

UUTC UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 29th, 2017

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, October 1st at 9:15am and 11:00am

The Feast of Saint Francis is celebrated by practitioners around the world on October 4 in honor of one of Christianity's most beloved Saints. Francis was well-known for his love of animals, his deep and simultaneously simple spirituality, and his wide-ranging effects on Christianity. He lived a life of poverty as he sought inner riches and left a legacy of love and a fascinating theology behind. In this service, we will explore some of Saint Francis' teachings and stories and their relevance for us today.

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

*Remember when you leave
this earth, you can take
with you nothing that you
have received—only what
you have given: a full
heart, enriched by honest
service, love, sacrifice &
courage.*

St. Francis of Assisi

COMING UP at UUTC

Sandwich Sunday! — Sun @ 12:00pm

Heartfulness Meditation — Sun @ 4:30pm

Growing Younger — Mon 10/2 @ 11:00am

Men's Group — Tues 10/3 @ 9:00am

SMART Recovery — Tues 10/3 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 10/4 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 10/4 @ 4:00pm

Team Mtg Night — Wed 10/4 @ 5:00pm

Women's Group — Thurs 10/5 @ 12:30pm

CRE Family Potluck — Fri 10/6 @ 5:00pm

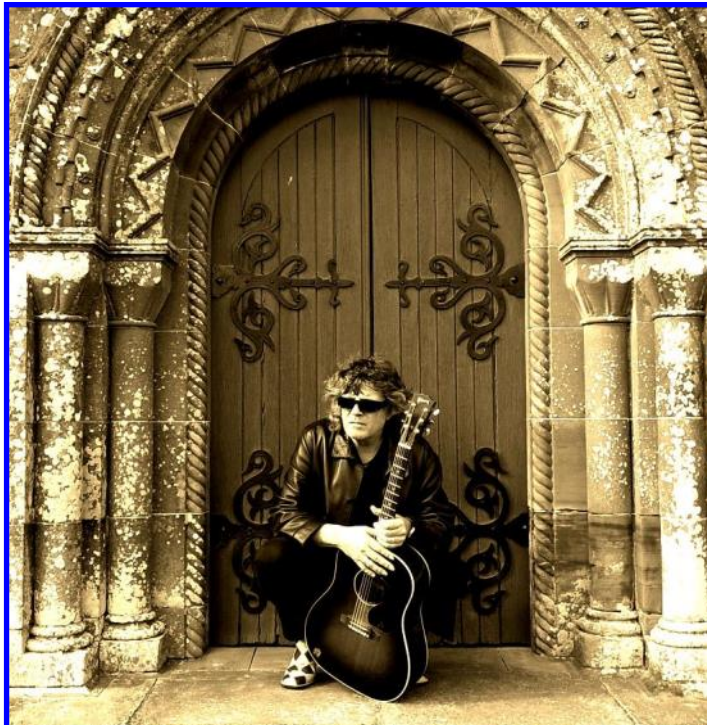
New Member Class! — Sat 10/7 @ 9:00am

SWEAT EQUITY—

UUTC IS AS GOOD AS YOU MAKE IT

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
Click the image to register!

SANDWICH SUNDAY • OCTOBER 1 @ NOON

This is a reminder that **THIS SUNDAY** is Sandwich Sunday! **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. *We will not be carrying tables over to the grass.*

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.





WOMEN'S GROUP • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 12:30PM

All UU women are invited to bring a bag lunch to the social hall and attend a special program. Our guest speaker will be Wendi Adair, Director of the Augustine Project, which supports the training of volunteer tutors to help children with reading. This project was the recipient of our UUTC community charitable giving this past August. For information call JoAnn Crawford 877-5344.

DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY TO HELP NAPLES UU • HEATHER LAYTON

Dumbledore's Army (UUTC Youth) is fighting the Disaster Horcrux by hosting a Car Wash to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. **Help us help them on Sunday, October 1st, weather permitting, here at UUTC.** A message from UUCGN says "We used \$35,000 of our funds plus donations in the past two weeks for food, water, ice, diapers, bug spray, etc. There is a HUGE need for help in areas such as Immakalee. Farm workers, immigrants and low income folks have not only lost jobs due to 78% estimated loss of crops, but they have lost their homes."

