
WEEKLY DIGEST

June 6, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, June 9

Sunday Worship Service will be June 9 at 10:30am. Service Led by Carl Middleton. To join via Zoom, please go to our website at www.uucwnc.org and click the link at the top-center of the page, or click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93934181063?pwd=SE5YUHREbnlVaHU3NWs2akh5ekErdz09>

Dial by your Location 1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 93934181063.

Quest, June 9

at 9:15 in Dobkin Hall

Gender Diversity: The Trans Experience with Guest Speaker Asher Persin

June is Gay Pride Month, and we are delighted to have Asher Persin join us to share their experience as the Program Specialist at the Mohin-Scholz LGBTQIA Resource Center at UNCW. Asher is a non-binary, queer, 25-year-old doctoral student and professional staff member at UNCW's LGBTQ+ Center. They have lived in Wilmington for two years with their girlfriend after coming to Wilmington from South Carolina for their job at the university. Their activism mainly surrounds LGBTQ issues but is not limited to this as they are a social justice advocate for all.

Please join us for this informative presentation and discussion. UUCWNC seeks to be a welcoming congregation so it is important that we understand subtle and not so subtle ways we can honor the diversity that exists in our community. The Mohin-Scholz LGBTQIA Resource Center at UNCW is our STP recipient for 6/2 and 6/9.

If you are not on the QUEST email list and would like the links to the video, article and questions please email quest@uucwnc.org.

Share The Plate, June 9

The **Mohin-Scholz LGBTQIA Resource Center** at UNCW provides a safe and inclusive environment for the LGBTQIA+ community while contributing to a culturally rich

campus. All members of the UNCW campus are welcome, regardless of gender identity or other factors. The general public can also access many of the resources available here.

Just a few of the more than 200 programs a year include Q*mmunity — a weekly discussion group of pertinent topics, the Queer Connections Directory — listing faculty and professional staff of similar identities and representation on campus, Safe Zone workshops — to help campus allies foster an atmosphere of support and safety. And then there are celebratory events such as LGBTQIA+ pool parties, the Second Chance Prom, and the Lavender Graduation. An openly queer counselor is available as well as the quiet refuge of a sometimes very much needed comfortable hang-out space.

The center's funding comes from the state, student fees and private donors. Much of this has restrictions so our gift will be used to create a clothing closet of hard to obtain supplies such as binders, bras and chest forms that can be prohibitively expensive for student budgets and rarely available in this area.

To learn more about the work of the Mohin-Scholz LGBTQIA+ Resource Center, come to the June 9th Quest when Asher Persin, their Program Specialist, will be our special guest speaker.

Annual Congregation Meeting, June 9th

The Board of Trustees will hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 9. The main agenda items for this meeting are to:

- Adopt the proposed 2024-2025 Budget
- Approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Mtg and the May 19, 2024 Mtg
- Elect new members to the Board of Trustees
- Elect new members to the Nominating Committee
- Elect new Treasurer

The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following the service (approximately 11:45 AM). Remote participation and voting will also be allowed using our Zoom link. Please try to attend in person if possible.

Annual Picnic, June 16

The UUCWNC Annual Picnic will be held at Long Leaf Park, Shelter #4 on Sunday, June 16 directly after the Sunday service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, burgers (meat and Beyond burgers), and drinks will be provided. We need volunteers to help us with set-up at 11:00am, serving and clean-up. Please email etbarley@gmail.com if you are available to help.

June Open House Cancelled

The June Open House is cancelled as we have no one to host. The next open house will be on July 14 at the home of Marlene and Tony Barney.

Helping Hands

Calling All Musicians!

The Worship Team will once again present its Annual Summer Music Service on August 18. Any musicians or singers who want to present a piece are welcomed to email us at worship@uucwnc.org with your music selection and the folks in your presentation.

And if you haven't yet, please sign up at musicteam@uucwnc.org to let the Music Team know what you're available to contribute to upcoming services and events.

Thank you so much for contributing to the life of this wonderful community!
Thea Hagepanos and Dan Wheat-Rivers,
co-chairs of the Worship Team

Social Justice

LEARN MORE:

LGBT Legislation & Advocacy Briefing with Artie Hartsell

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

As we begin Pride month, Join UU Justice NC for this in-depth presentation on the history and present moment of LGTBQ legislation in North Carolina. State LGBTQ rights advocate Artie Hartsell will also help us discern how our congregations can help advance LGBTQ rights and safety at a state and local level. [Register Here.](#)

SPEAK UP:

NEW Supporting Democracy & Voting Rights Action Opportunity - Email Your County Commissioners!!

This action is similar to the emails we sent in May to the State Board of Elections, but this time, we're emailing **County Commissioners** to **advocate for adequate funding** for elections. Will take you less than 10 minutes. **Deadline is June 17!**

Here are **5 easy steps**:

Step 1: Address an email to one of these recipients depending on where you live:
New Hanover County: nhccommissioners@nhcgov.com
Brunswick County: boardclerk@brunswickcountync.gov

Step 2: Write **FY25 Budget** in the subject line.

Step 3: Type (or copy and paste) the message below. (Be sure to indicate the correct name of your county and include your name and address):

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a resident of _____ County and I am emailing you to request that you support sufficient funding to support accessible, safe, and fair elections. These funds are needed to adequately provide adequate early polling sites and hours; voter education; recruitment, training, and retention of poll workers; and functional voting equipment and technology. Please keep these needs in mind as you vote on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

[Your name and address]

Step 4: SEND!

