



OUTSOURCING SLAVERY

by Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.—Sunday, March 1

Sunday Sermon

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it overseas. The question is, can we own our guilt and invest ethically in fair trade?

Please join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m., and for coffee and fellowship at 10:30.

Sunday Children's Programs

Nursery care will be provided during both services. During the 11:00 service, Emily Atkinson and Heather Layton will conduct **Creating Home** in the classroom for children ages 4 to 8.



*After the 11:00 Sunday service, the Children's Religious Exploration Team will host a **Kick-Off** of its new **Creating Home** curriculum. **There will be cake!** Join the team for refreshments and conversation about its new venture.*

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USHERS NEEDED!

Once again we need ushers for many of our upcoming services.

If you plan to attend a service in March and are willing to help fill one or more of the slots below, **please, contact our hardworking Usher Coordinator**, Susan Freeman, at susanf442000@yahoo.com. Rest assured that your help makes a huge difference.

- 3/1** @ 9:30 Carol MacAllister & Joanna Bliss
@ 11:00 Sue and Jim Null
- 3/8** @ 9:30 David Warinner & Christine Schmidt
@ 11:00 _____ & _____
- 3/15** @ 9:30 _____ & _____
@ 11:00 _____ & _____
- 3/22** @ 9:30 Kay Webb and Becky Young
@ 11:00 _____ & _____
- 3/29** @ 9:30 _____ & _____
@ 11:00 _____ & _____



Last Sunday Bart and Kate Renner introduced their daughter Cadence, who received the congregation's delighted oohs and ahhs with aplomb!

Next Week at UUTC

Mindfulness Group – MON 3/2 @ 7:00 pm

Men's Group – TUE 3/3 @ 9:00 am

Eclectics Jam – WED 3/4 @ 9:00 am

UU Film Series – WED 3/4 @ 5:00 pm

Soup & Soul – WED 3/4 @ 6:00 pm

Women's Lunch – THUR 3/5 @ 12:30 pm

Drum Circle – THUR 3/5 @ 7:00 pm

Drum Circle

Drum Circle will be held Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Instruments are provided and no experience is necessary! Supervised children



are welcome. **NOTE:** If the weather is bad, the event will be cancelled.

**UUTC Members and Friends
may request a free PDF
version of the
2015 Members and
Friends Photo Directory.
Send your request to
uutcadmin@comporium.net.**

UU Film on Wednesday

Our film journey through 2000 years of UU history will continue with the film *Evolution* (1861 - 1961). This week's planned showing of *Evolution* was again postponed due to inclement weather. The film will be shown in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. on March 4.

Women's Bag Lunch

All women are invited to share lunch at 12:30 at the church on **Thursday, March 5**. Bring a bag lunch and, if you wish, a treat to share.

The March topic of conversation will be to share your personal journey to Unitarian Universalism.

If you have any questions, please contact **JoAnn Crawford**. Her email is **nccrawford@hotmail.com**.



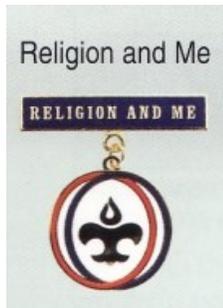
Alix Berenzy, a new Friend of the congregation, is from Plymouth, Pennsylvania. She discovered Brevard when looking for a peaceful place to live close to nature, and moved here in April, 2014.

Her working life was spent as a freelance author-illustrator of children's books, with a preference for fairy tales, animals and nature. Alix has done volunteer work with children and participated in the environmental movement.

Alix enjoys Kundalini Yoga with the goal of producing spiritual transformation. She has been a UU for more than 15 years and is delighted to have become a Friend of UUTC, "a community of thoughtful, good-hearted people."



Help Needed—UU Scouting Emblem



To encourage Scouts to grow stronger in their faith, many religious groups, including UU, have programs for young Scouts to earn a religious emblem. The

Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform. Each religious organization develops its own program.

Children's Religious Exploration is looking for someone who is willing to meet with Scouts **Jackson** (second grade), **Eli** (second grade) and **Reed** (fourth grade) two or three times to help them work through their UU Love and Help Activity Workbook and earn their religious emblem.

Contact Heather Layton at 553-3810 or creutc@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer to help our UU youth in this exciting endeavor. Thanks!

Children's Religious Exploration

Help Needed Easter Sunday

Both Emily Atkinson and Heather Layton are planning to be out of town over the school Spring Break. Easter falls during this time.

They are looking for at least two volunteers who would **lead the annual Easter Egg hunt** for the children during the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday. Heather will have a candy-free hunt already planned. The volunteers will only need to lead the activity.

Owl Design Needed

The final Our Whole Lives (OWL) session is March 29 and CRE is planning a short ceremony to take place during the second service that Sunday. **Heather is looking for ideas from crafty, creative people for a cool award for the OWL participants.** She is thinking of an actual owl, perhaps a tee-shirt design or pottery.

Please contact Heather at 553-3810 or creutc@gmail.com if you are willing to help with either of the above activities.

