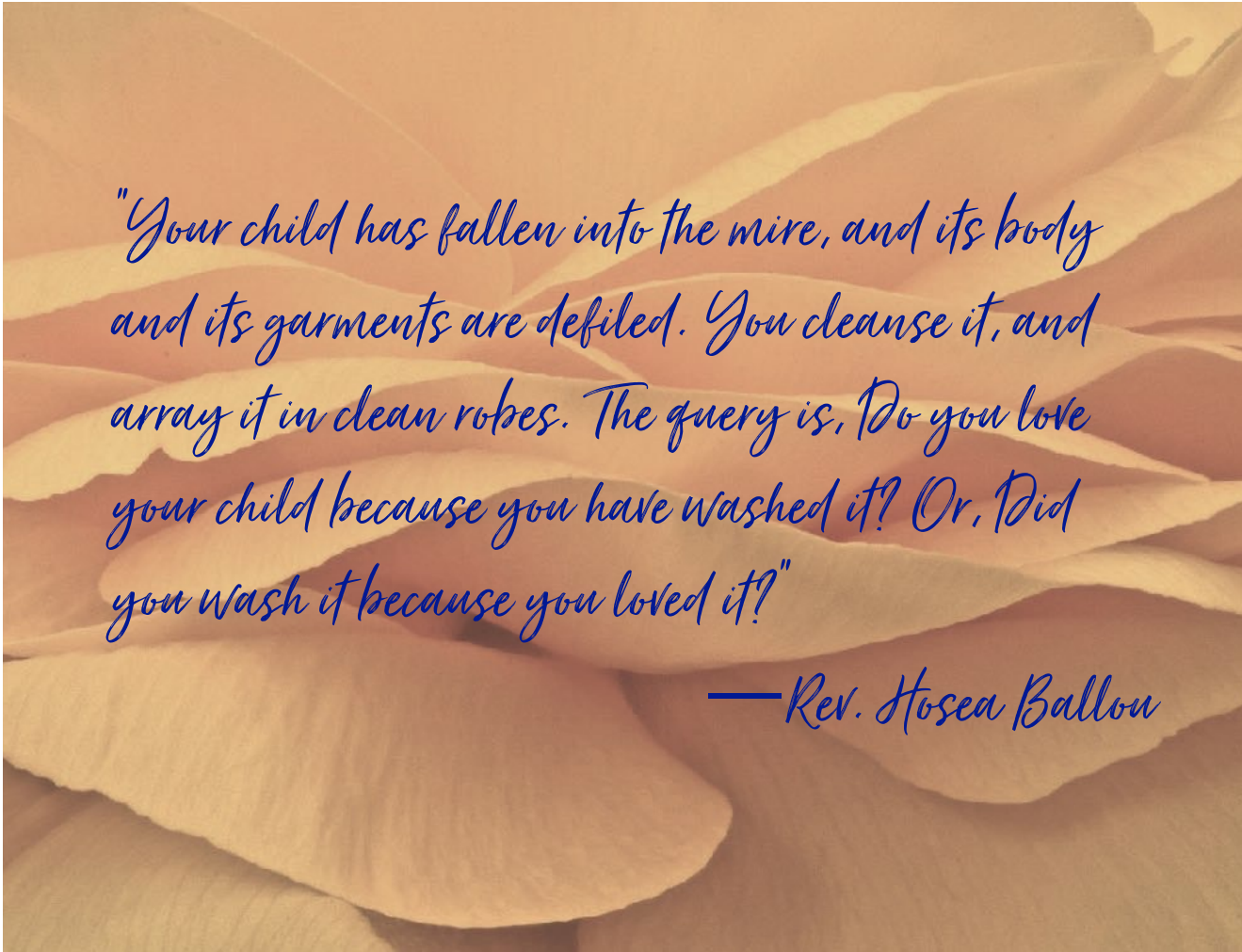

UUTC UPDATE

Easter 2020: We Shall Be Changed — Part II!

Rev. Sally Beth Shore, Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

Continuing with our Easter theme of Transformation in the time of Covid, we examine the work of Rev. Hosea Ballou, a Universalist minister born in the late 18th century, and his work to transform the Christianity of the 19th century. What would Rev. Ballou tell us now?