Step 5: Report your action in our database: <https://tinyurl.com/UUSJM> and check Action #3 - *Advocating for pro-democracy policies and procedures.*

(If you have any difficulty reporting your action, contact Michael Sheridan at mjsheridan08@gmail.com)

SHOW UP:

Moms Demand Action - Wear Orange Walk

Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am – Greenfield Lake, Wilmington

Join the Wilmington Moms Demand Action group and their community partners for their “Wear Orange” event. This annual event offers the opportunity to honor survivors and lock arms with those who are working throughout our city to end gun violence. Meet at the shelter near the playground and they'll set out to walk 1/3 of Greenfield Lake at 11:30 am. This is a kid-friendly, stroller-friendly event. Feel free to make signs and deck out in orange, of course.

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!!!:

2024 Wilmington Juneteenth Events-June 12-16

5 Free Events!

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00-5:00 pm: Juneteenth Teach-In at Upperman African American Cultural Center, UNCW, [607 South College Road](#)

Thursday, June 13, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Juneteenth Urban Hike, Luncheon and Town Hall Meeting at MLK Center, 401 South 8th Street

Friday, June 14, 6:00-9:00 pm: Juneteenth Sorority and Fraternity Step Show at MLK Center, 401 South 8th Street

Saturday, June 15, 12:00-6:00 pm: Juneteenth Festival at Maides Park, [1101 Manly Avenue](#)

Sunday, June 16, 2:00-5:00 pm: Juneteenth Speak Ya Peace at Cameron Art Museum, 3201 South 17th Street

JOIN US:

UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry

Monday, June 10, 5:30-7:00 pm

The next meeting of the Social Justice Ministry of the UUCWNC will be **in person** in **Dobkin Hall**. For more information about our Social Justice Ministry or any of these announcements and events, contact Michael S. at mjsheridan08@gmail.com.

UU Justice NC's Friday Action Hour

Friday June 7, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other UUs around the state. This week, we'll be joined by Heba Atwa, Legislative Advocacy & Campaigns Manager with the NC Budget & Tax Center. She will equip us with the tools to analyze and advocate around budgets. Join using this **Zoom Link**:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87452791684>

STAY INFORMED:

If you are interested in showing up for justice in New Hanover County and around the state, sign up for our **UU Action Alert**. The Action Alert emails will notify you about late-breaking rallies, marches, demonstrations that miss the deadline of the weekly UU Digest. Contact Peter Rawitsch at rawitschp@mac.com to be added to this important email list.

In the Community

Jazz Performance, June 8

Gin Fizz, a jazz group Andrew Hirst plays in, will hold one of their last shows (the Farewell Tour) this Saturday, June 8 at Waterline Brewing Company from 7 to 9 PM.

Much Ado About Nothing at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater

A reminder that UUCWNC's own Jerry Winsett is starring as Constable Dogberry in Cape Fear Shakespeare's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater this month!

The grounds open at 6:30pm, so if you'd like to come early to have a picnic or just enjoy being outside come early. (Don't forget the bug spray!) Admission is FREE! Showtime is 8:00pm

Remaining Dates in June:

this Sat. 8 and Sun. 9

Fri. 14, Sat. 15, Sun. 16

Fri. 21, Sat. 22, Sun. 23
Wed. 26, Fri.28.

Considered one of the Bard's best, the play is filled with Lovers, Comedians (that's Jerry, of course), Villains and Heroes!!

Cape Fear Shakespeare has been bringing the works of Shakespeare, for free, to Wilmington audiences for over 30 years! Please come and enjoy outdoor theater in Wilmington at its best!

Family Promise, July 14 & 15

Our congregation is due to provide and serve dinners to families in the emergency shelter of Family Promise of Lower Cape Fear on Sunday, July 14 and Monday, July 15. If you have done this previously and are already on the email list, you will hear soon about scheduling. HOWEVER, if you have not yet tried this volunteer outreach job and would like to give it a whirl (and you think you are available on either of these dates), let us know and we will tell you more. We normally schedule at least 3 volunteers for each evening on a Sunday and a Monday; and we learn the details of the families currently in the shelter about two weeks in advance. Time commitment is from 5:30-7:00 plus your food prep time, and you do not have to be a good cook!!! Tina Schenk can be reached at familypromise@uucwnc.org, or in person at the church.

On the Calendar

6/6/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	11:30 AM	ROMEO Lunch (O)	Off Campus
6/7/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
6/9/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
	11:30 AM	All Congregation Annual Meeting (S & Z2)	Sanctuary, Zoom 2
6/10/2024	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
	5:30 PM	Social Justice Ministry (D)	Dobkin Hall
6/11/2024	1:00 PM	MET (D)	Dobkin Hall
	1:00 PM	Quilting Group (C1)	Classroom 1
	5:00 PM	BOT Executive Meeting (Z)	Zoom 1

6/12/2024	5:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting (C1, Z1)	Zoom 1, Classroom 1
	6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)	Sanctuary
6/13/2024	10:00 AM	Rehearsal (S)	Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Movement Class (D)	Dobkin Hall
6/14/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
6/16/2024	9:15 AM	Quest (D)	Dobkin Hall
	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
	12:00 PM	Annual Picnic (Long Leaf Park)	Long Leaf Park



To get your event on the calendar, send an email to office@uucwnc.org with the name of the event, day & time, and the room requested. If you require a Zoom meeting, please include that in your request.



To submit an item to the UU Digest please email it to: uudigest@uucwnc.org.
(Submissions must be received by Wednesday at 5:00pm.)

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