

**This Week's Service**



**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**  
**In-Person and on Zoom**

Join Worship Associates, Gwen Taylor and Nancy Byrne (also musician) for the "Winter Solstice Ritual". People have celebrated the winter solstice since the stone age - 10,200 years ago. The Earth is tilted away from the Sun, so it appears low on the horizon and the nights are very dark and very long. It became a time for hope and for fear, so community gathered to support each other, to light fires, to sing, pray, and beseech the sun to reappear. We will celebrate our own solstice ritual in the Meeting House and outdoors. Dress warmly for some time around the fire afterwards before the art opening!

To join via Zoom, follow this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945108473?pwd=bHBITGtPcmdSVnVzREkwQzRGbGZ6UT09>  
Meeting ID: 849 4510 8473  
Passcode: 370660  
Join by phone (audio only): +1 301 715 8592

And, after the service, please stay for:



**UUCOB Art Gallery Opening**  
**Wendy Jewett, Artist**

The show will feature the work of Wendy Jewett, an Eastern NC watercolorist. For more information, visit our website:  
<https://www.uucob.org/art-events/>

The show and reception will begin at 11:45 with a talk by the artist and reception following. Please invite friends and family members to join us, and bring refreshments if possible. For further info and additional viewing times contact Gwen Taylor at [gwen@tayloremail.com](mailto:gwen@tayloremail.com) or 804-307-9737.

Visit Wendy Jewett's Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/wendyjewettASPIRE>

**Rev. David's Quote of the Week**

I offer this from poet Joseph Brodsky (1940 - 1996):

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For a miracle, take one shepherd's sheepskin, throw  
in a pinch of now, a grain of long ago,  
and a handful of tomorrow. Add by eye  
a little chunk of space, a piece of sky,

and it will happen. For miracles, gravitating  
to earth, know just where people will be waiting,  
and eagerly will find the right address  
and tenant, even in a wilderness.

Or if you're leaving home, switch on a new  
four-pointed star, then, as you say adieu,  
to light a vacant world with steady blaze  
and follow you forever with its gaze.

What's a miracle, to you? For some, the simple reality that we exist at all is miracle enough; other's need something more supernatural to meet their inward criteria to justify that word. For me, a miracle is any moment, any event or circumstance, in which "There's no hope" becomes "There is hope." I think we're surrounded by them, and we often don't notice them until long after they've occurred. What about you? May the holiday season of miracles be alight with wonder for us all.

**Share the Plate for December**



**This month, a portion of all Sunday morning offerings will be donated to...**

*Ruthie's Community Kitchen* - serving free dinners every Tuesday evening (from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm) at Son Rise Church of Christ in KDH.

To donate: Visit our website: [www.uucob.org](http://www.uucob.org) and click on the DONATE button. *After you specify the amount, you will have the option to select "Sunday Morning Offering".*

**UUCOB News & Notes**



**December Meeting Summary**

Please read President of the Board, David Mohler's letter to the congregation, [HERE](#).



**Thanks to Laura Singletary**

The UUCOB Board of Trustees wants to express deep gratitude to Laura Singletary for her service as she steps down from her Board Secretary post. Laura has been a gift of energy and focus on the Board, bringing a needed perspective to our conversations and keeping an excellent record of our meetings and decisions. We're thankful for her time with us, and we all look forward to working with her on many things in the future. The time, energy, and commitment of our volunteer leadership is what keeps our congregation going, and Laura is a great example of that. Please take a moment to thank Laura for her service. Thank you, Laura!



**Join us on Christmas Eve**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

We are looking forward to sharing our service of candles, carols, and stories together this year at 5:30 PM on December 24th in the Meetinghouse. We will stream the service if possible so those who can't join us in person can also attend. Rev. David will be looking for readers and participants; please let him know if you'd like to take part!

**NOTE: There will be NO service on Sunday, December 26th.** We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a good Boxing Day! We'll meet again on Sunday, January 2nd to celebrate the turning of the year together.



**Thanks to Our Yuletide Spirits**

A special "Thank you" to everyone who brought greenery (or gathered it from the grounds) and stayed after our service for the annual Greening of the Sanctuary for the holiday season. It was lots of fun, and it's beautiful!. Don't miss a chance to see our beloved space in its seasonal finery, either this Sunday as we celebrate the Winter Solstice or on Christmas Eve!



**In Community News**



**Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 9 am to 11**

The NC Coastal Federation adopted a highway NC-345 in Wanchese and they would love some help removing trash and abandoned debris. We will work in small groups and maintain safe distances while conducting the cleanup. Sponsored by *Democratic Women of Dare* and *The NC Coastal Federation*. For details, [CLICK HERE](#).



**Community giving for the holidays**

Common Good includes equity, fairness and the opportunity for every person to be clothed, fed, healthy, safe and free to achieve their potential. The Common Good asks us to do this challenging work with compassion – to speak the truth, in love, to power.

Common Good lists information on seasonal giving in our community.

**From UU Justice NC**



**Take the Justice Issues Survey**

The UU Justice Ministry of NC's "Justice Action Teams" will "give life the shape of justice" by working on a broad range of important justice issues. Please complete UUJMN's [Justice Issue Survey](#) to let us know which justice issues are most important to you, your family, your congregation, your community, our state, and our nation.

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