

UUTC UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 16th, 2016

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

MY DARLING: A LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE DIVINE by Rev. Ian White Maher

Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 and 11:00am

Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am

The love affair with God often sounds so one-sided, so tame. Where is the passion? Where is the allure? Why are we afraid to embrace ecstasy in our sacred practices, in our devotions?



'Ecstasy' comes from the Greek 'ekstasis,' which in turn is derived from 'ek,' meaning out, and 'stasis,' a state of standstill. To be ecstatic literally means to be outside of a static place. Thus, those who live ecstatic lives live always moving away from rigidly fixed situations and exploring new, unmapped dimensions of reality. Here we see the essence of joy. Joy is always new. Whereas there can be old pain, old grief, and old sorrow, there can be no old joy. Old joy is not joy. Joy is always connected with movement, renewal, rebirth, change — in short, with life.

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

WNC Refugee Grp — Mon 9/19 @ 10:30pm

Chair Yoga — Mon 9/19 @ 11:00am

Women's Sharing Potluck—Mon 9/19 @ 6:15pm

Men's Group – Tues 9/20 @ 9:00am

Dream Group — Tues 9/20 (call if interested)

Eclectics Jam — Wed 9/21 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 9/21 @ 1:00pm

Hospice 101 — Wed 9/21 @ 3:30pm

Living the Tao — Fri 9/23 @ 10:30am

Chair Yoga makeup—Fri 9/23 @ 12:15pm

Vitality Yoga — Fri 9/23 @ 1:30pm

CAN'T WE FIND SOME MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR A FLAG POLE?

This question was asked last Sunday. The answer is not exactly. Our Operational Budget, which was voted on and adopted by the Congregation in May, was a very, very tight budget. Some Teams have already had to exceed their line item allocation (Worship, for example) due to expenses that simply can't be avoided (guest speakers, in this instance). Our Capital Budget (Sponsored Projects) expenditures are planned sequentially—and until everything already approved by the Board has been completed, we can't know for certain how the costs will fall. In addition, we need to take time to discuss this plan and determine what ordinances would impact our installation choices, should this desire come to pass.

GROUNDS CLEANUP, SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 9:00AM

Time for Fall Cleanup! Come join the Grounds Team on Thursday morning to help. **Pressure-washers welcome!** (But bring a hose...) **We also still have painting to complete**, so if you have some time but prefer to help out indoors, wear your painting duds and prepare to help further brighten our space.

Thanks for your gifts of time!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ANNE & ALISON!

Friend and Former Member, Alison Marlett and Friend, Anne Decker Signed the Membership Book this past Sunday. Alison has been serving on the Administration Committee and also joined the choir recently. Anne has been commuting for several years between Brevard and Virginia Beach, VA. Thank you to President Elect, Carol Moore for witnessing their signings.

—Membership



SPONSORED PROJECTS UPDATE



Our electrician, Jeremy from Basting Services, worked some miracles Wednesday, addressing the kitchen and our back entrance from the choir side of the sanctuary. An old project, what had been requested was to find a “remote” (as in remote light fixture) that would coordinate and activate with the interior emergency lights when power goes out. None was available for our older lights—all the new ones are LED, of course. So he installed a new LED fixture and its remote at that back door for safe egress during power outages.

In the kitchen, Jeremy ended up using the circuit the supports the outlets in the social hall as the means of bringing power to the new dishwasher without overloading other circuits. After learning about our circuit-popping setup, he also took the circuit which served one outlet on the short wall to the left of the refrigerator and ran that power behind the fridge so that the refrigerator and microwave could be removed from the main circuit supporting all

