



# NEWSLETTER

## Shared Wisdom of Deep Listening

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

This final sermon on “Deep Listening” will include discussion content from our very own congregants! The ways to approach this subject have been formed based on the wisdom of the group.

*“Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand.”*

*—Karl A. Menniger*



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## "Upcoming Events \*For All Ages!\*

Kevin Lausch, Director of Children's Religious Education

Please remember masks and physical distancing at all events!

Here is an October Riddle:

What paints pumpkins, wears colorful costumes and donates 469 pounds of food and household supplies plus \$110? **OUR CHURCH!**

Thank you to everyone that contributed to making the Pumpkin Painting and Sharing House Food Drive a great success. Many members contributed money, shelf-stable foods, toilet paper and blankets to help the Sharing House supply our neighbors with needed items. While the items were being collected, lots of families painted pumpkins, made peanut butter and pine cone bird feeders, and had fun on the Fellowship Green.



### Saturday, October 31 from 3-5:00pm **The Great Pumpkin Hunt!**

There are two ways to participate in this activity—you can create a pumpkin or door decor to be “hunted,” or you can go on the Hunt to find what has been created! Also, at 5:00pm, come to UUTC to watch *It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!* This movie will be shown outside using a new projector, so dress appropriately! Want to join the fun? [CLICK HERE!](#)

### Saturday, Nov 21 at 10:00 am - Pisgah Hike and Picnic

Meet at the Pisgah Ranger Station/Visitors Center on highway 276 (1600 Pisgah Highway, Pisgah Forest) for a hike on the Andy Cove Nature Trail and then a picnic at Sycamore Flats. **RSVP.**

### Saturday, December 12 at 4 PM - Holiday Caroling and S'mores

Join us for singing holiday carols around a bonfire with s'mores on the Fellowship Green behind the church. Remember your masks/face shields and social distancing please. **RSVP.**

*If an event is rained out, it is automatically scheduled for the next Sunday at 1 PM. Please contact Kevin Lausch at [kevin@uutc.org](mailto:kevin@uutc.org) or 864-395-1208 with questions or to RSVP. Thanks!*

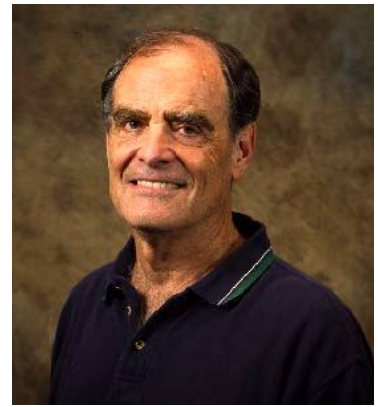
## Power Up! Returns for 2020

**Bobby King**

2020 is different in just about every way. But the fact that our neighbors need help paying their heating bills remains the same. In fact, the need is greater than ever. Did you know that in 2018, Sharing House's biggest client expense was heating assistance, and that **80%** of those receiving assistance were employed? UUTC is again partnering with St. Philip's, and the Brevard Jewish Community, to

sponsor a COVID-acceptable event to raise needed funds for Sharing House to assist local families with fuel assistance this winter.

On **Sunday, Nov. 8, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**, you will be able to drive through the parking lot of St. Philip's and pick up a delicious, pre-ordered meal of chicken-and-rice, bread and salad, plus dessert, thanks to the three contributing congregations. Food will be prepared by masked, gloved chefs, and delivered to your car by masked runners.



There is no charge for the meal, but we are urging folks to donate generously at the event. Cash, checks made out to Sharing House with "Power Up" on the memo line, credit card or donations through Pay Pal will be accepted when you receive your meal. If you cannot attend the event, you can mail a check directly to Sharing House, 164 Duckworth Ave, Brevard with "Power Up" on the memo line.

