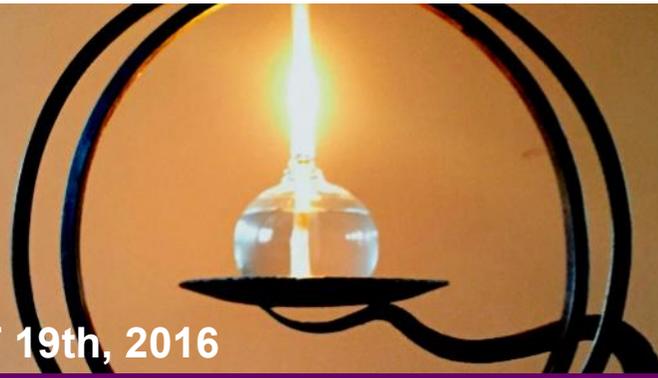


UUTC UPDATE

AUGUST 19th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

YOU AND ME AND SMITH & WESSON by Rebecca Williams

Sunday, August 21st at 9:30 and 11:00am *Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am*

After the horror of Sandy Hook I attempted to sort out my feelings about gun violence. At that point, I thought of people's relationships with gun deaths as six degrees of separation - the theory, tested by mathematicians and social scientists, that everyone is only six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world. We are more connected to violence than we realize. How do we keep our hearts open to look at this interconnected web of violence with clarity, compassion and a search for solutions?

COTTAGE MEETINGS — 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.

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NOT TO BE USED EVER
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NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Chair Yoga — Mon 8/22 @ 11:00am

Christians In Exile — Mon 8/22 @ 3:30pm

Tap Night — Ecusta Brewing, Mon 8/22 5:30pm

Morning Meditation — Tues 8/23 @ 7:00am

Men's Group — Tues 8/23 @ 9:00am

Board Mtg — Tues 8/23 @ 6:30pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 8/24 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 8/24 @ 1:00pm

Ageless Grace — Wed 8/24 @ 2:00pm

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 8/24 @ 4:00pm

Wonderful Wednesday — **Wed 8/24 @ 5:30pm**

Living the Tao — Fri 8/26 @ 10:30am

Vitality Yoga — Fri 8/26 @ 1:30pm

LIVE@UUTC — Fri 8/26 @ 7:00pm

TONIGHT: 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.



MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND: 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.

CHRISTIANS IN EXILE RETURNS MONDAY

After the summer break, Christians in Exile resumes **Monday, August 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00**, meeting in the sanctuary. If you have Christian roots and now have UU wings, you will find many kindred spirits in the Christians in Exile group. Since we are starting a new study, this is an opportune time to become a part of the group. The study will feature UU minister Scotty McLennan's book, "Christ for Unitarian Universalists." Monday's study will be the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2. If you do not have the book, you may purchase a copy at Highlands Books. Everyone is welcome!

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!**](#)

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", "11:04 AM", and "69%" battery. Below the status bar, there are navigation icons: a back arrow, the word "People", a "People" title, a person icon with a plus sign, and a pencil icon. The profile section features a photo of Carol Moore, her name "Carol Moore", and two fields: "member status" with the value "Member" and "family position" with the value "Primary Contact". There are two sections for contact information. The first section is labeled "home" and shows "828-". The second section is labeled "personal" and shows "ca" and "ail.com". Below these are two sections for addresses. The first is labeled "home" and shows "264 Resada Dr" and "Brevard, NC 28712". The second is labeled "partner" and shows "Dick Tucker" with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Comments" and "Connections".

SIGN GETS AN UPDATE



Shirl Thomas has updated our sign once again!

For those unaware, Shirl was the one to create our sign from the very beginning and has maintained the portions below the “roof” for, oh, these many years.

Women with tools. That know how to use them. ☺

ALARM SYSTEM: ALL SYSTEMS GO!



BLOW UP THIS PHOTO!

New panels, new keypads, and, finally, new wiring for our smoke detectors to stop the incessant beeping. Somewhere in all the snaked wires was a bare piece touching something which created the “ground fault” error that kept causing problems.

That’s history. Now, please take a look at the new keypads. You will notice MEDICAL, POLICE and FIRE. Shockingly, these buttons do exactly what you think they will — immediately notify medical assistance, the police, or the fire department.



The red keypad is beside the coat closet at the front doors, and the white keypad is by the rear sanctuary door in the choir wing. In the event of an emergency, do not hesitate to punch the appropriate button. Check this project off the list!



THIS JUST IN...

Daughter Colin Kirkman sent this in this week. Since many Members and Friends do not receive the Transylvania Times, this photo had to be shared here.

Happy 55th Anniversary to Bruce & Sandy Kirkman, married August 19th, 1961!

CHALICE CAMP ROCKS BREVARD

Too, too many great photos to be shared.

Please enjoy the selected few on this page and pages 10 & 11!



HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS—I AM NOT YOU, YOU ARE NOT ME —RK YOUNG

One of the daily workshops at the Southern UU Leadership Experience (SUULE) was called Congregational Foundations. In it, we worked through a case study of a church facing a crisis. While there were many lessons to be taken from this, one that gets a significant amount of press in the reading materials we studied beforehand is something called Self-Differentiation.

Before your eyes glaze over, please observe the two photos below.



Many people would find themselves greatly offended by one or the other of these bed-making styles. They might say, “Aren’t you going to make your bed?” or “Is that really worth the trouble?” Having to room with one or the other of these bed-makers could cause an individual considerable distress—if that individual bases part of his or her identity in alignment with others. This individual would be demonstrating a lack of self-differentiation.

Let’s take another example. A member of the church is a native plant apostle. The Grounds Team, however, considers blended landscapes OK. Our native plant fiend is uncomfortable with this, and so talks to a couple of other friends, saying that certain members of the Grounds Team are not being Covenantal. She wants the Board to make the Grounds Team do things her way but will not approach the Board directly, instead taking her distress to others and causing quite a lot of angst in the process (Triangulation).

A Self-Differentiated person recognizes *the inherent worth and dignity in each person* and, so, respects his or her point of view. This respect is recognition of the different truths (life experiences) from which we all come. It is a respect that says, “I will listen to you,” and, if we find in ourselves discomfort as we listen, we look to the reason for that discomfort within ourselves—not in requesting a change from the other person.

My love of the Green Bay Packers does not require all of UUTC to become Green Bay Packers fans. My love of Hellmann’s mayonnaise does not require all of UUTC to switch to Hellmann’s mayo. We are each our own, in covenant with one another to support one another in our journeys.

UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda August 23, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

Welcome Gary

Devotion Cantey

Approval of July Minutes Kay

Covenant & SUULE update Carol

Standing Updates

New Interim Update	Gary
Treasurer's Report	Dave
Administration	
Finance	Gary/Dave
Property	No

Old Business

Safe Congregation update	
Board Operating Guidelines	Kay/Gary

New Business

Organizational Structure	Gary
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Beyond Categorical Thinking (Oct.1-2) Settled Minister Search Team

Other Operating Guidelines

- a) Aesthetics
- b) Events
- c) Grounds
- d) Music
- e) Nominations

Bike Rack
Special Recognition

Next Board Meeting Sept. 27, 2016

Adjourn

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Dear Friends and Members,

The information presented below provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of July. Our fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 30th.

Our UUA Endowment Fund has a balance of \$39,507.51. Once this account reaches a principal amount of \$100,00.00, we may begin withdrawing the interest for use in supporting social action / outreach programs.

As of the end of July, our total assets were \$736,465.63 and our total liabilities were \$54,386.91.

Sponsored Projects are capital expenditures which are needed for the maintenance of our building and for upgrading the

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 15,847.67	\$ 15,847.67
Income through July 31st, 2016	\$ 20,158.87	\$ 20,158.87
Sponsored Projects Fund	\$ 22,033.46	\$ 22,033.46
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,031.03	\$ 40,031.03
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (-----)
Total Funds available through July 31st	\$ 98,071.03	\$ 98,071.03

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 12,998.47	\$ 12,998.47
Programming	\$ 6,479.92	\$ 6,479.92
Facility	\$ 1,743.59	\$ 1,743.59
Misc.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Total Expenditures through July 31st	\$ 21,221.98	\$ 21,221.98

facilities we already have, in order to better serve our fellowship. We have received generous contributions towards these important planned expenditures, but we are still \$30,000 short of meeting all these needs. Please consider a gift to help us meet our goal!



Our expenditures for the month of July break out as shown at left.

To further reduce operating costs, anyone requesting an expense reimbursement will receive their funds via our bank's Bill Pay program. If you receive frequent reimbursements, you may opt for Direct Deposit of your reimbursement. Please see our Administrator RK Young for

details. This new procedure will save UUTC approximately \$600.00 per year in paper checks, envelopes, stamps, and employee time.

I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that fulfilling pledge obligations through Vanco is easy and convenient to setup by debiting your bank account or charging to a credit card [and collecting points!]. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#). **Vanco is ready to accept your Fiscal Year 2016-2017 pledge. Please remember you must renew your pledge every year with Vanco.**

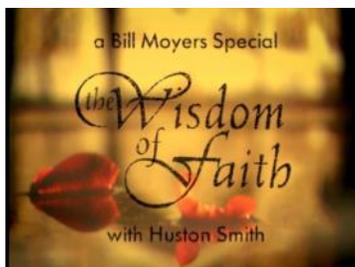
Respectfully, Dave Roberts treasurer@uutc.org

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. [Reserve Seats in advance to get a discount!](#)



“WISDOM OF FAITH” CONTINUES AUG 31ST

UUTC Adult Religious Exploration is offering a 5-session viewing and discussion of “Bill Moyers: The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith.” 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.**

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.







"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.