



## Thermal Belt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship June 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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### Upcoming Services

June 3, 2018

**"Your Inner Jiminy Cricket and the 5th UU Principle"**

**The Rev. Ernie Mills**

In the Walt Disney production of Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket plays the part of the puppet's conscience: that still small voice in the back of our minds that guides us--or at least tries to--throughout our lives. The conscience "speaks" whenever we encounter situations that involve us in some type of moral choice. Hitler accused the Jewish people of inventing the conscience. This was his way of trying to silence it. It would be hard, if not impossible, to convince people to engage in a genocide if they had a conscience. But Hitler is not the only one who has tried to destroy the conscience. There are forces (and leaders) on our planet today who are doing the same, trying to silence the voice of conscience.

Maybe it would be a good thing if our noses grew longer every time we went against our conscience or told lies. But unfortunately it's not that way, it's worse, much worse.

We will explore the important role of "Jiminy Cricket" in our own lives and how it plays into our democratic process.

***IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE ON JUNE 3....TBUUF Annual Meeting to vote on by-law revisions, elect officers for 2018-19, and adopt the 2018-19 budget.***

**June 17, 2018**  
**(LOCATION: HARMON FIELD, TRYON)**

**"I believe in Music"**

**Rev. Ernie Mills**

We will take a break from our series on the UU Principles for this special, picnic day and reflect on the role of music in our lives. Through music and singing we will celebrate together this powerful tool and its ability to awaken our deepest emotions and charm the most "savage breast". I believe in music and my guess is that you do to. So come, join in and have fun.

*June 17: Annual picnic and potluck to celebrate the end of the church year*  
*LOCATION: Harmon Field, Tryon – 10:30 a.m.*

*The Fellowship will provide BBQ and beverages; please bring a dish to share*

*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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835 N. Trade St., Tryon*

*Coffee, light refreshments and fellowship follow our services.*

*June 3 volunteers: Greeter: Penny Kessler; Hospitality: Nan and Bob Covert*

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

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## From Minister Ernie Mills

### The Creative Human Spirit

Where did pianos come from? Where did words come from? Where did science come from? These things did not just fall out of heaven - and it's a good thing considering the weight of a piano. While the "many folk" believe that pianos, words and science are gifts of god or the gods I believe they were and are creations of the human spirit. Such gifts were not received but are the products of spontaneous creations of human beings like you and me.

Of course not all human creations are as wonderful as the piano. Humans have also created weapons of mass destruction. Joseph Campbell once said that every advance in culture has its dark side. We see this with plastics. Once hailed as a great human invention plastics are now inundating our planet. But nevertheless human creativity is the foundation of culture and our future depends on it. My hope is that the creative spirit will discover ways that will help us preserve our planet and prevent a nuclear holocaust. Dark times, like these, often become the seedbeds for radical creativity.

I believe in the human, creative spirit. And I believe that it can come from anywhere, including Polk county and TBUUF.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROGRAM CANCELLATION - Our friend Rev. Marc Mullinax' program on Buddhism which had been scheduled for Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. will not be held due to an illness in Marc's family.** We hope to reschedule at a future date.

**There will be an election for Board members at the Annual Meeting following the June 3 service.**

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

**TBUUF Reads:** Here are some books you may wish to take a look at. The first two suggestions are from Ernie Mills. Your suggestions are welcome as well.

Modern Man In Search of a Soul by Carl Jung. From Goodreads: "Considered by many to be one of the most important books in the field of psychology, *Modern Man in Search of a Soul* is a

comprehensive introduction to the thought of Carl Gustav Jung. In this book, Jung examines some of the most contested and crucial areas in the field of analytical psychology, including dream analysis, the primitive unconscious, and the relationship between psychology and religion. Additionally, Jung looks at the differences between his theories and those of Sigmund Freud, providing a valuable basis for anyone interested in the fundamentals of psychoanalysis.”

On Becoming a Person by Carl Rogers. From Goodreads: “The late Carl Rogers, founder of the humanistic psychology movement, revolutionized psychotherapy with his concept of "client-centered therapy." His influence has spanned decades, but that influence has become so much a part of mainstream psychology that the ingenious nature of his work has almost been forgotten.”

Martin & Malcolm & America by James H. Cone. Cone contrasts the ideological visions of these two leaders during the civil rights movement, including how each man saw the future of blacks in America -- "I have a dream" versus "I see a nightmare”.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Knocking on Heaven's Door: The Path to a Better Way of Death by Katy Butler

In this visionary memoir, based on a groundbreaking New York Times Magazine story, award-winning journalist Katy Butler ponders her parents’ desires for “Good Deaths” and the forces within medicine that prevent that from happening.

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

When a newborn baby dies after a routine hospital procedure, there is no doubt about who will be held responsible: the nurse who had been banned from looking after him by his father. A novel that brings forth the issue of race in a personal and easy to understand way.