

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

Board Retreat — Sat 9/22

Grounds Cleanup — Sun 9/22 @ 9:00am

Trip Interest Mtg — Sun 9/23 12:15pm

CIE — Mon 9/24 @ 3:30pm

Men's Group — Tues 9/25 @ 9am

Worship Team — Tues 9/25 @ 2:00pm

Aging Wisely — Tues 9/25 @ 3:00pm

Board Mtg — Tues 9/25 @ 5:00pm

Healing Your Life — Tues 9/25 @ 5:30pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 9/25 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 9/26 @ 9:30am

Shared Pulpit—Wed 9/26 @ 4:30pm

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Sunday, September 23rd

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

The Water Communion ritual has become a tradition for Unitarian Universalists in congregations around the country, symbolizing the literal and metaphysical places from which we come, the sources from which we draw, and the unique gifts we all bring. All are invited to bring water to add to our common vessel in this intergenerational service. The water comes from special places — from a pilgrimage or a vacation, from a beloved mountain stream or a backyard birdbath. And, fear not-- if you forget your water, we will have a source of magic water that can symbolize whatever it is you want to add to our Water Communion ritual. Come to this special service to honor where you have been and to rededicate yourself to where you hope to go in the new church year ahead.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

I believe in the old, because it shows us where we come from - where our souls have risen from. And I believe in the new, because it gives us the opportunity to create who we are becoming.

— Abigail Washburn

Coming Up at UUTC, cont.

Sacred Fire in Charlotte — Thur-Sat
 Creativity — Thurs 9/27 @ 10am
 Living Life Fully — Thurs 9/27 @ 3pm
 Sierra Club — Thurs 9/27 @ 6:30pm
 Kirtan Concert — Sun 9/30 @ 3:00pm

Muffins with the Minister

Our next “Muffins” date is **October 22nd**.
 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.

Social Action Giving



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?

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

BREVARD JEWISH COMMUNITY TONIGHT



All are welcome to
 attend Shabbat and
 Oneg services with
 the Brevard Jewish

Community on **Friday, Sept. 21**, when Rev. Ilene will be presenting a talk on the spiritual implications of the High Holy Days. What are the reminders of these days for how we ought to live? Rev. Ilene, who grew up in an multifaith family with a Jewish mother, will reflect on the Days of Awe through her particular lens: as a scholar of the Shoah and of Holocaust theology, and as an interfaith clergy person.

The service will be held at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday, September 21st.

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 AND Friends**? 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.

Sometimes this email ends up in your spam folder. If you have any trouble getting your password, come in to see RK and we'll get you setup properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.



GROUNDS WORK DAY — SAT, SEPT 22ND, 9:00AM — ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Your Facilities Team has requested assistance from any and all able-bodied individuals on Saturday, September 22nd. UUTC has far more "grounds" than we used to, and the rate at which things grow...well, all of us are aware!

The focus of the work on the 22nd will be the line behind the sanctuary which once held 21 white pines. If only the Facilities Team members show up, that will be all that is accomplished. If you want to see work done around the Oxford House, or along Jumping Branch, or along the shrub border between our parking lot and the varsity properties, please join us!



Above, Bob Bennett looking with murderous intent upon the pokeweed and grapevines...

*Gardens are not made by singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade.
— Rudyard Kipling*

CHURCH IN THE DARK • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH



Willow and Iggy worked on the new Toolbox of Our Faith poster. The youth very much enjoyed their first session with the new curriculum. We listened to the story "The Difference Between Heaven and Hell," based on a folktale from China and Japan. In the second image, our Chalice Children enjoyed the light from the window while working with Rabbit Krueger and Nancy Potter.

Director John Austin sprang a sing-a-long on the congregation with a Taizé Introit. The piece was sung first in unison, and then as a round, with the choir encircling the congregation. A Taizé is sung, chant-like, until the director calls a halt or we all expire, whichever comes first.



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 a western style of the traditional Indian folk music called Kirtan. Kirtan is a call and response practice of singing and meditation. All songs are healing mantras designed to lift spirits, clear energy and open the heart. Sacred songs from Sikhism, Hinduism, and beyond will be shared.

One Voice engages in a spiritual practice of Bhakti yoga, which is a spiritual path within Hinduism focused on loving devotion towards a personal god. Sydney Lenoir Roberts and Rev. Ilene will play harmonium, Joey Dukes will be on percussion and Michael Orlin will be playing mandolin.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS : OCTOBER 27th, 8:30AM to 1:30PM



Find Your Spiritual Home @ UUTC! Why become a Member? How? Beginning with this morning, Rev. Ilene will guide you to the Why and How of opening yourself to UUTC membership. The Membership Team will help you start the day off with beverages and treats at 8:30am and top it off with lunch from 12:30-1:30pm. Childcare will be provided upon request.

