

UUTC UPDATE

August 10, 2018



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

WHY WE COME TO CHURCH

Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

This Sunday, Rev. Ilene returns to the pulpit after her summer break. What innate human needs are met by our participation in faith communities? What do we gain and what do we give up when we come to church?

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

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

NURSERY CARE — BOTH SERVICES

Our nursery is open from 9:00am to noon for children ages 0-3. Take advantage of either service at your convenience—our childcare staff would love to welcome your child.



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those who believe
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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

COMING UP at UUTC

Keys to the Kingdom — Mon 8/13 @ 5:00pm

Men's Group — Tues 8/14 @ 9:00am

Administration Com. — Tues 8/14 @ 10am

The Council — Tues 8/14 @ 1pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 8/14 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 8/15 @ 9:30am

Choir — Wed 8/15 @ 4:00pm

Team Mtg Night — Wed 8/15 @ 5:00pm

(childcare provided)

Loving Hearts, HH — Thurs 8/16 @ 3:30pm

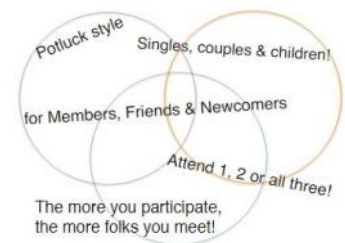
CIRCLE DINNERS: FALL EDITION

Circle Dinners have been scheduled for Fridays — September 21 and October 19 still have openings. The mission of Circle Dinners is to create greater connections among Members, Friends and Newcomers. Circle Dinners are potluck with a single, couple or couple with children hosting in their home. If you do host, it's for one time and then you are a participant for the other nights. Folks are encouraged to participate in two or three dinners.

Participants are assigned in a way that there are at least two people they've met from the previous dinner. The more you participate, the more folks you meet! Sign-ups and more information are at the counter. Contact Elizabeth Thompson (828-384-0778) for more information.



August 17 * September 21 * October 19



Sign-ups below. You are not required to host! Contact Elizabeth Thompson (828-384-0778) for more information.

LIVING with INTENTION PARENT CIRCLE

LIVING WITH INTENTION PARENT CIRCLE— CANCELED FOR AUGUST

Under normal circumstances, the Living with Intention Parent Circle meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Calls to parents this month, however, showed that very few could make the date.

This opportunity will resume at its regularly scheduled time in September— **childcare is provided!** Please contact Rabbit Krueger for more information—head counts for children are great so we can provide an appropriate number of childcare professionals to meet the need. Thanks!



MAY I MAKE YOU A CUP OF COFFEE?

Have you noticed the lovely people behind the coffee urns on Sunday mornings? At least two new teams are needed to make it only a once a quarter opportunity to serve in more ways than one. Teams prepare before or during first service, serve between the two and clean up during the second service. Instructions and training are provided.

Sign up on the office counter or contact Susan Slocum at suslocum@yahoo.com.

For the veterans, Susan is looking for a volunteer to take over scheduling as she has become Treasurer. Your choice of methodology! Instructions and training provided.

SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR AUGUST — EL CENTRO

This year we added a new agency to UUTC — El Centro Comunitario Hispano-Americano of Transylvania County.

El Centro provides after-school tutoring; conversational English practice for adults; information sessions (platicas) on topics of interest to the Latino/Hispanic community; interpretation/translation services for needs at schools, attorneys, landlords, and businesses (no medical appointments); Information and referrals specific to the Latino community.



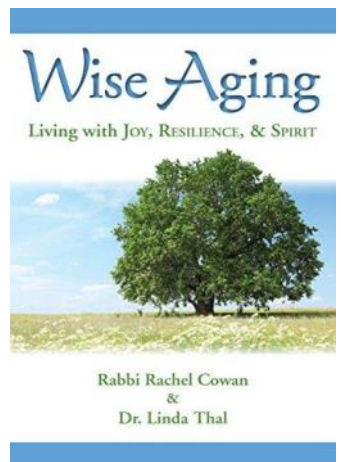
El Centro's Mission is to enhance the well-being and integration of the Hispanic community through promoting education, enhancing multicultural understanding, fighting for social justice, developing Latino leadership, and encouraging civic participation. In a time of ICE and other hostilities against our non-white neighbors, your generosity to this cause will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

STARTING SEPTEMBER 11TH: AGING WISELY BOOK STUDY

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.

From the book: "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. 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 Aging Wisely 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 donald.lander@gmail.com or Linda at holnurse@comporium.net.



THE TEAM ISSUE — WHO & WHAT

Teams do the work of UUTC. They are the people who like “hands on” work, in support of the Mission of UUTC—to **support individual spiritual journeys and to promote social, economic and environmental justice**. Teams make the Mission happen and report to the Minister.

