

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Unitarian Universalist

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

OUR COVENANT: In order to create the beloved community we all desire for ourselves, we, the Congregation of TJMC Unitarian Universalist covenant to:

- *Communicate with compassion and respect, especially when we disagree*
- *Celebrate diversity and nurture our inclusivity,*
- *Embrace one another spiritually and emotionally,*
- *Promote social justice within our congregation and the larger community,*
- *Generously support the ministries of the church with time, money and enthusiasm, and*
- *When we have fallen short, lovingly call each other back into covenant.*

GETTING STARTED AT TJMC-UU

- 1. Make Contact.** Visit the Greeters in the foyer before our services, and visit our Connections Table in the Social Hall after the services. Let us help you meet someone else.
- 2. Try us out.** Come to several Sunday services and stay for refreshments in the Social Hall; attend a smaller-group event; have a conversation with our minister. Get to know someone!
- 3. Come to an Orientation.** Next Newcomers Orientation is January 31. Sign-up at the Connections Table or contact Jean Newland at jeanneuland45@gmail.com.
- 4. Join us, become a member!** If you have been visiting for a while and feel you have found a church home, stop by the Connections Table in the Social Hall after the service or contact one of our Ministers.

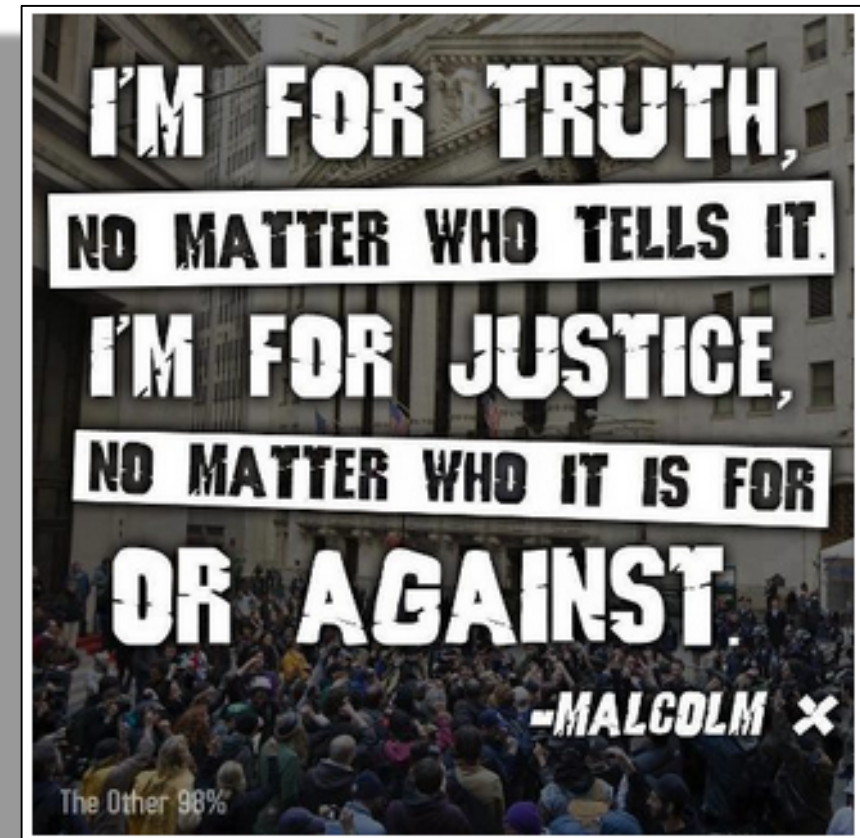
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Resisting Injustice

January 17, 2016

9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Our question this month: *What does it mean to be a people of resistance?*

GATHERING IN FAITH ...

SOUNDING THE CHIME

WORDS OF WELCOME

Whoever you, Whomever you love,
However you express your identity;
Whatever your situation in life,
Whatever your experience of the holy,
Your presence here is a gift.
Whether you are filled with sadness,
Overflowing with joy,
Needing to be alone with yourself,
Or eager to engage with others,
You have a place here.
All are welcome here.

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

It's in our blood, our DNA,
This urge to do what's right.
It's not always easy,
and it's not always clear,
which is why we have this light.

PRELUDE

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN: #1022, Open the Window
TJMC Choir & Congregation

FINDING THE CENTER ...

PRAYER – SPOKEN, SILENT AND EMBODIED

Feel free to remain in silence during this time or, if you wish, come to the front to light Candles of Hope & Remembrance and/or write in the Sands of Forgiveness & Atonement. This can also be a time to text, tweet, or IM someone if that enhances your experience of this sacred time and space. (#uusunday and #tjmcuu)

MEDITATION HYMN: #1002, Comfort Me

REFLECTION:

RevWik

LIFTING OUR GAZE UPWARD AND OUTWARD ...

