



## Money, Money and More Money

by Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr. — Sunday, March 15

# Sunday Sermon

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?

*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.



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## You Are Invited!

For the next six sessions of Christians in Exile, **Dave Hunter** will lead a discussion of the book **Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life** by Karen Armstrong. The group meets at the church on the **second and fourth Mondays from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m.** All are invited to join, starting Monday, March 23. Please contact Jean Rowe at [uurevjeanr@aol.com](mailto:uurevjeanr@aol.com) for more information.

## Sunday Brunch

To avoid Easter Sunday, the "First-Sunday" Brunch will again make its appearance on a Sunday other than the First Sunday. Join us at the college dining hall after the second service on **Sunday, March 29** (the fifth Sunday) for food and fellowship. Please contact Elizabeth Thompson at [etville@gmail.com](mailto:etville@gmail.com) for more information.

## Soup & Soul

**Soup & Soul** is an informal potluck for friendship and meaningful discussion. It happens every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30. Childcare can be reserved. The March 18 topic is ***The Healing Power of Nature in Our Lives***. Please contact Sandy Jones at 884-4442 for more information.



## Meal Ministry

The Loving Hearts and Helping Hands Team extends its gratitude for the generosity and support it has received from our UUTC Congregation. **The spirit of love and caring has shone itself in numerous ways.** One is the way our church family has provided many meals to help members and friends in times of need.

The LHHH Team is now in the process of organizing a framework to carry out continued care in a more efficient manner. **If you would like to occasionally provide a meal or part of a meal, please sign up** on the sheet found on the church counter.

A rotating schedule will be set up and once you have taken your turn, your name will be moved to the end of the list. Of course you can also switch places as needed to accommodate your schedule. A coordinator will assist in arranging times/dates.

Thank you for your caring.



## Next Week at UUTC

**Mindfulness Group** – Mon 3/16 @ 7:00 pm

**Men's Group** – Tue 3/17 @ 9:00 am

**Eclectics Jam** – Wed 3/18 @ 9:00 am

**Soup & Soul** – Wed 3/18 @ 6:30 pm

**You, Me & UUTC** – Sat 3/21 @ 9:00 am

## ***Spiritual Formation in the UU Tradition — Starts March 25***



The UUTC Adult Religious Exploration Team decided in December that it wanted to focus its offerings in the first quarter of 2015 on those things that were most important to Ernie, given his imminent retirement. He selected ***The Long Strange Trip*** (the UU history video series that concluded on March 11) and ***Spiritual Formation in the UU Tradition***.

Ernie will facilitate a four-week class on *Spiritual Formation in the UU Tradition* from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary beginning Wednesday, March 25, and continuing weekly through Wednesday, April 15.

**The course explores what is meant by "spiritual" and engages the participants in a process of examining and forming their spiritual lives based on the Principles and Sources of Unitarian Universalism.**

The *Long Strange Trip* video series has been well attended, with between 20 and 25 members and friends enjoying the video and follow-up discussion facilitated by Ernie. The Adult Religious Exploration Team hopes for a similar response to *Spiritual Formation*.

A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby.

## **Fifth Sunday Food Collection**

March has FIVE Sundays, so the Social Action Team will be collecting food for **Sharing House**. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your donations on March 22 and 29. Please take a list of the most needed items from the church counter.

## **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 victims of abuse. 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.

## Another Recent Loss

We are saddened by the death of UUTC founding member **Nilsa Lobdell** last Saturday. Rev. Jean Rowe conducted a service for Nilsa's family and friends at Moody Connelly Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 11. A reception followed at UUTC.



## Memorial Service

David Post, a friend of UUTC, attended Unity Church for the past few months. Unity Church will hold a memorial service for David on Wednesday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m., located at 2041 Old Fanning Bridge Road, Mills River, NC. For ride-sharing, please contact Dick Tucker at 862-6447.



## Children's Religious Exploration

### Our Whole Lives (OWL) Retreat

The OWL Retreat took place last weekend at The Mountain in Highlands. The group arrived as the sun was setting and dinner was being served, perfect timing! After dinner a large orange moon was rising above Meditation Rock, a glorious sight. The night was crisp and clear and the stars were shining as the group began its program that evening.

The next morning the sunrise over the mountains was enjoyed from the comfort of the cabin porch. **Saturday was a whirlwind of activity: Morris and Heather covered six OWL sessions with the youth and still had time for a short hike!** They feel fortunate to have The Mountain at our back door.

OWL will meet two more Sundays before its **Closing Celebration on March 29**, during the 9:30 service. Plan to attend the first service and be a part of our celebration!

