

UUTC UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2017

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

DAYS OF AWE

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, September 24th at 9:15am and 11:00am

Late September marks the celebration of the High Holy Days of Judaism—Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish new year), Yom Kippur (the day of atonement), and the ten holy days of repentance and awe that lie between them. In our service this week, we will reflect together on this sacred time for the Jewish community and how it reminds us all that repentance and new beginnings are inextricably linked. Also in this service, Rev. Ilene will reflect on her Jewish heritage and her background as a Holocaust scholar.

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

*Emma Stone's memorial service will be held at the English Chapel (in the forest)
3:00pm on Saturday, October 28 (this is a correction of the date that was in the Times).*

COMING UP at UUTC

Heartfulness Meditation — Sun @ 4:30pm

Rev Ilene at UUA training —Mon-Fri

Growing Younger — Mon 9/25 @ 11:00am

The Haunting Church — Mon 9/25 @ 3:30pm

Men's Group — Tues 9/26 @ 9:00am

Board Meeting — Tues 9/26 @ 5:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 9/26 @ 6:00

Eclectics Jam — Wed 9/27 @ 9:30am

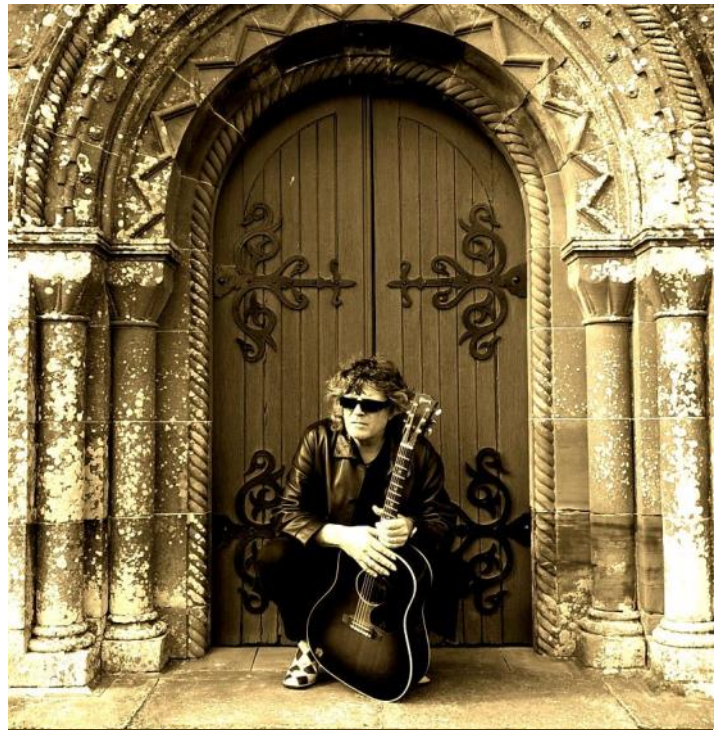
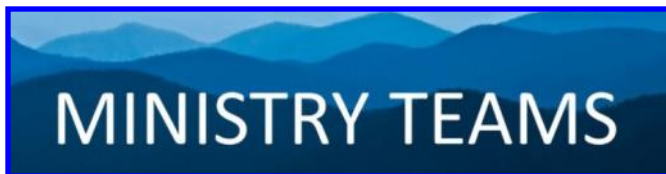
Sierra Club — Thurs 9/28 @ 6:30pm



HAVE MORE FUN—JOIN A TEAM!

No where at UUTC can you have a bigger impact than on one of our Mission-fulfilling Teams. This is where the hands-on work of living out our ideas of who we are takes place. But the best part? This is where you will find your best friends. More time together means more laughter and memories built!

Don't know where you "belong?" **Click the image below** to go to the Teams page, where you can **click anything orange** to learn more!



Coming October 13th @ 7:00:
Medieval & Spanish Blues with
Claude Bourbon

THE SHARED PULPIT

You might not consider yourself a preacher, but everyone has stories to share. In a new Adult Religious Exploration course being facilitated by Carol Flake, you can explore Homiletics — the art of preaching or writing sermons.