Member Alice Wellborn said of the experience:

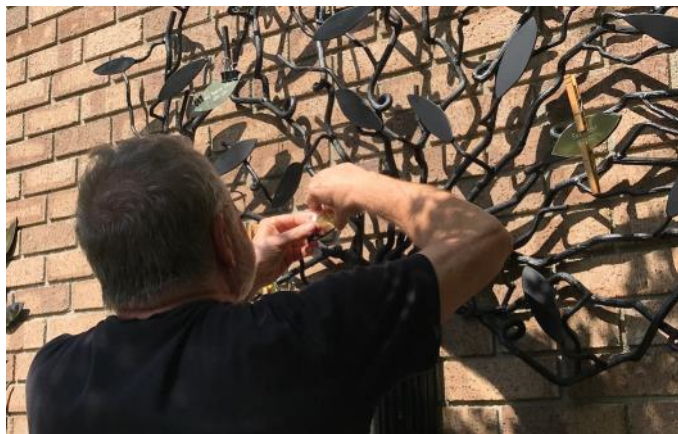
"The membership class was great; good food, good fellowship, lots of information, great orientation to building and grounds. The experience was greatly enhanced by the homework. I especially liked the drawing we made of our spiritual journeys." Sign up at the front counter of the office!

Those who choose to become members will sign the Membership Book and be welcomed before the congregation on a Sunday morning to be announced. Those who have previously taken a membership class can speak with Membership about joining on that date. Email the Team at membership@uutc.org.

NEW TREE OF LIFE GETS NEW LEAVES

Dan Carter had finished leaf creation, with the help of a local engraver, before he headed out of town this month. Bob Bennett spent a bit of Wednesday getting leaves affixed to our new Tree.

In the photo below, you can see one of the leaves being held into place with clothespins—Bob used a



number of “clamps” to secure the leaves while the epoxy cures.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the next page of this newsletter you will find a draft of the Agenda for the upcoming Board Meeting, scheduled for September 25, 2018 at UUTC. Much of this agenda is routine and warrants no comment. Under Old Business you will find a topic, “Policies regarding the initiation of a new project.” While the Board took this topic up at its last meeting, we came to no resolution, hence the recurrence.

While minutes from the August meeting are not yet posted (as they are still to be approved at this Board meeting), two items of action from August deserve acknowledgement and celebration. Both reflect the generosity of Members and Friends of the Congregation. We have established two new projects. The first is to support a ministerial Internship here at UUTC, an activity that Rev. Ilene hopes to implement once she has become a settled minister; this project’s initial generous funding is in honor and memory of our beloved late President, Peg Hall, given by her loving partner, Gerry Azzata. The second project is focused on an expansion of our physical plant to accommodate our growing needs for more space. The anonymous donors have pledged to match up to \$50,000 of contributions given by other Members and Friends toward this goal.



In covenant, Peter B. Mockridge

BOARD AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH, 5:00PM @ UUTC

Opening Words: Peter B

Approval of August Minutes Gypsy

Approval of e-Mail votes Gypsy

Standing updates

Minister's Report Reverend Ilene

Treasure's Report Susan Slocum

Administration Committee Peter (liaison)

Finance Committee Liaison

Property Committee Liaison

Advisory Council Liaison

Old Business

Policies re the initiation of a new project Peter B et als

New Business

Board Calendar Review Gypsy

Adjourn

Members: 184

Friends: 70

BREVARD'S ANNUAL CWS/CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday afternoon OCTOBER 14, 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." 25% of funds raised are kept in Transylvania County and administered by Sharing House. 75% of funds raised help communities in about 70 countries worldwide to 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.**



THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING

What about those “big checks?”

In July, your donations to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund totaled \$3,351.00. In August, your donations to El Centro totaled \$1772.00. This is the first year that El Centro has been on our charitable giving list. You have given them a great boost!

In other news, UUTC has 3 more graduates of the Augustine Literacy Tutor training! Carol Moore, Bobby King & Heather Layton have joined Pedro Sandin in providing extremely skilled instruction



in the teaching of reading to students recommended by their teachers as in need of this one-on-one assistance. Thanks, Carol, Bobby & Heather!

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.

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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

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