**UUTC family, we need three things:** 1) reserve your dinners by November 5 to ([abb31650@gmail.com](mailto:abb31650@gmail.com)); 2) please volunteer to: greet people, be a runner, make colorful signs for volunteers to wave as they welcome guests and direct them toward the food and donation stations. (3) And, we need some folks to bake brownies for the event; Now that it's cold, who among us isn't longing to make brownies and sample them to ensure quality control? If you can volunteer in any way or help with brownies or signs, please email Bobby King at [bobbyaking48@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbyaking48@yahoo.com).

## Fellowship on the Green

Fellowship on the Green happens on Tuesdays of each week 11:30 to 1:30pm. Bring a lawn chair for the most flexible seating.

**IN THE EVENT OF RAIN**, the following Thursdays will be automatic. If no one is at the tables at 11:30... don't worry — Kay & RK always show up!



Joanna Bliss, Vicki Held, Susan Zelle, Marilyn Miller, Karla Maar, Heather Williams, Sue Null, Lisa McHenry +!

# Winter is Coming. So Is Operation Keep Warm!

## Sharon Moya, Social Action Team

We are fortunate to live in an area that is not shockingly cold and miserable during the winter; nonetheless, it DOES get cold, even dropping below the freezing point, sometimes for quite a few days in a row and sometimes with accompanying snowstorms. As we look out our windows, we are happy to be inside and warm, but not everyone in our community is as fortunate. Some of our neighbors have housing but can't afford to heat their homes, and others have no housing, living in cars, on couches, or in the forest.



Operation Keep Warm started 3 years ago at UUTC to provide assistance to our neighbors in staying warm when the weather gets cold. Due to the pandemic, how we do this will look a bit different this year, but we are still collecting items that we will pass to the Sharing House and Bread of Life to distribute to those in need. Surprisingly, while both organizations have been experiencing increased numbers of clients, the Sharing House is working mainly with clients who have housing (though it may be unstable) while the Bread of Life is seeing many of the un-housed population (homeless). Because of this difference, each organization has a different set of needs this year, so we will be collecting very specific items and will divide them according to what each organization has requested.

**Because not all items are being accepted, we request that  
only the items on these lists be donated this year.**

Beginning on November 2nd and continuing on Mondays through Fridays until November 20th, boxes clearly marked for **Operation Keep Warm** will be available in the foyer for donations. The doors will be unlocked by 10:00am until 7:00pm. Don't worry about which box to place your items in as we will sort according to the different requests from each organization.

Thank you once again for your generosity! Your donations may possibly keep some of our neighbors alive this winter!

## Items Requested by the **Sharing House** (new or gently used):

- Warm gloves for all age groups
- Men's Large (L) and Extra Large (XL) hoodies. These should have a zipper in the front and a hood. This is the most requested item at the Sharing House, and there are never enough to fulfill all requests.
- Warm winter blankets to use indoors

## Items Requested by the Bread of Life (all new except gently used tarps):

- Tarps that the homeless can use as mats to sleep on, as covers for their bodies, and as shelter. These mats should be large enough to serve these purposes but small enough to cart around easily. 8x10 or 10x10 should work for what is needed. Waterproofed tarps are essential.
- Hand warmers (gel-filled and requiring nothing but body heat)
- Emergency blankets (the thin ones, usually silver, used in emergency situations and in packaging a bit larger than a wallet)
- Batteries for flashlights, radios, etc. Sizes AAA, C, and D.

Thanks for looking out for our neighbors!

## Don't Get Frustrated, Get HELP!



*In this time of limited church access, Realm is an increasingly essential way to keep connected with UUTC. **HELP is here!***

### Eloise Shepard, Membership Coordinator

We have gotten lots of phone calls and emails asking for help for various issues with Realm, including simply setting up an account. But it's kind of difficult to walk you through a fix when we can't see what you are seeing on your screen. So, even in this time of social

distancing, here's a chance to get personal help using your *own* phone, laptop or tablet. (Desktops may have to be handled by phone, but you can attend and watch.)