Team Leaders rotate off their Team for at least one year after a period of 3 years of service.

STARTING WITH A RECENT WOW — WORSHIP TEAM

Function: Assist the Minister in providing spiritually nourishing worship services that are consistent with the values of our congregation. Operating Guidelines [Here](#).

Team Members: Joanna Bliss (Leader, 3rd year), Carol Flake, Kristin Leesment, Gypsy Richardson, Peri Solder. Interested in additional members: Yes.

Recent development: implementation of the Shared Pulpit program—a half-year course of study and writing with other members and friends of UUTC in crafting a personal story into a full-length sermon. In this first cohort, all chose to share their sermons with the congregation, providing a rich connection for all who attended.

While the Worship Team’s Function statement doesn’t specifically address individual spiritual journeys—a definite development of participation in the Shared Pulpit course—that component of the UUTC Mission is a natural alignment to their original Function Statement.

Every imaginable impact on the success of UUTC’s worship services, year round, is touched by the Worship Team. Copyright permissions from speakers, matches for lighting the chalice, coordinating the Order of Service, providing for submissions to the Transylvania Times each week, working with John Austin, Carlene Ragan and the choir—there are many, many little pieces that come together to make worship at UUTC relevant for the greatest range of spiritual seekers in Transylvania County.

The Worship Team is assisted in meeting the extensions of their Function by the Affiliated Roles of Usher Coordinator (Gypsy & Kristin), the Shared Pulpit Facilitator (Carol F.), all those who serve as ushers, all those who serve in the music ministry (choir, Eclectics) and the writer of our Church News (Carol Moore).

SOCIAL ACTION — REACHING OUTSIDE OUR DOORS FOR IMPACT

Function: Work with the Minister to provide opportunities for spiritually nourishing social justice work in line with our UU values. We collaborate with other Unitarian Universalists and

social justice organizations (faith-based and secular) to promote social, economic and environmental justice in our local and global communities. Operating Guidelines [Here](#).

Team Members: Susan Zelle & Lisa McHenry (Co-Leads, 2nd Term), Julie Berger, Glenn Cockerham, Abigail Cooley, Bobby King, Virginia MacDonald, Sharon Moya, Kathy Reiff, Virginia Watkins. Interested in additional members: Yes, if active. Meets on Team Meeting Nights.

Recent Development: Social Action is in the first year of their “reboot” under Rev. Ilene’s leadership. In just one year, they have developed and implemented the Dignity Project, refined the process for annual selection of charitable giving recipient agencies, created a process for selection of Social Action programming (in cooperation with A.R.E.), and are about to launch a social justice leadership training chapter of Sacred Fire. Whew!



Social Action also has a “Corps of Engineers” arm that isn’t much into attending meetings but is happy to help where they can. Some of these folks are Jill Beach, Bob Bennett, Susan Bir, Lelia Graham, Jane Hilliard, Joan Lemire, Sue Null, Carol Moore and Quim Moya.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM: HELPING PEOPLE FEEL THE LOVE

Function: The Membership Team will support individual spiritual journeys by greeting, welcoming, and supporting visitors; offering two membership classes annually; and assisting new members and friends to make connections and commitments. Operating Guidelines [Here](#).

Team Members: Barbi Smith (Leader, 1st Term), Peggy Bogardus, LaDonna Huffaker, Victoria Kerr, Tim McGann, Sue Null. Interested in additional members: Yes. Meets on Team Meeting Nights.

The Membership Team’s work is not actually about increasing numbers of UUs in Transylvania County. A primary focus is helping all visitors, members and friends to get and stay connected with each other, so that enriching spiritual journeys are possible. One of the most important pieces of this work is the Greeters that help people feel welcome *every time they enter the building on Sundays*. UUTC Greeters are so filled with warm fuzzies that many people say “I knew I was home when I came through the door!”

Membership coordinates the continual process of updated photographs of Members and Friends, conducts membership classes, makes sure materials about UU are available at the Welcome Table, conducts First Sunday intergenerational events — and has a slew of affiliated activities. Donna Johnston is the News Detective who looks for UUs in the News every

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week, Heather Williams heads up the Fellowship on Tap monthly event and Elizabeth Thompson directs the Circle Dinners.

With over 40 new Members and Friends in the last couple of years, the process of discovering each other's gifts and how we can each best serve is a challenge—a process with which the Membership Team is here to assist.

THE BIGGEST HEARTS — LOVING HEARTS & HELPING HANDS



Function: The Loving Hearts and Helping Hands Team (LHHH), a Ministry Team, serves to build a stronger UU community by nurturing, supporting and helping the UUTC family. Operating Guidelines [Here](#).

