

# UUTC UPDATE

JUNE 24th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## VAGARIES OF PERCEPTION by Pedro Sandin

Sunday, June 26th at 9:30 and 11:00am— *coffee time between services at 10:30am*

Too much clarity, like too much certainty, is blinding! This homily explores the risks of excessive trust in our perception of reality, as well as the importance of trying to unlearn what we think we know in order to see what would otherwise remain invisible.

Trouble getting through to the office? If you aren't getting through, the Administrator would love to know, so that we can address the problem. If you send an email to the office and do not receive a reply within 24 hours (excepting weekends!), **call**. Getting a date and time for your emails that are not received by the office will help us to work out the problems with our service providers.

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## NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Chair Yoga — Mon 6/27 @ 11:00am
- Christians In Exile — Mon 6/27 @ 3:30pm
- Morning Meditation — Tues 6/28 @ 7:00am
- Men's Group — Tues 6/28 @ 9:00am
- Dream Group — Tues 6/28 @ 2:30pm
- Eclectics Jam — Wed 6/29 @ 9:30am
- Being Group — Wed 6/29 @ 1:00pm
- Morning Meditation — Thurs 6/30 @ 7:00am
- Fellowship on Tap — Thurs 6/30 @ 5:30pm
- Softball — Thurs 6/30 @ 6:30pm
- Living the Tao — Fri 4/1 @ 10:30am
- Vitality Yoga — Fri 4/1 @ 1:30pm

## SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS



### SOCIAL ACTION FOR JUNE — SHARING HOUSE

Imagine 1 out of 5 residents living today in Transylvania County now being assisted through the ministry of Sharing House. Numbers tell the story of increasing hardship for people to just get by with basic daily needs. It is harder today to keep food on the table, heat the home, pay monthly bills, find affordable child care and healthcare and to pay rising food and utility costs.

Sharing House provides food, clothing and many other necessities for these folks, until they can get back on their feet and live independently. Your donations help Sharing House continue to assist those in need in our county. Go to [www.sharinghouse.org](http://www.sharinghouse.org) for more details. Thank you!

### MUSICKE ANTIQUA RAISES \$370.00 FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN TRANSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



This performance was a treat few were able to take advantage of, but those in attendance made sure that Musicke Antiqua's effort was not wasted. Big thanks to those who were able to come out and hear this fine group perform! *(Below, Ben Potter prepares to rehearse with the ensemble.)*



## JUST WHAT IS A SPONSORED PROJECT?

When the Finance Committee was preparing their budget for the Board, a number of needs had to be cut in order to produce a balanced budget. Nearly all of these needs are capital expenses—repairs and renovations that would protect and enhance the use of our building for all of us.

On the maintenance side of our needs are repairs to the entry sidewalk, the alarm system, and some of our plumbing and lighting. In addition, installation of additional insulation was a request that was not included in the final budget, as was the request to purchase a proper desk for the minister's office.

Some of our biggest needs are storage space to properly organize and store programming materials for social events and religious exploration. These projects include cabinetry for the classroom and the front lobby (to include more space for our library), updates to the vestibule and **a much-needed rehab of the kitchen space**. *Currently, \$22,900.00 has been donated to help UUTC move forward on these much needed investments.* Won't you join those who have stepped up? You can make a donation immediately, or a pledge to fall at a later time during the budget year that is more convenient for you, but allows the Board to plan for the funding of these projects. Help UUTC serve all of us, safely and beautifully! Contact your [Treasurer](#) for more details.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FEATURES “A TOURIST’S VIEW OF NORTH KOREA”

Last September Lelia Graham and her husband, Alan, experienced a unique 10 day tour of North Korea. Very few Americans have had the opportunity to visit this mysterious and hidden country. Although the trip was carefully monitored, Lelia was able to bring out a surprising number of pictures and impression of this most repressive, yet beautiful, country. She will be sharing her experiences and insights regarding North Korea at our **July 13<sup>th</sup> Wonderful Wednesday** dinner and program.