Let our youth wash your car, and donate to a great cause.



Immakalee is one of the communities that the migrant students in Collier County Public Schools would normally return to after the picking season ends in WNC. We have local school children who are being effected by the widespread devastation in Immakalee. (Thanks to Katherine G. for this information.)

UPDATE THAT PHOTO!

Members, Friends and Staff Photo Session - Saturday Morning, October 28th

Mark Allison and Barbi Smith will be taking new photos and doing updates for our website and photo directory. Sign up on the office counter or email membership@uutc.org with your phone number. Barbi Smith will call you to reserve a time for you and yours!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 11TH

JIM HARDY

What makes you feel good . . . really *good*? What soothes your pain? When you do whatever you do, what are the *consequences*? Do your responses help or hurt you and others? If they hurt, what should be the response . . . of you, of those near you, of society? If the issue involves drugs, what then? Vital questions, whose answers will lead us toward health or toward destruction.

For 46 years, our country has answered those questions by waging a “War on Drugs,” a war based on violence and punishment that has torn the fabric of society and destroyed millions of lives. It has really been a war on people and has been the equivalent of pouring gasoline on a fire to put it out.

On October 11, Wonderful Wednesday will begin a four-part series entitled “Ending America’s Longest War: From Darkness into Light.” The series is aimed at ending this terrible war and replacing punishment with enlightened, compassionate treatment and support for those who need it, an approach grounded in our first two UU principles. The first session could be titled, “Everything You Think You Know About Addiction Is Wrong.” It will present the truth about drugs and substance abuse, informed by the latest brain science and the work of leading experts in the field. If you would like a preview, click [HERE](#) to watch an *absolutely delightful [ed.]* five-minute video.

The following 3 sessions will be on subsequent Tuesdays, the 17th, 24th, and 31st at 6:00pm at UUTC.

CHARITABLE GIVING FOR OCTOBER: BACKPACK BUDDIES

The Backpack Buddies program provides food packs on Friday afternoons to students who are in extreme need and are likely to have inadequate food over the weekend. Children are nominated by school administrators, counselors, and teachers. Food packs are delivered each week by members of Rotary International.

School year 2017-18 is the 10th year of this program under the auspices of Transylvania County Schools Nutrition Department. It is sponsored by Manna Food Bank, local churches, civic organizations, Change the World and YOU. Because of the increased regional demand for food, your help is desperately needed.



Due to high demand, the amount of funding Manna spends on their packs has dropped from \$5 per bag to less than \$2 a bag. Therefore, if enough funds are received, your local sponsorship dollars will also provide a supplement to the now smaller Manna packs. \$150 sponsors one child for the year.

This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.

A.R.E. RECOMMENDS: HEALING COMMUNITY ACTION CIRCLES BREVARD COLLEGE • OCTOBER 12

Tired of the cacophony of political punditry we hear every day, particularly during election season?

“Healing Community Action Circles” is one way to engage courageously and in a sustainable way with the complexities of our real civic lives, far afield of the polarities too often promoted during our 24-hour news cycle.

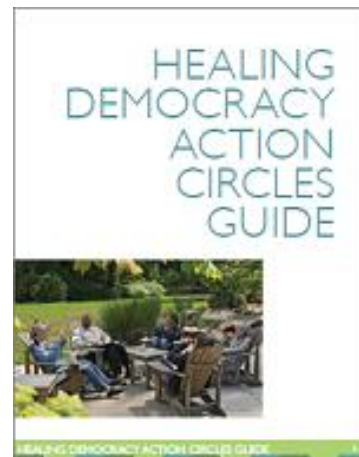
Healing Community Action Circles, or HCAC, is a follow-up to the “Healing the Heart of Democracy” series launched spring of 2017 by The Center for Spiritual Wisdom and Brevard College. HCAC is a series of six small-group meetings once a month in which Parker Palmer’s “5 Habits of the Heart” are reviewed, discussed and put into practice, along with individual challenges to go out between sessions and encounter “the other” in a way that begins the community-healing process; participants get to “walk the talk” of Parker Palmer’s important work.