If you would like to learn to craft thoughtful sermons anchored in your own experience, sign up for the one-hour informational meeting to be held on **Sunday, October 8th at 9:15am**.

The course will be based on the book *The Shared Pulpit*, by Rev. Erika Hewitt. Hewitt provides a road map to creating meaningful worship in the book, which will be provided by the Worship Team for the use of those who sign up. The maximum number of participants is eight.

This class will meet once or twice a month for eight sessions, each lasting three hours. Dates of these sessions will be determined at the organizational meeting, so bring your calendars!

Participants will NOT be required to give a sermon upon completion of the course, but growing this ability to express ourselves is one way to support our own spiritual journeys. If you have questions, please call Carol at 828-553-4910. Sign up at the front desk!



Rev. Ilene, before she was a minister,
at age 20, sharing a pulpit!

A.R.E. RECOMMENDS: Celebrating Community and Choice with Dr. Atul Gawande



Dr. Atul Gawande (Tim Llewellyn)

Mountain Neighbors Network of Brevard is proud to announce that renowned surgeon, public health researcher and writer Dr. Atul Gawande will be the guest speaker on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the 15th Celebration of the founding of Beacon Hill Village and the subsequent Village Movement their innovative model inspired. The conversation, entitled “Being Mortal’s Villages: The Value of Community and Choice as we Grow Older,” will be moderated by Robin Young, host of NPR’s Hear & Now, and feature a discussion on aging, living life with purpose, and how we can transform the possibilities for the later chapter’s in everyone’s lives.

Mountain Neighbors Network is Transylvania County’s local Village, a nonprofit volunteer-based member of the national Village-to-Village network, focused on providing a variety of services that address the social and physical needs of those who are 60 years of age and over so that they can live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. The organization’s intent is to fill the gaps and not duplicate services that are already available from other Transylvania County service providers.

The event on September 25th will begin at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd located at 22 Fisher Road in Brevard. It will be simulcast from Boston to more than 150 of the 350-plus Villages open and in development across the country, including Mountain Neighbors Network. All are welcome to join the free viewing party and reception.

For more information on this important event, please contact Mountain Neighbors Network Board Chair Ed Hennig or Executive Director Donna Aiken-Colflesh at (828) 490-7390 or email mountainneighborsnetwork@gmail.com.

THE HAUNTING CHURCH • REV. JEAN ROWE • THIS MONDAY

Due to the “interesting” weather last week, the originally-scheduled meeting for The Haunting Church was postponed until September 25th. To keep the group on track, it will be condensed to four sessions: **the 25th, Oct. 9th and 23rd, and then Nov. 13th.**

This will mean that your **regularly-scheduled programming for Christians in Exile** will kick back into gear on November 27th. The time for these meetings is 3:30 to 5:00pm. Please [email Jean Rowe](mailto:jeanrowe@hauntingchurch.com) if you want to be put on our mailing list for reminders and so we'll know how many to expect!

PUT YOUR HEART WHERE YOUR YARD IS

WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE EARTH

Option 1: "We Are"

WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

IMMIGRANT LGBTQ

OF COLOR WITH DISABILITIES

OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS

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Option 3: "We Love"

Sign up sheets for the three styles are on the front counter. No payment is required up front. We'd love to pull the trigger on this order, but we need a few more orders. Check with your friends!

