WHO IS THIS GOD?

UPDATE

UUTC

Sunday, January 28th at 9:15am and 11:00am

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

As we explore the theme of ancestry, it may be incumbent upon us to revisit our Christian roots. Many of us come from Christian backgrounds; many consider ourselves to be Christians in exile. What is there in our Christian ancestry that we might be able to rescue from the pains and disappointments of our life stories? Is there a place for the Christian god in our spiritual lives?

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JANUARY 26

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

SAVE THE DATE!!

The installation of Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie as minister at UUTC will be held on April 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Reception will follow at UUTC.

COMING UP at UUTC

Men's Group — Tues 1/30 @ 9:00am Stewardship Mtg — Tues 1/30 @ 1:00pm Connecting w/ Facebook — Tues 1/30 @ 2:00pm SMART Recovery — Tues 1/30 @ 6:00pm Eclectics — Wed 1/31@ 9:30am Property Comm. — Thurs 2/1 @ 6:00pm Growing Younger — Fri 2/2 @ 11:00am Family Potluck — Fri 2/2 @ 5:30pm Souper Sunday — Sun 2/4 @ noon

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

By Pedro Sandin

SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR JANUARY—THE HAVEN

The Haven is Transylvania County's two-building shelter for homeless families and individuals of all ages. The Haven works with other community agencies to prevent long-term homelessness and to promote sustainable outcomes for its



residents. Your donation will support our fellow citizens as they work toward reaching self-sufficiency and permanent housing. *This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*



THREE GENERATIONS

Victoria Kerr, surrounded by her daughter and granddaughter, were part of the Women's March in Asheville last Saturday. For more great pictures, check out the spread on page four!

CLEAN TABLES FOR ALL

On January the 13th, members of the Facilities Team got together for an annual scrubbing of our tables and chairs—including the children's tables and chairs.

Assisting in this effort were Team Leaders Lynn Halsey and Kay Webb, Bob & Mary Bennett, Dan & Jane Carter, Linda Darnell and Jane Hilliard.







WOMEN'S GROUP • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 12:30PM

The UU Ladies Group will be meeting at the church on Thursday, February 1st <u>at 12:30p.m.</u> for a brown bag lunch and shared munchies. With Valentine's Day coming up, our topic will be LOVE. Please bring a favorite poem, passage, or your own sage thoughts to share with us on the meaning of love.

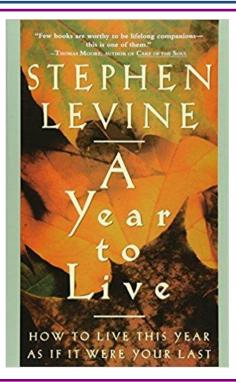
UNREST • FEBRUARY 13TH, 2:00PM

"Unrest" is the personal story of Jennifer Rhea, a young Harvard PhD graduate student, who

became ill with CFS. It's an educational documentary, but is also the journey of all who have this profoundly life changing illness.

From Linda Lander: "I want to show "Unrest" because I have had CFS for 10 years and am aware that most of the public know little or nothing about it. I hope educating others will help anyone who suffers from this illness feel less excluded or totally ignored. The "Unrest" Team supports me and will help me in any way I need. This is part of a world wide effort to educate as many people as possible and has been featured in many magazines as well as on PBS."

To learn more or to view the trailer, go <u>HERE</u>. If you are interested in an evening showing, please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet at the front counter.



EMBRACING DEATH / LIVING LIFE FULLY • BEGINS FEBRUARY 15TH

This new A.R.E. course, led by Hilly Bernard, will explore the wisdom of the past (e.g., indigenous cultures) as well as new information emerging from our world community (e.g., Gregg Braden's *New Human Story*; Thich Nhat Hahn's *No Death No Fear*). The core reading will be Steven Levine's **A Year to Live**. This process moves from hope to enthusiasm.

The class begins on Thursday, February 15th at 3:00-5:00pm and will meet each Thursday as a year-long study. A signup sheet will be on the counter on Sunday. Class limit is twelve .





MAKE HISTORY — SEND FOUR!

Make UUTC History and Send Four Delegates to General Assembly (GA) this Summer

We are starting early and there is already some interest regarding General Assembly (GA) in Kansas City, MO, June 20-24. In addition to Rev. Ilene and RK, Carol Moore and Susan Slocum will be attending. Board Member Brigid Fox is also eyeing the possibility.

Staff cannot serve as Delegates, and UUTC can send 4 Delegates to represent UUTC during GA. Carol and Susan will both attend GA whether they are Delegates or not— your Board hopes to make Delegate selections at their February meeting.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Board has approved covering the cost of registration for Delegates. Can't resist? Want to know more? Contact the Admin, RK, at <u>office@uutc.org</u>.

From the UUA website: All Are Called

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the

demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals. Together, we'll ask:

- Who and how are we called to be at this time, individually and collectively?
- How are we called to act and to live?
- How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission? In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?

The call of our faith has a place for each of us. Join us in Kansas City to build courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections.

Check Newsletter Archives for coverage of 2017 GA in New Orleans, <u>July 7th issue, page 4</u>. Even if you don't want to take on the responsibility of being a Delegate, you are encouraged to inquire about attendance as a general participant.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION • DECEMBER, 2017

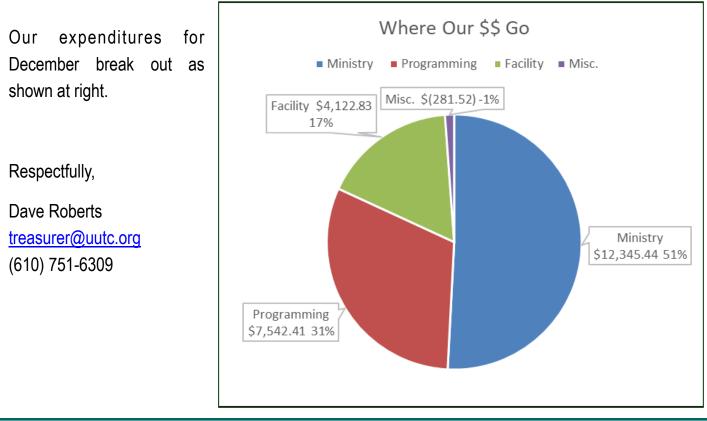
Friends & Members,

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

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>December</u>	Fiscal YTD
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 14,716.84	\$ 32,944.14
Income through December 30th, 2017	\$ 32,518.07	\$ 134,346.90
Reserve Funds balance Endowment Funds received/	\$ 40,166.65	\$ 40,186.39
(transferred)	\$ 10,301.43	\$ (10,441.43)
Total Funds available through Dec 31st	\$ 97,722.73	\$ 207,477.43
<u>Expenses</u>	December	Fiscal YTD
Ministry	\$ 12,345.44	\$ 69,827.82
Programming	\$ 7,542.41	\$ 45,857.87
Facility	\$ 4,122.83	\$ 25,204.92
Misc.	\$ (281.52)	\$ 2,894.68
Total Expenditures through Dec. 31st	\$ 23,729.15	\$ 143,785.29

Please remember that checks for the charitable giving institution of the month need to be made out to UUTC, with the *name of the charitable cause on the memo line*. Checks made out to the charity will not credit UUTC with a donation and cause accounting problems.









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!



SOUTHERN REGION

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our "insider" <u>church calendar</u>. For previous issues of the UUTC Update, click <u>HERE.</u>

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

CONTACT US

Need Pastoral Care? Call Rev. llene 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 <u>www.uutc.org</u>**. **Our church is located** at the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. **Our email address** is <u>admin@uutc.org</u>.