"Your child has fallen into the mire, and its body and its garments are defiled. You cleanse it, and array it in clean robes. The query is, Do you love your child because you have washed it? Or, Did you wash it because you loved it?"

—Rev. Hosea Ballou

With thanks to Don Lander for the image

Some Housekeeping

RK Young

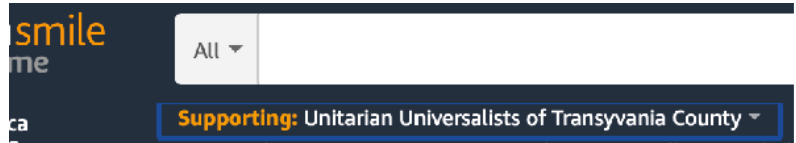
First, thank you to all those of you who have maintained your giving, by whatever method. For those of you who need to use the US Postal Service for any reason, please ensure that you or your financial institution use our **mailing** address:



**UUTC
PO Box 918
Brevard, NC 28712**

Anything addressed to our street address (24 Varsity St.) is given the “side-eye” by the postal service and its arrival is delayed. Boo, hiss. ;)

Second: If your Realm app is misbehaving (displays an **Oops!** at the top of the screen), it may be because they have made yet another update, and your app needs to “refreshed.” To do this, the simplest fix seems to be to open the app, find your way to your Profile page (where you would change your own address, for example) and **Sign Out**. Then reopen the app and sign back in. This should fix the bad behavior, as long as your device is set to update apps automatically.



Finally: Consider forcing Amazon to share the wealth during this time of massive online ordering. If you are an Amazon Prime subscriber, you can choose to select a non-profit to receive a portion of your purchase costs. When you login to smile.amazon.com, you can select (as shown above) to support UUTC... you will have to use our full name, as shown above. UUTC generally receives enough in proceeds each year to fund a small budget line, and this year those proceeds will be even more important.

An Almost Whoops— Realm to the Rescue



Joanna Bliss

When I saw the article in last week’s newsletter about Giving through Realm, I realized I had not thought about the donations to the Charity of the Month since we last had a church service. Many of us have automatic payments for our pledges, but write checks for the monthly charity. Others pay pledges by dropping a check in the collection basket. It is easy to overlook doing that when we are not in church.

I thought I would take a look at donating through the Realm app. It was much easier than I expected, and I was happy to see that donations to the Dignity Project, which many of you know is close to my heart, were also an option. I set up a monthly donation to the Charity of the Month, and also for my regular donation to the Dignity Project. (My pledge was already an automatic payment.)

The process was fully explained in the last newsletter, and doing it was just as clear. I recommend this way of keeping up with our pledges and our community outreach, not only during this time when we are not in our church building, but also going forward. It truly is “set and forget,” done once and taken care of—one less thing for me to worry about!

Editor’s note: You can find last week’s newsletter [HERE](#) if you would like to revisit the article. Thank you!

Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2020

Gail Meyers

Operating Fund

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income:	\$26,573.09	\$274,459.93
Expenses:	<u>\$26,969.97</u>	<u>\$234,572.29</u>
Net:	<u>\$ (396.88)</u>	<u>\$ 39,887.64</u>

Unrestricted Cash in Fund: \$54,540.83

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$13,464.47

Total Available Cash on Hand is: \$ 8,005.30

Endowment Fund: \$161,806.06

<u>Other Funds:</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Amount Restricted</u>
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$ 3,960.76	\$ 0.00
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$ 5,695.90	\$ 5,695.90
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$15,475.00	\$15,475.00
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$ 2,714.14	\$ 0.00
This Month – SAFE		\$ 2,182.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$ 9,020.82	\$ 582.73
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$ 3,366.32	\$ 0.00

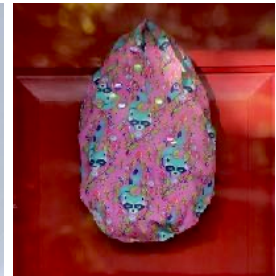
Respectfully Submitted, Gail Meyers, [Treasurer](#)

Egg Hunt!