OFFERTORY AND EXTENDING OUR COMMUNITY

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Social Action Collection: AATF

We accept these gifts with gratitude.

May we use them wisely and for the highest good.

GOING FORTH IN FAITH ...

HYMN OF GOING FORTH #1028, Fire of Commitment

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *and* PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

9:15 AM Ushers:

11:15 AM Ushers: Gloria Morgan and Gayle Floyd

Altar decorations provided by Patty Wallens

Thanks to Scott DeVeaux, Christine Gresser, Wik Wikstrom,
the TJMC Choir, and each and every person here
for facilitating this morning's worship.

Our Mission:

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church – Unitarian Universalist
is a church of the liberal tradition rooted in the heritage of Unitarian
Universalism

and dedicated to the belief that in every individual there are extraordinary possibilities. • WE ARE committed to the individual and collective pursuit of spiritual growth, social justice, and life-long religious education and understanding. • WE FOSTER an open and free community in which we share our gifts, care for one another, and honor our differences. • WE SEEK to have a lasting influence on local, national and global programs that promote equity and end oppression.

During the Lower Hall Renovation: Please plan on longer lead times when requesting space reservations and to be flexible with your space requests. Chris Rivera, Director of Admin & Finance, handles space reservations and asks for you to *please use the meeting/event request form on uucharlottesville.org accessed under Quick Links-calendar.* Thank you!

Board Meetings: Board meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, in the Social Hall. Meeting materials are available on the TJMC website (uucharlottesville.org).

If you are going through an illness, loss, or transition, and want the ministry staff to know, please tell us! Our church is a large vibrant community, and we need your help to alert us when you might need support including meals or a pastoral visit. You may contact Revwik at revwik@uucharlottesville.org, 293-8179 ext. 1#, [Alex McGee](mailto:AlexMcGee@uucharlottesville.org) at ma@uucharlottesville.org, 293-8179 ext. 2#, or Leia Durland-Jones at leia@uucharlottesville.org, 293-8179, ext. 3#.

Do you receive the weekly TJMC Lifespan Faith Development e-newsletter with up to date information weekly about our children, youth and adult religious education/faith development offerings? If not, would you like to? Contact Leia (leia@uucharlottesville.org) to subscribe.

We Really Need Your Help! Several of our children's religious education classes need additional adults to join the teaching teams for the winter/spring semester which begins this month. All teaching materials as well as wonderful support provided! Come help us grow the next generation of UUs. And, as an additional benefit, you can get to know other adults in church while also spending quality time with our church's children! For more information or to learn how you can help, contact Leia at leia@uucharlottesville.org or 293-8179.


2016 Attraction Coupon Books for sale in the social hall this morning. All proceeds benefit our high school youth service trip to Appalachia this summer. You will recover your initial cost almost immediately with coupons to Black Friar's Playhouse in Staunton and loads of area restaurants including: Milan, The Shebeen, Sticks, Hot Cakes and more!

Donations are now being accepted for Bingo prizes for our upcoming PJs, Pancakes and Bingo event! Did Santa bring you something new and now you are ready to pass along the old? Are you cleaning out as you welcome the New Year? We would love to turn your "trash" into "treasure" as prizes for our Bingo night. Contributions may be left in the boxes in the Edgewood Lane hallway or brought to the RE Office in the main building office suite. Questions? Speak with Leia (leia@uucharlottesville.org) or Caroline (reassitant@uucharlottesville.org) or 293-8179.



This Sunday January 17, 2015

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Today

Religious Education (RE) classes for children and youth (infant through 12th grade) are offered during both services. Visitors are welcome. See the RE table in the social hall, speak with an RE greeter at the Edgewood Lane doorway or contact Leia Durland-Jones (Leia@uucharlottesville.org; 293-8179 ext. 3#) for more info!

The Young Adults – The group is generally people aged 18-35 who share in social gatherings and programing to support spiritual practice and social justice values. Most Sundays after the second service we share lunch outside on the labyrinth or in Summit 1 or 3, depending on weather. If you have questions about the Young Adult program, contact [Rev. Alex McGee](mailto:Rev.AlexMcGee@uucharlottesville.org), ma@uucharlottesville.org.

Today's Social Action Collection is for the African American Teaching Fellows (AATF). The AATF mission is to recruit, support, develop, and retain a cadre of highly qualified African American teachers to work in the Charlottesville and Albemarle public schools. Increasing the diversity of the teacher workforce is an important goal for both local school districts. There are currently fifteen "alumni" Fellows teaching locally and nine

teaching elsewhere in Virginia. Six Fellows were hired as new teachers for this 2015-16 school year. Six more currently preparing to teach will be seeking jobs in the summer of 2016 and 2017. The proceeds of the Social Action Collection go to provide financial support for Fellows preparing to teach locally, helping to pay for tuition, books and fees. In addition to financial support, AATF provides Fellows with mentors, introduces them to the Charlottesville-Albemarle community, develops strong cohort networks, and organizes professional development support in the form of an annual summer Teacher Leader Institute and regular workshops during the school year. AATF spends on average \$10,000 a year on each Fellow it supports. TJMC has been a strong supporter of AATF ever since it was founded ten years ago. Your contribution will support Fellows preparing to teach in our local schools in the coming year.

