



Thermal Belt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship October 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

October 1, 2017

“What One Can Learn from World Religions”

Rev. Marc Mullinax



Professor of Religions Marc Mullinax returns to the pulpit to speak from his heart. From his frequent forays into the world’s faiths, through travels, teaching, books and personal experience, Marc will address the benefits of becoming multi-lingual in our world’s spiritual languages.



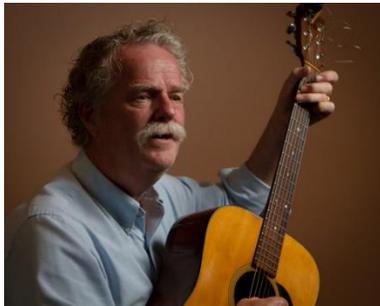
Dr. Marc Mullinax is a Professor of Religion at Mars Hill University and serves as Chair of its Faculty. He holds both a Ph.D. and an M.Div. He remains Baptist in his soul-freedom lovin’ heart, but his mind is at home in progressive spiritual traditions like UU.

October 15, 2017

“Thank Evolution for God”

Rev. Ernie Mills

An unexamined assumption is that the Bible reveals a monolithic theology, a unified and single view of god. It does not. Rather it reveals an evolving concept of the deity that is constantly undergoing changes, modifications and transformations. The concept, god, is not a static one, it is dynamic. This is not only true of the Judaeo/Christian religion but of all the world’s religions. We really don’t have god to thank for evolution but evolution to thank for god. (Or gods or goddesses). We will examine some of these evolving god concepts and why it is vital that they continue to evolve.



Rev. Mills completed a BA in Philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, a Master of Religious Education from Duke Divinity School, and a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He previously served as minister to the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County.

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Coffee, light refreshments and fellowship follow our services.

October volunteers:

Greeters: Laura & Al Converse, Oct. 1; Gen Baydarian, Oct. 15

Hospitality: Marie King, Oct. 1; Volunteer needed for Oct. 15

Sign-up sheets to provide hospitality and to greet are on the back table at each service.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

TBUUF Board Meeting – Wed., Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m., Black Coffee, 15 S. Trade Street, Tryon. All are welcome. If you would like to attend or have something to add to the agenda, let Phil Nungesser or Nan Covert know.

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

Summer Feed A Kid recap: The summer Feed A Kid program delivered food to 134 children in 45 families. Seventeen of the families had participated in the program before, while 28 were new this year. There were 23 food-packing volunteers and 32 driving volunteers for 7 delivery routes. The program covered 10 weeks; most volunteers worked 3-4 times. The Congregational Church has sponsored this program since 2012; this year TBUUF gave money and assistance, as did Saluda Transfiguration Church and Tryon Methodist Church.

TBUUF and the Mastaki family: Last year, TBUUF friend Robin Edgar told our fellowship about Riziki Mastaki, who came here as a political refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the 1990s. She shared how it took her friend ten years to become a U.S. citizen in order to return to her homeland and visit her family. When her village became embroiled in yet another conflict that threw her family into daily economic and physical jeopardy, Riziki realized she needed to bring her parents to America.

Robin and Riziki have been working together since 2010 to navigate the daunting bureaucratic hoops to bring her parents to this country. Through donations and other fund raising efforts to augment her minimum wage salaries from two jobs, she eventually paid over \$4,500 in legal fees, applications for passport and visa, affidavit of support, transcontinental postage, genetic testing, required medical check-ups, birth certificate fees, transportation, and more to bring her father, Dominique, to Charlotte as a legal immigrant in 2013.

Upon hearing the Mastaki family's story, our fellowship contributed to a separate fund to help Riziki complete the process to bring her mother, Josephine, to Charlotte this past November. With both parents safe and working, they are now saving what they can to pay for the legal immigration process to bring over their two youngest school-aged children, Esther (2001) and Sylvie (2004). So far, they have managed to pay over \$2,000 in application and legal fees, but need at least \$500 more to pay for the first phase.

If you would like more information about the Mastaki family and how you can help them, please contact Robin Edgar via email at 2robinedgar@gmail.com or call 864-457-7557.