



# NEWSLETTER

## Who's at the Table?

Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

We continue our theme, asking ourselves how we discover the "Beloved Community."



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*"Someone who loves a neighbor allows him to be as he is, as he was, and as he will be."* Michel Quoist



## Be The Light

The UUTC Pledge Drive for fiscal year 2021 – 2022, *Be The Light*, is underway! Members and Friends or anyone who has pledged before should be receiving their renewal packets in the mail this week. If you do not receive your pledge packet by end of the week or if you've never pledged before and would like to learn more about the *Be The Light Pledge Drive* and UUTC's plans for the year ahead, please contact [treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org). We welcome the involvement of everyone who cherishes Transylvania County's only Unitarian Universalist congregation and wants to support it!

Thank you!

*The Pledge Drive Team: John and Vicki Held, Kristin Leesment, Gail Meyers, Sharon Moya, Bart Renner, Alice Wellborn*



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## SPIRITUAL EXPLORERS

Spiritual Explorations will resume [on Thursday, February 25, 1:30 to 3 p.m.](#) via Zoom. We'll be meeting thereafter on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, [1:30 to 3:00](#).

We'll be using the book by Barbara Holmes, [Race and the Cosmos - Second Edition](#). Make sure you order the second edition which came out January 28, 2020. The book is \$19.95 and available on Amazon. Shipping is \$4. Order quickly!

Please sign up with Cantey Carpenter, [canteycarpenter61@gmail.com](mailto:canteycarpenter61@gmail.com)

Carol Flake, Earle Rabb, Jean Rowe, and Cantey Carpenter (class communicator)

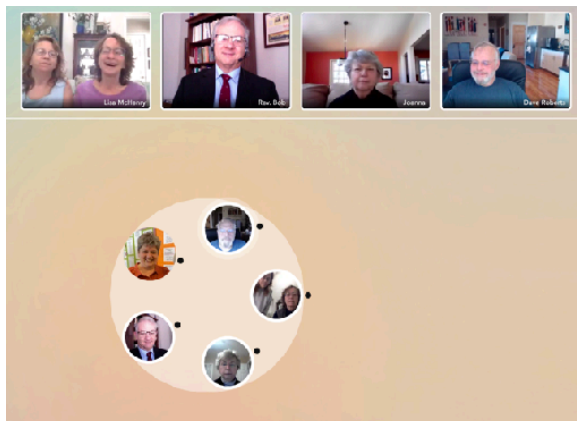


## Youth Book Club

**Kevin Lausch, Director of CRE**

Our Youth Book Club will be starting soon and is open to any youth in the 6th grade and above. We are starting the Book Club with the graphic novel, *MARCH: BOOK ONE* about the life of civil rights leader John Lewis. The book club meets once a month to eat snacks and have a fun talk about the books and how they relate to UU principles. Don't worry, no book reports or tests for this club! [Contact Kevin](#) for more information.

## Virtual Coffee Hour on Wonder



[THIS LINK](#) will take you to a “room” called UUTC Coffee Hour. **No password. No questions.** If you join a circle of 5 or more, you will be muted automatically by the program on entry, so just enable your microphone at the bottom of your screen to be heard! Wonder just made this change, which explains our experience last week. :)

**Get yourself in here! 11:00am Sunday!**

Wonder can be used on a smartphone, but you will wish you hadn't. Your best experience is going to be on a

laptop or computer and **you will need to be using the Chrome browser. Firefox is supposed to work, but apparently creates an echo.**

Come give it a try!

## 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.

## Rev. Bob's ARE History Classes

This is one of Rev. Bob's specialties - helping to bring to life the history of our Unitarian Universalist religion. Learn about the King of Transylvania (and his mother, the Queen), movers and shakers from American history, and name dropping (we'll even throw in a NASA astronaut)! This is expected to be a two-session Zoom course (including phone dial-in if you don't have a device with Zoom and want to listen and talk). UUTC folks who [CONTACT REV. BOB NOW](#) will get “first dibs” on the signup, but it will be open to other UU congregations in the region.

## Do You Feel Safe to Drive Others?

We curtailed our help in giving rides earlier in the pandemic, for the safety of all. But there may be ways to help in the future, for folks who might need a ride to their own COVID shot, or other essential appointment. I don't want to rush people into unsafe situations, so I'm just asking at this point if you are a person who might feel safer volunteering once your shots have taken effect. [Let me know.](#) - Rev. Bob Renjilian



## Call for Women Warriors: Music Video

“Becoming” is the Soul Matters Theme for the month of April. On the 18th of April we will have an all-woman service, and a special video is being created for it.

