



## Thermal Belt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship March 2018

Services at 10:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at  
835 N. Trade St., Tryon, NC  
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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 653, Tryon, NC 28782

### Upcoming Services

**March 4, 2018**

**“Five to Thrive”**

**Rev. Marc Mullinax**

Rev. Mullinax will speak on the history, major commitments and practices of the 1.8 billion Muslims (25% of the world’s population). He will attempt to equip non-Muslims to live with, talk with and form authentic community with Muslims both here and abroad, and bring about a larger love for and respect for this great world faith.

*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.*



**March 18, 2018**

**“Transcendence in the Natural World”**

**Rev. Jeff Jones**

As spring approaches, we are reminded of how much beauty and awe we experience through nature. And, AND, more than just natural beauty, we are moved beyond belief by our ideals, values, and experiences that speak to our better natures. Together, let's explore full-bodied transcendence in the natural world.



*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.***

***March volunteers:***

**March 4: Greeter: Gen Baydarian; Hospitality: Cathy & Nick Fischer**

**March 18: Greeter and hospitality volunteers needed**

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

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## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

**Board Update on Ministerial Search** from co-president Phil Nungesser: At our town hall meeting on January 21, the Board was encouraged to seek an arrangement with Rev. Ernie Mills where Rev. Mills would provide the following:

- Speak at Sunday services either three out of four, or five out of six Sundays.
- Provide leadership and attend Board meetings.
- Be a face for the Fellowship in the community.
- Provide pastoral care services.

I have met with Rev. Mills and we have agreed to a trial period that will run from April through the end of the church year in June. Ernie will speak on four of those six Sundays. Before the annual meeting at our last service in June, we will evaluate extending our agreement for the 2018-2019 church year. Both Ernie and I are optimistic that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be finalized.

As we go forward, please contact me or any Board member with your questions or comments.

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