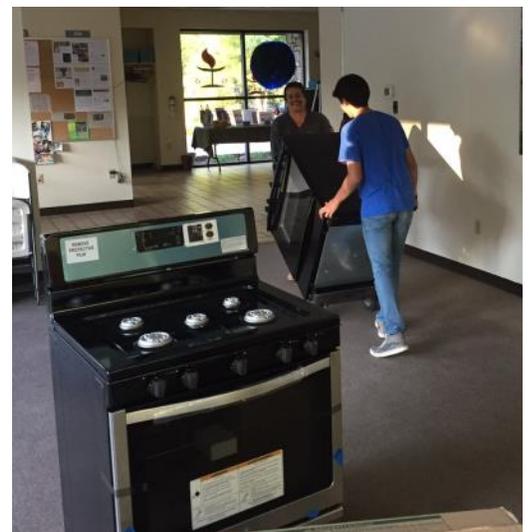
other outlets in the kitchen. In effect, this places all major appliances on their own circuits. The original dishwasher shares a circuit with the garbage disposal.

All older appliances were sold and removed from the premises on Thursday. As of Friday morning, the refrigerator is up and one dishwasher. The second dishwasher, unfortunately, must wait for our electrician to return. Upon removal of both the range hood and the old dishwasher, it was discovered that both were “hard-wired” into their respective circuits. Since newer models rely on plugging into outlets, Jeremy (or some other licensed individual) will need to create outlets for these appliances to use. *Note: wiring from the hood is live. Don't be messin'.*

In addition, the construction of our cabinetry over the fridge was done at a time when codes were different. We must remove/modify what is there in order to install our new range hood, which must be mounted in such a way as to leave no fewer than 27” above the surface of a gas range. Yellow Dog Construction will be here Monday or Tuesday to assist us with the work that needs to happen to get us fully functional for stove usage.

To date, **\$26,924.00** has been contributed to our Sponsored Projects fund. Next on the schedule for completion is the concrete work that was postponed earlier. After that, we will see the cabinetry in the classroom which will allow RE to better organize curriculum resources and meet the needs of both adults and children.

At right, Hector Flores and his son take the old stove he just purchased to replace the bad one they've been using at home.





SALE ON UUTC-THEMED ITEMS!

All remaining T-shirts and bags on sale— cotton bags are \$5.00, T-shirts are \$10. Most teal shirts are women's sizes & quite small— would be good for kids! Cash, check or charge all accepted. Thanks for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for October 2, Beyond Categorical Thinking Sunday! Come participate in this UUA-sponsored program, which will include a single 10:30 Sunday service, lunch in conjunction with Sandwich Sunday, and a 12:30-3:30 pm workshop afterwards. This service and workshop are an important part of the search process for our next settled minister. The Search Team will be there, along with Board and GMAC members, committee chairs and team leaders, and YOU. **Please register for lunch and the workshop so that we can have sufficient food and materials for all who attend. All are welcome!**



FALL PICNIC, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 12:30PM

Our annual event at Connestee's Atagahi Park returns after the second service on Sunday, Sept. 25th. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided—bring a dish to share! Playground and swimming space for the kids and music will be on hand. Mark your calendar, and **sign up at the front desk**—the list will be given to gate security!

HOSPICE 101 — STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY @ 3:30PM

There are two Hospice groups that serve Transylvania County. UUTC is hosting an introduction to each organization. They will present an overview of their programs, answer questions, and tell us what they can offer for future educational sessions. Open to all and free of charge.

Wednesday, Sept 21st at 3:30—5:00 Care Partners Home Care and Hospice of Transylvania, and

Wednesday, Sept 28th at 3:30—5:00 Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care

SOCIAL ACTION FOR SEPTEMBER— PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES



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Pisgah Legal Services is a community-based non-profit law firm providing free civil legal help to our communities' most vulnerable: the working poor, the elderly, the disabled, and victims of abuse. Roughly 1/3 of their work involves helping families and children escape domestic violence, 1/3 involves preventing homelessness, foreclosures, evictions, and helping those living in substandard housing conditions, and 1/3 involves helping people obtain affordable healthcare, helping people with disabilities get their benefits, and protecting our seniors from scams and fraud. They are the only free legal resource for these folks in Western North Carolina. In 2015, Pisgah Legal Services helped nearly 600 Transylvania County residents, including 74 cases to secure safety from domestic violence and 69 cases to address housing and consumer problems.

