

UUTC UPDATE

JULY 1st, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

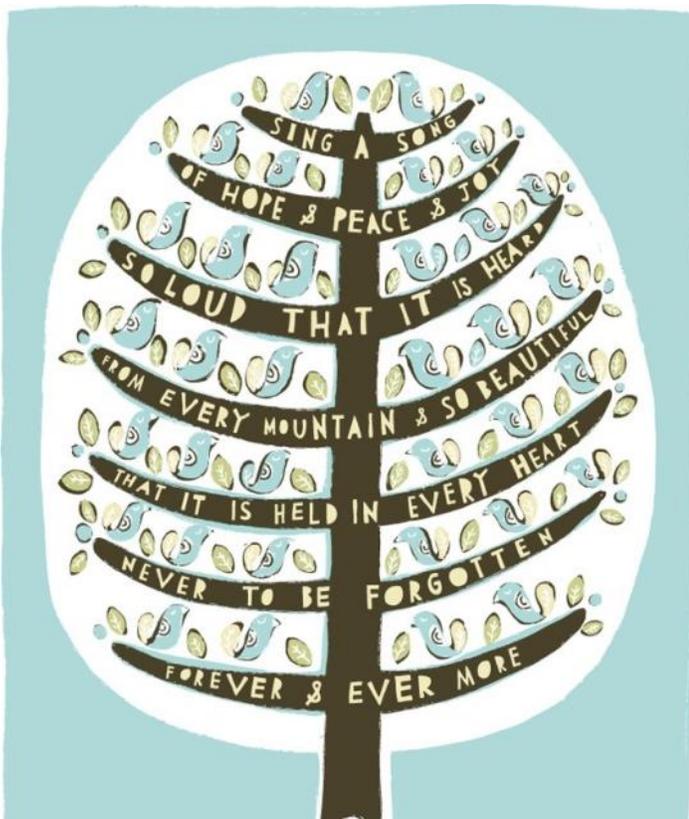
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING? by Jean Rowe

Sunday, July 3rd at 9:30 and 11:00am— coffee time between services at 10:30am

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" is the theme for a service of hymn singing led by Jean Rowe and John Austin and the choir. Some songs are old and familiar, and some are fairly new. There will be chants, hymns and freedom songs, and some reflections on the musical life by Jean and John. Carlene is pianist. Come, make a joyful and harmonious sound!

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR!

Knew you'd be excited about that. Using Vanco for online pledging? Your pledge **will not automatically renew**, so visit Vanco today to renew your pledge!



NEXT WEEK at UUTC

OFFICE CLOSED — Mon 7/4

Morning Meditation — Tues 7/5 @ 7:00am

Men's Group — Tues 7/5 @ 9:00am

Chair Yoga — Tues 7/5 @ 12:00pm (makeup)

Dream Group — Tues 7/5 @ 2:30pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 7/6 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 7/6 @ 1:00pm

Immigration Film — Wed 7/6 @ 7:00pm

Morning Meditation — Thurs 7/7 @ 7:00am

Drum Circle — Thurs 7/7 @ 7:00pm

Living the Tao — Fri 7/8 @ 10:30am

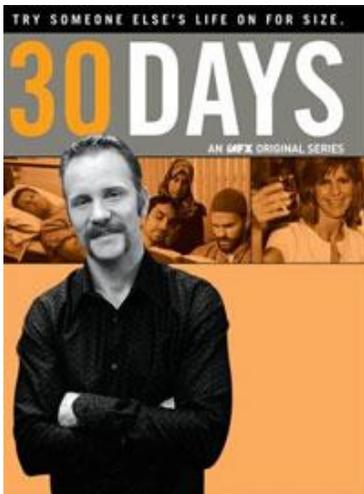
Vitality Yoga — Fri 7/8 @ 1:30pm

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION FOR JULY— MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

During a time of transitional ministers, the former timing of our collection for the Minister's Discretionary Fund has been found to be ... "not timely." This fund assists people who are facing an emergency or crisis but are not eligible for other community services. During the transition between ministers, our Pastoral Care fill-ins, Dick Tucker, Jean Rowe and Earle Rabb, may request these funds on behalf of an individual in distress. In addition, an interim minister may use the fund to assist with an un-budgeted need or program for the Congregation—such as last year's Christmas Dinner & Pageant. Thank you for considering a gift to this vital fund!

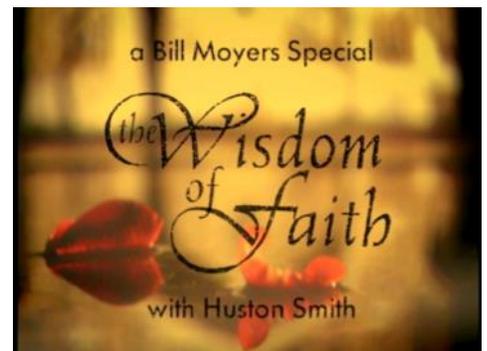
ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



UUTC Adult Religious Exploration is pleased to announce 2 exciting new programs for July and August.

The first is "Morgan Spurlock's 30 Days: Immigration." In this video presentation, a Minuteman militia member passionate about enforcing immigration law goes to live for 30 days with an immigrant family in Los Angeles. This film explores the complexity of the immigration issue as it captures the interaction between the family and their guest and the effect each has on the other. Join us on **Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00 PM** for a revealing look at this timely issue.