Here's an opportunity for you to work with Eloise on untangling issues you may be having using Realm. The types of things we can tackle are: setting up a new account on Realm, accessing an account you already have, locating and editing your personal Profile, locating the UUTC Directory and finding how to contact the folks you are missing, navigating the Groups you belong to and sharing communications, getting your online giving up and working the way you intend or just getting more comfortable using Realm as a tool.



If you need Realm assistance, email me at [eloise@uutc.org](mailto:eloise@uutc.org) to schedule training. Please include your name, the best phone number to reach you, and a description of what you would like to work on. Our goal is to get everyone comfortable using Realm!

# Who Do You Want UUTC to Be?

## Susan Zelle, Board President

Our Board of Trustees retreat October 8th provided an opportunity for Reverend Bob to share his thoughts on the Board's role, let us reexamine and reaffirm our Vision Statement, and rethink how worship and the church community have changed during the pandemic. If our mission is to transform people and the world, what should UUTC be doing now? We discussed where we want to be five years from now and what we should we be striving for. How can we keep youth and adults connected and involved in UUTC services and activities while the building is closed, and what will worship look like as we re-open? The notes from this board retreat are posted online and I encourage you to read them for more details about our discussion.



As we head into the winter, we decided to focus on what steps we can take to adapt to the current situation: improve the ventilation system? enhance outdoor meeting spaces? create more small-group activities outdoors? offer more online classes for CRE and ARE? We are turning to YOU to get some input through an easy, online survey and virtual discussions. We hope you'll [participate](#).

# Additional Comments on Treasurer's Report

## Gail Meyers, Treasurer

This has been an unusual month. Our monthly Net Total Surplus is significantly higher than normal. That was caused by two events.

- Many of those who Pledge did not realize the need to re-enter their payment authorization into Realm for the new fiscal year. A current telephone project has brought many people current with past due amounts resulting in much higher than normal receipts. This will continue to affect our reports until all regular contributors have been contacted.
- \$10,617.81 of Payroll Protection Plan funds were used this month to offset much of our payroll costs, resulting in much lower than normal monthly expense.



In addition, the \$10,617.81 remaining cash from the PPP loan that was in a separate bank account was transferred to the Operating Fund in October. However, I have included that amount in the Unrestricted Cash in Fund 1 of the September Treasurers Report, for matching purposes.

In addition to all of our other banking challenges, we've run into a bit of a snag with UUA and have not had on-line access to the quarterly reports for the Endowment Fund. Therefore, the normal quarterly investment fluctuation has not been recorded for September. We are working on getting the on-line access working again, and the gain/loss will be recorded next month. (*ed. note: ACHIEVED!*)

And finally, you will notice a new Fund Principal account on the Endowment Balance Sheet, named Endowment Nominal Gifts. The nominal gifts have been traced back to the beginning of the Endowment Fund and are now segregated on the Balance Sheet. This provides the Endowment Committee information for their committee work and will be kept current going forward

### Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2020

**Operating Fund**

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Receipts	\$ 43,370.88	\$138,719.24
Expenditures	<u>15,460.94</u>	<u>65,223.49</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ <u>27,909.94</u>	\$ <u>73,495.75</u>
Amount of PPP used against expenses	\$ <u>10,617.37</u>	
Unrestricted Cash in Fund:	\$ 76,266.73	
Restricted Reserve Fund:	<u>32,140.26</u>	
<b>Total Available Cash on Hand:</b>	<b>\$ <u>108,406.99</u></b>	
<b>Endowment Fund:</b>	<b>\$ <u>182,809.68</u></b>	

<u>Other Funds:</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Amount Restricted</u>	
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$ 5,683.02	\$ 0.00	
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$ 15,323.59	\$ 5,695.90	
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 0.00	
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	
This Month –Meals on Wheels			\$1,300.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$ 7,890.89	\$ 7,890.89	
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$ 4,367.44	\$ 0.00	

<u>Pledge Campaigns @ 10/19/20</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2020/2021	\$ 274,758.00	\$ 125,492.00	\$ 149,266.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gail Meyers  
 Treasurer

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