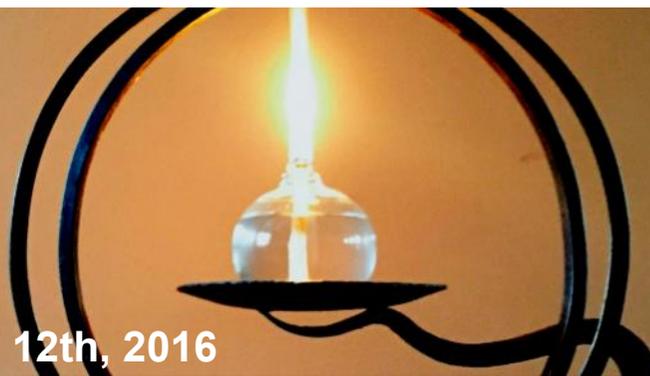


UUTC UPDATE

AUGUST 12th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

ACCEPTANCE & CHANGE: THE HERO'S JOURNEY by Luanne Allgood

Sunday, August 14th at 9:30 and 11:00am *Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am*

The great American mythologist Joseph Campbell said that the hero hears the call to adventure and then acts on it. We are all on a journey filled with opportunities and challenges. How we progress along this journey depends on our capacity for acceptance and change. Throughout life we are being asked to step up and meet new challenges. The hero does not give up. An exciting life awaits us if we can embrace each and every step along the way.

*El Centro is looking for volunteers to help Elementary School children with homework on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm. The students speak English but need to improve their reading and comprehensive skills. **Please call El Centro (883-2900)** if you would like to help them succeed in school. Thanks!*

THE CAVE
YOU FEAR
TO ENTER
HOLDS THE
TREASURE
YOU SEEK

[JOSEPH CAMPBELL]

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NEXT WEEK at UUTC

CHALICE CAMP! UNTIL NOON, M-F

Women's Sharing Potluck — Mon 8/15 @ 6:15pm

Morning Meditation — Tues 8/16 @ 7:00am

Men's Group – CANCELLED

Eclectics Jam — CANCELLED

Being Group — Wed 8/17 @ 1:00pm

Ageless Grace — Wed 8/17 @ 2:00pm

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 8/17 @ 4:15pm

TEAM MEETING NIGHT — **Wed 8/17 @ 5:30pm**

Morning Meditation—Thurs 8/18 @ 7:00am

Living the Tao — Fri 8/19 @ 10:30am

Chair Yoga — **Fri 8/19 @ 12:15pm**

Vitality Yoga — Fri 8/19 @ 1:30pm

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION FOR AUGUST— MUDDY SNEAKERS



Muddy Sneakers is an experiential science education program that works in partnership with public schools in Western North Carolina to educate and engage fifth graders. Teaching to the state-mandated science curriculum requirements, experienced naturalists lead six to ten outdoor expeditions per school year on local, public lands, providing hands-on learning experiences that allow children to deeply engage with the natural sciences and enjoy the learning process. Our mission is

to awaken in children a deeply felt connection with the natural world, one that inspires curiosity, stimulates learning, and brings new life to classroom performance.

WEEKEND FOOD FOR THE HAVEN

UUTC will provide weekend food for the residents of The Haven, our county's homeless shelter, on Friday, August 19th.



A sign-up sheet on the front counter helps guide donations—please join the crew!



JUST A FEW MORE COTTAGE MEETINGS REMAIN

Through the summer the Ministerial Search Team has been conducting a number of Cottage Meetings in the homes of UUTC members. The goal is to receive as much input from Members and Friends as possible to help the Search Team in the process of looking for our next settled minister. Thus far over 100 people have attended a Cottage Meeting.

All Members and Friends of UUTC have been invited to a Cottage Meeting. **If through a clerical error you have not received an invitation to a Cottage Meeting please contact the church office.** The Search Team will make sure you receive an invitation to a remaining Cottage Meeting.

THE POWER OF CONNECTEDNESS

Imagine that you had an app on your smart phone that allowed you to carry the church Directory with you. Imagine that it would allow you to call or text Members from within the app, or email them, or give you driving directions to their home. Now imagine that this power is already yours, if you are a Member of UUTC!

Church Life is an app developed by ACS, the company behind our church management software. Within it, you have the power to submit a change request to update an email address, or add a phone number. (Change requests must be approved by the Administrator before they become active.) Those who have already installed this app love it—it is very simple to use.

So how do you get it?

