



# NEWSLETTER

## I Know Our Souls Will Unfurl Their Wings

**Rev. Bob Renjilian – Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday**

Still working on your resolutions? Let's be happy for the possibilities of this moment and what might be. The sermon title takes a line from one of our hymns.

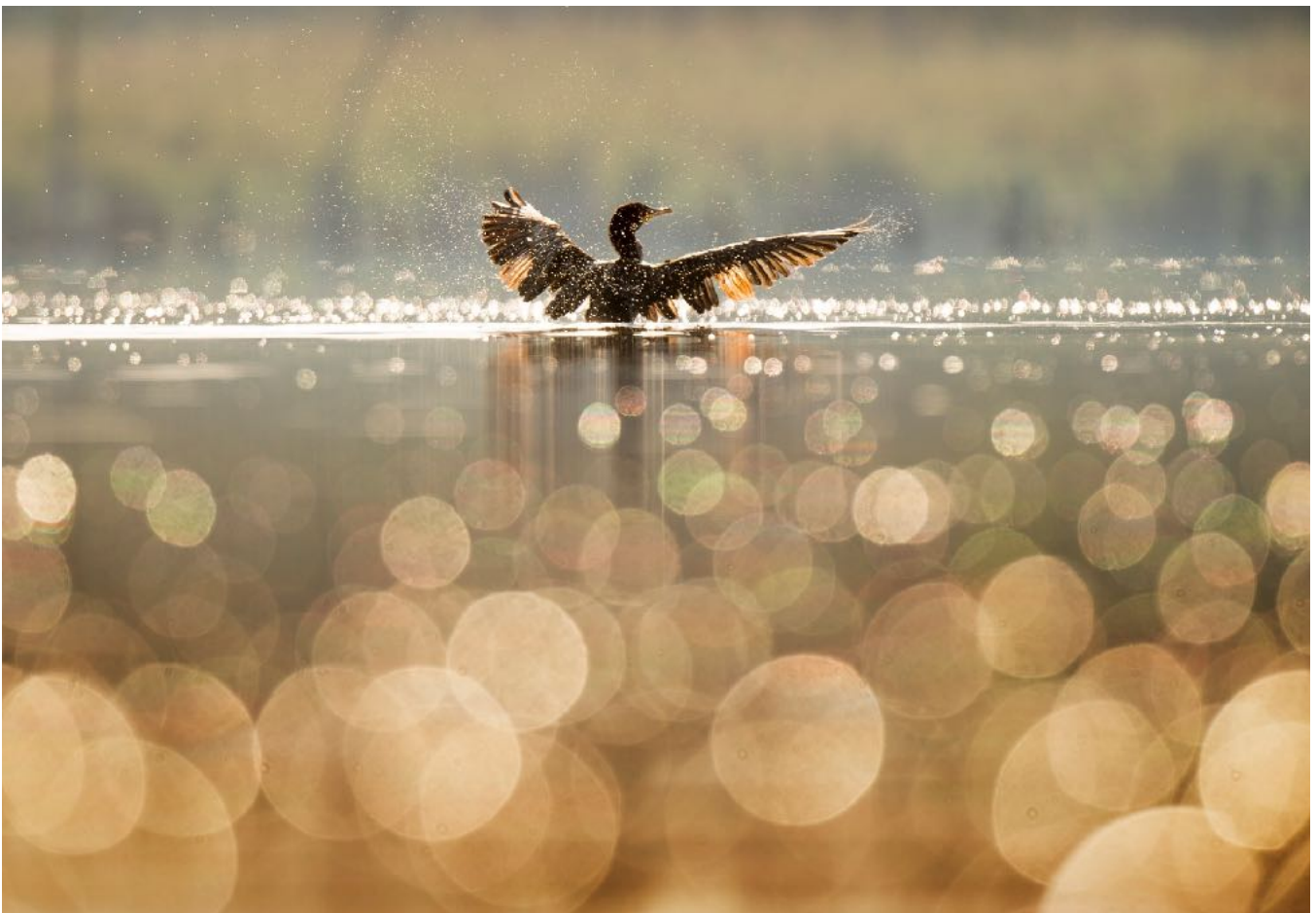


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*“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”*