You, Me & UUTC

Would you like to know more about Unitarian Universalism, UUTC, and what it means to be a member or friend? Please consider attending the *You, Me & UUTC class* that is scheduled for Saturday, March 21.



The day is divided into mini-sessions in which you will meet UUTC leaders, learn about the workings of our ministry, participate in activities, and get to know other class members.

Lunch and child care will be provided. Please contact Elizabeth Thompson at etville@gmail.com for more information.

Equal Exchange will hold its coffee and chocolate sale on **March 8**. Plan to stock up then!

Our **FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH** occurs this week, **March 1**. For more information, contact Elizabeth Thompson at etville@gmail.com.



March Outreach – SAFE, Inc.

For the month of March, our Social Action Team is focusing on supporting SAFE Inc., a local agency which provides **crisis intervention and life skills** for abused victims. SAFE is the only agency in our county committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Victims are provided with safe shelter, treated with dignity and respect, and given the

opportunity to create long-lasting changes that will result in a life free of violence and abuse.

If you wish to support this agency, please make a check payable to SAFE Inc. and put it in the offering basket at a Sunday service in March..



An Invitation — We Are Family

The Mission Statement of UUTC expresses our deep sense of what we find so valuable and significant about our community.

If you would like to help support the unique and special place that is UUTC with your time and talent, but cannot be part of a long-term committee or team at this time, please

consider joining the We Are Family Commitment Campaign as a visiting steward. The duration of your commitment to the campaign is one month, April.

As a Visiting Steward you will be asked to attend a short **training session** that will provide you with the materials for this year's campaign. Following that, you will be provided with the names of a few Members or Friends of UUTC who have agreed to meet with you to talk about their own vision and hopes, concerns and questions, about UUTC.

We will warmly welcome your participation in this effort to support UUTC for all of us, as well as support the special place that UUTC fills in the larger community. For more information, please contact Dave Roberts by phone at 610-751-6309 or by email at dave@robertslink.net.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A W E L C O M I N G C O N G R E G A T I O N

March 2015 Sermons

March 1 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.

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March 8 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Elizabeth Thompson

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH *THE FOUR AGREEMENTS*

Elizabeth Thompson, a member of our congregation, will talk about the transformative power of Don Miguel Ruiz' *The Four Agreements*. Ruiz explains that we have been domesticated to the point of being far from our true spiritual selves. By following the agreements, one becomes free and uncontaminated by the thousands of voices that lead us away from who we really are. Elizabeth will also explore how our individual adoption of the agreements could bring about a greater sense of community within our congregation.

March 15 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

In the play *Oedipus* by Sophocles, Creon says, "Ah! Money! Money is a currency that's rank. Money levels cities to the ground, seduces men away from happy homes, corrupts the honest heart to shifty ways, and makes men crooked connoisseurs of vice." But is it the money or is it us, our greed? A popular Hellenistic philosophy says that it is not the money, but the love of money that is the root of all evil. Is the hunger for money insatiable or can we learn to tame our appetite for more?

March 22 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Dan Carter

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN AMERICA: WHY OUR OBSESSION WITH REVENGE IS DESTROYING US

Most of us are aware that the United States is unique among advanced democracies in its embrace of the "incarceration culture." The statistics are mind-numbing, but the underlying question is, why? What lies within our national psyche that leads us toward revenge rather than rehabilitation and reconciliation?

March 29 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.

FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WAY

As Unitarian Universalists, we have inherited a unique and particular vision of what it means to follow Jesus. That vision grew out of many struggles and sacrifices on the part of those who were labeled heretics by orthodox churches. At the heart of our vision is freedom and responsibility. While we do not worship Jesus as God, we do hold him up as a model we must strive to emulate. Our point of departure for this reflection was expressed by Carl Jung in his words, "To follow Jesus means to live your own authentic life as truly as he lived his in all its implications." It's a question of WWYD? ("What would you do if you were living out of your authentic Self?")

**Nursery care will be provided during both services. Creating Home for children
ages 4 to 8 will be offered during the 11:00 service.**



“We are the certain and the seeking, the lifers and the newcomers, the beloved and the brokenhearted, the insiders and the rejected, all of whom have found a home in the extraordinary, yet intimate, communities of Unitarian Universalism.”

Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC Host

UUTC Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a community that encourages free spiritual discovery and growth, celebrates personal and religious diversity, and promotes active, responsible involvement in the larger community.

Join Us!

Discover what it means to have a personal faith which is anchored by diversity and acceptance. Join in Sunday services with the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Contact information is below.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our [church calendar](#).

ACCESS [previous issues](#) of UUpdate.

SEND news for this newsletter by close of business on Wednesdays. Please include date(s), a description, and the contact person's name and telephone or email address. Send to news@uutc.org.

SCHEDULE events on the UUTC calendar by sending an email to calendar@uutc.org with the date, start and end times, space to be used, and contact person.

CONTACT US

Our minister is the Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.

Church office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The church telephone number is 828-877-6121.

Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712.

Our email address is uutcadmin@comporium.net.

Our church is located at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard.