

UUTC UPDATE

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Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon and by appointment. Time with the Minister can be scheduled on Mondays from 2-5:00pm, Tuesdays from 9:30am-2:00pm & Wednesdays from 12-4:30pm.

Pastoral Care

Going through a rough spot? Have surgery coming up? Call (877) 510-5603 or email lhhh@uutc.org.

Nursery Care

Our Nursery is open Sunday mornings 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.



Coming Up at UUTC

OFFICE CLOSED MON

Men's Group — Tues 9/4 @ 9:00am
 Dream Group — Tues 9/4 @ 2:30pm
 Healing Your Life — Tues 9/4 @ 5:30pm
 SMART Recovery — Tues 9/4 @ 6pm
 Eclectics — Wed 9/5 @ 9:30am
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed 9/5 @ 4:00pm
Team Mtg Night — Wed 9/5 @ 5:00pm
 Living Life Fully — Thurs 9/6 @ 3:00pm



WHAT I LEARNED ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, September 2nd, 9:15 & 11:00am

JRR Tolkien's seminal fantasy novel "The Hobbit" was originally entitled "There and Back Again," detailing the wild and winding journey of the endearing hobbit Bilbo Baggins throughout misty mountains far away from home. After his adventure concluded, Bilbo found his home to be a very different place than he remembered it-- not because anything in his hobbit-hole had changed, but because HE had. In this service, Rev. Ilene will preach on what we gain and what we give up when we travel, and will share wisdom gleaned from her own recent summer travels.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

This is the power of taking delight in a thing, or rather in anything, not as a means to some other end, but just because it is what it is. A child in the full health of his mind will put his hand flat on the summer lawn, feel it, and give a little shiver of private glee at the elastic firmness of the globe."

- Charles Edward Montague



SANDWICH SUNDAY!

This Sunday, after the second service: bring a sandwich and something to share and enjoy the fellowship of early fall! Tables will be set up outside (unless a noon-time storm is predicted). Feel free to bring camp chairs to get comfy... we will assemble at the back of the yellow house, next to the creek. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sam Pacetti returns to UUTC on **Friday, September 14th**. Don't succumb to the post-Mountain Song Festival blues... make plans to hear a maestro of finger-style guitar!

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DISCOVER CREATIVITY

Jeanie Bernard

Join a weekly conversation focusing on Julia Cameron's (*The Artist's Way*) newest program, **It's Never too Late to Begin Again: Discovering Creativity and Meaning in Midlife**. Gather weekly in a facilitated discussion to hear what others are doing and to share your experiences. Limited to 12 women. An introductory session will be Thursday, Sept 6 from 10am--12pm at UUTC. The 12 sessions following will conclude on December 12 —details provided Sept. 6th.

This exploration is for any woman who wishes to expand her creativity. It is aimed at those transitioning into the second act of life. Each week, the participants will read the week's chapter and complete the tasks. There are four tools that participants will do on their own: daily journal writing, once-weekly artist date, twice-weekly solo walks. A memoir will unfurl over the entire twelve weeks, as each member revisits her unique story one section at a time. Please sign up at the front desk. **The books are available at Highland Books—10% discount!**



SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR AUGUST — 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. Roughly 1/3 of their work involves helping families and children escape domestic violence, 1/3



involves preventing homelessness, foreclosures, evictions, and helping those living in substandard housing conditions, and 1/3 involves helping people obtain affordable healthcare, helping people with disabilities get their benefits, and protecting our seniors from scams and fraud. They

are the only free legal resource in Western North Carolina.



UUTC TRANSITIONS & TREASURE:

Treasurer's Report to the Congregation, July 2018 — Susan Slocum

All sorts of transitions going on! You have a new Board of Trustees and I am your new Treasurer. Help and advice from your former Treasurer and new Finance Committee member, Dave Roberts, has been invaluable.

In June the Board responded to the announced move to Florida of our Bookkeeper, Sue Gervais by authorizing her to work remotely as an employee for the remainder of the calendar year, then as a consultant. Learning through connections with Congregational Administrators that many of her professional colleagues perform the bookkeeping for their congregations, our Administrator, RK Young was able to accept authorization by the Board to train and work with Sue Gervais remotely to incorporate all bookkeeping functions into the Admin workload by the end of the fiscal year. Office volunteers are providing some help and time needed away from the front desk.

Because of the time involved in the bookkeeping changes, I did not request personal financial statements be sent for the end of this fiscal year. Our new fiscal year began July 1st with new automatic payments, payments by check or other arrangements. If you are uncertain about your new pledge amount or method, please let me know. Thank you all!

Operating Fund Revenue v. Expenses

Income \$ 21,400.21
Expenses \$ 20,374.04
Net \$ 1,026.17

Unrestricted Cash on Hand \$48,789.66

Pledge Performance

Pledged: \$ 14,237.76
Received: \$ 12,876.87

Reserve Cash \$10,375.33

Sponsored Projects Fund needs replenishing in order for capital improvements to move forward. Check out the list of approved projects for this additional giving opportunity (*see page 7*).

Susan Slocum, treasurer@uutc.org

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC!

Come join the fun on **Sunday, September 16th** at **Atagahi Park** in Connestee Falls after the second service! Full-family fun--bring those swimsuits, bring something delicious to share--total potluck delight—and a light jacket, just in case!

Call the office or sign up at the front counter—a list of attendees must be given to the gate keepers. Thanks!



TEAM MEETING NIGHT— THIS WEDNESDAY

No, we won't be cleaning tables! So much work happens behind the scenes to keep the programs of UUTC flowing smoothly. Team Meeting Night is where Adult Religious Exploration (ARE), Social Action, Membership and Facilities work through their plans and refine their activities for the greatest good.

Come at 5:00 for pizza (be sure to let the office know you desire pizza—meetings start at 5:30pm.



**UUTC'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
APPROACHES**

MUFFINS WITH THE MINISTER

Our next "Muffins" date is **September 10th**. Come have coffee, talk with Rev. Ilene and others who join the fun!

This is a laid-back, easy way to learn something new about others in the congregation, including Rev. Ilene.

Runs from 10:00am to noon.



INVITATION FROM UU CONGREGATION OF ASHEVILLE

The Legacy Circle of the UU Congregation of Asheville cordially invites our members to a special presentation on Saturday, September 29. ***“Questions You Didn’t Know to Ask About Planning for Incapacity and Estate Planning”*** will be presented by Caroline Knox, elder care attorney. The presentation will begin at 10:00 in our Sanctuary with cider and assorted pastries in the lobby area at 9:30. This important topic is being offered at no cost or obligation to all UUCA members and friends, as well as other UU fellowships & congregations in the area. Please RSVP by 9/20/18 to beverlycutter123@gmail.com



WAKE NOW OUR VISION LEGACY CHALLENGE MAGNIFY YOUR GIVING

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.** 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 \$1000 gift will be matched by a gift in the amount of \$100. If 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. **Four Members of UUTC have already qualified their gifts to this campaign. Why not join them in making an impact?**

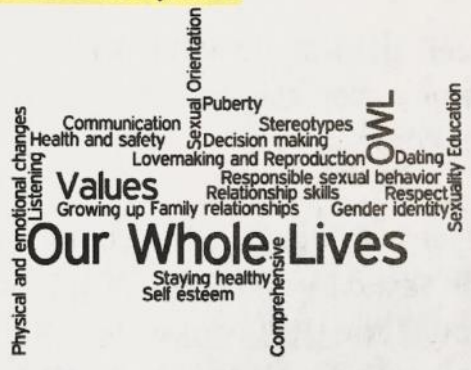
UUA groups that qualify for these matching gifts are [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#), Starr King School for the Ministry, UU Minister’s Association, Meadville Lombard Theological School, the UUA, [UUSC](#), [The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center](#), and qualified UU Congregations such as UUTC.

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 in summer of 2019 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.

Visit wakenowourvision.org, contact Campaign Director Laura Randall at lrandall@uua.org, or give her a call at 617-948-6511 for more information.

EMPOWERING HEALTHY KIDS THROUGH O.W.L.

Our Whole Lives - Two Levels Facilitator Training Workshops Charlotte, NC



TRAINING FOR OWL FACILITATORS: TWO OPPORTUNITIES!

Working with our youth and providing honest answers to their questions is enriching both for them and for us. Our Whole Lives (OWL) programming is so greatly valued that the United Church of Christ is now using the curriculum, as well. New leaders are always needed, so that individual schedules can be honored... but our children continue to be served.

“Honest, accurate information about sexuality changes lives. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives.... Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. With a holistic approach, Our Whole Lives provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality.” —UUA.org

The **first opportunity** is **Friday through Sunday, Sept 21st-23rd, in Charlotte, NC**. Early bird cost (before August 31st) is \$275, \$300 after that date. Deadline for registration is September 12th. Contact Event Registrar Kathleen Carpenter via [email](#) or by calling 704-366-8623. Training for both K-6 and 7-12 is being offered. This is 2.5 hours from Brevard.

The **second opportunity** is also for all grades, but is **October 12th through the 14th**. The deadline for registration is September 15th. This training is being held at [Holston Valley UU](#), **less than 2 hours away in Johnson City, TN**. To register for this training, visit their website, click on the Learning tab at the top of the home page, and select either the K-6 or the 7-12 training from that menu. Contact Sarah White with any questions or concerns by [emailing](#) or calling 941-626-7973.

Home Hospitality is available at both sites, but will fill up quickly. Registration fees cover instruction and meals at either site, but trainees need to bring their own books. The Johnson City K-6 course appears to be the most extensive (meaning more books!) Some may be available at UUTC—please check with Heather Layton.

OWL Facilitators benefit not just our youth, but kids all over the county. The reputation of the program is well known, and we have a lot of demand. Please consider the plunge!



SPONSORED PROJECTS — CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT HELP MEET MISSION

Last month Teams voted on a selection of projects from the Sponsored Projects list. Projects with at least two votes (two different teams selected) were a second headset mic for the sound system, a magnetic glass whiteboard for the small classroom, a media setup in the social hall (live feed connection, smart TV, DVD, etc.), completion of the LED lighting projects, and insulating blinds for the social hall.

Each Team selected their top three projects... the project with the greatest consensus was the insulating blinds. These blinds will serve three functions when funded: privacy, light control and temperature comfort—with the added benefit of reduced

electricity consumption, particularly in our summer usage. With the social hall being pressed into more service than ever before throughout the week, it is clear that the investment will be valued.

Along with the blinds, the other top votes were for the media setup for the social hall and the whiteboard for the small classroom. The blinds, selected by the aesthetics team for functionality, durability and appearance, will run \$4500. The other two projects, combined, come in under \$2,000.

Sponsored Projects must be approved by the Board and are funded with donations separate from pledges. In 2017-2018, we improved the vestibule, installed the “table closet,” updated our lighting in our most significant areas and installed a new Memorial Tree.

Total work accomplished through the Sponsored Projects fund, established under then-president Gary Kendrick, has totaled over \$55,000. Your contributions to this fund can help us provide more programming to more people in more comfort...and better provide for overflow during memorial services. Thanks in advance for your contribution, however large or small!



Previous Sponsored Projects include new cabinetry, new flooring in the classrooms and nursery, new appliances and new shelving in the nursery.

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

YOUR SACRED FIRE LEADERS

Nine have stepped up and will be attending the Sacred Fire leadership conference “Practicing Interdependence” September 28-30 in Charlotte. This inspiring group will participate in meetings every month to develop social justice leadership skills. In addition, they will work with other congregational Sacred Fire groups to improve the success of social justice work in the state of NC.

Our team is: *Ian Fox, John Gabcik, Lynn Halsey, Bobby King, Virginia MacDonald, Sharon Moya, Susan Sklar, Charles Wicker and Susan Zelle*. Thanks to the team for their commitment of time and energy in helping lead UUTC in meeting its missional goals!

FIX IT: HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT **October 18th, 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.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

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 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

Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712. Our church is located at the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.