*Albert Einstein*



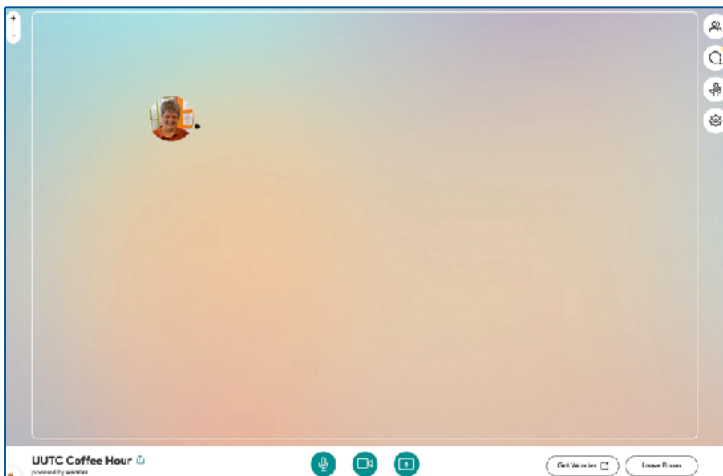
## Memorial Service: Saturday January 16th, 2:00pm

We will be broadcasting the memorial for Alison C. Marlett at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 16th. Click the link above to be taken to our new streaming page on our website. You may also tune in on Facebook. Despite paid licensing for music, pieces subject to copyright may be silenced during the Facebook broadcast, but this will not happen on our website.

If you wish to be able to say hello or comment, then Facebook is probably your best choice. The orange bar at the top of our website will always take you to the current livestream.

## Virtual Coffee Hour

[THIS LINK](#) will take you to a “room” called UUTC Coffee Hour. **No password. No questions.**



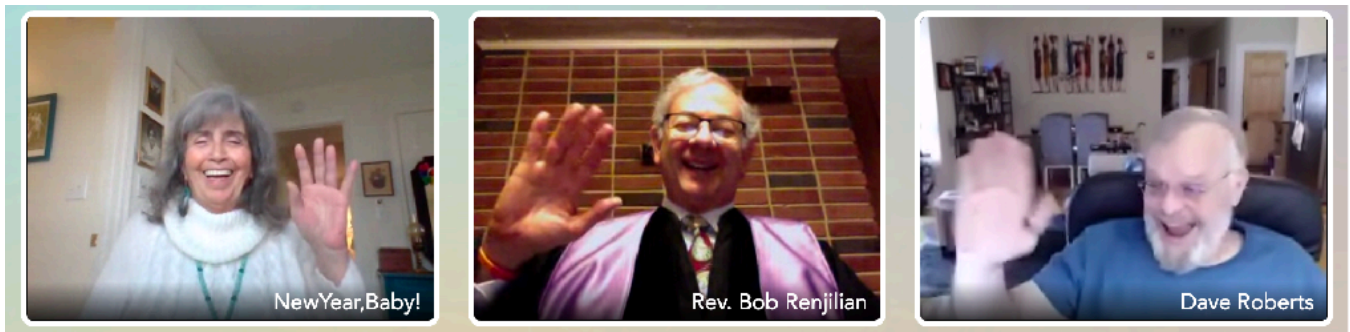
### Get yourself in here! 11:00am Sunday!

Wonder can be used on a smartphone, but you will wish you hadn't. Your best experience is going to be on a laptop or computer and **you will need to be using the Chrome browser.**

What makes Wonder wonderful is that once you are there, you can drag yourself around... when you get close to someone you want to talk to, or to a group you want to talk to, Wonder automatically pops you

into a private space with them. As Joanna Bliss said, “Poof!”

Once you are in, either Rev. Bob or RK will come check in with you. Come give it a try!



## QUICK TAKES

### Put Rev. Bob “in Your Phone”

As Transylvania County grows, not all phone numbers are “exactly” from Transylvania County. And most of them are “previously owned” numbers. To make sure you know when Rev. Bob is trying to reach you, please ADD HIM TO YOUR CONTACTS. Once upon a time, a woman named Ashley used to have his number, and that MIGHT be what you see when he calls. However, if you have added “[Rev. Bob Renjilian](#)” to your contacts with phone number [\(828\) 572-9412](tel:8285729412), you not only will know it’s him when he calls you — you can call him! If he doesn’t answer, please leave a voicemail — he will always return your call.

