



Easter?

by Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr. — Sunday, April 5

Sunday Sermon

Empty tombs, dyed chicken eggs, candy rabbits, spring equinox, and beautiful bonnets on parade . . . this is Easter? Does this assortment of things have anything in common with the holy day and how we celebrate it? Is there a universal message that shines through all of these diverse elements? Perhaps! We will explore this possibility.

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, Lynn Halsey and her volunteer bunny helpers will conduct an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the park across the street. Please hope for good weather!



Good Friday! Passover! Easter!

This is a special weekend for many people around the world.

May it be a time of reflection, healing and wholeness for you.

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Off the Wall — a message from our minister

The End Is Where We Start From — by Rev. Ernie Mills

I love these words from T.S. Eliot in our *Living Tradition Hymnal*, Reading Number 685: “What we call a beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”



These words remind me of the endless cycles of our lives, and how we **constantly move between ends and beginnings**. We are always starting our lives over again in new situations and in the various phases of our lives. Someone recently told me that she was re-creating her life after the loss of her husband and a move to a new location.

We are in position to re-create our lives each time we come to an end, whether it be leaving home for the first time, relocating, or retirement. These **ends are also the beginnings**, opportunities to re-create ourselves. This is never an easy thing to do. We would rather stop the cycles and freeze life into something more solid, stable and unchanging. Yet if we do this, we become static and dull. Life demands that we be open to change.

Another reading, Number 655, has the title ***Change Alone is Unchanging***. This reading is by the Greek philosopher Heraklitos of Ephesos, who lived around 500 B.C.E. His words remind us of the changes that come with the cycles of our lives. Nothing ever lasts and nothing ever stays the same, even when we wish it would or think we can make it happen.

I am about to embark on a new cycle of my life and so is UUTC. I feel confident that this beloved community will continue to grow and thrive, remaining the religious oasis of freedom, acceptance and inclusion that it has always been.

I will not forget what this community has done for me and given to me, and how it has helped me grow in my spiritual, soulful life. I will be listening for word of how things are progressing here at UUTC after I am gone. Know that you all will be in my thoughts for the rest of my life, and I will always cherish the memories of our time together.

***The March Board Minutes
are posted on the Board's Board.
Printed or email copies may be
obtained by request from the office at
uutcadmin@comporium.net.***

***Sharing House is grateful for the
March food donations of 90 pounds.
The next month with five Sundays is
MAY. Please consider beginning to
collect non-perishable items now.***



Easter Bonnets on Parade this Sunday!

Those who wear their Easter Bonnets on Easter Sunday will be recognized at the end of each service.

Why? Because it's fun!

Who will be the most creative this year? **Get hopping on your design!**



Volunteers Needed Sunday

Lynn Halsey has very generously agreed to lead the **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children this year — Heather and Emily are both away on Spring Break.

Lynn needs **additional volunteers** to help hide eggs and provide much needed supervision in the park across the street. This year there are a few new twists to the Egg Hunt: there will be very **few candy treats, but lots of fun prizes** (and several riddles to solve to earn prizes)!

If you can spare 45 minutes from 11:15 until noon on Sunday to help with this happy project, please call Lynn at 885-2144 and let her know.

We want to provide the safest possible environment, and those able to help will be much appreciated!

“PUT 'EAT CHOCOLATE' AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST OF THINGS TO DO TODAY. THAT WAY, AT LEAST YOU'LL GET ONE THING DONE.”
—ANONYMOUS

Coffee and Chocolate Sale

It's Easter Sunday! Surely you deserve coffee and chocolate!

Please stop by our table on Sunday to stock up on coffee and chocolate. Your support of these products improves the quality of life for small farmers in developing countries and helps UUTC, which makes a small profit from the sales.

Your coffee team (June Litchfield, Marilyn Miller, and Jim and Judy Pierce) are all wishing you and your loved ones a happy Easter!



Music with Ernie!



As we all know, one of the very special things about our pastor at UUTC is his music. As

Ernie now prepares to move into retirement, there will be a special time to **enjoy and celebrate his music** as he performs for us one more time.

