

# UUTC UPDATE

July 13, 2018



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## SACRED SOLITUDE

Carol Moore

Sunday, July 15th at 9:15am and 11:00am

We live under the dominion of din: noise, hubbub, ruckus, tumult, is all around us. What can we learn when we take a break from the clamor? I believe that there are certain voices we only hear when everything is silent. Today's message will share my quest for solitude, and reveal some of the gifts it has brought me.

*Join us for coffee at 10:30am!*

*Nursery care available from 9:00am to 12:00pm.*

## OFFICE HOURS — ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE NEW NORMAL

While office hours have been 9-12, M-F since 2015, RK has been available regularly outside those hours. Going forward, in order to complete the bookkeeping, she will move to the back office in the afternoon to reduce interruptions. Please plan on using your door code to enter the building after noon, as the inner door of the vestibule will be kept locked. Thanks!



## COMING UP at UUTC

Keys to the Kingdom — Mon 7/16 @ 5:00pm

Men's Group — Tues 7/17 @ 9:00am

Ad Com — Tues 7/17 @ 10:00am

Dream Group — Tues 7/17 @ 2:30pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 7/17 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 7/18 @ 9:30am

Choir — Wed 7/18 @ 4:00pm

**Parent Circle — Wed 7/18 @ 5:30pm**



## WAKE NOW OUR VISION LEGACY CHALLENGE — LOW HANGING FRUIT THAT WILL SPOIL QUICKLY!

We call your attention to this program because **Wake Now Our Vision** requires no grant committee, no competition, and no approval by any official UUTC group. You are in complete control, and you have the power to strengthen

various arms of Unitarian Universalism, including UUTC. But you need to act quickly.

**Wake Now Our Vision Legacy Challenge** is designed to encourage new *legacy* giving. A legacy gift is a gift of cash, securities or other property that is realized after you die through a beneficiary designation or your will. New legacy gift intentions made between January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 will qualify for a matching program *as long as matching funds remain*. **If the receiving institution is unaware of an earlier intention, it will still qualify as new.** *Hypothetically*, the matching amount is 10% up to \$10,000 and the match comes from the Shelter Rock Congregation. In other words, a gift up to \$100,000 dollars will be matched by a gift from Shelter Rock in the amount of \$10,000. A \$100 gift will be matched by a gift in the amount of \$10. If no approximate amount is supplied, or if the gift cannot be accurately valued at this time, a flat match of \$1,000 will be given. Charitable Gift Annuities will count for this flat match. *The “hypothetically” is because of the five million pledged by Shelter Rock, 53% has already been allocated to match gifts already made.*

**The UUA groups that qualify for these matching gifts** are [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#), Starr King School for the Ministry, UU Minister’s Association, Meadville Lombard Theological School, the UUA, [UUSC](#), [The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center](#), and any qualified UU Congregation such as UUTC.

If your gift to UUTC is listed as a percentage of your assets, then Shelter Rock will provide a flat match of \$1000. *However, unlike your legacy gift, the contributions from Shelter Rock will begin paying out this summer to your selected groups.* **Don’t miss this chance to amplify your giving.** Fill out and sign a Legacy Challenge form and submit with supporting documentation. Forms may be found on the office counter, or downloaded from the website, below. You may also request one be mailed to you from the office — 828-877-6121 or [office@uutc.org](mailto:office@uutc.org).

Visit [wakenowourvision.org](http://wakenowourvision.org), or contact Campaign Director Laura Randall at [lrandall@uua.org](mailto:lrandall@uua.org), or call 617-948-6511 for more information. Other congregations got this same info at GA!

## SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR JULY — MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In the past year, our minister has given funds to assist with health care, financial emergencies and other needs. Sometimes these gifts support those at UUTC and sometimes they support others in the community. Your gifts this month will refill this reservoir for Rev. Ilene to use in ministering to the needs of our personal and connected community. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



## THE BACK PAGE

Does Social Justice work make your heart beat a little faster? We have ongoing and new announcements from the Social Action Team on the back page of the newsletter. So don't quit reading this epic work until you get to the very end! Thanks!