Despite the soggy day, at least 20 kids drove (or maybe it was their parents) in search of Easter surprises on the doors of UUTC Members and Friends who had the materials to get something together on short notice! View these larger and with the judge's comments at [THIS LINK](#).



A range of artists participated in this event, which was a perfectly charming success. At the end of the hunt, our kiddos arrived at UUTC to pick up a bag of goodies prepared for them.



Note from Rev. Shore

Hello UUTC folks!

Thanks to all who participated in our drive-by Easter Egg Hunt—RK has done a great job photographing and posting the eggs, (with staff -awarded prizes ☺) [don't miss them!](#)

I hope you can join us for the livestream of *Part II of the Easter Service—“How Shall We Be Changed?”* this Sunday, April 19. Ian Cowie, chair of the UUTC Search Team, has a special announcement to make! Also, if you tuned in to an earlier service and have had trouble, please try again-- we are getting better and better at hosting these (much thanks to Frank Parsons and his willingness to learn new technologies!) and RK thinks we have solved most of the sound problems. I am really in awe of how RK and Frank have turned me into a broadcaster— it's not something I would have asked for, but it is an unexpected gift of the pandemic... each of you, I suspect, has found at least one unexpected gift in this time. One gift, many people have told me, is that of seeing and appreciating the beauty of spring like never before.



Photo by Carol Moore

This coming week, Earth Day week, we are reminded of our 7th principle and the interdependent web—how inescapable, in this time.

By now many of you have had the unexpected gifts of being part of Zoom calls. Remember, there are people at UUTC who can help you if you are having issues with it—check in with Covid@uutc.org if you need assistance for this or other issues you are having being connected.

I know this week has had the added challenge of Monday's storm, with power outages and downed trees, for some of you. Yikes—what a spring! Every day brings a new challenge, and new heroes step forward. A few months ago, we did the parable of the long spoons in worship. What we are living through right now is an opportunity to choose to feed each other -- or not.

Listening to the news, I see incidents of both, and sometimes I am distressed by some of what I encounter. For the most part, though, I see examples of concern and caring for others. *However*, and *whatever* ways you are connecting and nourishing other people—in your home, by phone, computer, Skype, letter, prayer, errands, etc. —it's working.

Onward!

Love, Sally Beth

Happy Hour Zooming—Activity Time!

Today (Friday, April 17th) between 4 and 5:00pm, drop in for a little social time and activity! Come prepared with 3 little-known facts about yourself— one falsehood. A little Personal Trivia! Who will guess correctly the Truths? The Lie? Sharon Moya is hosting this evening, but RK will be in attendance to see what embarrassing stuff she can learn.



From a landline (or if you just prefer voice only), dial **312-626-6799**.

From a smartphone or an internet browser on your computer, Click this link: **ZOOM**. Follow the instructions on your screen, and go!

Smartphone is the easiest route if you are new to this. Turn it sideways if you are Zooming with your partner!

We are limited to 100 “screens” during a Zoom session. So if you share your home with another UUTC member, have them join you!

Future CRE

Our Children's Religious Education continues despite the unusual circumstances we are all living in with social distancing. Each Sunday morning, the reading of a children's book is posted to the UUTC Facebook page by 9:30am. The books have a theme such as kindness, taking care of nature, etc. and will usually have a coloring sheet or small activity to go with it to help keep the kids engaged spiritually, as well as mentally and emotionally.

In addition, the Our Whole Lives sexuality and health program continues for our 15 middle school youth. Each Sunday we meet remotely via Zoom to discuss the curriculum and how they can continue to make good decisions in their lives. We hope to be able to meet for a program closing when social distancing is lifted.

We are still planning on hosting our Chalice Camp, a week long day camp for our elementary age kids. While we don't know what the future will hold for group gatherings, if the restrictions are lifted this summer we plan to hold this fun "Harry Potter" themed event. Please read the newsletter to keep up on what is happening with CRE, and contact me if you are interested in any of these offerings.

[Kevin Lausch](#) 864-395-1208

STAY HOME. READ POETRY. GET OUTSIDE IN THE SUN IF YOU CAN!