First, go to our website. [This step is easiest from a desktop or larger device.] At the top of the page is the word **Engage**. Hovering over it with your mouse will open a menu with an option for [Member Portal](#). Click on this. As you scroll down, you'll see links to "internal" UUTC stuff like our meetings calendar, the Board's page, and the page for Teams. Keep going. Below this you'll find some spare instructions on going to the ACS login page—click on the ACS logo to start the process when you are ready. **You must use the email address associated with our database**—your "preferred" email address—to create a successful login. After you request access, a user name and password will be emailed to you (this may take 24 hours). Log back in, change your password to something sensible, and then log back out.

NOW, download the app from the app store associated with the device you use. Search for Church Life and it will pop right up. The app is free—install it, and login in with your username and password, and then find out why we've been bugging everyone to update their photos! New members who just had their pictures taken have already been uploaded. Happy connecting!

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for a member profile. At the top, the status bar displays "Verizon", "10:31 AM", and "93%" battery. Below the status bar, there is a navigation bar with a back arrow, the word "People", and a search icon. The profile header features a circular profile picture of an older woman and the name "Cantey Carpenter". Below the name, there are two sections: "member status" with the value "Member" and "family position" with the value "Spouse". A horizontal separator line follows. Below this, there are two sections for contact information: "home" with the number "828-81" and "family" with the email "ca@gmail.com". Another horizontal separator line follows. Below this, there is a section for the address: "home" with "25: Rd" and "Brevard, NC 28712". At the bottom, there is a section for "head" with the name "Bill Carpenter" and a right-pointing arrow. At the very bottom, there are two buttons: "Comments" and "Connections".

WHAT EXACTLY IS A COVENANTAL CONGREGATION?

—CAROL MOORE

The role of covenant in UU history and governance was a major theme at SUULE, and caused me to look at covenant in a new way. We have a UUTC Covenant and a Board Covenant. They are largely behavioral, where we agree to act like respectful, civilized people. We have Covenant Circles, which are small group opportunities whose rules of confidentiality and behavior encourage deep sharing.

But are we truly a covenantal church? Do we understand the role covenant played in the free church?

Do you think our liberal free church ancestors talked mostly about original sin, predestination and hellfire? [Apparently not.](#) Remember—this follows the publication of the Bible in a form accessible to all. In 17th century England, the authoritarian established State church quashed every effort of laypeople to hold discussions in their homes, professional organizations and marketplace *concerning what love, peace and freedom could truly mean.* People were fined, jailed, exiled, whipped, and even hanged for such gatherings.



Nonetheless, the doctrine of a liberal free church defiantly grew. Our spiritual ancestors structured churches that put the spirit of love at their heart: places where members “walk together” to reason about what and how to love, to wrestle with love’s complexities and social implications. *Members signed a covenant (promise) to live together as a beloved community with all the integrity that members, individually and collectively, could muster.*

Our spiritual ancestors also created patterns of church organization for the empowerment and delegation of authority. The lay members of the congregation elect leaders, and the leaders are responsible to the whole congregation for the health of the church. They knew that without some structure in church organization, the members are not an organized body walking toward some chosen goals, but a simply a social organization.

Strong, effective churches, sometimes capable of positively altering the direction of their whole society, are those whose lay members can clearly, individually and collectively, state their most important loyalties. Often people who show up at our services have been in and out of all kinds of religious and social groups, looking for what? Not finding what? Still looking for what?

As we work with our second interim minister while seeking a settled minister, I suggest we continue, as we have begun with cottage meetings, to ask what matters most to us, what we love most, what might be worthy of our faithful loyalty.

We might then consider anew or again the place of covenant in our congregation. What are we willing to promise in order to truly live in the ways of, and draw others to, a life of effective love? How do we intentionally form a deeper community? What effect could that have on the world?

ORDER A PHOTO DIRECTORY



Who are these people, anyway? 😊

UUTC is continuing to grow and we have new faces all the time. It can be very helpful to have an image you can refer to when you need to remember names of people you just met. New photo directories are about to be printed—does your copy need updating? Sign up at the front counter—the price is \$7.00, payable on delivery.

FIRST EVER CHALICE CHILDREN!

The first ever Pre-school mini Chalice Camp was held this week. Three sessions from the UUA pre-school curriculum, Chalice Children, was used to guide the camp. We had 11 participants between the ages of 3 years-old to 5 years old. Four participants were Members of UUTC, 3 were Friends and the remaining four were visitors to UUTC. The children made chalices, learned about the 7 Rainbow Promises and did lots of wondering, playing, singing, dancing and enjoying time outside in the park.

Special thanks to Sandy Kirkman for leading "Singing with Sandy" time each day, Virginia MacDonald for leading a water/rainbow activity with the children, Sue Null, Barbi & Wayne for being an extra pair of eyes and Lyn Edmonds for lending helping hands and a loving heart. Katie Thompson, Meighan Browning and Erika Macuila were exceptional snack preparers. Thanks to all!

