

UUTC UPDATE JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Original Sin, Sin, & Atonement: Singular Perspectives of a Student of Theoretical Physics

Dr. Royce Zia – Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

UUTC's own Royce Zia, retired professor of physics, will be offering his first sermon on Sunday. He writes, "As a teenager with career goals in physics and mathematics, the only way I could live with many of the concepts in my Christian upbringing was to put them in a separate closet. While most ideas seem incomprehensible or irrational to me, the most difficult was original sin. As a graduate student, I happened to hear a sermon which opened a crack in the walls of that closet. Come and share my "journey of integration" – from a collection of incompatible parts to an intellectually acceptable whole."



Zooming— Happy Hour @ 5:00PM



Join the weekly Check In! Click [HERE](#) to attend the meeting. Share the highlights (or concerns) of your week, BYOW... Bring Your Own Whatever!

The **UUTC Men's Group** is meeting virtually on the Zoom platform **every Tuesday morning at 9 AM**. You may join the discussions by clicking this [LINK](#). This will install the software (if needed) and contains the necessary passwords. Just click to join on any device. For questions, contact Dave Roberts at 828-577-5699.

Links for all Zoom meetings hosted by UUTC are shared through Realm email (which arrives in your inbox) and also in Realm Events for each team. Remember you can download the Realm Connect app to keep those events easy to access. Login to your account and find them in the app or in the browser of your choosing!

An Extension for 5th Sunday Support

Your Social Action Team

May is a month with five Sundays, and **UUTC typically collects food and household items for Sharing House at the end months with 5 Sundays**. Due to a communications snafu, we are extending this opportunity into the second week of June. However, if you can donate, you must take your items directly to Sharing House, 164 Duckworth at Oakdale.



Hours of Operation

Monday: 9 AM - 12 PM and 1 PM - 4 PM
 Tuesday: 11AM - 6 PM
 Wednesday: 9 AM - 12 PM and 1 PM - 4 PM
 Thursday: 9 AM - 12 PM and 1 PM - 4 PM
 Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM and 1 PM - 4 PM

Some of the items **most desperately needed by Sharing House currently are toilet paper and paper towels**. You may also bring small containers of soap, shampoo, and toothpaste. They are not accepting clothing at this time. Or you could

take a check or mail it to Sharing House, P.O.Box 958, Brevard, NC 28712.

Note from Board President

With all that is going on around us it is my hope that we can all continue to keep positive and focus on how we can better this world. Unitarian Universalism is more important than ever. Evident in our seven principles:

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Keeping these principles visible in our own community, as well as around the country is of the utmost importance.

I want to thank all of you for filling out and sending back your ballots! All ballots have now been counted. We had an incredible amount returned for both the Settled Minister vote and the Annual Meeting vote where we voted for the UUTC 2020-21 Board of Trustees, Nominations Committee and the 2020-21 Budget.

We had 167 ballots returned with a 99% "Yes" vote to call Rev. Bob Renjilian to be our settled minister! Rev. Renjilian has accepted and will begin with UUTC as of August 1!

We had 147 ballots returned for our Annual Meeting. The vote for Board of Trustees and Nominations Committee was a unanimous "Yes!" UUTC's 2020-21 Board of Trustees, beginning July 1 are as follows: Susan Zelle, President; Bart Renner, President-Elect; Gail Meyers, Treasurer; Kay Webb, Secretary; Betty Kendrick, Elizabeth Williams and Tom Stanwood Members At Large. The 2020-21 Nominations Committee consists of Cantey Carpenter, Jim Hardy and Peter Mockridge.

The 2020-21 Budget also passed with 145 "Yes" and 2 Abstained.

This was an unusual way to hold our Annual Meeting this year - I appreciate you all participating and returning your ballots by the deadlines.

As always, I am grateful for all you do to continue to help UUTC move forward! — Joyce



Note from Rev. Shore

Hi Everyone—

I'll save my remarks about the stresses and possibilities of this time until Sunday. I do hope you'll join me for Royce Zia's remarks about his own path to finding meaning by transforming traditional concepts of sin and atonement.

Meanwhile—We have 3 more sessions of the Long Strange Strip – viewing a portion of the 2000 year trip through UU History, up to around 1800. Thursday evening's session tells the tell of Michael Servetus, generally known as the first Unitarian martyr. Attend 1 or more, your choice:



Michael Servetus, 1511-1553

For Tuesdays, June 9, at 7:00 pm, register [HERE](#).

For Thursdays--June 4 and June 11, at 7:00 pm, register [HERE](#).

Tomorrow (Friday) morning we begin “Appreciation Month”—4 weeks of readings, exercises and meditations around cultivating *appreciation* (gratitude, growth, & understanding) and somewhere in here, we'll put in a zoom session or two. Sign up to receive the emails for Appreciation month [HERE](#).

See you soon (on screen, at least!)

Rev. Shore

This Month: Backpack Buddies

Social Action Team

The Back Pack Buddies Program provides food packs on Friday afternoons to students who are in extreme need situations and are likely to have inadequate food for the weekend.

School year 2020-21 is the 14th year for Back Pack Buddies in Transylvania County Schools. This year the program will be sponsored through the efforts of Manna Food Bank, Change the World Relief Organization, local churches, fire departments and many individuals.

During the school year, the program delivers an average of 250 packs per week. During the summer, that number drops slightly, to about 180. No data is yet available for the number served this year as a result of COVID, but we know the need is increasing. Please give generously!