

Oct.18 "Courage, Love and Possibility" with Rev. Michael Carter

Many human beings look at the challenges facing our planet today and feel that the problems are so massive and unprecedented that they are quite difficult to perceive, much less act upon. In short, we are overwhelmed. The result of this world view can sometimes manifest as the very danger signals that should rivet our attention and place a fire underneath us, bond us to collective action, tend to have just the opposite effect. The result is often times an unprecedented apathy. This Sunday, we will explore the ideas of courage, love, and possibility in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds.

Nov. 1 "Saying Thank You" with Rev. DiAnna Rotollo