### Fellowship on the Green— On Hold

Due to the increase of Covid numbers in Transylvania County, it is time to pause our weekly gathering. With over 200 new cases in the last two weeks, we are definitely seeing a surge and need to adjust our level of cautiousness. We will reassess at the end of January. Stay well!

### Private Sharing Group on Facebook

Have you heard of our private Facebook group, Group for Members of UUTC? It is a private, interactive group that is different from Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County, which is a public page. If you have heard of our private group, or even been "invited" to it by a friend, you will be either "accepted" or "declined" by a staff member depending on your membership status with us.

This group was created for Members & Friends only. **If you are interested in becoming a Member or Friend but wonder HOW to do so during this time of Covid, please reach out to Rev. Bob at [revbob@uutc.org](mailto:revbob@uutc.org).**

### WhaleCoast Alaska 2021

Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2021** is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual tour program this summer, when it will be safe to travel again. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and awe-inspiring tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. WhaleCoast Alaska is an inspirational way to visit our beautiful state. Complete info at: [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org). This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won’t want to miss!

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## What Does Racial Justice Look Like in Brevard?



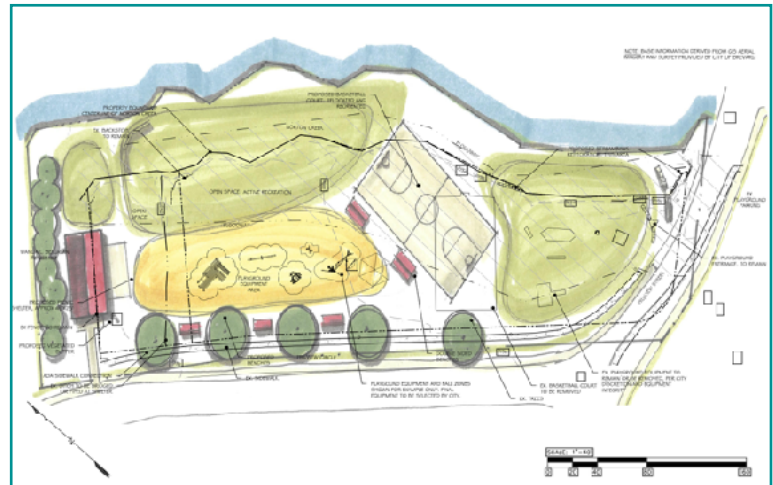
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If you subscribe to the Transylvania Times, you probably received an envelope last week encouraging you to Buy a Brick to support the Rosenwald Revitalization Plan. Hold that thought.

Rev. Bob and RK attended a meeting of the Mary C. Jenkins Task Force, held at the city Chambers, in which architectural drawings were receiving the final approvals, and the playground was discussed. Many donors have already come forward to help get this playground moving, and the City of Brevard is funding the construction of the new Mary C. Jenkins Community Center. This project will help to make the neighborhood of Rosenwald feel as welcoming and child-friendly as the neighborhoods surrounding Franklin Park and Silvermont.

The effort to renew Silverstein Park has been a long one, and you can read a lot more about it on the City's website [HERE](#). Five years ago, the students at Rise & Shine walked the new Tannery Park grounds and gave a lot of feedback to the city to use in its planning. The City, in preparing to renew the park, knew it had to replace the existing fixtures first. But what the kids really, really wanted was water. They wanted a [SplashPad](#).

The City of Brevard would much rather install a SplashPad than a pool. It is lower maintenance and lower risk. Families from the Rosenwald Community have contributed to the efforts, but without our help, it will be a long time before either of these projects will reach full functionality. The City is doing things right — including restoring the creek banks and re-routing access to both Silverstein Park and the Community Center to make traffic flow more safely and predictably.



So how CAN you help? If you don't subscribe to the Times, [consider doing so](#). Local news is important to making sure we hear all the voices in our community, including the voices of our non-white neighbors. Did you receive a stimulus check but don't need all of it? Help make sure these children have the **dignity** of play opportunities in a space safe for them to walk to from home by **buying a brick**. If you no longer have that form from the city, copies will be at UUTC on Monday in the vestibule.

Finally, if you are in the bracket that didn't receive a stimulus check because you are not in need, [consider a larger gift](#). We have many community projects that are deserving of our attention, but we are called to do Justice. Both our Second and Sixth Principles demand it. This project calls for our support.