



# NEWSLETTER

## Easter Sunday

### Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

From the depths of despair to the reinvention of following to going forth with hope and joy! Afterwards a communion service is offered in the parking lot at 11:30 (bring FM radio or your car radio to hear).

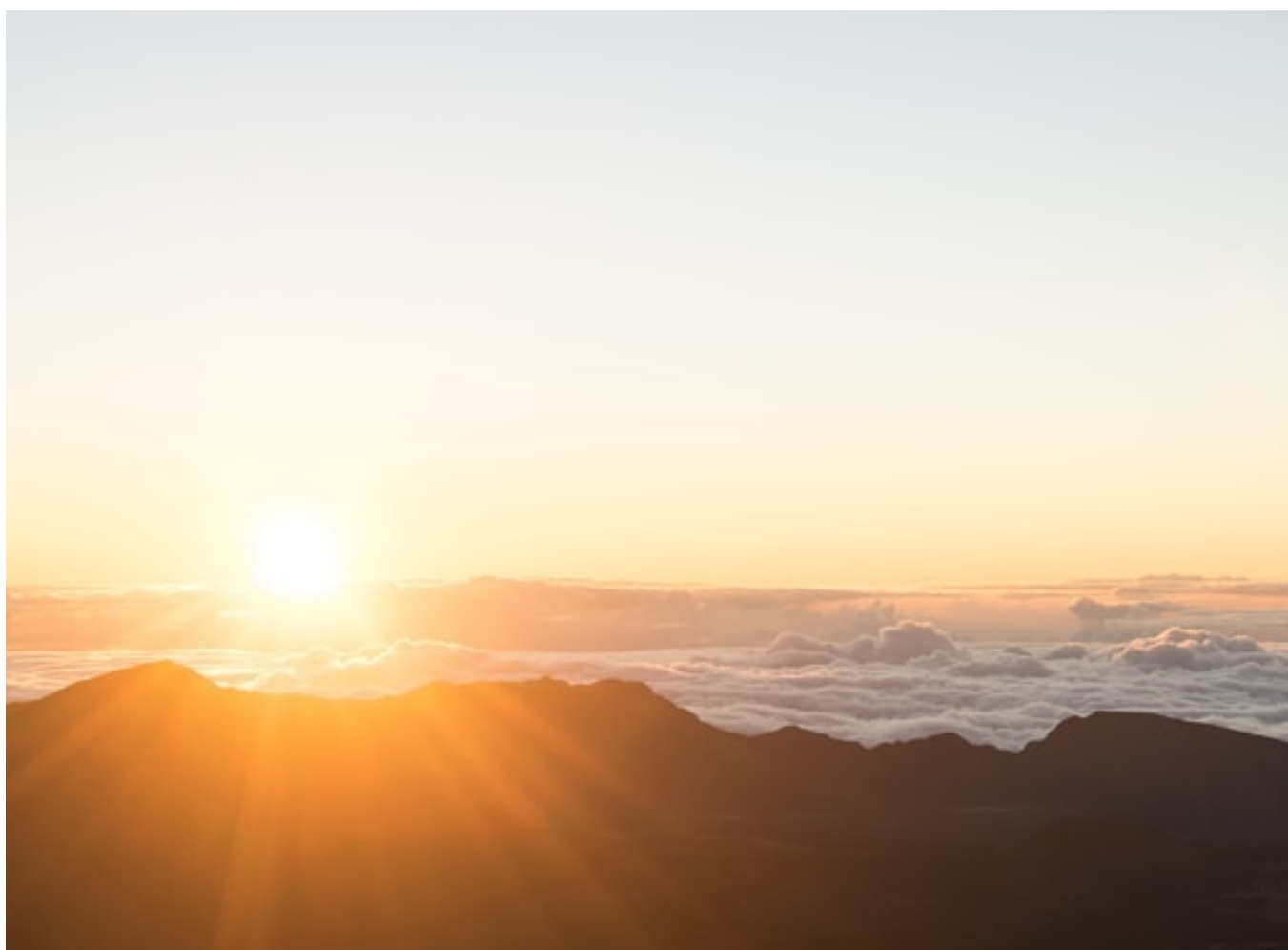


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*“There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, the ebb and flow of the tides, the folded bud ready for the spring. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.”*

—Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*

## Note from Our Minister



### Rev. Bob Renjilian

I'm pleased our new ventilation system can help us reach small groups (8-10) in the Social Hall once again, and glad that weather has helped us return to Fellowship on the Green. I'd like us to keep safe, so here are a few reminders:

\* Not everyone is vaccinated. Last time I looked, Transylvania County stats were showing only a quarter or so of the population has had at least a first shot. And even vaccinated people can catch or spread COVID-19.

\* We will likely do hybrid offerings more often - such as monthly Soul Matters discussions held outside, but at the same time on Zoom for those who can not be in groups.

\* Our indoor space is first being offered to the outside community groups who had to stop a year ago. I am pleased we can remember our mission to the community.

