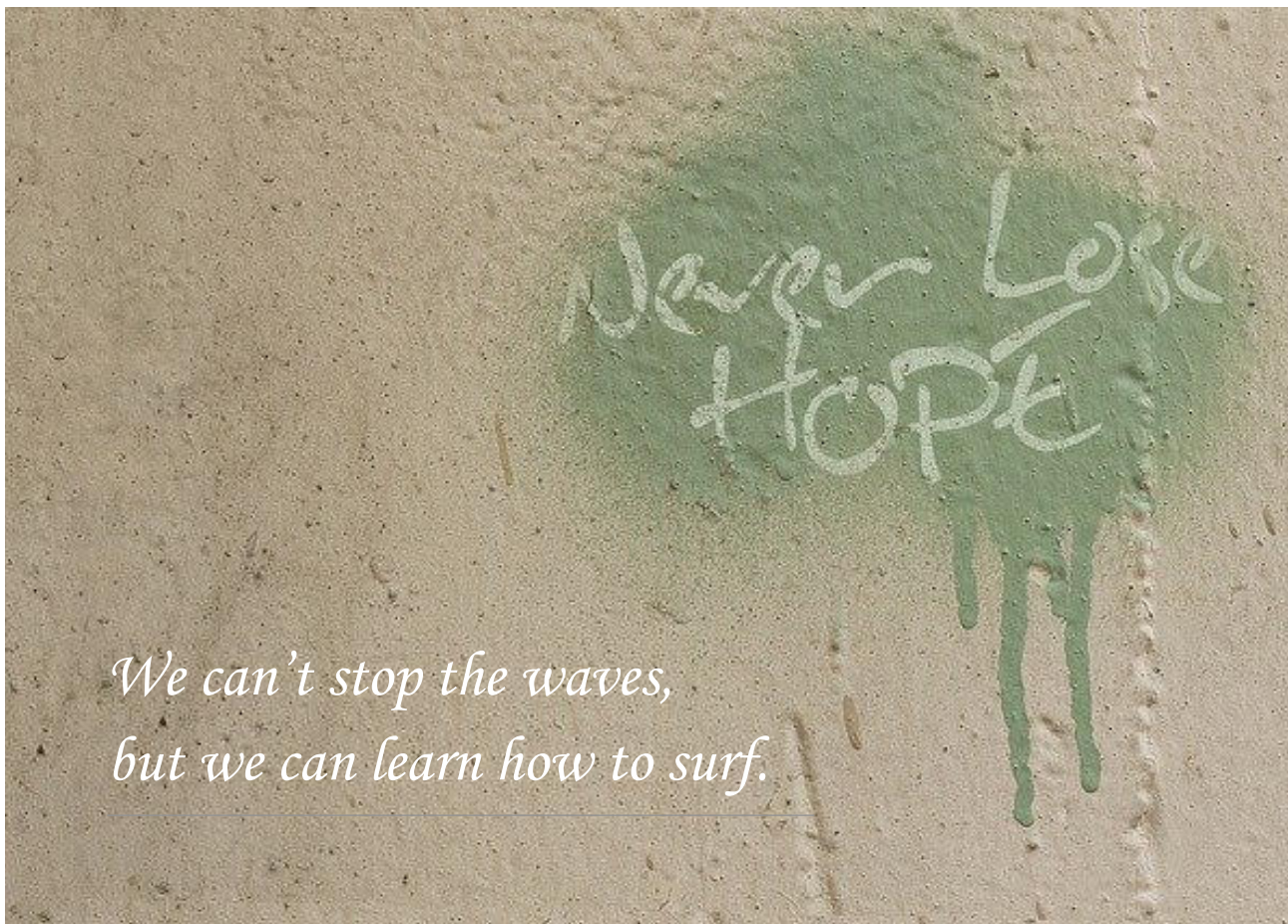

UUTC UPDATE

When Women Rise Rooted

Carol Flake, Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

Women's History month ends in two days. What can we learn from women who have risen rooted and spoken their truth with audacity and authenticity? Greening our "wasteland" requires a partnering of the sacred feminine and the sacred masculine. Individually and communally, we must learn to drink from the deep wells of wisdom that never run dry.

