

UUTC UPDATE

AUGUST 4th, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

SEND ME

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, August 6th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

What does it mean to be a spiritual leader? Some of us might think this question is related to the fact that, after more than two years, UUTC's new settled minister has arrived. But, in fact, each member of our beloved community leads in a special and necessary way. A minister is just a guide and a facilitator for the leadership already present in our community. Our worship together this Sunday will explore the potential for visionary spiritual growth present within each of us during this time of new beginnings at UUTC.

Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am!

Enlightened leadership is spiritual if we understand spirituality not as some kind of religious dogma or ideology but as the domain of awareness where we experience values like truth, goodness, beauty, love and compassion, and also intuition, creativity, insight and focused attention.

- Deepak Chopra

COMING UP at UUTC

Sandwich Sunday — Sun @ Noon

Heartfulness Meditation — Sun @ 4:30pm

SUULE — August 6-11

Growing Younger — Mon 8/07 @ 11:00am

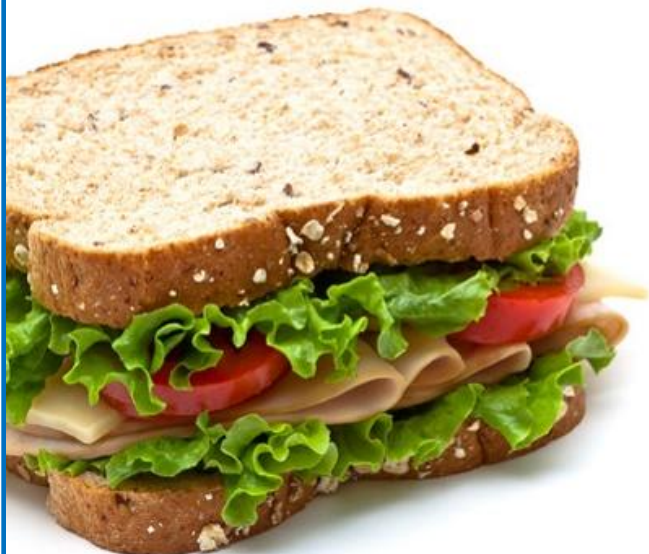
Pre-School Chalice Camp — Aug 8, 9, 10

**ALL REGULAR MORNING ACTIVITIES
ARE "ON VACATION" TUESDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY DUE TO CHALICE CAMP.**

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 8/09 @ 4:00pm

Drum Circle — Thurs 8/10 @ 7:00pm

UUTC SANDWICH SUNDAY – THIS WEEK!



This is Rev Ilene's first Sandwich Sunday with us! Come have lunch with her! Let's show her how we picnic in the mountains. **All ages, Members, Friends, Children, Visitors and Guests**, are invited to gather around the UUTC picnic table after second service. (No childcare will be provided.)

Please Bring: A sandwich for yourself and your family members, a **finger food to share (chips, sliced veggies or fruit, bars, cookies, etc.)** and camp chairs or blanket. The Membership Team

provides: Lemonade and water, napkins, plastic cups, plates, spare breads, and sandwich fillings.

Come prepared to picnic rain or shine! Look for signs on our doors on Sunday to know where we will be. We will set up in the Social Hall if necessary. Questions: contact LaDonna Huffaker at huffaklr@gmail.com or call 828-577-1329.

BIG WORK, HUGE THANKS

The charming little house on the left (formerly the not so charming house on the right) was brought to you by the Facilities Team, who fielded some of their best hitters (plus a pinch-hitter or two) to post another win with this project.



The Grounds arm of the Team benefitted from the exertions of Jane Carter, Christine Schmidt and Kay Webb with the addition of a couple of beautifully planted pots to frame the entrance, lots of weeding and mulching and the planting of a few select perennials and shrubs.

Inside the building during the last two weeks saw extensive work at the hands of All Star Mary Bennett, who spent countless hours on site. She was assisted, at various times, by the hands and biceps of husband Bob, Linda Darnell, Lynn Halsey, Christine Schmidt, Kay Webb, RK Young —and our able former president Gary Kendrick, who hung the porch swing. Rev. Ilene says that her husband Dustin will particularly appreciate that late addition. Thanks to all!



