
WEEKLY DIGEST

July 11, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Wilmington

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In the Church

Sunday Worship, July 14

Sunday Worship Service will be July 14 at 10:30am. Service led by Rev. Kelley Wheat-Rivers, *Meditation*: experience guided, visual, and silent meditations, with a focus on how meditation can encourage our spiritual growth.

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.

Share The Plate, July 14

This week's Share the Plate recipient is LINC: Leading Into New Communities. Their mission is to educate and motivate youth to make positive life choices and to empower men and women returning from incarceration to be productive members of our community.

In Wilmington, LINC programs include:

- LITE: LINC Initiative To Educate, which supports African American males ages 12-24 to reduce barriers in education and employment.
- Local Reentry Council in which case managers provide all levels of support to people returning from prison.
- M. E. Roberts Residential Living Campus that provides educational, health, and rehabilitation services to individuals recently released from the correctional system.
- LINC Urban farm, which provides rewarding work activities as well as produce to residents, and
- Pathway Home 2, a partnership with the Cape Fear Community College to connect individuals returning from incarceration to job training and employment.

In 2023, LINC served 829 adults and 252 children, for a total of 1081 lives. Our generous donation will:

- support LINC programs
- purchase personal, residential, and urban farm items, and
- purchase a brick paver with our name and kind words for the “walkway of inspiration” at the residential campus

For more information, visit <https://lincnc.org/>

Thanks to your generosity, we recently donated \$690.00 to the Mohin-Scholz LGBTQIA Resource Center at UNCW.

McLaughlin Baby Shower, July 14

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for little Sophie Bella this Sunday, July 14th, 1-3pm in Dobkin Hall! She is fighting hard in the NICU, and Mercedes and Nicole are ready to celebrate. They have updated the registry to reflect the needs for having a preemie baby: <https://my.babylist.com/mercedes-mclaughlin-registry>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Open House, July 14

When: Sunday, July 14, 4-7pm

Where: 8505 Lakeview Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412

Hosts: Marlene & Tony Barney

Contact: 910.398.8662 (h) or 703.304.7623 (c)

Directions from UUCWNC:

- Turn LEFT toward College Road.
- Turn RIGHT on College Rd/Hwy 132, continue 4.6 miles.
- Continue straight onto Carolina Beach Rd/US 421 S. for another 4.6 miles
- Pass the red & white striped lighthouse and the Cape Fear Baptist Church on the right
- Turn RIGHT onto The Cape Blvd, (sign says Masonboro Country Club at The Cape) & continue for 0.8 miles on The Cape Blvd.

- At the next roundabout (Scanlon Dr.) take the 2nd exit onto Sedgley Dr. (3/4 around), continue for 0.7 miles.
- Turn RIGHT onto Lakeview Dr. at the 1st stop sign.
- 8508 Lakeview is on your LEFT

NOTE DO NOT take Sanders or River Road!

Those entrances are gated and require a key card.

ACCESSIBILITY AND PARKING: There are 7 stairs from the driveway to the front door. You can park in the driveway or along the street, opposite the house & along the common area just past the golf path. PLEASE keep your tires off the neighbors' grass!

The UUCWNC Gallery Wall Presents...

The UUCW gallery wall is pleased to present Kat Fairbank's art this summer. A member of the UUCW music team, Kat is a drummer and visual artist specializing in pet portraiture. Kat has taught young children with special needs, ran a children's art program and a pet sitting business, and drummed in several country and rock bands. She currently teaches art at Wine and Design, is a children's library assistant, and plays percussion with various groups. 30% of all proceeds will benefit UUCW. Direct sales inquiries to the office or to Kat directly (kmfairbank@gmail.com)

JUULIETs, July 26

BACK TO LOVEY'S TO BEAT THE HEAT!

The JUULIETs (Just Unitarian Universalist Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet for lunch on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 1:00pm, at Lovey's Natural Food and Cafe. Join us for lunch or just come to chat. We'd love to see you and enjoy your company. All women are welcome, JUULIETs is always open to new participants. One of the main purposes of the JUULIETs is to provide a ready-made social circle for women new to the congregation. This is an LGBTQ safe space event. We eat, we laugh, and we leave knowing each other a little bit better.

Lovey's is located at [1319 Military Cutoff Rd., Wilmington, NC 28405](#). The restaurant offers a variety of soups, hot foods made to order, and a well-stocked

salad bar. The ingredients of each offering are listed on a card which also says whether the dish contains meat, is gluten free, vegetarian and/or vegan. There's something for everyone!

Call or text Stacy Kitt with any questions: (518) 495-7436.

