

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 & Wednesday from 12-4:30pm.

Pastoral Care

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

Muffins — Mon 9/10 10am-noon
 CIE — Mon 9/10 @ 2:30pm
 Trip Interest Mtg — Mon 9/10 6:00pm
 Men's Group — Tues 9/11 @ 9:00am
 Healing Your Life — Tues 9/11 @ 5:30pm
 SMART Recovery — Tues 9/11 @ 6pm
 Eclectics — Wed 9/12 @ 9:30am
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed 9/12 @ 4:00pm
 Shared Pulpit — Wed 9/12 @ 4:30pm
 Living Wage — Thurs 9/13 @ 10:00am
 Living Life Fully — Thurs 9/13 @ 3:00pm
 Rainbow Alliance — Thurs 9/13 @ 5:00pm
 Sacred Fire — Thurs 9/13 @ 5:00pm



Sunday, September 9th

SIBLINGS IN FAITH (9:15)

Rev. Ilene

Rev. Ilene will offer a previously-shared sermon on the topic "Siblings in Faith," reflecting on her experiences with the UU Partner Church program. As our congregation prepares to learn about a 2019 pilgrimage to the homeland of the Unitarian faith, come be refreshed in your understanding of our spiritual connections to Transylvania, Romania.

HARRY POTTER & THE 7 RAINBOW PROMISES (11:00)

UUTC Youth with Heather Layton, DRE (11:00)

We will share with the congregation our successes in fighting the societal horcruxes that plague our world: poverty, child slavery, illiteracy, animal cruelty and destruction of Mother Nature. Harry Potter reminds us that our greatest power is love. In life's battle, our shield is our 7 Principles that unite us as Unitarian Universalists. We can learn a lot from J.K. Rowling's characters, especially that love protects.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

"We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better." — J.K. Rowling

Annual 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!

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.

Fellowship on Tap

Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at Mayberry's! Come join us, starting at 6:00pm.

Social Action Giving



PISGAH
LEGAL SERVICES



This month we are extending support to Pisgah Legal Services. Pisgah Legal Services is a community-based non-profit law firm providing free civil legal help to our communities' most vulnerable. They are the only free legal resource in Western North Carolina.



TRIP TO TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA?

**Monday, September 10th @ 6:00pm or
Sunday, September 23rd @ 12:15pm**

If you are interested in taking a pilgrimage to the homeland of the Unitarian Faith in the late spring of 2019, plan to attend one of these two meetings with Rev. Ilene.

From the Partner Church Council: *In recent years, we have expanded our pilgrimage opportunities to meet the needs of individual UUs of all ages. Experience our faith in action in different cultures. Every pilgrimage includes personal contact with local congregations where you will have the opportunity to worship in the local tradition. Local guides provide historic insights to each country's religious history. Your journey includes cultural highlights along with many personal connections. Pilgrimages are well-structured to include all ground transportation, airport pick-up and drop-off, hotels/guest houses, meals, admission fees, guides, and translators.*



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL

FOSTERING FAMILIES MEETING



Every child deserves a family

Interested in helping or recruiting foster parents? Want to help support foster children? Join Transylvania County Social Services at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, September 18th from 9-11am. During this meeting, different professionals and churches meet to come up with ways to address the needs of foster parents and the children they serve.

For more information, contact Angie Gillespie, SW III, at Transylvania County Social Services— 828-884-1632.



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**](#)

VOLUNTEERING AT THE MOUNTAIN

Needing a change of scenery? Wanting to mobilize your body and do good for others? Looking to cultivate some good karma? If the answer to these questions is YES, then consider arranging a volunteer stay at The Mountain!

Volunteering at The Mountain is a wonderful, budget friendly way to enjoy this special place! Here is how it works....spend half your day in volunteer service and the other half relaxing, exploring, retreating. Your talents, skills, and interests are matched with a variety of tasks and projects we need done onsite, both the retreat center at the top and the farm at the base. Come for one day or consider longer term service. We provide housing, meals and magnificent scenery to our volunteers.

We accept volunteers of all kinds – folks in transition, retirees, young adults taking a gap year or needing service hours, vacationers with spunk...We have an application and screening process to find the best match of volunteers and tasks.

Our Mountain community is powered by the generosity and energy of our supporters, especially our amazing and talented volunteers. Volunteer services save money, fortify staff efforts, and the benefits are substantial, with over 4,000 volunteer hours donated each year!