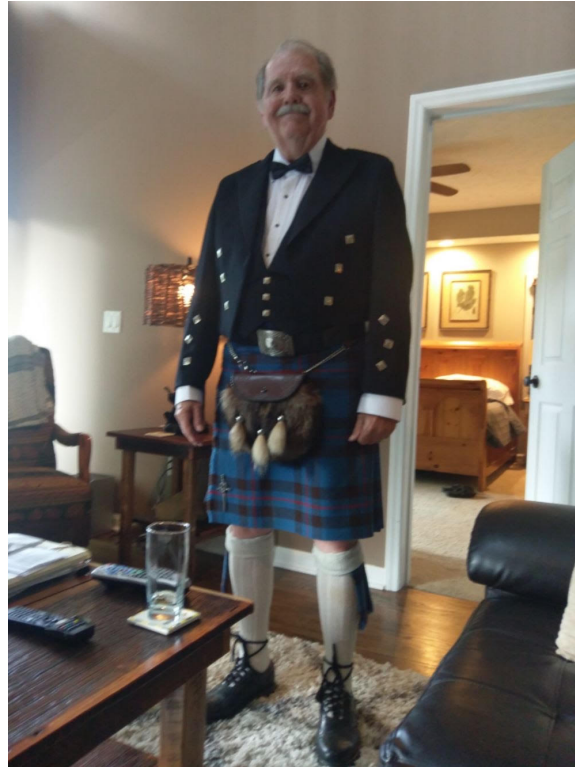


Remembering Sid Elliot

A bit unusually, we are printing a eulogy in this edition. Sid Elliott's family had worked with me to plan his memorial service at UUTC for March 21. However, it was cancelled due to the COVID crisis.

Sid's son, Mark asked that we share these words about his father's life since the service did not go forward, and this seemed like the least we could do. While not a member of UUTC, Sid was an active visitor known to many in the congregation, and his wife Carol's memorial service was held at UUTC last spring. The Transylvania chapter of the American Association of University Women, headed by UUTC member Roberta Carver, had made plans for the memorial service, as Sid was a beloved volunteer for that organization. – Rev. Shore

Charles Sidney Elliott passed away at home on December 30th, unexpectedly. Sid and his late wife Carol moved to Pisgah Forest in 2006, where they built their retirement home. Sid was born in Dallas, Georgia on December 23, 1936 to Mr. & Mrs Sidney Allen Elliott. Sid had a younger brother Robert Randolph Elliott, who predeceased him in 2018.



Sid Elliott, taking pleasure in his Scottish heritage.

Sid graduated from Georgia Technical College in 1961 with a BS in Business. He then met his wife Carol in New York City in 1978. Moving to Chicago as the corporate auditor for Sears and Roebuck, they got married in 1979. While in Chicago, Sid earned his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois. Following his long career at Sear & Roebuck, Sid began a new career as a corporate officer for many up and coming computer companies in the late 1980's. He left the computer industry to run the corporation Carol had started while in Chicago, Martin-Elliott Custom Research.

Since retiring to North Carolina, Sid was active with Carol in the Brevard Branch of the American of University Women by handling the online book sales. These sales were AAUW's major fund project and what provides scholarship money for Transylvania County girls.

For many years, Sid was an advisor to members of the Glen Cannon Property Owners Board of Directors. Sid celebrated his heritage as the Clan Elliot USA Commissioner for North Carolina, attending many Clan Elliot gatherings in the US and Scotland. Sid and Carol enjoyed the Brevard Music Center concert series, the Brevard Philharmonic, and Spoleto Music Festival in Charleston, SC and they were patrons in these organizations.

The Elliott's had a big family with three children, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

This was what you might have read if you live in Brevard, however, due to COVID 19, we could not have a traditional memorial service and I chose to share this electronically.

Growing up my folks divorced when I was four, given that was odd in 1971, I learned from my mom never disrespect your parents so I had great respect for my dad from afar. Two weeks each summer and every other Thanksgiving and Christmas were the norm. Dad was not much on church as an adult, when I married church was very important to me, and my dad supported me even when he didn't share my beliefs. As my family grew I attended a men's ministry small group. It was there I learned how many men did not have the love approval and blessings of their dads. It was then I realized my dad had always loved me, supported me and given me his blessing even when I became a paramedic.

The winter of 2001 my men's group read a book which I found particularly interesting, being religious in nature I was anxious to send to my dad but I did. He read it then called to see if I was off that weekend, which scared me to death—he drove down from DC and we spent 3 days really getting to know each other as dad, son and man to man. He told me I was the kind of guy he would want as a friend even if I wasn't his kid. He shared stories of his childhood which weren't happy — we all have baggage. When my dad retired, he spent time and money helping others. We developed a passion for our Scottish heritage, and dad became the commissioner of Clan Elliot for North Carolina where he and Carol, along with me and my family, enjoyed many gatherings, both here in the US and in Scotland.

In January of 2019, Carol, dad's wife of over 30 years and 10 years his junior tragically died from complications related to viral pneumonia to which dad had to make the decision to stop life support. Adding insult to injury he had to have their puppy Bella put down the same weekend. I spent that weekend with my dad, listening to some of his fondest memories of Carol and life in general, I count that as his blessing me for success. We spent many days in the past year reminiscing about Carol, life, how he planned to go first, and what I was to do as the executor of his will. Last December we had a fabulous holiday gathering at my nephews house in NC. Dad returned home days later and was found by EMS on December 30th. Ironic —being a paramedic for a long time, I was shocked to be on the receiving end of that phone call.