CHARITABLE GIVING FOR JULY: AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT

New this year is the Brevard Augustine Literacy Project (BALP). While the BALP is an outreach ministry of Brevard Community Church, the curriculum is entirely secular, working to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children and teens struggling with literacy skills. The project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long-term, one-to-one instruction.

The program provides each tutor with **70 hours of training--classroom and practicum--** based on the [Orton-Gillingham](#) approach, using research-based materials from a variety of sources, including the [Wilson Reading System®](#). The Orton-Gillingham approach is a multi-sensory, structured, systematic and phonetic. It has been proven effective, not only with children (grades 1 through 12) who have language-related learning differences, but also with students who struggle to learn to read because of poverty (lack of exposure to print and rich vocabulary) or ESL issues. You can learn more at the BALP [website](#).



One of the reasons this non-profit was chosen for our support is that every dollar goes into the reading materials or training that support our county's children. While volunteers normally pay for their own training, having half of the costs (nearly \$600 per tutor) costs covered would make it easier for more volunteers to participate. BALP has a very small budget, and our contributions will have a much larger impact than with some other programs.

Brevard Augustine Literacy Project trained 11 new tutors in 2016, and hope to train at least 12 more in September. They currently tutor 26 students, all of whom have been recommended by their classroom teachers. Tutoring is one-to-one only. Some tutors work with only one student, but others who chose two sometimes serve additional children if they have time in their schedules.

Remember, all Charitable Giving contributions will go into a separate fund prior to dispersal. (See [last week's newsletter](#) for more detail about this process.) **Therefore, checks should be written TO UUTC**, with the agency designation on the memo line. *This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*

MEET MICHAEL SOLOMON!

New member Michael Solomon grew up in the Pocono Mountains outside of Wilkes-Barre, PA and left home at 17 to attend Temple University where he graduated with a degree in business. He then went to grad school in Miami, Fl. and lived in South Florida for the next 31 years, finally moving to Brevard permanently last year. He works as a healthcare consultant and educator and volunteers at Free Rein in his spare time.



Michael has two beautiful daughters, one in Florida and one in California, who has a son, Carter. Michael's mother is 87, and he has a sister living in Florida. His hobbies are hiking, canoeing, reading and writing, and working out in the gym.

Michael was searching for a spiritual home when he saw a church notice in the Transylvania Times and started attending UUTC in July 2016. He has found UUTC to be a warm and welcoming congregation where he could explore his spiritual beliefs and broaden and deepen them. Welcome to UUTC, Michael!

This biography is brought to you through the efforts of your Membership Team.

5TH SUNDAY DONATIONS

Many thanks to the generous UUTC congregants who contributed 149 pounds of food and household items to Sharing House in July. These periodic infusions to the pantry at Sharing House help keep them prepared to serve our neighbors.



HOW MAGICAL IS HOGWARTS CAMP?

This week, a young witch, standing in the vicinity of the owl roost, was overheard saying,

“Should I get someone to open it? Or should I just use my wand?”

Magical!

THE HANDS & FEET OF UUTC: TEAMS!

Teams do the “work of the church,” using their Operating Guidelines to set procedures that follow the Policies adopted by the Board with the guidance of the Board’s Committees. **Each year, Teams are to review their Operating Guidelines alongside the latest version of our Policy Manual.**

Teams, being the most aware of the issues associated with their various Functions, **can also suggest policies to the Board.** The Board can send these suggestions to the Administration Committee for refinement prior to adoption, or, if it appears to the Board that the desired outcome could be better achieved as procedure incorporated into Operating Guidelines, may send the suggestion back to the Team for more immediate implementation.

The Adult Religious Exploration Team and the Worship Team are both looking for additional members. With Rev. Ilene now settled with us, both of these Teams are primed for exciting new work. For more information about our Teams, whether to review their Operating Guidelines or just to see who does what, go to our [Teams](#) page on the website. To see the current Policy Manual, go to the [Board's](#) page.

TURNING OUT FOR THE TOURISTS

Twenty people attended the Asheville Tourist’s outing on Sunday, July 30th. At right, UUTC Youth get to know THE Tourist, and the second image is from the bottom of the 9th, nobody out. However, the Tourists were behind 3-7 at that point to the Rome, GA Braves. Below, it appears that Mr. Fox is



getting ready for the August 21st eclipse, but is practicing his “cool,” as opposed to Mr. Brennan.