The second program being offered is a 5-session viewing and discussion of "Bill Moyers: The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith." This series is **similar in format** to the video series "Bill Moyers and Joseph Campbell: The Power of Myth" presented last year at UUTC. **In this program, Moyers discusses the world's great faith traditions with Huston Smith**, viewed as the world's foremost scholar on that subject. Smith is also the author of "The World's Religions", an introductory study that has sold over 2 million copies worldwide. **We will hold sessions on July 27, August 3, August 10, August 31 and September 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**



See you there!

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 13th 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!

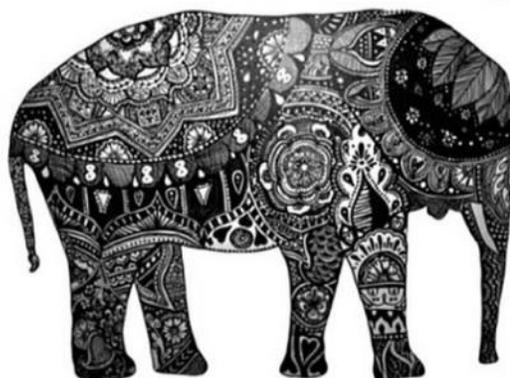
The serving line for dinner opens at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:30. There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are gratefully received. **Reservations for the dinner are a must**, and can be made by calling the church office, or [using online registration](#). **ONLY 31 SEATS REMAIN FOR DINNER.**

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

"Thank you to everyone who brought food or sent cards to Griffin after he broke his arm! Mom had expected a couple months of whining and complaining but got nothing but wherewithal and happy-go-lucky perseverance. It took a surgery, several trips to Greenville Shriners, and four casts altogether, but now the cast is off and the bones are on the mend. What a champ! Much appreciation for all your support. ~Tara"

"EVERY EXPERIENCE, NO MATTER HOW BAD IT SEEMS, HOLDS WITHIN IT A BLESSING OF SOME KIND. THE GOAL IS TO FIND IT."

- BUDDHA



SANDWICH SUNDAY — THIS SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

Do you wish you had more time to connect with UUTC friends and newcomers? Join us for Sandwich Sunday after the 11:00 service!



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

KIND TREATMENT, DELIVERED ADORABLY

The CRE is incorporating their 7 Rainbow Promises into SUMMER FUN, and what's more fun than a Lemonade Stand, especially when it's run by 3 adorable youngsters, Vivi, Harvey and Elena (Carol Flake's granddaughter)?

Free Lemonade was served on Sunday, June 26th just because we wanted to honor our 2nd Promise, "Offer Fair and Kind Treatment." Free lemonade was CRE's way to wish our congregation members a happy summer day. Big thanks to Susan, Carol and Ted for volunteering to help!



UPDATE ON SPONSORED PROJECTS: MORE PROGRESS!

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 will 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.

Other 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, \$23,400.00 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.

REFLECTIONS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

What follows are selections from notes by Virginia MacDonald—big thanks from the editor!

The music, as usual, was phenomenal. The Sunday morning sermon was outstanding. The minister, Nancy Ladd McDonald, was passionate with an excellent message, “With All Thy Getting, Get Understanding.”

Our public witness was to boycott Wendy’s who are the only fast food chain not willing to come to the table to discuss the conditions of farm workers or discuss a one cent increase in the price of tomatoes. We picketed one of the Wendy’s with signs and we left pennies along the sidewalk in front of the establishment.

We were picketed at our Convention by the Westboro Baptist church. An Angel group came with white sheets blocking Westboro from view. A group of about 70 UU’s went outside and sang love songs. Westboro left after a short time, being unable to provoke anyone in order to file a lawsuit. There was quite a bit of coverage in the evening news.

A proposal to drop Congregational Study Action Issues (CSAIs) for one year at next year’s GA passed. The idea is to make New Orleans a Justice GA. We would be cutting back on business and workshops. We will then actually do volunteer justice work, partnering with local groups. CSAIs originate in congregations. They are an opportunity for individuals, groups or congregations to have a voice at GA. This year there were 4 proposals, all worthy. They were debated and the one chosen was “The Corruption of Our Democracy.” It will be studied for 3 years.

One of the highlights for me was the workshop with Rev. William Barber II, talking about Moral Monday and his new book, *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*. William Sinkford’s sermon at the Living Tradition service, in which he addressed white privilege, was also outstanding.

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

This survey provides information to ministerial candidates about UUTC. The Cottage Meetings let UUTC Members & Friends be heard about what they would like to see in our Settled Minister.

THIS WEEK IN SOFTBALL—THUNDERSTORMS!

This week's game was rained out—our pitcher (Stephen Houseworth) has to wait another 10 days before we play again! Anybody want to play catch? #GottaKeepTheRustOff



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 — rained out — makeup day either 7/11 or 7/18

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

July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside

REMINDER: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH

FELLOWSHIP ON TAP: ECUSTA BREWING SUMMARY

High points—everyone found a brew to love, and those who ordered from Wine Down for dinner were VERY complimentary of the chow! UUTC shared the space with the Young Professionals, but found plenty of room opposite the kettles, and it was easy to be heard when talking.

Member Jessica Webb was our hostess, securing for us a roll of “napkins” that were desperately needed! The consensus was a return to Ecusta Brewing is in the cards... and Mondays would be great for parking. But Jessica works on Thursdays. Oh, the quandaries...!



If the occasional brew is of interest to you, make your voice heard. Venue? Day of the week? Frequency? [Contact the office](#) to let us know so we can plan an event that lets more of us get together!



"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. Our church is located at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.