

NEWSLETTER

Our Fragility in Nature

Rev. Bob Renjilian - Facebook Livestream at 10:00am, Sunday

Hurricanes, viruses, droughts, floods and any number of humbling moments of the power of our environment are balanced with stunning beauty and bounty of flowers, crops, waterfalls and gentle breezes. What we do with all this helps show our religious temperament.

My first service with you as your new minister! — Rev. Bob



"A man far oftener appears to have a decided character from persistently following his temperament than from persistently following his principles."

— Friedrich Nietzsche

Welcome Rev. Bob This Sunday!

Eloise Shepard

Our new settled minister, Rev. Bob Renjilian, will be giving his first sermon this Sunday. Afterwards, Rev. Bob would like to have a Meet and Greet in person to put faces to our congregation! Anyone who would like to come and meet him will be welcome. Of course, we will be physically distancing and out of regard for the wellbeing of all, everyone must wear a face mask.



We have divided the congregation into 4 groups and assigned each group a 30 minute time slot between 11:00am - 1:00pm. This will keep the number of people down for both parking and physical distancing. Most will be asked to park across the street in the city lot and walk over to Meditation Garden to say hello. If you are unable to make that walk, we will be saving the UUTC lot between the Fellowship Green and the church for you to park, and Rev. Bob will come to your car to speak to you. There will be people to help direct with parking, etc.

We ask that you please adhere to this schedule in order to keep our numbers down at each time slot.

Family name: A through D 11:00-11:30

E through L 11:30-12:00 M through R 12:00-12:30

S through Z 12:30-1:00 Thank you for honoring this schedule. :)

Attention Team & Committee Leaders!

Eloise Shepard

Realm is ready to serve you!

When you are logged into Realm, click on your Group. Basic information, leaders, and any items of news should show for your Group. Click the Participants tab to see who is currently listed as leading and serving on your team or committee. Since we are in a new fiscal/team year, please do this to confirm that any changes to Group membership have been made. Leaders should be able to add or delete group members who are in Realm or notify me (eloise@uutc.org) of any changes and I can make them.

When have the list of participants showing, note that there is a blue bar to the right that enables you to send an email to your Group. Did you know that you can select who is sent a specific email? To the left of each person's name is a tick box. You can check or uncheck the individuals you wish to send to. For instance, need to contact the leaders to go over meeting plans? Check only those listed as Leaders. Then click the blue box Send Email. Have an item you wish to run by certain members only? Click them. Want to skip RK on the memo about her secret birthday party? Uncheck her! (FYI, to check all members, click the little blue square next to "Name.")

The Group's function is there to help you. If you have a person whom you would like to stay in the loop as far as information or for a certain project, but is not a "Member" of the team, you can add them as a "Guest" for whatever time or project you want them kept on. Check or uncheck them as appropriate when there is a group email.

Now click the **Events** tab. Here you can post when you will be meeting or Zooming or having a work day. Click the **Resources** tab. Notice that you can click the blue bar **Add Resources**. Here is where you will post your group's Operating Guidelines. Also, for example, you can post documents or drafts of items to be discussed at the meeting you post on Events. You can email your members through Participants and tell them to check the Resources so they will be up to speed and ready to discuss!

Team Management made easy!

If you have other questions, email eloise@uutc.org. Thanks for your updates!

Shenanigans: CRE Team Prepares for Hogwarts



Trisha Powers, Kevin Lausch, Brigid Fox, pictured at left, top.

Nancy Potter and Virginia Watkins do health checks on incoming owls before children arrive.

Below, Virginia coaxes the owls into their roost.





Treasurer's Report: June

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2020 ed. note: new publishing schedule is responsible for delay

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	This Month	Year to Date
Receipts	\$14,117.53	\$315,697.04
Expenditures	<u>33,024.65</u>	<u>299,712.71</u>
Net:	<u>-\$18,907.12</u>	<u>\$15,984.33</u>
Unrestricted Cash in Fund:	\$29,634.70	
Restricted Reserve Fund:	<u>13,465.58</u>	
Total Available Cash on Hand:	<u>\$43,100.28</u>	
Endowment Fund:	\$182,809.5 <u>7</u>	

Other Funds:	Bank Balance	Amount Restricted
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$5,543.41	\$0.00
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$24,520.90	\$15,043.21
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$1,175.00	\$0.00
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
This Month –Backpack Buddies		\$920.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$7,792.42	\$7,792.42
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$3,367.02	\$0.00

Pledge Campaigns @ 7/16/20	Committed	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2019/2020	\$253,035.96	\$245,645.21	\$7,390.75
2020/2021	\$274,758.00	\$67,631.00	\$207,127.00
Amount to be transferred to Reserve	\$15,984.33		
Amount to be transferred to reserve	Ψ10,504.00		

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Meyers, Treasurer 7/16/2020

"Hold material goods and wealth on a flat palm and not in a clenched fist."

— Alistair Begg

Your continued generosity fuels our mission—Thank You.

Rediscovering UUTC



Inset: Brigid Fox is deliriously getting re-acquainted with our Mission Statement in the foyer. ;)





Rethinking Stewardship

Your Stewardship Team

Most people probably think of stewardship as an activity which raises money for an organization. While this is true, it actually has a broader meaning which we prefer. Stewardship is also taking care of something entrusted to our care. As part of our Unitarian Universalist community, we take care of our church, and increasingly we take care of one other. We check in, we offer a lending hand, or simply a sympathetic ear.

As part of this outreach effort, the Stewardship Team is working on a Virtual Auction to be held later this year. What talents, treasure, or time might you share with others? What do you need help with, and what could you contribute to help others? Please take a moment to reflect on these questions and fill out the survey at this link. Ed. Note: can I bid on lunch with the Rabbs?

Eew, Paperwork! Yay, More Outreach!

RK Young

Long overdue, we are soon to have a (virtual) Congregational Vote to elect members to a Committee being formed by virtue of our soon-to-be-adopted Bylaws (we hope!). Thursday morning you received notification of a Zoom Forum— I am totally dissatisfied with that notification. So here's all the stuff you need to know. The Administration Committee has been slogging over this document for more than a year, with simplifications to its structure (so we can find things like applicable "quorums" all in one place) and additions that reflect both current need and anticipated practice.

You can find the <u>CURRENT Bylaws here</u>. A "revised copy" was so confusing as to be useless for the purpose of review, so instead, AdCom gave us a <u>"clean revision here"</u> to study.

The <u>Forum will be Thursday, August 12, at 7:00pm</u>. All are welcome. If you don't have adequate technology, you are welcome to send any questions in via email to Peter Mockridge, Sharon Moya, Michael Solomon, or Kay Webb. Questions need to be sent in by August 10th, and will be answered in the Forum, which will be recorded and made available to all Members and Friends through a Vimeo link delivered via Realm emailing tools.

I encourage you to send in questions prior to the 10th. If, in fact, questions lead to a revision, and the Board approves that revision, then we must give the congregation 14 days of notice prior to a vote. Adoption of the revised Bylaws requires a quorum of 30% of membership represented in received ballots and 2/3 of those votes in favor of the content of the ballot. In addition to the Bylaw revision, we will also elect a new Endowment Committee, which can make decisions on the Congregation's behalf on the spending of Community Outreach Endowment Funds. The needs will be great in our community in the coming year, and our prompt attention with the leverage we have is a moral imperative. Completing a vote by the end of August would be lovely.

Study time! — Have a great week!