Lelia's love of travel was ingrained as a Navy brat and continued through her career in banking and insurance. Twelve years ago she and Alan moved to Brevard from Atlanta and always breathe a sigh of relief when they return from a trip and see our mountains—particularly after the trip to North Korea!

The serving line for dinner opens at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:30. There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are gratefully received. Reservations for the dinner are a must, and can be made by calling the church office, using online registration, or by using the sign-up sheet at the counter of the Administrative Office.

Everyone is invited to attend the dinner and then enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime program!

## SANDWICH SUNDAY — JULY 3RD

Do you wish you had more time to connect with UUTC friends and newcomers? Join us for Sandwich Sunday on July 3rd, after our 11:00 service that morning.



Please bring a **sandwich** for yourself, a finger food **munchie** to share (such as fruit, pretzels, raw veggies, popcorn, cheese cubes) and a **chair** for sitting.

The Membership Team will set up tables in the park (weather permitting) and provide lemonade (and some extra sandwich makings for those who forget or were not informed). Come prepared to picnic rain or shine! We will remain indoors if necessary.



## COMING SOON: MINISTERIAL SEARCH COTTAGE MEETINGS

Your Ministerial Search Task Force wants to receive as much feedback as possible from our UUTC family. In addition to the survey to provide important data about our church to prospective ministerial candidates, we are arranging a series of **Cottage Meetings** during July and August.

The Cottage Meetings will be held in a host home, where you and a few of your UUTC friends will be able to express your thoughts regarding the future of our church, as well as the qualities you are looking for in our next settled minister. A member of our Search Task Force will be present at each Cottage Meeting to hear from you.

Over the next two months, each Member and Friend of UUTC will be invited to a host home. If you are unable to attend on that particular date, you will be invited to attend on another date. Your Search Team wants to hear from you. Your ideas and thoughts will be considered in the search for the settled minister who is best suited for our congregation. We want your input on this important endeavor and hope you will make every effort to attend one of these **Cottage Meetings**.

### Your Ministerial Search Task Force

**Lauren Agrella-Sevilla, Joanna Bliss, Ben Browning, Betty Kendrick, Bruce Kirkman, Earle Rabb**

## TODAY, JUNE 24TH: SARAH SISKIND & JULIE LEE!



Sarah Siskind and Julie Lee are two of Americana's most unique and beloved Singer-Songwriters. Both pull from Blues, Gospel, Jazz, Country and Roots influences and sing with distinctive voices. When blended, their harmony sounds as if they were sisters and have sung together their whole lives. Between them, they've had multiple songs recorded by Alison Krauss, songs on ABC's "Nashville," as well as songs covered by Wynonna, Randy Travis and more.

The two met in Nashville, TN, when Siskind's father was playing violin in Lee's band and he told her about his daughter's music. Week's

later, Lee heard Siskind on the radio and immediately made contact with her. The two were singing together within days and soon thereafter started the band "Old Black Kettle." Playing only on special occasions, the band always sells out the famed Station Inn in Nashville and among some of their regular fans and audience members are Alison Krauss, Ricky Skaggs, Sharon White, John Prine, Marty Stuart, and Connie Smith (whose daughter, Jodi Seyfried, also sings in the group.) Their album OLD BLACK KETTLE LIVE, which is a compilation of songs recorded over 2 years of live shows, was released in 2008.

Sarah Siskind continues to be one of today's most respected and covered songwriters as well as a stand-out independent artist, who Spin Magazine calls "an artist you must hear now". Armed with a striking vocal style and solid guitar and piano work, Sarah is a regular NPR performer, with features on NPR's *Tiny Desk Concerts*, *World Cafe with David Dye*, *All Songs Considered*, *Song Of The Day* and, most recently, NPR's *Mountain Stage*. She has toured with Bonnie Raitt, Paul Brady, Grammy winner Bon Iver (who also famously covered her "Lovin's For Fools") and The Swell Season and had songs recorded by Alison Krauss (the GRAMMY nominated "Simple Love"), Randy Travis, Madi Diaz and many more. Siskind has released numerous highly acclaimed albums and has had eighteen songs featured on the ABC show "Nashville" (one of which she wrote with Julie.) Siskind built her career in Nashville, TN but now resides in Brevard, NC.

