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Religious leaders: We must respond

Group unites to fight racial vandalism

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
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On Sunday, April 22, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem (UUFWS) dealt with an act of vandalism at its church. Their Black Lives Matter banner was stolen and the word "white" was spray painted in black across the front doors of the main entrance.

"Everytime a vandal destroys a sign, takes one down or tries to confront people in our parking lot we feel more galvanized about standing on the side of love," said UUFWS Pastor Lisa Schwartz at a press conference held at Emmanuel Baptist Church



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem was vandalized with spray paint and had their Black Lives Matter banner stolen. Lisa Schwartz is the pastor.

on Tuesday, April 24. "We consider it standing for the Black Lives Matter Movement and we feel the people that have committed

those acts have unwittingly lifted up the reason why we do it."

The press conference was after the Ministers'

Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) meeting to show unity among faith leaders in the community.

UUFWS has long been a champion for social justice and racial equality. They have had a Black Lives Matter banner for

several years. The banner has been stolen and vandalized multiple times, which has caused the church to purchase spare banners.

"It also proves to any doubters or nay sayers in our congregation that there is a good reason for us to stand firm, especially in that part of Winston-Salem to make that statement," she continued. The church is at 4055 Robinhood Road in the western part of Winston-Salem.

According to Schwartz, the perpetrators were caught on camera. She says it appears to be three young white males who committed the crime in question. She says she would love to catch the criminals and have them perform community service in an African-American community so they would have a better understanding

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Photo by Todd Luck

Candidates, campaign volunteers and lots of signs could be found in front of the Forsyth County Government Center as early voting began last week.

4 compete for 2 seats on county commission

BY TODD LUCK
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Two incumbents and two challengers faced off in a forum for two seats for District A of the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners at the Central Library last week.

The forum was for Democratic candidates for District A, which represents the city. Voters will be able to pick two winners in the primary. There is no Republican challenger, so whoever wins on May 8 will get a four-year term as a commissioner. The incumbents are Everette Witherspoon and Fleming El-Amin. The challengers are Tony Burton and Tonya McDaniel.

El-Amin was appointed to fill Walter Marshall's seat when he passed away last year. This is the first time the retired teacher and former Democratic Party chairman has run for office. He said naming the Department of Social Services building after Marshall was among his accomplishments.

"It took a leadership capacity to bring that about and I led that charge," said El-Amin.

Witherspoon has been a commissioner since 2010 and is the chief executive of Chris' Rehabilitative Services in Greensboro. He said he'd pushed for funding for education, school nurses and infant mortality reduction. He said that the infant mortality rate has greatly decreased under his tenure.

"All I have done is give our children the mechanisms

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Early voting happening now

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Early primary voting with same-day registration started last Thursday, April 19, at the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 N. Chestnut St. The Government Center is open weekdays

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8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for early voting through May 4. Satellite early voting locations will be open from April 30-May 4 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Southside, Lewisville and Rural Hall libraries and VFW Post 5352 in Kernersville. Saturday, May 5, will be the last day of early voting, with all five sites open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The primary election is May 8.

Democrats vie to be new sheriff in town

BY TODD LUCK
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Three Democrats vying to replace Sheriff Bill Schatzman were met with cheers and even a few jeers at a standing-room-only debate held at the Forsyth County Library last week.

Schatzman was first elected in 2002 and faces Ernie Leyba in his primary. Schatzman is touting

the county's 14 percent decrease in crime between 2004 to 2017 and his department's re-creditation in his campaign.

Democratic candidates Tim Wooten, Bobby

Kimbrough and Cliff Kilby told attendees they could do better.

"We've had too many problems with the Sheriff's Office; you're not getting your money's worth," said Wooten. "It's time for some changes, and that's why I'm running for sheriff"

Wooten has 40 years of law enforcement experience

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