HCAC uses the work of Courtney Martin, an author, educator and collaborator of Parker Palmer. Ms. Martin’s “**Healing Democracy Action Circles Guide**” can be downloaded at <http://www.couragerenewal.org/actioncircles/> and that guide will be used throughout the 6 sessions.

Dave Hunter and Hilly Bernard serve on the HCAC Steering Committee and will serve as two of the program facilitators. Prior participation in “Healing the Heart of Democracy” is NOT required.

You can register for this free series by contacting HCAC at healingcommunitywnc@gmail.com.

HCAC begins on Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 PM in the McLarty-Goodson Building at Brevard College and will continue the second Thursday of each month through March 2018.



UUTC BUYS WIND (POWER)

Tired of fossil fuel-based energy’s environmental record? UUTC has taken steps to divorce itself from the industry. As of Thursday, May 25th, Green-e Energy certified renewable energy certificates are being purchased to cover UUTC’s consumption of electricity.

Anyone (who has not already done so) can join Arcadia and have 50% of their energy use offset by wind power at no additional cost. You can learn more and sign up [HERE](#). Your computer may ask you to “allow” it to follow the link. This [Grist article](#) explains how it all works. Your money pours wind into the grid. ☺

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR AUGUST, 2017

DAVE ROBERTS

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 33,216.22	\$ 32,944.14
Income through August 31st, 2017	\$ 25,370.95	\$ 47,139.08
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,146.59	\$ 40,146.59
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (-----)
Total Funds available through Aug 31st	\$ 98,733.76	\$ 120,229.81

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 9,402.18	\$ 18,715.46
Programming	\$ 8,190.92	\$ 15,694.14
Facility	\$ 4,852.17	\$ 8,098.89
Misc.	\$ 441.44	\$ 1,874.28
Total Expenditures through August 31st	\$ 22,886.71	\$ 44,382.77

Dear Friends and Members,

The information presented at left provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of August. Our fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 31st.

Our expenditures for August break out as shown at right.

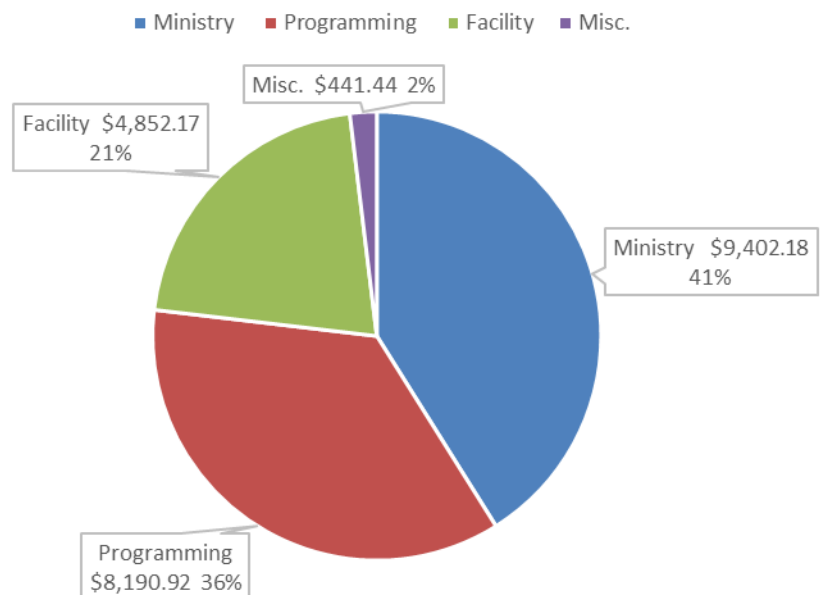
Electronic online pledges through our secure payment handler VANCO may be made or updated at [this link](#). Please contact me or any Board member for assistance.

Respectfully,

Dave Roberts, treasurer@uutc.org

Mobile: 610-751-6309

Where Our \$\$ Go



SPECIAL THANKS....

To all those who took time out of their schedules to drop by the Oxford House, ESPECIALLY those who were able to sit down and just chat. Misty Wilkins (Oxford House WNC) said, "That meant a lot. We are just SO GRATEFUL."