Team Members: David Parker (Leader, 3rd Term), Bonnie Arbuckle, Susan Bir, Lynn Halsey, Linda Hauschild, Leslie Keir, Marilyn Miller, Nancy Potter, Ann Rabb, Ginny Rush. Interested in additional members: after a conversation with the Team.

We have all heard testimony of the impact of this loving group of individuals during Joys & Sorrows on Sundays. And we have also all enjoyed coffee on Sundays, which doesn't require a trauma or challenge as a pre-requisite to hospitality. This Team meets with Rev. Ilene monthly in a confidential setting, as befits the work.

KEEPING OUR CAMPUS SAFE & BEAUTIFUL—FACILITIES TEAM

The Facilities Team provides a welcoming building and grounds environment where church members and visitors may experience beauty, serenity, and worship or quiet contemplation in surroundings created with respect for the integrity of our earth and its local ecosystems. Operating Guidelines [Here](#).

Team Members: Kay Webb (Leader, 2nd Term), Jill Beach, Bob and Mary Bennett, Dick Bir, Dan and Jane Carter, Linda Darnell, Phil Davis, Doug Denton, Howie Friedman, Lyn Halsey, Vicki Held, Bart Renner, Shirl Thomas, Charlie Williamson. Aesthetics Arm: Roberta Carver, Susan Nabors, Jill Roberts and Lisa Sheffield. Interested in additional members: Yes.

Over the last couple of years, the Facilities Team has accomplished, with Board assistance, a great number of deferred maintenance projects and facility improvements. This has included current inspections and other non-sexy work. With a much larger campus to now maintain, they are working with the Board and its Committees to try to make maintenance strategic: Asking for a capital needs assessment by outside professionals and strategic budgeting by the Finance Committee to

accumulate funds necessary to support a strategic maintenance plan. Such an assessment would determine the life of a roof, or an HVAC system, for example, and their replacement costs, so that a plan for what will need to be spent when can be set aside as an annual contribution to a capital fund to avoid a “fund drive” when that building system fails. Current greatest need? People to help pull weeds after all this rain!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION — PROGRAMMING FOR ALL

The Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) Team, a Ministry Team, provides UUTC Members and Friends with in-depth educational programs and materials that expand the intellect and spirit of congregants, promote the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism, and support and help to fulfill the social and cultural initiative of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Operating Guidelines [Here](#). Proposal Form [Here](#).

Team Members: Luanne Allgood, Jeanie Bernard, Alex Burroughs, Rabbit Krueger, Jim Null, Earle Rabb and Paula Williamson. Interested in additional members: Yes.

Affiliated Year-long Groups are Christians in Exile (Earle Rabb & Jean Rowe, facilitators), the Dream Group (Carol Flake, facilitator), Eclectics music jam (John Austin, facilitator), and the Men’s Group (Bill Thomas, facilitator). Hilly Bernard and Rabbit Krueger also lead consistent programming.

ARE is the great Coordinator. It’s proposal form sets up a framework of information which makes diverse programming possible. The Team collects information not just about the programming itself, but the needs for Audio-Visual support, childcare, which of the 7 Principles are targeted, who will open/close the building... the list goes on! Based on available resources, the Team can make informed decisions about not only whether programming aligns with their Function and UUTC’s Mission, but whether the building and personnel can be set up to support the programming.

These small groups of people created by programming opportunities are vital to our Mission in that it is in small groups we participate and grow. Large groups let us sit back and be part, but not necessarily to be challenged. This is where programming supported by ARE is so valuable—leaders of small groups will make sure your voice is heard!

An increasing need for ARE is people who are trained on the AV system to support programming. This can range from everything as simple as setting up the hearing assistance microphone in a group or running a PowerPoint in the sanctuary. If you are someone who can follow directions, you can certainly learn this system. Please contact the office if you would like to support the work of ARE in this way, and thank you!

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

STILL COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES **FIX IT: HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT**

September 20th, 2018 — 6:30-8:00pm at UUTC

The collection box in the front office is still accepting school supplies for both El Centro and for Sharing House. Items that break down quickly or get used up quickly are most essential. You can never donate too many good pencils!

Other high-need items are the marble composition books that are used for practicing writing, two-pocket folders (with no design on them), 16 or 24-count crayons, wide-rule notebook paper and both school glue and Elmer’s glue sticks.

Remember your own childhood—do you remember the smell of a fresh box of crayons? Didn’t a brand new notebook make you want to write?

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:

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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. Office Hours M: 2-5:00, T: 9:30-2:00, W: 12-4:30pm

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.