Working side-by-side with Staff, you can contribute in significant ways to the spirit and benefits of our Mountain by becoming a volunteer. If interested in arranging a volunteer visit – contact our office: gsoffice@themountainrlc.org or call (828)526-5838.

The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center is a nonprofit UU camp and conference center. It is an ecologically conscious retreat center serving congregations and other groups in Highlands, NC.



BOOK YOUR
VOLUNTEER STAY

MEET PEGGY BOGARDUS

My husband Michael and I moved to Greenville, SC, from Des Moines in '83. I moved to our home in Connestee Falls after Michael's death in 2007 and retired from a long career as a legal assistant.

My daughter Meredith Bogardus Skinner and her family (husband Dwain and sons Max and Charlie) and my daughter-in-law Laura Bogardus and grandson Sam live in Greer, SC. My sister Janice Kimball lives in Brevard. I have two senior rescue dogs who are my great companions.

I love Irish traditional music and play mandolin with friends in slower Irish sessions. I began painting in acrylics in 2017. I walk my dogs, play pickleball, and sometimes road bike.

I visited UUTC a couple of times after moving to Brevard. When friends recently experienced great loss, I visited again and was drawn to the caring, inclusive community.

—Peggy serves on the Membership Team, helps with coffee and ushers (Ed.)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 3:00PM

Mark your calendar for this Kirtan concert, featuring Rev. Ilene and **One Voice**, an ensemble of Sydney Lenoir Roberts, Joey Dukes and Michael Orlin.

At this special musical event, Rev. Ilene's classical style of Sikh music will be joined by One Voice, whose kirtan (devotional music) offerings are Western in style. Sacred songs from Sikhism, Hinduism, and beyond will be shared.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST'S OF TRANS CO

TEEN NIGHTS

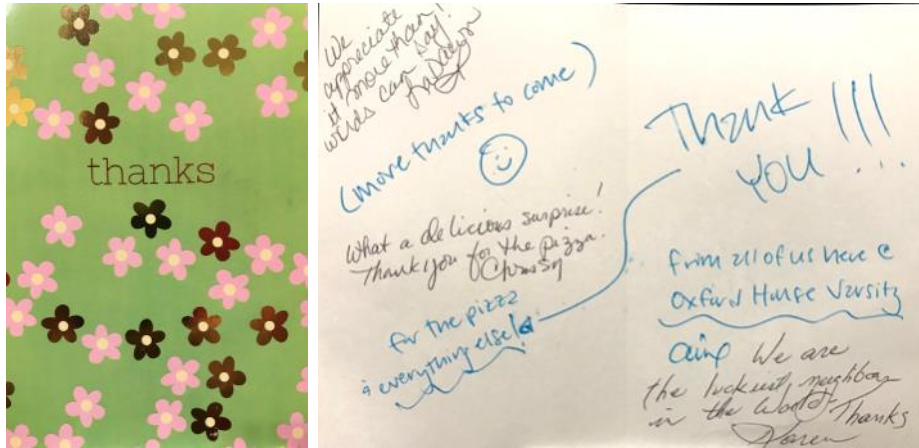
FOR AGES 13-18 YEARS OLD, BRING FRIENDS!
5PM-7PM, DINNER TO BE SERVED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
REVEREND ILENE: REVILENE@UUTC.ORG

WE WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS THIS FALL:

SEPTEMBER 9 & 23
OCTOBER 14 & 28
NOVEMBER 4 & 18

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GRATEFUL NEIGHBORS



The women of Oxford House left a card in door of the church on Thursday morning in appreciation for the leftover Team Mtg. Night pizza and the thoughtful donations contributed for their yard sale to be held at the Lutheran Church this weekend. Thanks to all!

BREVARD'S ANNUAL CWS/CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday afternoon OCTOBER 16, 2016

Sponsored by Church World Service and supported locally by 12 churches, this 3.1 mile walk seeks to “end hunger one step at a time”. Twenty-five percent of funds raised are kept in Transylvania County and administered by Sharing House, a community service agency sponsored by local churches. Seventy-five percent of funds raised help communities in about 70 countries worldwide address root causes of hunger and deal with disaster relief and recovery needs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Walk with others on Sunday, October 14, leaving the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 22 Fisher Rd., at 2:00 pm. for a 3.1 mile walk. Walking is a symbolic joining with those who must walk many miles for survival - to access food and water in a disadvantaged country.