The next JUULIETs meeting will be on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Helping Hands

It's a Party! July 24 & 25

A furniture moving party, that is. (Did I have you fooled?) We are getting the carpets cleaned before Rev. Alyssa begins on August 1st and need some help moving things- both big & small- at **10am on Wednesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 25**. Don't freak out and plan a last-minute overseas trip so you can say you are busy just yet! We are not moving desks or filing cabinets or bookshelves. We need to move tables & chairs from classrooms to Dobkin Hall, get small stuff like paper shredders off the office floor, and tiny chairs & toys out of the nursery on July 24, let the carpets dry that evening, then put things back on July 25. If you can help, please send a message to holly@uucwnc.org and let us know which day(s). THANK YOU!!

Social Justice

SHOW UP:

YWCA "Youth for Justice: Books and Ballots"

Thursday, July 18, 5:30-7:30 pm, 2815 S. College Road

This event will have free food and free books *and* the NHC Board of Elections will be on-site, providing voter ID photos and voter registration services. There will be plenty of activities for kids while adults take care of these important steps. **Spread the Word!**

2 Upcoming Voter Registration Opportunities with "You Can Vote":

July 13, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Riverfront Farmer's Market, 110 Dock St., Wilmington

July 28, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, Eagle’s Dare Rock and Roll Flea Market, 420 N. 3rd Street, Wilmington

If you’ve been trained within the past 12 months, you can sign up for one of the 2-hour shifts on the YCV website under events: <https://youcanvote.org>. If you missed our YCV training at UUCWNC on June 17, you can still sign up for one of their virtual trainings here: <https://www.youcanvote.org/training>. **Remember to report** both your involvement in the training *and* registering voters on our Action Report Form at <https://tinyurl.com/UUSJM!!>

Waccamaw Siouan’s 4th Annual STEM Day

Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm; Lake Waccamaw State Park, 1866 State Park Drive, Lake Waccamaw (Columbus County)

Volunteers are needed for the Waccamaw Siouan’s 4th Annual STEM Day at Lake Waccamaw State Park. They are expecting 130 Tribal Youth from across North Carolina to attend. All workshops will be outdoors, with access to Lake Waccamaw and beautiful areas of shade trees. For more information, contact Peter Rawitsch at rawitschp@mac.com. To register to volunteer for a two-hour shift, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AA4A72DABFECE9-2023#/>

The Long March for Unity & Justice – Across the State

Sept. 20th to 29th

The Beloved Community Center is organizing the “Long March for Unity & Justice.” It will take place over 10 days with 12 stops across North Carolina, beginning in Asheville on September 20, 2024, and **culminating in Wilmington on Sunday, September 29th**. If you are interested in volunteering on September 29th, contact Peter Rawitsch at rawitschp@mac.com. You can learn more at: <https://belovedcommunitycenter.org/news/the-long-march/>

JOIN US:

UUCWNC Social Justice Ministry Retreat (Please note different time & location!)

Saturday, August 10, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Breakfast at 8:30 am)

613 Pine Valley Drive, Wilmington

SJM will be holding a special **Saturday retreat** to focus on our goals for next year! (We will not be meeting on our usual 2nd Monday this month.) Please email Kami O’Keeffe if you plan to attend as she is preparing breakfast for us: kamiokeeffe@gmail.com

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 July 12, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson and other UUs around the state! This week, we will conclude our **Two-Part Series on The Politics of Polarization**, brought to us by The Carter Center and the North Carolina Center for Fair, Safe, and Secure Elections. We will watch a presentation by Nathan Stock who will discuss what we can do to navigate the ever-increasing polarization of American society. If you missed Part 1 of the series, [you can view it here](#). Review this week's Actions on our [Google Doc](#). 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.

On the Calendar

7/11/2024	11:00 AM	(D) Movement Class	Dobkin Hall
	2:00 PM	Poetry Group (C2, Z2)	Classroom 2, Zoom 2
7/12/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
7/14/2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms
	1:00 PM	McLaughlin baby shower (D)	Dobkin Hall
	4:00 PM	Open House	TBA
7/15/2024	11:00 AM	(D) Movement Class	Dobkin Hall
	7:00 PM	UU Book Discussion Group (S)	Sanctuary
7/16/2024	12:30 PM	MET (C2)	Classroom 2
7/18/2024	11:00 AM	(D) Movement Class	Dobkin Hall
	11:30 AM	ROMEO Lunch (O)	Off Campus
	4:00 PM	BOT Exec. Meeting (Z)	Zoom 1

7/19/2024	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (D)	Dobkin Hall
7/21/2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship (S&Z)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 AM	Youth Religious Ed	Classrooms



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.)
For more information: <https://www.uucwnc.org/newsletter-faq/>



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