Janice Canon & Elaine Shaver reached out to several women of UUTC (and a few folks outside our immediate community) and now have 40 women interested in participating. Mark Allison and his drone, Frank Parsons, Rev. Bob and RK will all be filming to get clips for use in the video. **You can still join by emailing Janice, but make it quick!** To get a taste of what inspired this video, click [HERE](#). The finished project will be published to UUTC’s YouTube and Vimeo channels. Below is the latest update for “making day.”

### Janice Canon

We have a venue for our video-making event! Peter and Eleanor Mockridge have offered us the use of their mountain property! Elaine and I went up with them today and it more than meets all of our expectations and needs. The property is located about 35 minutes from the Courthouse in town, so you can gauge how long you will need to get there. The date is set for Saturday, March 20th, from 12noon to approximately 2pm with a rain date (if needed) for Saturday March 27th, 12-2pm. I will send out an email to each of you with further details, but I need to hear back from each of you who are truly committed to attending. **Please email me at [Jan5978@gmail.com](mailto:Jan5978@gmail.com) to confirm.** We have all mostly been cooped up due to the COVID, and although **we will all strictly observe mask and distancing guidelines**, this is a wonderful opportunity to have a safe get-away for a few hours.



Thank you for participating and special thanks to Peter and Eleanor!

## Fellowship on the Green — MARCH



Beginning on March 2nd, we return to The Green!

As previously, the window for being with others is from 11:30am to 1:30pm. All the usual precautions must be taken — distanced, masked — even if you have received both vaccinations, we want to kill this COVID sucker dead and not allow it any new hosts!

This is a weekly event — be mindful of the weather and dress appropriately (like I really need to tell you that...). Unlike previously, there will be no “rain dates.” Activities are

picking up, and the calendar is about to start getting a bit more crowded!

Hope to see you there!



## Scavenger Hunt & Trivia Quiz Activities!

For the past four years, the Brevard Chamber of Commerce has hosted the VISIT LOCAL celebrations at the Visitor Center in downtown Brevard with live music, delicious food and door prizes. The purpose of the events was to encourage local folks (not just visitors) to get to know our area and how their Visitor Center can serve them.

This year, VISIT LOCAL has a twist. Instead of the in-person celebration, we have put together two safe, fun ways to get to know our amazing community better:

- The Hidden Gems Scavenger Hunt takes participants all over the county discovering hidden gems and wonderful places in the area.
- The Transylvania Treasures Trivia Quiz encourages contestants to research and learn more about our special community from the safety of their own homes.

All the information -- general overview, instructions for each contest, clues/questions and checklist/answer sheet -- can be found by [clicking here](#). Or people can pick up paper copies of the information at the Visitor Center, 175 E Main St, open M-F, 10am-4pm and Sat, 10am-2pm.

The contests run through noon, Monday, March 1. Anyone can enter one or both contests, and all entrants will receive a gift -- either an "Explore Brevard" sticker or a "Think Local Transylvania" sticker. There will be two winners chosen from each contest, and each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the Chamber member of their choice. Join in the Fun!



## Artists in Pursuit of Meaning

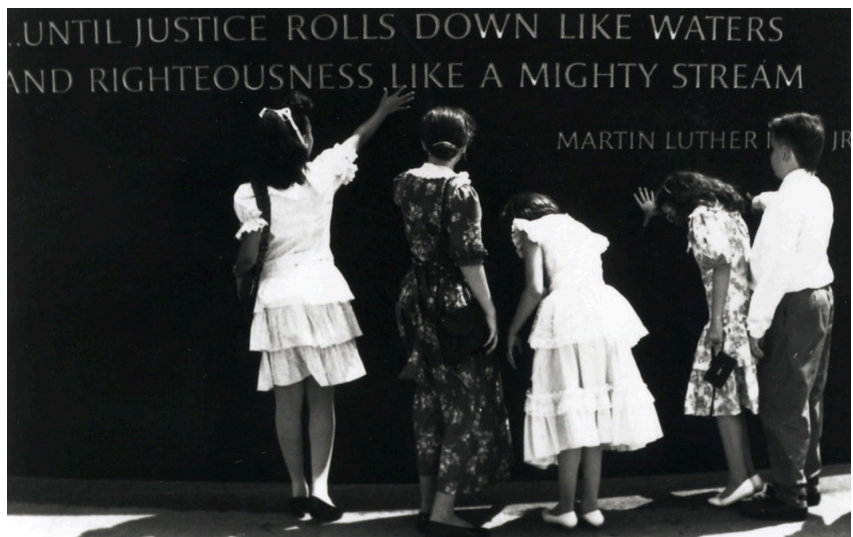


**March 2nd, 6:30pm**

***Artists in Pursuit of Meaning*** has been conceived as a three-session course, with the first two featuring movies on a couple of artists: Andy Goldsworthy and Maya Lin. "Art for me is a form of nourishment," Goldsworthy says. And many of you have probably experienced at least one of Maya Lin's great works: the Vietnam Memorial. Both of these artists create deeply spiritual experiences for observers of their work. While Goldsworthy's work is very personal expression, Maya Lin was focused on a redeeming work for the families of survivors. Both of these journeys are good films, lasting around 90 minutes each.