### HOGWARTS WANT ADS: HELP BRING THE MAGIC!

**Help Wanted for two hours one day of own choosing during the week of August 6-10**

- A Magician, someone who loves to do magic and can perform for children one time during the week
- Potions Professors to either cook with children as part of a Potions class OR bring in a Harry Potter-themed treat for the campers to have for a snack
- Transfiguration Professor- someone who enjoys working with modeling clay and being crafty
- Care of Magical Creatures Professor- loves animals and can share a lesson revolving around care of animals
- Herbology Professor- loves gardening and herbs and can share one lesson
- A big fake rat and small figures of mythological creatures, like dragons and wizards

Contact Professor Layton, Headmistress of Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun if you would like to apply. [creutc@gmail.com](mailto:creutc@gmail.com) or 553-3810.

August may seem like a long way away—but knowledge beforehand enriches all!



## EL CENTRO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

UUTC is partnering with El Centro to help provide school supplies for children in our community. If you would like to donate supplies, please place new articles in the box at UUTC marked “El Centro School Supplies” by August 12<sup>th</sup> so that children can have the supplies prior to their first day of school. The following supplies are needed at various elementary grade levels:

- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ colored pencils in boxes
- ◆ crayons (16 or 24 count)
- ◆ Elmer’s glue sticks
- ◆ erasers (pink)
- ◆ folders (two-pocket with no design)
- ◆ marble composition books
- ◆ markers
- ◆ notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- ◆ pencil boxes
- ◆ pencil cases with zippers
- ◆ school glue (white, in bottles)
- ◆ scissors (for little hands)
- ◆ spiral notebooks
- ◆ three-ring binders
- ◆ tissues (boxes)
- ◆ towels for rest time (for napping on)
- ◆ wooden pencils (good quality, American made)

*\*El Centro Comunitario Hispano Americano seeks to enhance the well-being and integration of the Hispanic community through promoting education, enhancing multicultural understanding, fighting for social justice, developing Latino leadership, and encouraging civic participation. Some of their activities include an after-school tutoring program, conversational English practice for adults.*

## DO YOU HAVE...

...The desire to support Adult Religious Education offerings?



These photos show two groups (Men’s group & Keys to the Kingdom) that don’t fit into our classroom spaces. There are also times when Hilly Bernard’s groups need to use the social hall. From these images, you can see that the needs vary, but what is consistent is that we are accommodating larger groups, and the space needs to provide audio-visual services and privacy for these groups.

Figuring out ways to make this space work helps us put off the investment of a building addition. If you have ideas, please talk to the Facilities Team or the Admin—and contributions for blinds are welcome!

## HELP SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATE OUR ACTIVITIES

*Susan Zelle*

Want to conduct a social justice program at UUTC? The Social Action team is working to ensure that we meet the needs of UU members and our community, while not overbooking the church's resources. We've created a one page form that you can fill out online, or print out and drop off with RK for the Social Action Team. We need a description of the activity, proposed dates, a point person, a sentence or two about how it fits into the missions of UU and Social Action, and the resources needed. "Resources" includes *people* (who is going to open the church, coordinate the event, and run the audiovisual equipment?) and space, as our rooms are increasingly in use. Is food going to be served? Will you need child care? And how is the event going to be publicized?

The Social Action team will coordinate the proposal with the Adult Religious Exploration team as appropriate, review it at our monthly meeting and give you a quick response.

## IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, THE BEST DIRECTORY IS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Contact Directories are really important for us all to stay connected. But did you know that the *ChurchLife* app is available to Members? It is easy to use and is the most up-to-date resource for reaching other members of UUTC.

You can download and install the app from either Google Play or the Apple App Store. **Before you can use it, however, you will need a password from our ACS database.**



**To get that password, go to our Member page on the website:** <http://uutc.org/member/>, scroll down to the red "ACS" logo and click on it. It will direct you to the ACS login/get a password page. On that page, **look below the login** box for "Need a Password," and enter your email there. This will connect you to ACS and they will email you with a way to select a password to use with the *ChurchLife* app.

*If you do not receive an email from Access ACS/UUTC within a few hours*, and you use Comporium email, call Comporium Tech Support and ask them to release this email from your Spam folder. Since the email does not look like our "usual," they assume that it's bad stuff and are trying to protect you. They will ask you to verify the last four digits of your SSN to make sure you are you, and they can fix this very quickly. Then you can complete the password process and start connecting!

## INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE?

### SIGN UP FOR JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

UUTC has been invited to join a NEW justice leadership training program organized by the [Sacred Fire Unitarian Universalist Ministry](#). **Now more than ever we need capable, deeply-rooted, and effective congregational social justice leadership.** Six areas – western NC, central NC, eastern NC, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia – were chosen for the pilot program.



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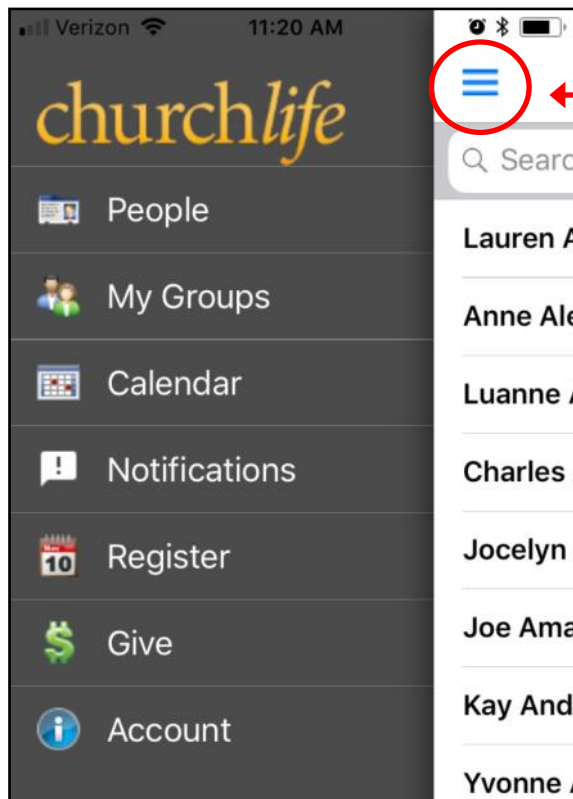
We are seeking a group of 5-9 UUTC members who will bolster the ongoing work of our congregation, and help launch new initiatives for our justice mission. The group will meet at UUTC twice a month from September 2018 to May 2019 for guided sessions, and participate in two weekend workshops (a fall one in the Charlotte area, and a second one in winter/spring).

The program:

- 1) Supports the formation of social justice leadership;
- 2) Bolsters and strengthens existing justice ministries and/or sparks much-needed new ones;
- 3) Works with congregations to become engaged, active, and missional;
- 4) Facilitates the planting of new justice-seeking covenanted communities;
- 5) Heightens collaboration between and among congregations in Clusters, and creates support networks for statewide justice ministries;
- 6) Supports efforts to increase the effectiveness of justice initiatives;
- 7) Offers an optional certification or “Deaconing” process for congregational leaders.

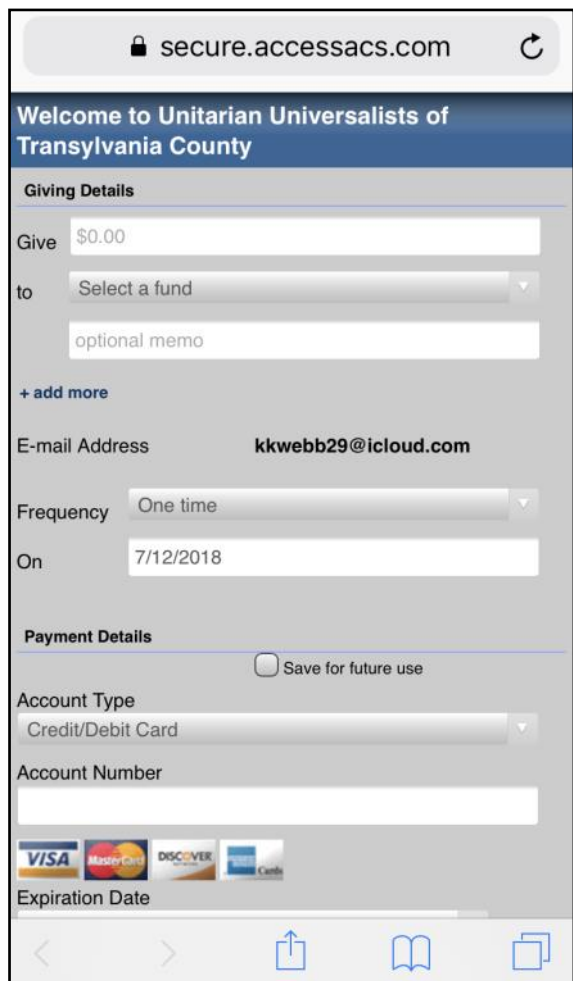
In order to ensure that congregations of all sizes and means can participate in the program, it is heavily subsidized by the generosity of donors, foundations, and our UU institutions. Our commitment as a congregation is to hold two worship offerings during the year to help support the program. Those who are chosen ***commit to meet faithfully and engage in what promises to be a year of growth.*** If interested, contact the Social Action/Justice Team Leader Susan Zelle by July 24 ([swzelle@yahoo.com](mailto:swzelle@yahoo.com) or 828-458-0275).