This is an invitation to join Ernie and the Eclectics on **Wednesday, April 22**, for a **light supper** and an evening of playing and singing the music that Ernie performs in his inimitable style.

Please sign up on the appropriate clipboard (or call the church at 828-877-6121 to be signed up) for supper at 5:30 and the musical program at 6:30.



Next Week at UUTC

Mindfulness Group – Mon 4/6 @ 7:00 pm

Men's Group – Tue 4/7 @ 9:00 am

New Jim Crow – Tue 4/7 @ 10:30 am

Eclectics Jam – Wed 4/8 @ 9:00 am

Spiritual Formation – Wed 4/8 @ 5:00 pm

Soup & Soul – Wed 4/8 @ 6:30 pm

Living Wage – Thur 4/9 @ 5:00 pm

Jesus Seminar – Fri 4/10 p.m. & Sat 4/11

Lunch with Ernie!

Ernie's last Sunday with UUTC will be on **April 26**. To enable our whole church family to be together, there will be **one service at 10:30 a.m.**, to be held in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Public Library.

Following the service we will walk over to UUTC for a **light lunch** catered by UUTC volunteers. We will have two serving lines, with small tables and seating clusters in the Sanctuary and foyer.

Please sign up on the appropriate clipboard (or call the church at 828-877-6121 to be signed up) to be included in this farewell lunch and celebration.

Child Care Needed

UUTC wants to create a pool of childcare providers for current and future church programs and events. All leads on enthusiastic, responsible and available childcare providers will be much appreciated.

The **pay is \$11 an hour** and a background check will be required. If interested, or if you know anyone who may be, please contact Heather at creutc@gmail.com.



The "Our Whole Lives" students were recognized in last Sunday's service. Congratulations to each of them and a grateful THANK YOU to their leaders, Heather Layton and Morris Jenkins.



VOLUNTEER OPENINGS: **Take a Turn / Take Care of UUTC**

TEAM OPENINGS: *Please contact Rev. Ernie Mills or the contact person listed below.*

Adult Religious Exploration	Two team members	Dave Hunter at dwhunter53@aol.com
Equal Exchange	Team leader with Excel skills	June Litchfield at 877-5058
Personnel	Team leader & member	Ernie Mills at ernestm@comporium.net or 828-877-6121
Social Action	Team leader	Janet Benway at 828-884-8830
Stewardship	Multiple openings	Dave Roberts at 828-553-4461 or dave@robertslink.net

COMMITTEE OPENINGS: *Please contact Board President Peg Hall at 828-553-7541 or peghall1@gmail.com.*

Administration Committee	Two members
Finance Committee	Three members
Property Committee	One member

ELECTIVE OFFICE OPENINGS: *Members, please contact Isabel Lynch, at 828-877-4170 or isabelplynch@gmail.com.*

Board President-Elect

Board Member-at-Large

Church Treasurer

Nominating Committee Member

*Serving the UUTC community **REWARDS** you with the satisfaction the comes from supporting a congregation that you love; the growth of your leadership skills; and the camaraderie that exists among team and committee members. Try it—you'll like it!*

Susan Slocum, Secretary of the Board



SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

Dinner at Schenck Job Corps

The Social Action Team invites you to dinner at Schenck Job Corps, the federally-funded job training program for low-income young people. Located in the Pisgah National Forest., Schenck was founded 50 years ago as part of the War on Poverty program.

The culinary arts students will cook dinner on Tuesday, April 14, served at 6:00 p.m. in the dining hall on the Schenck campus. Price is \$7.00 per person.



Please sign up by Wednesday, April 8. If you want to car pool, meet at UUTC at 5:15 p.m. Please call Janet Benway at 884-8830 if you have any questions.

Social Action for April—The Children's Center



This month the Social Action Team is sponsoring The Children's Center of Transylvania County, a non-residential house that offers many programs created to educate and aid the families of abused and neglected children.

