



NEWSLETTER

Liberated by or Liberated from Our Story

Facebook or YouTube Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

Stories passed along about the character of our ancestors may build character, or keep us going in the midst of fear or change. Yet, sometimes our "story" is shaped by outdated narratives, or we may repeat "internal tapes" and criticisms that say we'll never succeed.



Photo by Gemma Evans on UnSplash

"If chained is where you have been, your arms will always bear marks of the shackles. What you have to lose is your story, your own slant. You'll look at the scars on your arms and see mere ugliness, or you'll take great care to look away from them and see nothing. Either way, you have no words for the story of where you came from."

— Barbara Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible*



Social Action – Vote Results!

Lisa McHenry

Your votes are in: the 9 organizations with the highest percentage of votes received will be our monthly Charitable Giving for the 2021-2022 Fiscal year.

86.76% Meals on Wheels helps clients maintain their independence in their own homes by providing noontime home delivery of nutritious meals, the only provider of this service in the area. Sometimes this is the only social contact a client has all day.

72.06% The Augustine Literacy Project provides professionally trained tutors for those who cannot afford to pay. Improving reading skills develops children’s curiosity and equips them to live in our modern world. Being literate can mean the difference between prison and productivity for an at-risk student.

95.59% Bread of Life provides hot lunches every weekday both at their center in Brevard and via home delivery for those unable to come into the soup kitchen. *(Top Vote Getter!)*

70.59% Free Rein Center for Therapeutic Riding uses horses to provide benefits to children, teens, and adults with developmental, cognitive, emotional, and physical challenges.

89.71% The Children’s Center provides emergency and educational assistance to families of young children plus new mother support and children’s advocacy.

91.18% El Centro helps immigrant families with language tutoring, after-school assistance, and documentation guidance. They run the “Homework Club”, an after-school tutoring program for children in grades 1-5. They need help funding summer enrichment activities such as camp and field trips, and funding the training of additional volunteer tutors.

94.12% The Haven provides shelter, counseling, and help with rehousing for the homeless of Transylvania County. This includes safe and secure shelter, shower and laundry facilities, 2 light meals a day, case management, and a mail and telephone message service.

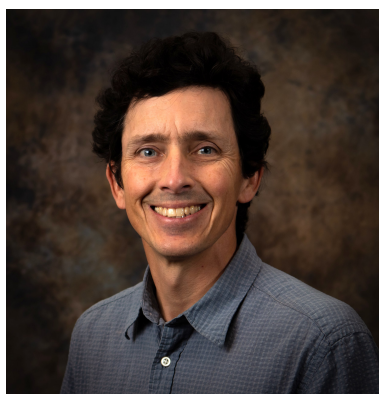
89.71% Pisgah Legal Services provides free civil legal aid to the most vulnerable people in WNC – disadvantaged children, senior citizens, families at risk of homelessness, and victims of violence. There is an office in Brevard.

91.18% SAFE helps victims of domestic violence or sexual assault through prevention and education.

92.65% Sharing House provides emergency assistance to the poor including food, clothing, household goods, and assistance in paying utility and rent bills.

THANKS FOR VOTING!

Children's Religious Exploration



Kevin Lausch, Director of CRE

Family Event and Parents Chat - Sat, May 22 @ 2PM

Join us at the Fellowship Green for kids activities while parents talk about what type of programming you would like for the coming year (fall-winter-spring), plus to give us your thoughts on reopening. The kids' activities will be nature based, plus we'll have snacks of course! Please RSVP to kevin@uutc.org to attend.

Youth Book Club - Saturday, May 29 at 2PM-3:30PM

The last book club meeting of the spring will cover "The Midwinter Witch," the last book in the Witch Boy trilogy. Hope to see you there!

Chalice Camp - Monday to Friday, Aug 13 to Aug 19 from 9am to noon

We will "Return to Hogwarts" again with this fun, magical camp for kids aged 5 to 10. Youth aged 11+ can be a House Prefect (camp helper) and youth aged 13+ can lead a "house" of kids. Camp activities will include a trip to Diagon Alley, making yummy treats, care of magical creatures, and of course potion making! More information and registration will be available soon.

New Member Orientation

Have you been visiting UUTC? Would you like to learn more about this congregation, during our COVID-safe online Zoom sessions? [Let Rev. Bob Renjilian know about your interest](#), so he can set up the sessions at the dates and times with the most compatibility with those who want to sign up. **This is great for folks who are curious**, and/or for those who want to later take the official step to become a voting member.



Come hang out with this guy!

Budget Forums! Ballots! It's Annual Meeting Time!