## I'VE GOT CHURCHLIFE. NOW WHAT?



Start here! After you've gotten your password, downloaded the app and logged in, you'll need to explore. Tapping this 3-bar symbol will take you to the menu.

Want to look somebody up? Start with yourself and check our accuracy! Select **People** and type in your first or last name and tap the Search button at the bottom of your screen. Find something wrong? Tap the **blue pencil** in the upper right corner of the screen and correct it! The software will send a note to the Admin to accept your changes. While you're there, please add your full birthday, if it isn't already in the database, and the birthdays of your children. This will help us plan appropriate programming by cohort—especially age-sensitive programming like OWL or estate planning.

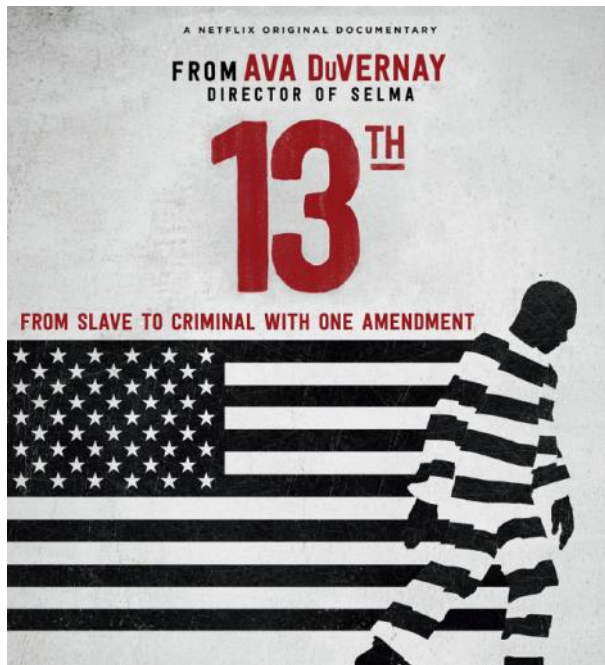


Next, go to **Give**. (*Second image*). You can use this part of the app to make a donation to the Operating Fund, the Varsity Fund, Sponsored Projects—or **any** of the monthly charitable giving initiatives. The drop-down menu (“select a fund”) let’s you choose from all of these options. Then you can choose to have this donation repeated or not—and how often. This option was not available last fiscal year, but is now.

Still to come are the Calendar (which has some items now, but others that are inaccurate) and Groups. Groups is a very powerful tool which requires some back office setup to be effective—Team Meeting Night in August, Teams will be asked to verify their team rolls, meeting times and Function statements so that these Groups can be set up properly.

Thanks for all your help in keeping the info accurate!





## 13TH — IMPORTANT DOCUMENTARY

**August 9 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Ingram Auditorium, Dunham  
Brevard College**

*Center for Spiritual Wisdom* tries to hold together spirituality and the needs of the world. To this end, we are happy to co-sponsor one of this summer's "Voices of Justice" events. We're partnering with Brevard College's Office of Spiritual and Religious Life to offer a public viewing of Ava DuVernay's documentary "13th", an Academy Award nominee. The documentary examines the root causes of mass incarceration in

America. Might the 13th Amendment of our Constitution be a key factor? Come watch, think, and join your neighbors to discuss this vital issue: August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Ingram Auditorium in Brevard College's Dunham building.