Registration continues today for TJMC UU's seventh annual Women's Dream Quest held Friday evening February 26 & Saturday February 27, 2016. Stop by the table in the social hall after the service today to learn more. Space is limited—early registration encouraged! Contact Leia at leia@uucharlottesville.org or 293-8179 for more information.

Today - Sundown Celebration – Resistance at 5pm. Using the music of John Lennon, Bob Dylan, the UU-friendly trio Brother Sun and others, we'll explore the topic of Resistance. Join us for a different worship option in the sanctuary that includes guitar-centered folk-rock music, as well as a time of greeting, a time for silence, and a time for words. All ages are welcome. There will be food and fellowship after the Celebration. Contact Mike Ludwick at sundowncelebration@uucharlottesville.org for more information or to be a part of helping to organize the Celebration.

This Week

Wednesday Worship, 11:45-12:30 PM, outdoor labyrinth and sanctuary, led by Leia Durland-Jones. This service is an opportunity for contemplation with a variety of materials and readings available. You are invited to walk the labyrinth and/or spend time in the sanctuary reading, writing, praying, lighting candles or writing in the sands of atonement and forgiveness. All are welcome. For more information, speak with Leia (Leia@uucharlottesville.org) or 293-8179 ext. 3# or Cindy Mick or Maggie Ober.

Wednesday Wonderings, from 12:15-1:15 PM, Summit 1. Join us for thoughtful readings and discussions in an open-minded and open-hearted atmosphere. We plan to read some sermons from Tony Perrino's book "Holyquest" as well as passages from the UU World magazine and other sources. Take a mid-week break to feed your mind and spirit.

January 23 – Work Party to make minor repairs, and to clean and paint in both of our church buildings. Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 9:30 am-3:30 pm, lunch provided. Come for an hour or the entire day. Bring your own tools and cleaning materials or use ours. No skills necessary--but let us

know if you have them! Kids 6 and up welcomed as workers too. It is YOUR church and we need YOUR help to make the buildings safer and cleaner.

Save the Date

PACEM Shelter for Women: January 30-February 5. Please sign up for our communal effort to host our guests from PACEM overnight for a week. Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall after each service this month. Jobs range from providing food, to hosting dinner in the Social Hall, to spending the night, to setting up or cleaning Summit House on Saturdays. We try to assure that jobs are divided so everyone can participate in this effort. Questions: Elizabeth Breeden, brs@cstone.net

Winter 2016 Newcomer Orientation - Jan 31, Sunday from 1 PM to 2:30PM in Summit House: Please join RevWik and the Membership Committee for our Winter Newcomer Session after the second service in Summit House. This is an opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and about our church. There will be a light lunch and lots of conversation. Sign-up at our Connections Table next to the Bookstore in the Social Hall. For further information, please contact Jean Newland at jeannewland45@gmail.com.

Join us for PJs, Pancakes and Bingo! Do not miss this super fun event for all ages on Friday, February 19, at 5 PM in the Social Hall. **Note: this is a date change.** The Children's RE Committee sponsors this annual all church pancake dinner where wearing PJs is optional and having fun is not! After a delicious dinner of pancakes, sausage and other treats, we will play Bingo with our fabulous Bingo machine. Bingo begins at 6:30 PM and Bingo cards are \$2 each or three for \$5. Questions or want to help? Contact Juliane Milburn (jmilburn@pvcc.edu)

Save the Date: Circle Potlucks Are Coming! Mark your calendars to host and/or attend a brunch, lunch or dinner on the weekend of March 4-6. These will be dinner on Friday, March 4th, and brunch, lunch or dinner on Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th. For more information, email Natalie Somer: somer.nt@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar: April 9 Workshop for Planning for End of Life. Come receive support as you reflect on how you can live your values in your final days. Learn about how to put that on paper now and communicate it to your doctor and loved ones. Open to anyone

in the local community, so please invite others from outside our church. For more information or to volunteer, contact Alex McGee or Shirley Paul.

FYI

Would you like to provide the altar decorations on Sunday to mark a special occasion or to honor someone or just to help create beauty in our sanctuary? Contact Leia Durland-Jones (leia@uucharlottesville.org) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Are you looking for a way to serve in the church community but your schedule is unpredictable? Please volunteer for CareNet. You will receive emails letting you know when we need food for someone who is going through an illness or emergency. Then you can sign up to help for that occasion. Sign up by writing: carenet@uucharlottesville.org. (Submitted by Rev. Alex McGee)