The Tourists were not able to score in the 9th, so the final was 3-7, with the Braves sweeping the Tourists for the four-game series. Through six innings, it appeared that Rome southpaw Joey Wentz would hold the Tourists scoreless, but they did score two runs off him in the 7th inning and added an additional run in the 8th. Fun was had, regardless!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have begun my year-long odyssey as your president and feel honored that you put your trust in me. It is also a privilege to serve with a Board of capable, compassionate members who will help keep me from going too far astray.

I look forward to working with Rev. Ilene and helping ensure that her first year among us is a good one. It will be a pleasure to officially welcome her on Sunday, her first service with us as our settled minister.

Perhaps last year's greatest excitement and accomplishment was the purchase and renovation of next-door Varsity Street property. Those who saw the transformation from a hoarder's paradise to a renter's dream know what a huge feat was accomplished. By my count, no fewer than 54 UUTC members and friends participated in the work itself, and still others contributed financially and donated furnishings.

We cleaned out and hauled literally tons of junk to the dump; removed a jungle of trees and bushes; landscaped the grounds; cleaned, repaired, and painted houses; and furnished the residence being used for Oxford House. RK Young coordinated the work of contractors and had them available as needed. Kay Webb kept her Facilities Team, as well as many others, engaged and active.

A few days ago, Rev. Ilene moved into the yellow house and the last of the Oxford House residents moved in. ***Please remember, these occupants are paying renters. Though we are justifiably proud of the condition of the property by the time they moved in, it is no longer ours to wander over at will.***

Legally the tenants have the "right to quiet enjoyment." The tenants have the exclusive right to use the property, including a reasonable expectation of privacy and freedom from disturbances from the landlord. Fisher Reality is managing the property for us. The landlord, with notice, can enter the property to make repairs or to conduct showings toward the end of a tenancy. Otherwise, we need to stay away.

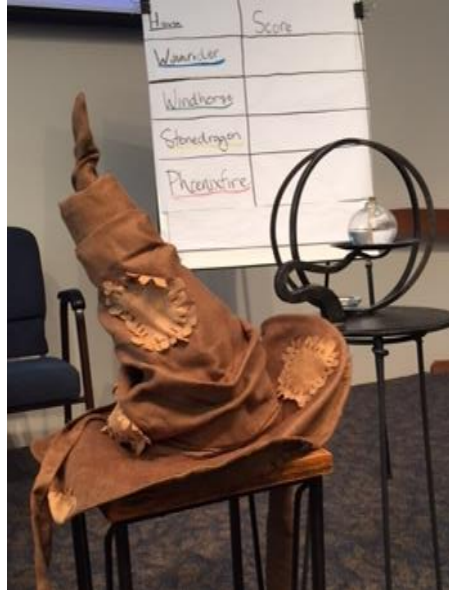
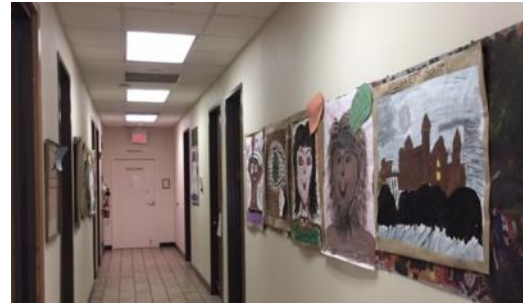
I am particularly concerned that we respect Rev. Ilene's privacy and not "run next door" with concerns or comments or questions, or even to seek a friendly exchange. Let her enjoy her home, her swing, her garden, just as she would be able to do if it were not in sight of the church.

In Covenant, Carol

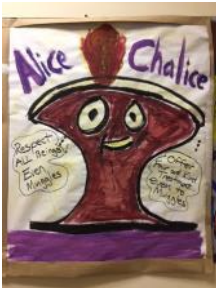
TALKING PAINTINGS, HOUSES OF WIZARDS & QUIDDITCH!



If you are a student of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series, then you know that things are ... a bit different in the world of wizards. Except when they're not. This past week, our children got to experience and discuss good and evil and the choices we all make that contribute to each classification. Owls flew in the halls, paintings talked and wands were doing all the heavy lifting, except in the playing of Quidditch!

