



TBUUF Newsletter

December 2013



TBUUF Fellowship Meetings

Thermal Belt Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship
· Meetings are 2nd and 4th Sundays, 10:30am
Tryon Youth Center, Hwy 176North, Tryon, NC
· PO Box 65 Tryon NC 28782
· Phone: 828-894-2011
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December 8, 2013
Reverend Sally Beth Shore

"Human Rights for Everyone"

December 10th is International Human Rights Day. In recognition of this, the 65th anniversary of the adoption of the International Declaration of Human Rights, we regard this document—which has been translated into almost as many languages as the Christian Bible—and ask whether it is helping to create the world of beloved community we dream about. Our own human rights organization, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, has also been active for over 6 decades, so we will celebrate its work. We are delighting to welcome back the Foothills Ole Tyme Jammers to play holiday music, including the locally written "Beautiful Star of Bethelehem."



Sunday, December 22, 2013
Reverend Sally Beth Shore
"Be of Good Cheer"

Holiday Service (and Potuck!)

It is the darkest day of the year outside, the Winter Solstice, but we can kindle flames of light and warmth inside. Winter holidays don't always help with this, but we can find opportunity in celebrating them even if we sometimes feel more like "bah-humbug!" The world needs our light and warmth. How do you create it in you and those around you at this time of year? We'll have one opportunity in today's service, with a readers' theater production of "Van Amsterdam the Baker."

Coffee, Tea and UU's

In December, I hope you'll meet me at Southern Manners in Columbus on Wednesday, December 11th at 9 a.m. for coffee or tea. In November, several of us met and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other in a different venue. Robbie

Service Assistants for December:

December 8, 2013

Greeter--	Christine Mariotti
Chalice Lighter--	Dan Dworkin
Hospitality--	Elinor and Grant Libramento

December 22, 2013

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Chalice Lighter:	??
Hospitality:	Bonnie Wood and Heather Taylor

PS: If you are one of the volunteers, please be at the Youth Center by 10:00EST





The Shoreline

Happy Holidays to all TBUUF Members and Friends—

As I write I am in Michigan, where I have traveled to be with my husband's family to celebrate the exceedingly rare holiday of "Thanksgivinukkah." You may have heard about this—the discrepancies between the Jewish (lunar based) and the Gregorian calendar (solar based) mean that Hanukkah, and the fourth Thursday in November, assuming no adjustments are made, will not both be on November 28 for tens of thousands of years. I read a long explanation of this but I'm not sure I understand it... anyway, in my husband's family, this means a Thanksgiving meal that includes not only turkey, but beef brisket, dressing as well as potato pancakes, and pumpkin pie and rugalach for dessert. A feast our ancestors could never have imagined, both because of its abundance and because of the fusion of traditions.

I mull about the fusion of traditions a lot. I like fusing traditions, and it is naturally something that we do as Unitarian Universalists, as we seek meaning using all the wisdom of many religious traditions. Some people are offended by this, and do not like the blurring of lines—"Happy Holidays" becomes a threat, because it some think it deemphasizes Christmas. "Merry Christmas" on the other hand, becomes offensive to some because that isn't the holiday that one celebrates. If we truly lived in a pluralistic culture, we wouldn't have to worry about saying either one. These are just words, and they are, when spoken with goodwill, as I believe they almost always are, about seeking connection with other human beings, and acknowledging something we share. We may not all share every holiday. On the other hand, we can all appreciate and acknowledge that there is meaning we can relate to (if we are willing to look) in them.

So—Happy HanuSolstiChristaKwanzaa to you. I'm Thankful for the chance to be alive and enjoy so many different traditions.



Sally Beth

What's Going On With Our Neighboring UURs—Hendersonville

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This year we will be adopting seven children from Upward Elementary School for the holiday season. The children need clothing, toiletries, and one toy each. Specific information (sizes, etc.) will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the December 1st and 8th services. Gifts must be received at UUFH by December 11, and can be dropped off at the office.

Please consider how you might help make this holiday season a delight for some local children!

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Food Pantry

Outreach ministries would appreciate the following items in December.

Jelly Syrup
Hand Soap Soup
Instant Potatoes

Bring them to our meeting December 8 or 22. We'll get them to Outreach Ministries.

Gretchen and Larry

Please send renewal requests, suggestions and/or comments to murch12@windstream.net or call 894-2011. Deadline for news items is the 25th of the month—*Your newsletter editor*

PSS: This is our newsletter. Articles of interest or new ideas are welcome.



Service and Board meeting dates for the next 2 months:

December 11--Bd. meeting after service

December 18--Solstice service and Potluck

January 8--Bd. meeting after service

January 22

The Answer is Yes!! We still collect canned goods and packaged foods for Thermal Belt Outreach and donations for Feed A Kid. Bring them the next time (or any time—or every time) you come to Fellowship meeting.

Thanks! Gretchen and Larry

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