IN THIS HOME, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

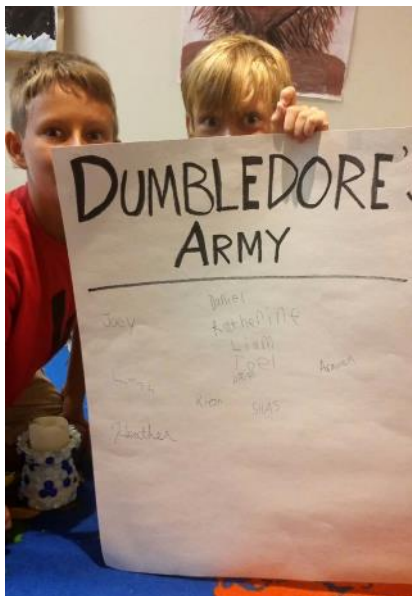
NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

Option 2: "We Believe"

DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Dumbledore's Army (D.A.) is 10 strong after our Kick Off on Sunday and expects to grow. Members voted to determine the two Horcruxes that are most meaningful to them to pursue as social justice initiatives. This chapter of D.A. is ready to take down some Horcruxes!

GMAC? WHO? WHAT?

In alphabetical order, your Governance/Ministry Advisory Council (GMAC) members are Dave Hunter, Becky Langerman, Leslie Keir, Jim Null, Christine Schmidt and Susan Slocum. UUTC's Minister and Board President are ex-officio members of the Council.

Created in 2015 following the adoption of our Organizational Structure, GMAC serves as a bridging advisory group between UUTC Governance (The Board and its Committees) and Ministry (The Minister and her Teams).

Of the Council's 6 defined functions, #1 is to provide a listening ear to the congregation and for communication of information for both the Board and the Minister. All members of the Council may be reached at gmac@uutc.org. Ask one of us about functions #2 through #6!



MEMBERSHIP

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE MAIN COURSE • OCTOBER 7TH

The name for our prospective member class is **The Main Course: UUTC Connections Class**. If you are thinking of becoming a Member or Friend of UUTC this fall, or if you're an old Friend thinking of changing your status, attend and share this day with Rev. Ilene, staff and congregational leaders. Even folks who've been here awhile will learn things!

The class meets on Saturday, October 7th. Childcare is available by request. Other details, including lunch break details and your preparations for the class, will follow.

A Welcoming Ceremony for those who choose to become Members will be held Sunday, October 15th. On October 28th, we will have a photo shoot where Barbi Smith and Mark Allison will make you look 5 years younger and authentically charming! (Photo Shoot open to all Members and Friends who need an updated image.) Sign up for the class at the front counter! **Want an updated photo? Call Barbi at 828-384-9092!**

DARK WEB SCANNING — DO THIS NOW



Most are aware that a hack of the Equifax credit reporting company occurred in May of this year but has come to light only recently. Nearly all US residents have been impacted. One of the first things you can do to protect yourself is to find out whether your email address (or addresses) has been compromised in any way. While [requesting credit reports](#) from all three credit reporting companies (Equifax, TransUnion and Experian) is a **necessary (FREE)** step, these reports may not indicate whether you've been compromised at this time.

For a Dark Web Email Scan, [follow this LINK](#), and conduct a scan for each email address you have. Once the report is delivered to your email, open it and see if there were any “positive” results—positive as in they found Dark Web activity. **If they did, then any online accounts you have that use that email as a login are more readily compromised.** We would recommend that you **establish a new email address** and then go to those accounts and change your login.

If you are forced to change your email address, please be sure and let UUTC know so that we can update your records and ensure that you will not have an interruption in newsletter or statement delivery. For more steps you can take, check this step-by-step guide from [CNET](#).

CHARITABLE GIVING FOR SEPT: PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

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. In 2016, Pisgah Legal prevented homelessness and stabilized housing for 2,967 people in WNC. **They are the only free legal resource in Western North Carolina.**

Thursday, September 28, Pisgah Legal Services, together with Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Homeward Bound and Mountain Housing Opportunities are hosting an evening with Matthew Desmond, the keynote speaker for **Pisgah Legal's 7th Annual Poverty Forum**. Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. His book, *Evicted*, won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction, among many other awards. You can purchase tickets to this event at the Kimmel Arena, UNCA [HERE](#).



In addition to their other work, Pisgah Legal Services actively assists with immigration issues, as they are able. *This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*



OXFORD HOUSE OPEN HOUSE • SEPT 28

Members and Friends of UUTC are invited to tour the Varsity Oxford House (#74 Varsity Street) between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm on Thursday, September 28th. Immediate neighbors are also invited to come meet house residents and see how an Oxford House works.