To spend less on printing, envelopes and stamps, we will vote via an emailed ballot, sent only to Members. The timeline of events is:

- April 30th: Annual Meeting documents (agenda with resolutions, 9/17/20 Congregational Meeting Minutes, final slate of nominees, budget & ballot sample) posted to our website (available [HERE](#))
- Also April 30th: email sent to Members only with the ballot— before 5:00pm
- May 6th: First Budget Q&A Forum via Zoom @ 7PM
- May 8th: Second Budget Q&A Forum via Zoom @ 4PM
- May 16th: Deadline for receiving ballots.

SLATE OF NOMINEES FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: For Board of Trustees

Bart Renner - President (1-year term)
Alice Wellborn - President-Elect (1-year term)
Kay Webb - Secretary (2nd year)
Gail Meyers - Treasurer (2nd year)
Betty Kendrick - Member-at-Large (3rd year)
Quim Moya - Member-at-Large (2nd year)
Glenn Cockerham - Member-at-Large (1st year)

For Nominations Committee

Cantey Carpenter - 3rd year
Peter Mockridge - 2nd year
Susan Zelle - 1st year

For Endowment Committee

Joanna Bliss - final year
Roberta Miller - 2nd year
Carter Heyward - 1st year

The UUTC Library Re-Opens!

Eloise Shepard

Have you already read all your books? Binge-watched old shows online? Well, UUTC comes through for you again! Here's the big news! The UUTC Library of Resources will be re-opening on April 20th!

The plan is to have the lobby open for masked and socially distanced interested Members and UUTC Friends to access the library materials on **Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm**, the doors that say USE THIS DOOR will be open so you can come in and find something to enrich your week.

In addition to the library you are familiar with, we have acquired additional books and DVDs and taken organization to a new level. Our Library now contains over 400 titles!

Need to heat up your life? Here's a tantalizing title: Jesus and the Lost Goddess. We are winding up our pledge drive... how about The Generosity Path: Finding the Richness in Giving?

Why watch tired re-runs when you can check out a variety of Teaching Company courses on World Religions or individual DVDs on socially relevant topics?



We have new labels inside each book and DVD. Color-coded dots by topic help make your searching easy. No “card” required, but borrowing privileges are for UUTC Members and official Friends. Please be sure to sign out your materials in our check-out book so we can keep track of how the library is used and where the materials are. No re-shelving required when you return them, I am happy to take care of that for you—just drop them in the “Return Books Here” box!

So be sure to come by and “check it out” (pun intended!)

B.Y.O.B. at the Fire R.I.N.G.

This is a no-curriculum event. The first event, which we hope will not be TOO eventful, will be **May 6th, between 5:30 and 7:30**. So far, we have one Master of Fire to maintain order of the orange flamey-thingee. We are eager for more Masters of Fire to surrender themselves to service for backup. If attendance exceeds the site’s capacity, we will schedule other occasions. Seriously, though, folks— we will still need to apply some physical distancing. You are free to move about the site. Seating around the orange flamey-thingee is limited to un-burnt logs unless you B.Y.O.Chair as well as your beverage.

There may be marshmallows, if demand reaches the ears of someone in charge. Please inform the admin if children will be present, in which case THERE WILL BE MARSHMALLOWS.

All activity is at your own risk. The ground is not level and there are bumpy things called “nature.”

SEE ILLUSTRATION. IF YOU ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH LOCATION, PLEASE [EMAIL THE ADMIN](#).



We now return to your regularly scheduled programming...

Treasurer's Report as of March 31st, 2020

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Receipts	\$ 51,498.64	\$307,137.19	
Expenditures	<u>25,034.61</u>	<u>224,131.64</u>	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ <u>26,464.03</u>	\$ <u>83,005.55</u>	
Unrestricted Cash in Fund:	\$ 57,776.53		
Restricted Reserve Fund:	<u>32,174.65</u>		
Total Available Cash on Hand:	\$ <u>89,951.18</u>		
Endowment Fund:	\$ <u>211,135.29</u>		
Other Funds:	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Amount Restricted</u>	
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$ 7,690.61	\$ 0.00	
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$ 27,607.24	\$ 18,145.90	
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 0.00	
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$ 2,945.00	\$ 2,945.00	
This Month –S.A.F.E.			\$1,520.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$ 8,798.41	\$ 8,798.41	
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$ 6,368.39	\$ 0.00	
<u>Pledge Campaigns @ 4/20/21</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2020/2021	\$ 274,758.00	\$ 205,926.58	\$ 68,831.42
2021/2022	\$ 292,375.92	\$ 31,870.00	
Respectfully Submitted,			
Gail Meyers			
Treasurer			
4/20/2021			

“ One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.” — Jean Vanier, *Community And Growth*