The first two classes will jump right into the films (via Zoom screensharing). Even if you have seen these films before, you are encouraged to re-watch these with the group so that they will be fresh in your mind for the discussion topics afterwards.

Andy Goldworthy's work is very personal, and can provide insight into the exploration necessary to build a personal vision of expression. Maya Lin, on the other hand, is a visionary artist who suffered through quite a trial in the crafting of her most-known work: The Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC.



These two artists can give us insight into how we can learn to communicate our own personal, and our communal messages through the mediums of our choice. The third class will introduce a project which you can choose to participate in which will give you a chance to practice building your personal and visual expression.

This class is appropriate for teens of high school age and up. There is some content that is sensually derived, and other content that is violent and infuriating. Both films are documentaries.

To register for the class, login to Realm (on either smartphone or through your internet browser of choice) and find your Newsfeed. Check that you are Going, and I will add you to the Group!

## Coming Soon to a Parking Lot Near You...

Kevin Lausch and CRE will be managing a yard/parking lot sale at UUTC in the not too distant future. Why are we telling you now? So you can start thinking of what you can unburden yourself from!

Treasurer Gail Meyer recently related a thing she had done when moving... creating an area of "free to good home" with voluntary contributions for things not worth her trouble to price. Many may have jars of screws leftover from earlier projects, or bits of rope — really anything — and this is your opportunity to contribute not just things you think would generate a nice donation, but things that probably wouldn't — but your life would be lighter for having passed them on.

Start checking your closets and tool sheds and attics and ridding yourself of things (as the modern jargon goes) that "don't bring you joy." Find some boxes or plastic tubs that you can start putting things into, and let the unburdening begin!

You will need to bring this stuff to the church at some point... but that date has not been set. :)

# Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2020

<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	
Receipts	\$ 25,514.03	\$225,594.77	
Expenditures	<u>27,576.80</u>	<u>173,271.49</u>	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ <u>(2,062.77)</u>	\$ <u>52,323.28</u>	
Unrestricted Cash in Fund:	\$ 55,094.26		
Restricted Reserve Fund:	<u>32,173.09</u>		
<b>Total Available Cash on Hand:</b>	<b>\$ <u>87,267.35</u></b>		
<b>Endowment Fund:</b>	<b>\$ <u>217,488.53</u></b>		
<b>Other Funds:</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Amount Restricted</b>	
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$ 7,792.28	\$ 0.00	
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$ 27,607.24	\$ 18,145.90	
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 0.00	
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 2,670.00	
This Month –UUSC			\$820.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$ 9,359.97	\$ 9,359.97	
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$ 5,368.13	\$ 0.00	
<b>Pledge Campaigns @ 2/17/21</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
2020/2021	\$ 274,758.00	\$ 205,926.58	\$ 68,831.42
Respectfully Submitted,			
Gail Meyers, Treasurer	2/17/2021		

*"It is an absolute human certainty that no one can know his own beauty or perceive a sense of his own worth until it has been reflected back to him in the mirror of another loving, caring human being."*

*— John Joseph Powell, The Secret of Staying in Love*



# Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

for February 25, 2021 @ 5:30pm via Zoom

## Welcome & Check-in

## Opening Words

**Board Minutes:** The January 28, 2021 meeting minutes were approved via email vote on 02/01/21 and sent to the Administrator for filing and publishing to the website.

## Email Votes Since Last Meeting:

Approval of 01/28/21 Board Meeting Minutes as presented

Approval of 02/11/21 Called Board Meeting Minutes as presented

## Standing Updates:

Minister's Report	Rev. Bob Renjilian
Treasurer's Report	Gail Meyers
Operations Report	RK Young
Administration Committee	Kay Webb (liaison)
Finance Committee	Gail Meyers (liaison)
Personnel Committee	Betty Kendrick (liaison)
Property Committee	Quim Moya (liaison)
Advisory Council	Susan Zelle (liaison)

## Old Business:

Treasurer's Financial Policy Proposal (tabled last meeting)

Update on FY 2021-22 Budget

Update on 501(c)(3)

## New Business:

Annual Review of Policy Manual

Resolution to open/close savings accounts - Gail

**Board Calendar:** Feb/March - Budget Report to Congregation, Employee annual reviews, set May Annual Mtg date, GA Delegate approval, SUULE Nominations, Review Board Operating Guidelines

**Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:** 03/25/21 at 5:30pm via Zoom

## Adjourn

*\*You can join any Board meeting by using the link in your Realm Newsfeed.*