

RELIGION

CALENDAR

Happening Now

Quarterly Assembly

The first-quarter meeting for the North Carolina Area of the Northwestern District Quarterly Assembly of the Holiness Church of God Inc. will convene Feb. 24 through March 1 at God's United House of Grace and Mercy in High Point, where the host pastor is Ruling Elder Carolyn Lazenby. The weeknight sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly and the Sunday service begins at 4 p.m. A Bible discussion and business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, starting at noon, at Bethlehem Holiness Church, Winston-Salem. All churches are to submit their reports before this business meeting.

The scheduled churches and speakers are as follows: Tuesday- Elder Calvin Smith of Miracle Temple Holiness Church (High Point); Wednesday-Overseer Roy Alston (Graham, NC); Thursday-Ruling Elder Wardlow Frasier of Mount Calvary Holiness Church, Friday- Bishop James Ijames of Mount Zion Holiness Church (Mocksville) and Sunday- Overseer Eugene Kirby of Bethlehem Holiness Church. On Sunday, March 1, the designated church choir will render the nightly music.

Presiding Overseer Eugene Kirby, Jr. invite all members of the NCANW District, friends and the public to come and worship.

Feb. 27

Job fair

Love Community Development Corp. will sponsor a job fair on Friday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Love Community site, 3980 N. Liberty St. Several employers have committed to be on hand for the job fair, such as Novant Health, Lowe's Home Improvement, Bradley Personnel, City of Winston-Salem, Goodwill and AAC Communication. Anyone who needs help in creating or updating a resume should go to the corporation's Job Link from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interested people should sign up at the front desk at the Love Community site.

March 1

Transcendentalism

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, 4055 Robinhood Road, will hear the Rev. Lisa Schwartz speak on "Walking on Our Own Feet: The Heritage of Transcendentalism" at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1. At the 9:15 a.m. Forum, Himanshu Gopalan and Smeet Souza-Roy will present a travelogue on their trip through northern India. The fellowship is at. Visitors are welcome. More information at www.uufws.org.

Beginning March 5

Anniversary

Ministry For Christ Church, 2341 N. Patterson, will be celebrating Bishop Andrea Nash's 47 years in the ministry and 27 years as pastor of Ministry For Christ Church. This celebration will be March 5-8. Speakers are: Wednesday Night at 7:30 p.m., Senior Pastor Essie McCullough of New Directional Cathedral; Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Jerry Wise of Macedonia Apostolic Church; Friday night at 6 p.m. at Lone Star Restaurant, 110 Creekshire Way off Hanes Mall Blvd., Senior Pastor Beverly Alexander of Open Door Community Church. Closing the celebration Sunday will be the Rev. Sam Cornelius with the Devine Connection Gospel group at 6 p.m. at Ministry For Christ Church.

March 6

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6 at Salem Towne, 1000 Salem Towne Dr. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Parking is limited, and it will be marked where you can park. The program is written by CWU's Bahamian sisters. The Bible study (John 13:1-17) "Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet," will be led by Chaplain Linda Browne. Membership dues are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for church groups and will be collected at this meeting. Also an offering during worship service will be taken. Lunch will be provided by Salem Towne after the service. Contact Jamezenna Sudler at 336-722-0542. All are welcome.

March 7

Grow your church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., and Mechanics and Farmers Bank will sponsor a "lunch and learn" series from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7. It is called "Grow Your Church" and is designed especially for faith-based and nonprofit organizations. Learn about best practices in compensation, sustainability and succession planning, the importance of financial statements, and how to use remote deposit capture to your benefit. The event is free and will be held at the church. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The workshop will be presented in partnership with Barry Leonard, CPA, MBA and attorney Wayne Patterson. RSVP by Friday, Feb. 27, with Wendy Morgan Butterfield Williamson at 336-722-0200, Ext. 22 or by email at wendy.morgan@mfonline.com.



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March 10

Community dialogue

On Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m., the Freedom Tree at IDR will convene a second community dialogue at the S.G. Atkins CDC, Enterprise Center, 1922 South MLK Drive, to explore faith community pathways to a just and flourishing Winston-Salem. Events in Ferguson, Missouri; Staten Island;

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Unitarians hold 'Conversation About Race'

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On Saturday, Feb. 21, the UUTH GRUUP of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem had its first UUTH FORUM, titled, "Lets Have a Conversation About Race."

The forum was designed to provide space for a candid conversation about race relations in the United States post-Ferguson, Miss.

The panelists included, Rev. Willard Bass, associate pastor of Green Street United Methodist Church; Principal Travis Taylor of Carver High School; Marcus Lane, president of Young Professionals of the Winston-Salem Urban League; and Steve Virgil, professor of law at Wake Forest University.

The panelists provided profound insight into the many, often subtle, ways racial inequality can be seen in the United States.

Panelists offered suggestions for ways that faith communities can better address issues of racial injustice.

Members of the audience shared personal narratives



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about their experiences with race-inequality as African-Americans.