VARSITY OXFORD HOUSE OPEN HOUSE



The crowd materialized and continued from 11:00am-2:00pm, with residents expressing their gratitude for not only the opportunity for housing, but for the generosity of all who made this Oxford House what it is today. Residents remarked on how this home made them feel welcomed and valued, and reciprocated with lots of goodies and conversation!



YOUR BOARD AT WORK • SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER • CAROL MOORE

Your UUTC Board met on Tuesday, September 26, to conduct routine business and to consider some new initiatives. Below are the highlights – you will find the full minutes on our website.

Rev. Ilene is out of state for continuing education, She provided a written report and the Board is well-satisfied (in fact, impressed) with the work she has already accomplished in the congregation, in the local community, and in denominational affairs, during her still-brief time with us.

Treasurer's Report from Dave Roberts was accepted as presented. The Board also approved a motion to hire the firm of Carland-Andersen to conduct a financial review, and approved a motion to secure an integrated time clock to better track hours worked by non-salaried staff and to ease burdens on the bookkeeper.

Finance Committee Chair Alison Marlett and **Finance Committee Member Jim Null** were present to highlight the Committee's recommendations that UUTC create and staff a year-round Stewardship Team as soon as possible. That Team could encourage members to become Chalice Lighters and conduct a "Wake Now Our Vision" legacy giving campaign as well as oversee our annual pledge drive. Numerous UUTC church leaders have urged the development of such a Stewardship Team and are encouraged that it can happen with Rev. Ilene to help guide the effort.

Advisory Council Member Susan Slocum shared her thoughts and suggestions on leadership development, including structures to identify potential leaders and help fund and develop training for both governance and ministry. During discussion, it was suggested that we call the Council by its name (Advisory Council) rather than "GMAC", an acronym that has not been particularly descriptive or helpful.

Property Committee: The Board approved Margaret Kimble as Chair of the Property Committee, and thanks her for her willingness to serve in that capacity.

Administration Committee: Peter Mockridge reported that the 2017 edition of the Policy Manual has had a final review by the Committee. Its suggested non-substantive revisions will be sent via email to the Board for consideration.

Scholarship Program Deferred: The Board returned to a discussion of a Scholarship Program, which had been tabled at the August meeting. Susanne Rolland provided a written report addressing some of the issues to be considered in developing a comprehensive program. Our Scholarship Fund currently has a zero balance. The Board decided that UUTC will neither accept nor disperse monies for higher education through the Scholarship Fund at this time. The unfunded account will remain on

the books in case a Scholarship Program is developed in the future.

Facilities Team requested a revision to the policy related to visual displays on UUTC property. The Board adopted a revised policy which specifically allows the display of children's work in designated areas, brings displays anywhere on our property under the purview of the general policy, and designates the UUTC Administrator as the person to remove material posted without approval.

Sponsored Projects: The Board approved work to construct recessed shelving and replace flooring in the nursery, and to construct a table closet in the social hall, as funds allow.

Items Reported

Rev. Shelley Webb, representing Sharing House needs members for the Sharing House Board. She keenly feels the loss of Bob Thompson, and would like to continue to have a UUTC member on the board. She requested recommendations before November.

Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie approved UUTC joint sponsorship of an NAACP series on ending America's war on drugs. Four informative sessions will be held at UUTC during October. The Board thanks **Jim Hardy** for his efforts on this project and fully supports it.

Rev. Dawn Cooley, the UUA representative for our region, will be in the area November 3-6 and would like to meet with some of our congregants. Rev. Ilene and Carol Moore will follow up on the request.

The next Board meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. on October 24. In order not to conflict with other programming that night, it will meet at the home of Dave Roberts, 133 Ashworth Avenue, Brevard.



NAME THAT HOUSE, SPREAD OUR HERITAGE!

What do Thomas Jefferson, Clara Barton, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Olympia Brown have in common? Who or what in our UU history inspires you? Youth, Members and Friends may suggest names for our rented properties on Varsity Street, and then to vote on the finalists.

Contest rules and entry forms will be published next week!



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.