VIEWING SHARP'S WAR

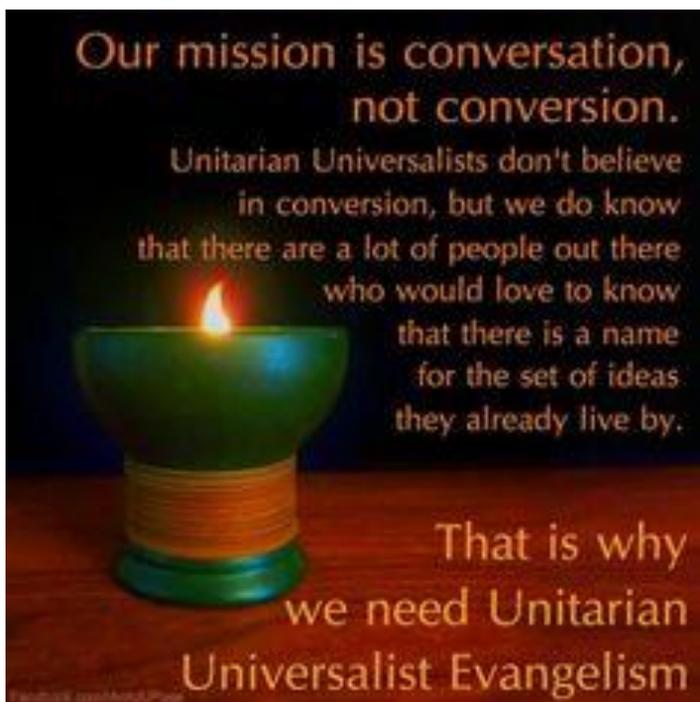
Some members, like Kathy Johnson, are happy to share their home with others to view Ken Burns' documentary—especially for those who might like to watch at an earlier hour on another day. Interested in viewing? [Email the office!](#)

PBS: UNITARIANS' WWII STORY



Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War, a film by [Ken Burns](#) and Artemis Joukowsky III, will air on PBS on **September 20th at 9:00pm**.

The role of Rev. Waitstill Sharp will be voiced by Tom Hanks. Click the image above for more information; click Ken Burns' name for his short comments on the film; and click [HERE](#) for the trailer. Set an alarm on your calendar!



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM IS A VERY LONG NAME



**21 LETTERS AND
12 FEET LONG!!**

LEAVE SPACE FOR THOSE ON TWO WHEELS

We are getting more popular, which means greater pressure on our available parking spaces. This past Sunday, 103 people were in attendance at the 9:30 service and 79 at the second. Then on Monday, Christians in Exile had 25 folks in attendance. **At both of these times, people pulled their cars into the spots being reserved for bicycles.**



Net result: on Sunday, two people were forced to park on the sidewalk at the front of the church at 9:30am with nothing with which to secure their bikes.

The Grounds Team selected (and Aesthetics endorsed) the location for our new bike rack. Part of the reasoning was visibility—making sure those who have bikes know there is a spot for them to park them. Another reason was that with these two parking spaces, cars attempting to exit these and the ones immediately adjacent on the left have a more difficult time getting out. The final excellent reason for this selection is the opportunity to isolate cars and bikes from one another to reduce property damage and potential injury from “interactions.”

In theory, this bike rack is large enough to accommodate riders who can then leave their cars at home, thereby reducing some pressure on our available parking. But only if we leave them space to make use of the rack. **Please #RespectTheRack.** Thank you!!



WHEN THINGS GET OLD, STUFF HAPPENS

In this case, the water line to our dishwasher was failing and had already begun leaking into the cabinet void. Let's call it “fortuitous” that we found this on Thursday! The initial problem, an incorrect installation that left the line rubbing with pressure on wood, was remediated by our plumber.



"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

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