Make a **financial donation** to the walkers (tax-deductible checks should be written to CWS/CROP)

Learn more about Crop Hunger Walk at crophungerwalk.org. Then you can sign up to walk, sponsor your favorite walker or donate directly to the **UUTC Brevard NC team**. Families are welcome.

Questions? Contact [Sue Null](mailto:Sue.Null@uutc.org) (828-877-2550) is the UUTC recruiter for our UUTC team. More information is available on the church bulletin board.

HOW WE CHOSE TO BURN A HOUSE DOWN

This story actually began in January of 2017. It was then that UUTC acquired a neighboring tract of property facing Varsity Street that hosted three structures. One of these became the Olympia Brown Oxford House. One became Chalice House, temporary housing for two ministers and then a rental property. The third, #52 Varsity Street--well, it was a bit of a mess.

The house had been unoccupied since 1995. Duke Power records had the address listed as #8 Varsity because the power hadn't been on since 911 compliance dictated a change of address. It was built in 1940 and had asbestos siding (and a couple other asbestos "features," it turned out). The previous owner had used it for storage...storage, neck deep, in all rooms but the kitchen and bathroom. The contents came with the purchase.

It took UUTC members two large construction dumpsters to dispose of the contents that couldn't be given away to some greater purpose. Two younger, tough-as-nails members were responsible for emptying the contents of the attic. Under all that debris was plywood and solid wood decking. Two original chimneys in the structure were discovered to have been capped and removed at the attic level. A leaky roof was traced to a failed boot around the bathroom vent stack, and suspicious mold filled one corner of the front bedroom.

All systems were beyond fixing--to make the house viable, every one of them would need replacement--electrical, plumbing, HVAC, the roof--and both the kitchen and bath would need all new "parts." The best bid for rehabilitation came in at \$85,000.

At this point, the Board of Trustees was faced with a decision of what was "Missional." While Brevard has a great need for housing, was this investment where UUTC really needed to spend money? One structure had already become a home for women in recovery. The other was providing workforce housing.

First, the house was opened to metal salvage people in the community. Everything steel from the kitchen cabinets, hot water heater and baseboard heaters was removed. The claw foot tub was donated. [Underground Salvage](#) came in and removed bead board, some electrical fixtures, most doors, trim and some cabinetry that was worth saving. And in March of this year, the Brevard City Fire Department was contacted about the possibility of using the structure as the site for a training burn. They looked it over--looked at the capped chimneys, the heat-trapping wood on the attic joists, the separation between the house and its neighbors--and said, "yes, thanks!"

Before an instructional burn could take place, asbestos products were removed from the structure and papers were filed with the state of North Carolina. This process would not have been possible without generous donations to cover the cost of the asbestos inspection and abatement. The removal of those toxic products made the instructional setting safe for the fire fighters and the neighborhood. A date was set for Monday, July 30th. On that day, church members, families of fire fighters and neighbors all began



to gather to watch the event.

Captain Adam Hughey was leading the training. Fire fighters from all over Brevard and Connestee Falls were in attendance--some had never before been in an actual burning structure. Ventilation was created for the structure to encourage somewhat predictable burn patterns. In succession, several small fires were created within the structure, allowed to "mature" a bit, and were then knocked down by different teams. Each crew had time to train before the house reached the end of its structural integrity and was lit for the final time. To keep them hydrated and cool, the women of the Olympia Brown Oxford House provided chilled bottles of water.

Another fascinating piece of this exercise was the use of an infrared camera (thermal imagery) equipped drone. This was purchased by the Connestee Falls property association for use by the fire department in locating people within burning structures. Previously, this drone (a new acquisition) had only been used in waterfall fatality recovery. This training provided the opportunity to see how the tool would work in the situation for which it was purchased.

Throughout the exercise, fire fighters continually sprayed the trees around the structure. Some preliminary pruning had been done to a particularly nice red oak that was vulnerable. In the images that follow, you will see instances of the spray from the hose cutting above the house itself as it hoses down the branches and trunk of that oak.

During the evening, many pondered what would happen to the property in the aftermath. A park? A community garden? Parking? As an intentional community, UUTC will allow the site to "simmer" for awhile as our Rev. Ilene leads us through envisioning what UUTC will do in this space. In the meantime, a grassy green space will be available for our families.

This story was originally published on our blog on August 2nd. This is a slightly abbreviated version. For the full story and all of the (many) pictures, please visit [that page of our website](#).



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.