**Resources  
FOR  
Resilience**



**— HELP FOR TRAUMATIZED KIDS &  
THOSE WHO CARE FOR & TEACH THEM**

***Eleanor Mockridge***

I want to inform you about an opportunity you may have already heard about through other channels. A morning meeting has been scheduled, for Tuesday, July 31, free-of-charge, at the Transylvania County School District office to give locals a glimpse, sort of a peek preview, regarding a system for helping kids, teachers, and other care providers acquire "tools" to help with resilience. Please follow the link below to learn more about the whole program. If you or someone you know would like to attend the sneak peek, please contact Sheila Mooney (828 884-4560) or Dr. Gibbs's office (828 884-6173) by Monday, July 23. (Leave a contact email in case there is any change in venue because of audience size.)

Those of us on the NAACP Education Committee are helping spread the word because our committee is dedicated to helping youth, especially those in poverty or of color or with high ACES scores, succeed academically and in life. The name of the organization which teaches the coping tools is Resources for Resilience (Asheville-based) and the simple system of "tools" which they teach is called "[Reconnect for Resilience](#)." The July morning meeting is NOT a training session, but just an introduction for folks to discern whether they want to sign up for the training workshop later this year.



# Wise Aging

Living with JOY, RESILIENCE, & SPIRIT



Rabbi Rachel Cowan  
&  
Dr. Linda Thal

## STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH: AGING WISELY COVENANT CIRCLE

Aging is not a choice. Aging wisely is. This is an invitation to join Don and Linda Lander and a group of your fellow UUs in community and share your journey as you pursue the goal of aging wisely. We will read the book *Aging Wisely* by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal as a guide.

Some quotes from the book: “What does retirement mean now that there are so many opportunities for learning, for caring, for serving? We can redefine aging.”

“If the opportunity arises, consider forming your own group of friends and others who are wrestling with these matters, for spiritual work often flourishes best when supported by community.”

The course is designed to create this kind of supportive community. To that end the group will adopt a covenant, an agreement as to how we will conduct ourselves in the group. Most importantly the covenant includes: Extending and presuming welcome. Listening actively without judgment. No interrupting, fixing or advice giving. Everyone will have the chance to share as deeply as they wish and it is not “share or die.” Confidentiality will be maintained. Members are asked to share their own truth and experience.

The book contains many “Reflection Questions.” Answering these questions from our own experience will keep the sharing of the group on topic. The book also contains exercises and help in establishing a spiritual practice.

The group will meet every Tuesday, except for holidays, from 3:00 to 5:00PM at the church starting on September 11. If you have questions you can email Don at [donnald.lander@gmail.com](mailto:donnald.lander@gmail.com) or Linda at [holnurse@comporium.net](mailto:holnurse@comporium.net).

*Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a chain  
or freed a human soul.*

— Mark Twain

# THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

## SHARING HOUSE 5TH SUNDAY

July is a month with FIVE Sundays, so UUTC will be collecting food for Sharing House at the end of the month. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your donations July 22 and 29. Please take with you a list of most needed items from the basket on the counter.

The non-food items most needed by Sharing House are diapers, (sizes 5 and 6), laundry detergent, tampons (super), toilet paper, and paper towels. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

## FIX IT: HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT September 20th, 2018 — 6:30-8:00pm at UUTC

FIX IT: Healthcare at the Tipping Point will be shown, comments given by Marsha Fretwell MD, and a discussion facilitated by Kyra Moore and Dr. Fretwell. The documentary reaches across the political and ideological divide and makes the case for business leaders to support major healthcare reform. The system, as is, is inefficient, has limited accessibility and is cost prohibitive to business and families. Is Medicare for all as a single payer system the solution? This event is sponsored by Healthcare for All, Physicians for a National Health Program and the Transylvania Branch of the NAACP.

## 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.*



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](http://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](mailto:admin@uutc.org).