Well that is what I would have said at my dad's memorial service. He's in a better place and I'm on the mend. Peace, love and hugs to all. In the immortal words of the Big Lebowski, This Dude Will Abide.

Cards may be sent to Mark Elliott at 3 Lakeview Dr. Greenville, SC 29617

Note from Our Board President

Hello, All!

I hope everyone is healthy and in a good safe place. How fortunate we are to have such beautiful weather to enjoy at this time of being home!



It was wonderful to see many of your names during the service Sunday on Facebook! And to read your comments as it was going on - keeping connected is so important!!!!

A huge thank you to all of the Teams and Committees who are continuing to do their work from home! Thank you also to the members of the newly formed COVID-19 response team. They are coming up with wonderful ways we can stay connected!

The Board held it's March meeting this week via Zoom. It was good to be able to keep things moving forward during these times that keep us at home. I am so appreciative of all of the Board members and Rev. Shore and RK for contributing to this meeting. Should our April meeting (April 28) also be held via Zoom, and if you have questions for the Board or have a topic you would like brought up at that meeting, email me directly at Joyce.henneberry@gmail.com and I will make sure to either send you the necessary codes to join the meeting, or will bring your topic up for you.

I am grateful for you all - Stay safe, Joyce

Speaking of Facebook...

Some of you may need a photo of yourself to use for your Facebook Profile. For instructions on how to change this, don't forget that Michael & Dara Solomon's post can be accessed forever [HERE](#). And, to get a wonderful photo to use as that profile picture, access Mark Allison and Barbi Smith's very fine work [HERE](#)! Click through the pages to find your own photo, click on your photo, and then go over to the large version on the right and download that image for you to use. Free. Or, frankly, anyone who just needs to see the faces of your wonderful UUTC friends — just go to the link and scan through. We have some wonderful photos of some pretty dang wonderful people, and it will do your heart good to be reminded of each other, in a way that is somehow more intimate than reading Facebook posts.



On another note, some of you will have received an email from Eloise

Note from Membership

This past Sunday would have been, “New Member Welcome Sunday” – and what a class we have! Six new Members from this class have signed the book (two are waiting for access), and we have a new Friend. What's more, we think there may be more, but with current restrictions slowing down communications we still are following up with folks who have participated in recent classes. Whether or not you've been able to take one of our “New to UU” classes, if you are interested in membership at UUTC, please contact membership@UUTC.org. For more on these new members, keep reading this newsletter!

Note from Rev. Shore

What a week it has been! Zoom meetings, Facebook Live streaming, and LOTS of emails and phone calls. Like all of you, I'm experiencing the weirdness of it all—along with worry, concern, inconvenience, sympathy, novelty, learning, fascination, grief, etc. Unprecedented.

It's shocking how busy I've been since the "shut-down" but there's a lot to think through, and I'm sure of you are experiencing the same in your own lives. I'm grateful for how quickly and easily RK helped me and others start broadcasting online, for our COVID Response Team and others who are saying "yes" to special requests, and our Board who held its first ZOOM meeting this week—its quite the adventure, isn't it?

I've heard once that the character that means "crisis" in Chinese is actually composed of two different characters that mean *danger* and *opportunity*. If that's not true, it should be. I hope you are able to embrace the opportunities that are coming now, even as you are mindful and taking care of yourselves so as to minimize danger.

My hearts is full, but I'll save it for some sermon or blog or other. Be well, Be-Loved.

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Meet (Most of) Our New Members & Friends!



From Top, Left: Matt Cannizzio, Marcia and Don O'Dell, Lane Maier & BJ Layne, Clint Jergensen (spouse Gerri not shown), Carol Roberson & Richard (Dick) Mills.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2020

Operating Fund

Income: \$46,038.87
 Expenses: 26,109.58
 Net: \$ 19,929.29

Unrestricted Cash in Fund: \$53,917.71
 Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$13,462.26
 Total Available Cash on Hand is: \$67,379.97



Endowment Fund: \$189,276.49

| Other Funds: | Bank Balance | Amount Restricted |
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| Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking | \$ 3,092.76 | 0.00 |
| Fund 7: Capital Expenditures | \$ 11,195.50 | \$11,195.50 |
| Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials | \$15,475.00 | \$15,475.00 |
| Fund 10: Charitable Giving | \$ 3,744.14 | \$ 1,100.00 |
| This Month – Bread of Life | | \$ 2,085.00 |
| Fund 12: Dignity Project | \$ 9,237.98 | \$ 417.16 |
| Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund: | \$ 3,366.32 | \$ 0.00 |