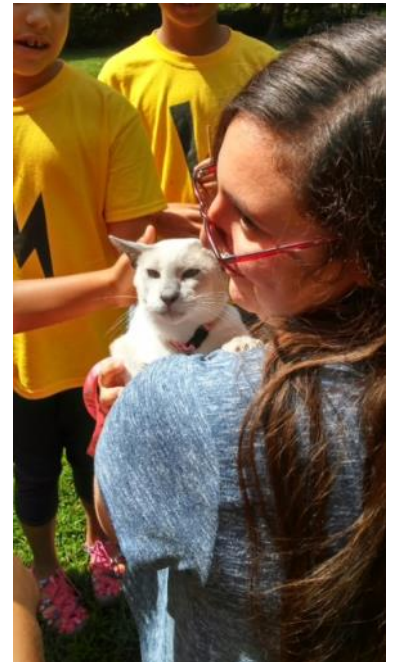


The Sorting Hat, once placed on a young witch or wizard's head, would ponder and then assign the student to one of the 4 Hogwart's Houses: Phoenixfire, Stonedragon, Waverider or Windhorse.

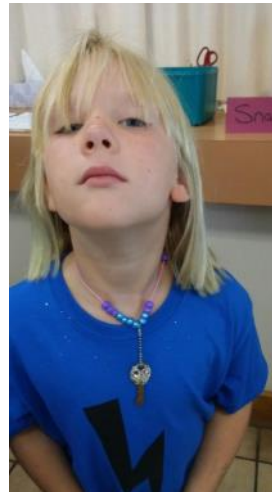
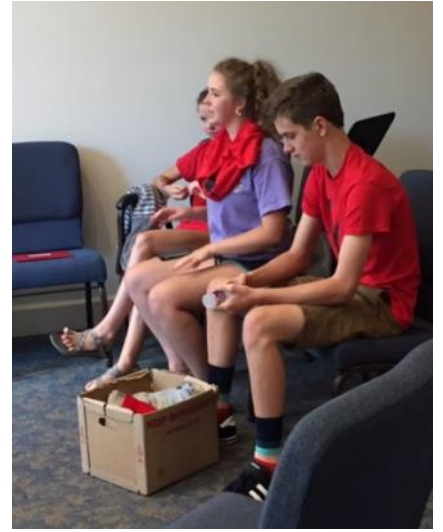


At left, owls await notification that their student has mail to be picked up. Below, the Windhorse Common Room décor.





CLASSES ON POTIONS, HERBOLOGY AND MAGICAL CREATURES, OH MY!



Professor Sklar of Olivander's assists with wand-making—WaveRiders display their charmed keys. A PhoenixFire face marred with Cockroach Clusters (Yuck! Cockroach Guts!)
At left, Herbology



Class prep.

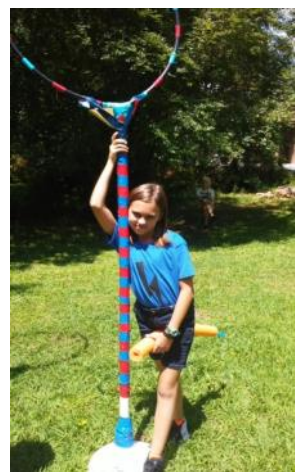


QUIDDITCH! (AND OTHER DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS)

In Quidditch, you score points by riding your broom and getting the ball through the goal, (10 points) or catching the Snitch (100 points, a very difficult task!) For our version, Snitches were



powered by legs, as opposed to the flying version. Our Snitches had to have frequent breaks to breathe.





Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.

Our Mission, as a welcoming, inclusive community acting from love, compassion and respect is:

To support individual spiritual journeys and To promote social, economic and environmental justice.

KEEP UP WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Like us on Facebook and keep up with events during the week—get early notification on sermons! Great posts from our Children's Religious Exploration program and more. Click the logo to be taken to the page!



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



SOUTHERN REGION

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our "insider" [church calendar](#). For previous issues of the UUTC Update, click [HERE](#).

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

CONTACT US

Need Pastoral Care? While we await our settled minister, call (877) 510-5603 to reach the minister on call.

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 the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.