Just when you think you can label Julie Lee into one category or genre, you hear something different. Lee is a collage, a real scrapbook of various traditional American styles. In her songwriting, as well as her work as a visual artist, Julie takes bits and pieces from each of her myriad influences to make something of her own that is both old and new. Though a Maryland native, Lee has lived in Nashville, TN for over 20 years and travelled and performed extensively across the US and Europe. She has had her songs recorded by Country, Bluegrass, and Contemporary Folk artists, most notably and recently by Alison Krauss, who included Julie's songs "Jacob's Dream" and "Away Down The River" on her most Platinum-selling collection "A Hundred Miles Or More." Lee has a soft place in her heart for Brevard, NC and performs here regularly.

## FELLOWSHIP ON TAP • THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH @ 5:30PM



On your way southeast down Main Street, passing Wine Down and before you reach Jaimie's, a new gated door leads to the depths...of Ecusta Brewing! Dare to descend!

The Grand Opening for Ecusta Brewing is Saturday, June 25th. WE, however, will be headed to Ecusta Brewing for Fellowship On Tap on Thursday, June 30th! You will find menus for Wine Down at the brewery, and *Wine Down will deliver*, if you are so inclined!

Susan Slocum will be there to meet you—come help her celebrate two extremely successful years as Secretary of the Board. Thursday will be her final day of service in that role. A toast is in order!



TAP NIGHT

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH INFORMATION SURVEY BY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, EITHER BY MAIL, OR THE BOX ON THE COUNTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, OR ONLINE. YOUR SURVEY IS CONFIDENTIAL.

Everything has its beauty,  
but not everyone sees it.

--CONFUCIUS

## THIS WEEK IN SOFTBALL—WHAT? WE WON A GAME?!

June 20th Makeup game report: Several high watermarks were in evidence—run production reached into double figures for the first time, the lead went back and forth until the final inning—and for only the second time this season, the mercy (aka slaughter/knockout/skunk) rule was not invoked!

Everyone seemed to inch forward in terms of their personal potential, with special shout-outs to Jessica Webb, Bill Edmonds and R.K. Young (none of whom had planned to play!), all of whom contributed offensively and flashed leather multiple times. Marcus Webb hit our first in-the-park home run, and Julie Bowman generously took on the relatively thankless task of scorekeeping. And despite experiencing intermittent vision loss and other postdromal symptoms of migraine, pitcher Stephen Houseworth managed to play all seven innings. Most importantly, fun was had again!

June 21st we came closer to a forfeit than any other time in the season outside our opening game. We were playing the second team from Brevard Community Church (BC), and their outstanding sportsmanship and courtesy allowed us to modify our lineup when, at game time, we only had 8 uninjured players available to take the field. Julie Bowman placed her body in Right Field (and was told not to move!) as we took the field for the first inning. Anthony Dill, hustling in after getting the

game time wrong, was able to join the lineup as planned only because BC maintained that they were ok with bending these rules.

We then proceeded to win a close game in six innings. We had outstanding base running from Margaret Kimble, Drew Maciula and Shelly Webb. We had outstanding and/or clutch hitting all up and down the lineup—especially from Anthony Dill, whose sacrifice fly balls brought home runs at least twice. And our defense held up—Callie Horwath and others denying the BC offense.

Only a few games left in the regular season—check the schedule below and come join the fun!

**June 30 @ 6:30pm vs Cedar Mtn**

**July 12 @ 7:30pm vs Carson's Creek**

**July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside**





*"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

*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.*

**Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.**



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**SOUTHERN REGION**

### **KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!**

VIEW our [church calendar](#). This is the calendar which has ALL events.

For previous issues of the UU Update, click [HERE](#).

SEND news for this newsletter by 10:00am on Wednesdays.

### **CONTACT US**

For Pastoral Care, call **828-553-9410**.

Church office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon and by appointment. The church telephone number is **828-877-6121**. Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712. Our website is [www.uutc.org](http://www.uutc.org). Our church is located at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is [admin@uutc.org](mailto:admin@uutc.org).