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS: AGELESS GRACE



Wednesday, August 17th from 2:00-3:00pm, Certified Ageless Grace Educator/Trainer Carol Gerson will lead weekly Ageless Grace classes in the social hall. Based on the science of neuroplasticity, this fitness program stimulates all 5 areas of the brain, re-opening neural pathways and creating new ones. A fun class for everyone!

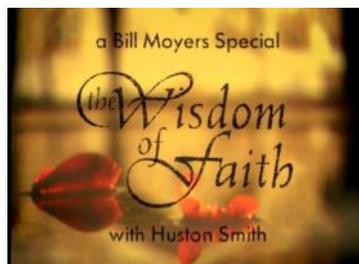
Practiced to up-beat age-appropriate music addressing primary aging skills Balance, Breathing, Coordination, Joint Mobility, Agility, Spinal Flexibility, Muscle Strength, Humor, Self-Confidence and more. The perfect way to engage our organs and systems in our bodies. (All movements in this seated class can be modified to accommodate your comfort level.)

WHAT WILL WE MAKE TODAY?





BILL MOYERS SERIES “WISDOM OF FAITH” CONTINUES AUGUST 31ST



UUTC Adult Religious Exploration is offering 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. **The remaining sessions are on Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 5:30PM WHO IS A REFUGEE AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The world is now experiencing the largest humanitarian crisis since WWII. An estimated 60 million people have been displaced worldwide. What is our responsibility as a faith community and as individuals to educate ourselves and to respond to this crisis?

The word refugee is used in the media without a clear explanation of the specific meaning of that word in the context of refugees coming to the US. Do you know who gets refugee status and why? Joanna Bliss, Bobby King and Annette Campbell are members of Western NC Refugee Challenge, a group formed last November in response to the backlash against refugees following the Paris attacks. They will talk about refugee status and what that means, resettlement in the US, including the potential for refugee resettlement in this area, their inspiring visit to Clarkston GA (the “Ellis Island of the South”) and opportunities for engaging with resettled refugees. Time will be reserved for Q and A following their presentation.

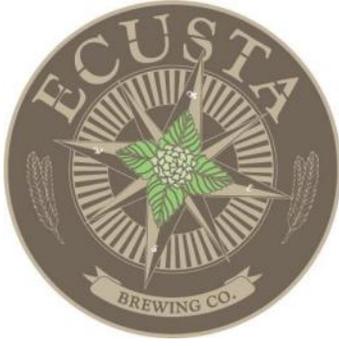
[REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND DINNER!](#)



NEXT FRIDAY: GAME NIGHT!

Friday, Aug. 19th, 5:30pm, Game Night returns! Sandwiches, tea/water provided—feel free to bring a more exciting beverage with you, and please bring something to complement the sandwiches! Childcare provided. Scrabble and many other

games available—bring your own favorite and let’s see how rowdy the competition gets! [Registration is HERE](#) — we need a head count for sandwiches! Donations to offset costs always welcome.



COMING SOON: TAP NIGHT!

Our next Fellowship On Tap will be on **MONDAY, August 22nd, at 5:30**. We will return to Ecusta Brewing— you can order in from Wine Down, if you'd like something delectable to go with your lovely brew (or if you didn't have time to eat before arriving!). Parking is available off Jordan Street beside the salon and Brevard Insurance. This is Ecusta Brewing's downtown location.

AUGUST 26TH: JASON DECRISTOFARO LIVE @ UUTC!



Come enjoy this incredible jazz player/composer, accompanied by Cameron Austin on bass. Jason DeCristofaro is a multi-faceted educator, musician, and composer based out of Asheville, NC. He is adjunct faculty at Warren Wilson College, where he directs the Jazz ensemble and teaches Jazz theory and improvisation, World music, and Jazz history, and A-B Tech, where he teaches Jazz history and music

appreciation and is the accompanist for the A-B Tech choir. For four years, Jason has been the musical director and host of Jazz Night at The Phoenix in downtown Brevard, an event which features local, regional and national Jazz artists every Wednesday and will be featured in Southern Living magazine later this year. [Donate in advance to reserve seats and get a discount!](#)

AESTHETICS TEAM DEVELOPING PALETTE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Your Aesthetics Team is hard at work developing a series of design choices that they feel will compliment our building and satisfy 300+ people without too much discontent. Sounds easy, right? ***joke***

This palette, as you can see here, is intended to build on our building's strongest assets and natural light, while increasing the "welcoming" feel of the space and addressing needs the building is beginning to show with age.





"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.



Read the latest UUA Southern Region Newsletter [HERE!](#)



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.