

This Week's Service



Sunday, March 19th at 10:30 am
In-Person & streamed live from the sanctuary via Zoom



Please join Worship Associate and Musician Nancy Byrne for "Celebrate the Energy of Spring". We enjoyed greeting the New Year with Slyboots drummers and have invited them back to commemorate the rebirth of the sun, the flowers, animals, and new growth. At this important moment in time, the Earth turns toward the sun. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a fire outdoors again.



To join us online this Sunday, [FOLLOW THIS LINK](#).
Meeting ID: 838 0045 3066
Passcode: 097426

To join by phone (audio only): 1 301 715 8592



Share the Plate: This month, a portion of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to **Friends of the Reserve: Kitty Hawk Woods**, "Providing science-based environmental stewardship for the health and prosperity of ALL North Carolinians."

Reminders



NEW Monthly Family Service at the UU

Starting Sunday, April 2, 2023 – with Rev. Roger in-person at the Meetinghouse.

UUCOB will hold a Family Service on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of every month.

All members, friends, and guests are welcome to attend this shortened family-centered service. Invite family and friends...[more info](#).



Monthly Group Meetings: For information on monthly Covenant Groups, please visit our website: <https://uucob.org/> and go to *Small Group Ministries* on the menu.

Please see our [Calendar](#) for all meetings and events.

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From the Desk of Rev. Roger



In August 2002, I was called to the Unitarian Church in Davenport, Iowa, where I served seven years. My first ministry.

I waited to be installed as their 17th minister (founded in 1868) until March of 2003, at which time I was also ordained.

So this year, I celebrate my 20th anniversary of ordination.

I have dedicated the bulk of my professional life to this tradition. And I have spent all of my adult life (well, since the age of 21) as a Unitarian Universalist.

Every day I wake up grateful to be a minister in this tradition, even in the hardest times.

Why? Because the liberal way in religion is called to renew itself and to bear witness to its deepest values in every age, including ours. And I appreciate being a part of that call.

Church in the liberal tradition has to answer the call of its time. In our time, right this moment, two important areas define who we are called to be. First, we are called to stand up again and again for every person's inherent worth and dignity. That means that when LGBTQ2+ persons are attacked, we stand up. When BIPOC folks are under attack, we stand up. When drag queens (of all things) are under attack, we stand up.

Second, we are called to bear witness to the importance of democracy and stand against authoritarian impulses, which are rising in our country and the world.

Those two things are interconnected. The authoritarian comes to power by attacking marginalized groups and striking fear into society about the "other".

UUCOB stands also for democracy and the inherent worth and dignity of all.

We are just getting started.

Thank you for letting me be a part of UUCOB's ongoing story of liberation, freedom, and spirituality.

Onward and onward,

Rev. Roger

On the UUCOB Calendar



Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm
Community Conversations series at UUCOB
Sign up today!

The evening includes a 15 minute video followed by a discussion facilitated in-person by Rev. Roger
[Registration and information here.](#)



ACRYLIC PAINT POUR CLASS
Thursday, April 27th - 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$25

Our own Nellie Dixon, acrylic paint pourer extraordinaire, will teach different techniques to create unique flowing patterns. Each participant will go home with two exquisite pieces of art. All supplies will be provided, but you might want to bring your apron.

Registration and payment are due by April 17. [Sign up today.](#)