"The forum has set the stage for authentic conversations addressing the issue of racial inequality," says Sherine Thomas, youth director at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and event organizer.

Ministry awards scholarship

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Khaliyah Ingram received a monetary scholarship from the Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministry recently at Red Bank Baptist Church for her essay "Why I Wanted To Attend College."

She is a freshman at North Carolina A&T State University, majoring in Criminal Justice. She says college is one of many dreams that she wants to accomplish and to be the

first to graduate in her immediate family.

Ingram said she refuses to be another statistic that says African-American women are not smart enough to attend college, and she wants to change the way the world looks at African American women.

The recent verdict in Ferguson, Miss. means she has plenty of work to keep her striving for her goals as a criminal justice major, Ingram said.



Deacon William Harris and Evalena Clybourne, president of the Forsyth County Deacon Union Ministry, with Khaliyah Ingram.

Behold the Lamb

Scripture: John 1: 29-34

By the end of this lesson, we should

- Understand that each believer must declare who Jesus is
- Recognize that Jesus is the Paschal Lamb
- Appreciate God's love for His entire creation



Background: The Gospel of John was penned by the apostle who was a part of Jesus' inner circle. John and his brother, James were the ones who asked to sit on the right and left sides of Jesus. Not a Synoptic Gospel, John focused on the Saviour's ministry in Judea (Judah) and the city of Jerusalem. This book didn't waste any time presenting Jesus as God incarnate (term not in Scripture). He was both human and divine at the same time. The Trinity, also not in Scripture, is used for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) as one entity.

Word about John the Baptist's ministry spread quickly, so crowds would gather to hear him. His testimony was simple and clear - Repent and prepare for the coming of the Lord! He was very clear about his role. The Jewish hierarchy decided to investigate. Read verses 19-28. Here again the Baptist identifies himself.

Lesson: As the Baptist is baptizing, he sees Jesus approaching and declares to the people, "Behold the Lamb." Jews know the significance of a lamb. Thousands of years before, their ancestors were saved because of that animal. Their sacrifices covered sin therefore; they had to be

repeated over and over. The Baptist's declaration indicated that this Lamb is different! This will be the final sacrifice for all people. Jesus is greater than the forerunner and was present in the beginning. As John speaks to the crowd, he acknowledges what happened earlier when he baptized Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22). Not only is Jesus baptized with water but His anointing is also with/by the Holy Spirit (the dove) permanently.

Life's Application: How do you feel when you see evidence of Jesus' presence? Are you in awe or do you hide? When faced with life's choices, what do you do? We attend worship, join ministries and pay our tithes. However the time will come when each believer must boldly declare who Jesus is. His sacrifice is the greatest gift of all times! He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. No one took His life; He gave it freely. The Lamb not only changed the status quo but He transformed believers from the inside out. If we recognize the Lamb our lives would be more positive than negative. We would be filled with love not hate. We would respect all people as part of God's creation. Behold the Lamb.

Author to share son's woes with schizophrenia

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Fuquay-Varina-based poet and author Sonia Usatch-Kuhn will talk about her chapbook, "Regarding My Son," on Thursday, March 5 at the Green Street United Methodist Church, 639 S. Green St. (A chapbook is a small booklet or pamphlet.) Her presentation, sponsored by the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County, will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The book, expressed through poetry, follows the story of her son's diagnosis with paranoid schizophrenia 35 years ago. The North Carolina Writer's Network calls the chapbook, "a journey in poetry about her son's diagnosis of schizophrenia through his recovery and college graduation in 2012. The poems deal with issues of her observations of the hospital wards, the pain, hopelessness, stigma, hope, fear, wonder, frustration, doubt, and the process toward recovery she and her son took hand-in-hand."

"I am excited to have Sonia Usatch-Kuhn come to Winston-Salem to share her experiences (with her son's permission), to talk openly, candidly and emotionally of what it is like to have someone you love dearly - your son, your daughter, your child - live with severe mental illness like schizophrenia," said Andy Hagler, executive director of the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County. "The more we talk openly, candidly about mental illness the better we come to understand that mental illness - such as schizophrenia - is a disorder of the brain and not the result of a character flaw, bad parenting or the like." According to the National Institute of Mental Health, schizophrenia is a chronic brain disorder that affects slightly over 1 percent of the American population.



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For more information about Sonia Usatch-Kuhn's March 5 talk, contact the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County at 336-768-3880.

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We ask that you send your items typed in a document format using a word processing or PDF computer program and not only a flier, which is hard to change into the document format.

We ask that photos be sent as an attachment and that they are jpegs at least 4 inches wide by 6 inches deep in order to process them more efficiently.

Please give us complete information about the event, such as the sponsor and address, date, time and place of the event and contact information so that the public can contact someone for more information, if needed.

Also, starting the week of March 15, the deadline to have all calendar items in to the newsroom will be 8 a.m. Monday instead of 5 p.m. to allow more efficient processing.

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