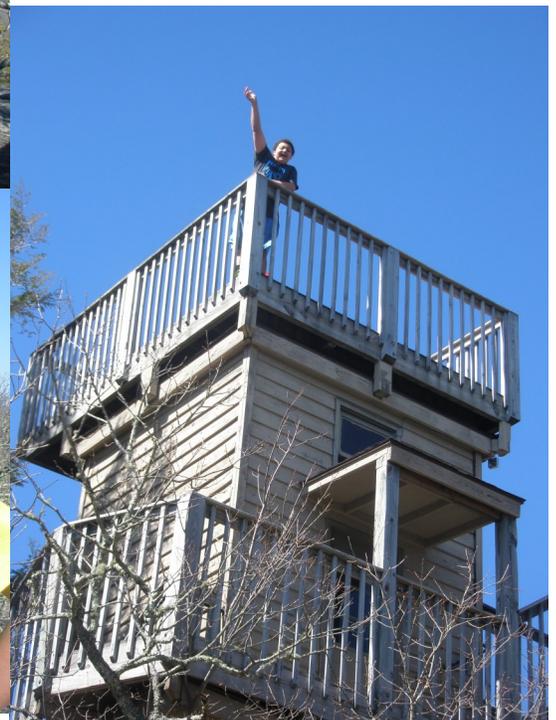
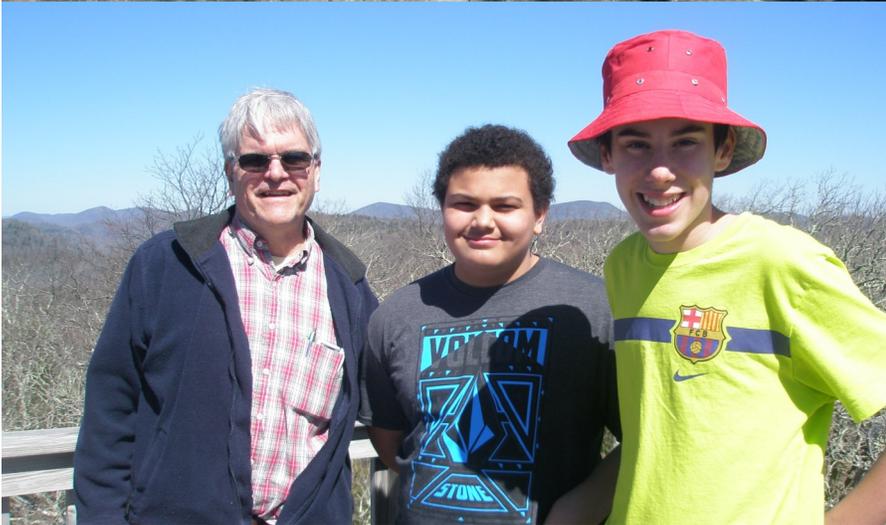
### Creating Home

Creating Home had its second session with another great showing of young people, including **two new families** visiting UUTC for the first time. Check-out the newly decorated threshold when you enter the classroom. We think you will find it vibrant and welcoming.

We are taking our first steps toward creating our communal faith home and learning so much in the process. Also notice the spring cleaning project that Emily Atkinson has diligently started in that room. Looking good!



**Our Whole Lives Retreat**



## Volunteer Openings: Take a Turn / Take Care of UUTC

**TEAM OPENINGS:** *Members, Friends and Active Visitors, please contact Rev. Ernie Mills or the team leader listed below.*

<b>Membership Team</b>	One team member	Susan Slocum at 207-831-8976 or <a href="mailto:suslocum@yahoo.com">suslocum@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Social Action Team</b>	Team leader	Sue Null at 828-877-2550 or <a href="mailto:suenull@rice.edu">suenull@rice.edu</a>
<b>Stewardship Team</b>	Multiple openings	Dave Roberts at 828-553-4461 or <a href="mailto:dave@robertslink.net">dave@robertslink.net</a>

**COMMITTEE OPENINGS:** *Members and Friends, please contact Board President, Becky Young, at 828-577-8164 or [nativebackyard@gmail.com](mailto:nativebackyard@gmail.com).*

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Three members
<b>Administration Committee</b>	Two members

**ELECTIVE OFFICE OPENINGS:** *Members, please contact Jim Null, Nominating Committee Chair, at 828-877-2550 or [jnull69@comporium.net](mailto:jnull69@comporium.net).*

<b>President-Elect</b>	<b>Member-at-Large</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nominating Committee Member</b>

The rewards of service are great. Thank you.

*Susan Slocum, Secretary of the Board*

## 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 will be 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](mailto:etville@gmail.com) for more information.

**April 25, 2015**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## **Celebrating Unitarian Universalism with the ARTS**

**Western Carolinas Spring 2015 Cluster Gathering**

April 25, 2015 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville



Join with UU Congregation in the Western Carolinas  
to Explore the Arts in Congregational Life

### Broadway Meets UU

A concert of Broadway songs that reflect UU values and principals

### Storytelling

Sheila Kay Adams, Nationally Acclaimed Storyteller  
shares her stories about life and religion in Western Carolinas

### Breakout Sessions

Drama to Enhance Communication  
Designing Worship Space on UU Principles  
Writing as Personal Growth  
Readers Theatre  
Art in Website Design  
And More

Cost: \$30 before 20 April, \$15 for cluster ministers, and church or regional staff

Register here: <http://www.formdesk.com/UUASR/WCCSpring2015>



*"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](mailto:news@uutc.org).

**SCHEDULE events** on the UUTC calendar by sending an email to [calendar@uutc.org](mailto: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](mailto:uutcadmin@comporium.net).

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