UUTC still has a couple of maintenance items to complete. The house exterior is in need of fresh paint, as some of the wood siding is exposed, and there is a window with a thrown-stone hole that we need to replace. Neither of these issues is the fault of the residents but rather a lack of available contractors and bids to plan for spending.

MEET VICTORIA KERR!

Victoria Kerr is a North Carolina native who spent much of her adult life out of state. She has lived in New Orleans, San Francisco, Hollywood, Copenhagen, the Ozarks (as part of the "Back to the Land" movement), Key West and Houston. She is a chef by trade and owned her own restaurant/nightclub in Raleigh, NC in the 80's. At the close of that venture, she went sailing for a year and landed in Beaufort, NC where she lived until moving to Brevard. While in Beaufort she embarked on her second career, Interior Design, proving you are never too late to learn by returning to college at age 50 and getting a degree in that field.



Victoria has two children: Mikey Ross in San Francisco and Rainbow Sipe here in Brevard. Rainbow and her husband Jeff have two beautiful children, Jasmine and Koty; the loves of their Grandmother's life! Since coming to Brevard, Victoria has begun her **third** career. No retirement for her! Victoria is working at Mountain Sun Community School as the librarian, teacher assistant to all and resident elder. She also has a pet-sitting business "Happy Pets."

Victoria is an artist who enjoys working in many mediums: drawing, painting, clay and fabric. She is learning to love the mountains—that's her car with the bumper sticker "Mountain People Are Wise. Ocean People Are Happy." We hope this doesn't mean she is UN-happy!

Victoria attended UU services in Morehead City, NC but this is the first church she calls home. Happy to be a new member, she is looking forward to making new friends and exploring all UUTC has to offer. Victoria serves on the Membership Team and you will find her "greeting" frequently.

SANDWICH SUNDAY • OCTOBER 1 @ NOON

This is a reminder that our first Sandwich Sunday is NEXT WEEK, June 4th. **Members, Friends, Children, Visitors and Guests** of all ages are invited to gather around the UUTC picnic table after second service. This is an intergenerational event, so no childcare will be provided.



Please Bring: A sandwich for yourself and your family members and a finger food to share: chips, sliced veggies, sliced or whole fruit, cookies, or bars; camp chairs or blanket.

Membership Team will provide: Lemonade and water, napkins, plastic cups and plates, spare breads and sandwich fillings.

Come prepared to picnic rain or shine! We will set up in the Social Hall if necessary. Look for Signs on our doors that morning if in doubt.

Questions: contact Sue Null at suenull@rice.edu or call 828-877-2550.

CLEAN UP, TOUCH UP, BRIGHTEN UP, BOOM!!!

In preparation for Dumbledore's Army, members of the Facilities Team removed older CRE paintings, spackled holes and repainted the hallway with a coat of our base pallet color, Navajo White. The next step will be the hanging of banners from our summer Hogwart's experience "Houses." Each House has its own special values and talents and their banners are bright, colorful and as enthusiastic as our youth. Be sure to check it out this Sunday!



UUTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

September 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

August Member Count - 186; Friend Count - 88

Welcome	Carol
Opening	Cantey
Approval of August Minutes	Kay
Email Votes since August Meeting	Kay
Standing Updates	
Minister's Report	
Treasurer's Report	Dave
Administration Committee	
Finance Committee	
Property Committee	
Approve chair appointment	
GMAC	Susan Slocum
Old Business	
Scholarship Program – Conclude Discussion and Decide	Carol
Reports from General Assembly	
Board Calendar Review	Kay
Reschedule December Board Meeting date	
New Business	
UUTC Organizational Structure Annual Review	
Facilities Team Report to Board	Kay
Sponsored Project Request	
Adjourn	

Next Board Meeting: October 24 at 5:00 p.m.



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? Call Rev. Ilene at (877) 510-5603.

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.