Respectfully Submitted,

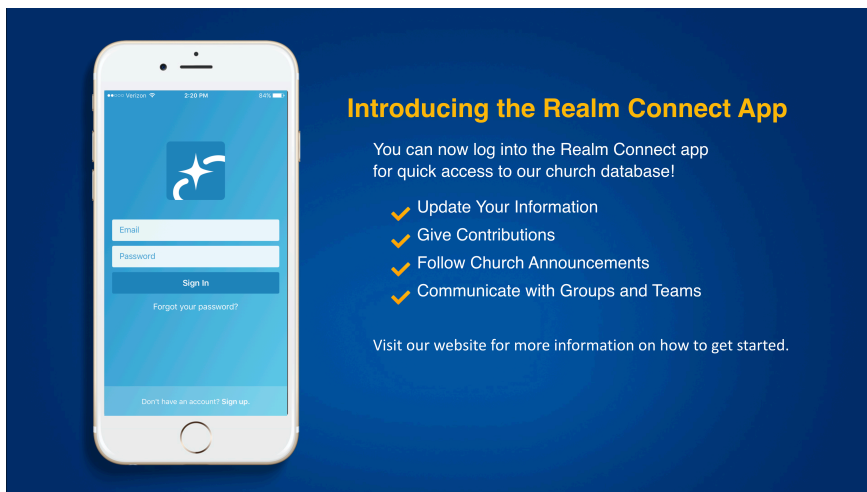
Gail Meyers, Treasurer

Giving In a Time of Social Distancing – Social Action

UUTC revenues are not suffering, yet, because so many of you have already adopted online giving in one form or another. Whether it's automatic withdrawals from your checking account, charging your pledges to a credit card, or using Required Minimum Distributions, a great deal of our income will continue without your presence at UUTC during this time.

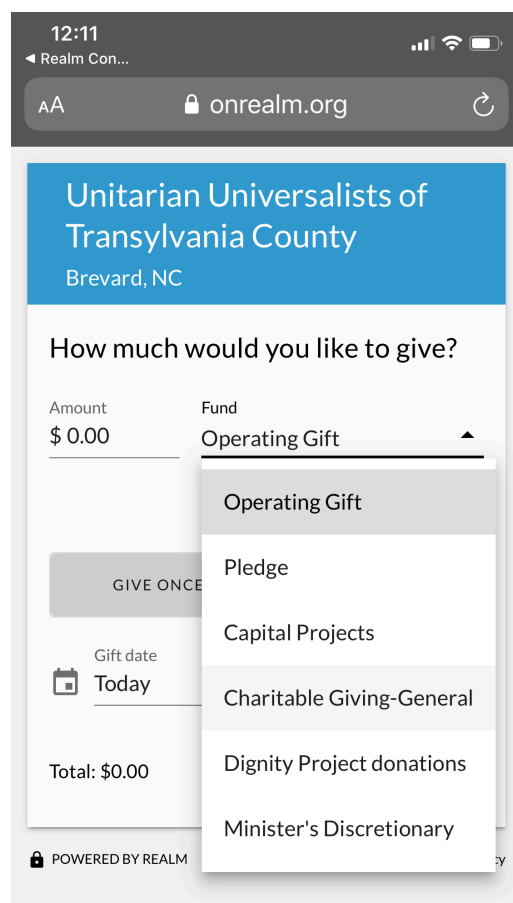
The exception is our Social Action Charitable Giving.

Some of my instructions will be a bit vague, here, because there are differences in mobile device platforms and using a browser on your PC. Whether you use the Realm Connect app on your mobile device, or use a browser, you can very easily make a contribution designated for the monthly Charitable Giving.



Open your app, or go to onrealm.org and login. Check your menus for “Giving.” When the page comes up, you’ll see previous gifts credited to your profile, and if you are like me, this can make you miss the other parts of the page. On my phone, above these gifts, is a “Make a gift” heading with a tiny gray > off to the right. When I tap this, it takes me to their web-based services, where I login, again. This is where I would remind people that all software is a work in progress, and remember that I am in a Lenten period of refraining from complaint. I would also remind myself that everybody and their brother is online, right now, and demands on the system are high. And maybe move that wristband to the other wrist.

Once the menu loads, you’ll see something like this. I have tapped on the arrow beside “Operating Gift” to show you the other options. In that menu, you can see Charitable Giving—tap that to specify that this is where you wish your gift to go. This month, SAFE is the agency which will receive your gifts, and there is precious little month left in which to make those donations.



Please give this a try, even just with \$5 to make sure things are working properly for you. As you can see, other giving can happen from this menu, but the one that needs our attention right this minute is Charitable Giving.

Thanks very much, as always, for your generosity.

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