\* As we do a (controlled) reopening of the Social Hall for leadership teams or internal groups we'll need to know who on that team will promise to help remind everyone in their group about continued safety measures (and get trained on the ventilation controls, temperature taking, chair wipe-downs, etc.).

\* I've noticed at Fellowship on the Green that some forget to put their masks back on when they are talking (after eating). Please remember not everyone is vaccinated yet, and some folks we know may stay away if they are seeing safe measures ignored by their UUTC friends.

\* I've noticed some folks forget to be distanced.

As promised, we will re-evaluate the worship situation late in May. Please be patient. In the meantime we're not opening the sanctuary for anything except small memorial services or weddings.

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## Families & Youth



### Kevin Lausch, Director of CRE

#### **YOUTH BOOK CLUB - Saturday, April 24 at 2pm**

Our Youth Book Club will read the graphic novel "The Hidden Witch" by Molly Knox Ostertag, the second book in "The Witch Boy" trilogy. We meet monthly (outside and socially distanced) to eat snacks and have an interesting talk about the books and how they relate to UU principles. Next meeting is Saturday, April 24 at 2pm at UUTC. Contact Kevin at [kevin@uutc.org](mailto:kevin@uutc.org) or 864-395-1208 for more information. *(Continued next page)*

## INTERGENERATIONAL (ALL AGES!) MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Our UU families (and dogs) had a blast at the last hike on the Pink Beds loop in Pisgah Forest. EVERYONE is welcome to the next gathering on April 24 at 12:30 at the Holmes Educational Forest for a picnic and hike. This forest offers multiple trails with interpretive exhibits and picnic areas, and leashed dogs are welcome. We will meet in the parking area near the public restrooms but PLEASE NOTE the public restrooms are closed (porta-potties are available) and the covered picnic shelter is closed (scattered tables are available). The Holmes Educational Forest is located at 1299 Crab Creek Rd, Hendersonville. Stay tuned for the next gathering, which will be **Saturday, May 22**.



## Shade Sails Return to the Green!

It's getting sunny, so to keep you from squinting at your friends, the shade sails are back up. We have some new lime green ones to replace the yellow ones that were damaged last year.

Here we have the Nulls, Susan Zelle, Vicki Held, Doug Denton, Rev. Bob (yes, he's wearing a lovely turquoise shirt)— not pictured: Victoria Kerr & Kay Webb.

## 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.

## Going to General Assembly?

Virtual General Assembly — this is a great way to dig deeper at a lower cost! Join Ian & Vanessa Cowie, Rev. Bob and Mae Peterson in attending this year. Registration is half what in-person GA is, at \$200.

Find out more [HERE](#). From that page there are links to images and examples of programming from previous years.



## Living the 7th Principle

A few years back, the Property Committee recommended (and the Board adopted) a new policy concerning our Property. *“When considering the stewardship of the UUTC property, those delegated the authority and responsibility by the Board to make decisions about the management and maintenance of buildings and grounds shall, whenever possible, minimize negative impacts on the environment through the use of natural and native materials, plants and products.”*

Your Facilities Team has been working under that policy for about three years, during which time a lot of planting has been done. Our newest [blog post](#), just in time for spring, includes a link to a spreadsheet of identified plants (both existing and recently planted) and the resources they provide to other living creatures in our area. Check it out!

## UUTC Enviro Stewards – More Work to Do

Two events are coming up which need more assistance. Both of these are 7th Principle initiatives.

The next litter pickup will be in conjunction with NCDOT on April 24th on Rosman Highway. Please [contact Sharon Moya](#) if you would like to participate. The more hands involved, the less ground we each have to cover! Litter is not only unsightly, it is a threat to wildlife and water quality.

This week’s Transylvania Times highlighted another project — a workday at Tannery Skatepark to plant perennials. Maureen Copelof, who you will see participating in at least one of the music selections in our third Sunday Service in April, has asked for donations of native plants for sun or part sun (listed were monarda, coneflower, native phlox, stokes asters, obedient plant, milkweed). And if you don’t have any plants to donate (or, of course, if you \*do\*)... come help plant them on Saturday, April 17th! Contact Maureen for more information at [maureen.copelof@cityofbrevard.com](mailto:maureen.copelof@cityofbrevard.com).

To get notifications from the Environmental Stewards group, send an email to [Eloise@uutc.org](mailto:Eloise@uutc.org).

## Air Exchange Now Functional!

Mac Heating & Air’s final technician on site, Larry, walked us through the new controls. Ours is the first system of this quality that they have installed. Near each thermostat are now two new controls. One detects temperature and carbon dioxide levels, reporting both (alternately). The CO2 is reported as a parts per million (ppm) number. The system is set for “good” inside air standards, kicking into gear automatically if CO2 reaches 800ppm.

However, for Covid-crushing numbers, we will want to use the second control when we have groups in the building (until that infection is no longer a threat). So the second control allows us to kick up the fans on the air exchange handler for each space. Currently set at a speed of one, we can boost the number to 5 for larger groups. Ideally, when people are in the building, we will keep CO2 at 600ppm or lower. Face masks still required! When we are close together, we can still spread disease.