In operation for over 25 years, The Children's Center was created and continues to be run primarily by volunteers who advocate for children in crisis. Money is used to support a number of programs within the county including, **Baby Think It Over** (aimed at preventing teenage pregnancy),

The Nurturing Program (providing trained volunteers to guide parents in constructive and loving approaches to discipline), **emergency funds** for parents with ill children, **counseling** for families in crisis, and a safe and welcoming **place** for children in foster care to visit with their parents under the guidance of professionals.

For further information on the Center and volunteer and contribution opportunities, please contact **Alice Hardy**, one of its founding members, at 862-6969.

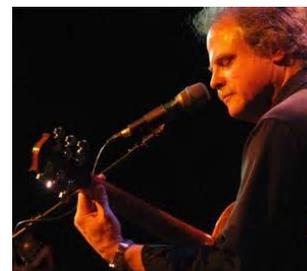
Human Trafficking Presentation

A personal and compelling multi-media presentation called **The 30 Million** will be shown at Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville. The purpose of the presentation is to raise awareness of human trafficking and to offer ideas about how to help prevent children from a life of entrapment. It will be held on **Tuesday, April 28,** from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Technology Education and Development Center, Cortland Room. The cost is \$5.00.

Pat Donohue in Concert at UUTC

Friday April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Versatile guitarist's guitarist, Pat Donohue is a Grammy-winning fingerpicker. For more than fifteen years he was the lead guitar player for the *Guy's All Star Shoe Band* on the NPR favorite *Prairie Home Companion*. **He enjoys entertaining fans** with intricate fingerpicking, easy wit, and nimble interpretations of old blues, swing, R&B and original tunes. His devotion to acoustic guitar has made him an American standard, as he echoes the tones of Robert Johnson, Charlie Parker, Merle Travis or Muddy Waters.



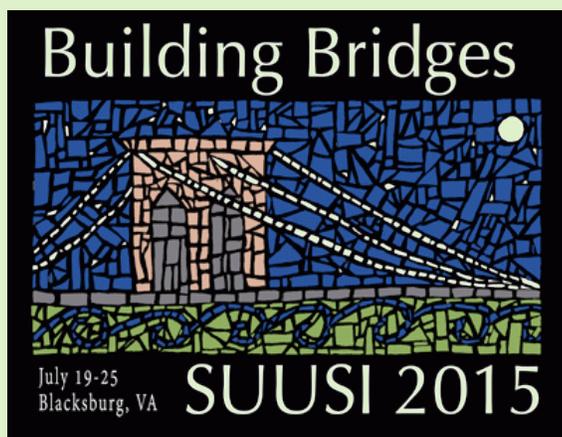
“Donohue is a clever songwriter who uses **intelligent, creative rhymes** and wastes few words. His instrumentals display his characteristic of clarity and ingenuity, combining the essential qualities of the originals with his own recognizable fresh sound. He brilliantly mixes register changes, picking variations and tricks, and bass line melodies. Even the simplest musical conventions take on a richness under his fingers.”—*Acoustic Guitar Magazine*

This is a great opportunity to hear a National Guitar Master in the sanctuary here at UUTC. You will meet Pat and have an opportunity to purchase one of his great CD's. If you stay to the end, he will teach you to play ***Ain't Misbehavin'***.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Show at 7:00 p.m.

Donation: \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students (includes NC Sales Tax)

To reserve your seat, contact Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County at 828-877-6121 or Jim Hardy at 828-862-6969.



Building Bridges

Looking for something different to do this summer? Consider joining around 1,200 UUs from all over the Southeast and beyond for **SUUSI** (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute). **It's a family camp, conference, spiritual retreat, and nature adventure** mixed with wonderful age-specific programming as well as a vibrant nightlife.

Intrigued? Curious? Questions? Contact Elizabeth Thompson at etville@gmail.com or Lynn Halsey at lghalsey@comporium.net for more information. Or you may go to www.suusi.org, but be aware that the website is still being built, so there may be some links or menus that don't work.



"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.