

# 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](mailto: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

### MON — OFFICE CLOSED

CIE — Mon 10/8 @ 3:30pm

Men's Group — Tues 10/9 @ 9am

**Tech Tuesday** — Tues 10/9 @ 10:00am

Dream Group — Tues 10/9 @ 2:30pm

Aging Wisely — Tues 10/9 @ 3:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 10/9 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 10/10 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal—Wed 10/10 @ 4:00pm

Shared Pulpit — Wed 10/10 @ 4:30pm

Fellowship on Tap—Quixotes, 6:00pm

Creativity — Thurs 10/11 @ 10am

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## Sunday

**Sunday, October 7th**

### OUR LEGACIES

**Rev. Dick Tucker**

Have you ever received a legacy? Do you think you will ever leave a legacy to someone? (Hint: The correct answer to both of those questions is a resounding YES.) Legacies take many forms, and most of them are not financial. We'll take a look at what this might mean for us as we journey through our lives.

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

*Carve your name on hearts,  
not tombstones. A legacy is  
etched into the minds of  
others and the stories they  
share about you.”*

*— Shannon L. Alder*

## Coming Up at UUTC, cont.

Living Life Fully — Thurs 10/11 @ 3pm

Rainbow Alliance — Thurs 10/11 @ 5pm

Sacred Fire — Thurs 10/11 @ 5:30pm

Eclectics Concert: Wed: 10/24

Celebration of Life: Fred Erb, 10/28

Rev. Ilene will be out of the office October 7th through the 13th.

## 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 UUTC's Varsity Fund. Our Varsity Properties are the land and two homes adjacent to our back parking lot. We want to be good stewards of these properties, and to do so requires enthusiasm, energy and money! This month we are concentrating on the money piece of that triumvirate. Maintaining the properties is not part of our operating budget. The Varsity Oxford House needs a new window and a complete paint job. Your gifts this October will help us preserve the integrity of The Varsity Oxford House and make it more inviting for the women who live there.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## SOUPER SUNDAY!

Once a month, the Membership Team offers an opportunity for us to enjoy a meal together—almost always the first Sunday of the month. This Sunday will be our first transition to the fall menu— from sandwiches to soup! Stay after the second service and warm up with some delicious soup and fellowship. Bring some nibbles or fruit to share—and if you have a soup you would like to contribute, call Tim McGann at 828-384-9133—he would love to hear from you. All are welcome.



## TECH TUESDAY RETURNS

The ChurchLife app is richly loved by Members & Friends who are already using it. There is no faster way to look up how to get in touch with someone else in the congregation. You only need to know either a first name or a last name, and there are pictures to confirm if you made the right selection!



But what if you haven't installed it, yet? Or you need to change your password because you got a new phone? Or you did install it, but you're not sure what all the menus do?

Come this Tuesday, October 9th from 10-11:00am and RK will walk you through the program—relatively painlessly.

If you have not yet installed the app, be sure to bring your passwords — to your email account and to the various app stores, such as your Apple ID. You will need these to get ChurchLife installed and operational.

## A TRANSITION FOR CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



My dear UUTC family, I wanted to share with you all that I will be stepping down from my leadership role with the CRE at the end of November. I feel so strongly that we are in such a good place with our settled minister Rev Ilene that the timing for me to pass the reins is as good as it can get. I have been a consistent member of the staff through Ernie's retirement, two interim ministers and one full year of our settled minister and know in my heart that a fresh outlook on the CRE program will bring a new energy to compliment all the wonderful happenings. I am so grateful for the time I was given to be the Lead Teacher of a program whose number one principle is "The inherent worth and dignity of all people." I am thoroughly grateful that I had the opportunity to steep myself in the curriculums of Unitarian Universalism. I am in awe of the way that RE strives to empower young people and teaches them to question, always. I look forward to my son Rion continuing to be a part of UUTC, to his attending Youth CON's and summer camp at The

Mountain and to him someday soon enrolling in OWL. I also look forward to being a member of UUTC and continuing on my spiritual path with this supportive community of people.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime. I am appreciative of Rev Ilene's support and for her allowing me to ease out of my leadership role, as well as for the support of the wonderful CRE team, Kevin Lausch, Katherine Galvagni and Kimberley Austin. This time allows us the opportunity to transition together.

*With Peace and Love, Heather*

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE: FRED ERB

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 28th at 2:00pm and help Evelyn Erb celebrate Fred's time among us. We lost Fred back in 2017, but this service had to be postponed. Thanks in advance for your presence!





## 2018 WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

This year our Winter Solstice Celebration will be *A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual* created by Julie Forest Middleton and Stasa Morgan-Appel. It will be held on Friday, December 21st at 5:30 PM. Joanna Bliss will be the Narrator and Teri Sandoval the Music Leader.

This ritual, lasting about an hour, is composed of stories and music. Those in attendance are led on an inner journey that explores the nature and benefits of the dark. The ritual helps to renew us and leads us back to resume our outward journey through the darkest time of the year.

We are looking for 4 readers (ideally one teen and three adults) and approximately ten additional singers (all voice parts welcome) to participate in the ritual. The songs are mostly rounds and chants and should be accessible to anyone who can carry a tune. Those for whom their spiritual path is an Earth Based religion and don't usually sing in the choir are especially encouraged to participate. (It is possible for a person to be both be a reader and sing in the choir.)

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings November 29, December 6, and 13th from 7 to 8:30. The dress rehearsal will be Thursday evening December 20th time TBA. Readers are expected to attend only the dress rehearsal. If you are interested in participating but don't drive at night please let us know when you respond and we will arrange a ride for you.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email [solstice@uutc.org](mailto:solstice@uutc.org).

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



Find Your Spiritual Home at UUTC! If you are pondering membership, Rev. Ilene will lead this class on what membership means at UUTC. 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](mailto:membership@uutc.org).

## POETRY FOR THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP

### THEME: LEGACY

#### The Bronze Legacy

By Effie Lee Newsome

(To a Brown Boy)

'Tis a noble gift to be brown, all brown,  
 Like the strongest things that make up this earth,  
 Like the mountains grave and grand,  
 Even like the very land,  
 Even like the trunks of trees—  
 Even oaks, to be like these!  
 God builds His strength in bronze.

To be brown like thrush and lark!  
 Like the subtle wren so dark!  
 Nay, the king of beasts wears brown;  
 Eagles are of this same hue.  
 I thank God, then, I am brown.  
 Brown has mighty things to do.

## ECLECTICS CONCERT!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 24th — the Eclectics will be IN THE HOUSE! The full, multi-musical glory will be revealed, including Minister Emeritus Ernie Mills.

A love offering will be taken for this concert which will benefit the music programs at UUTC. If you love music, please come and support with your presence!



## OPERATION KEEP WARM

Although it has been unseasonably warm, it is inevitable that the cold weather will be upon us soon. The Social Action Committee would like to act towards making the cold season a little easier for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. On Sunday Nov. 4, there will be a box in the front hall. This will be there to receive any of the following items:



*Emergency (blue) tarps, gel-filled hand warmers, hats, mittens, flashlights, batteries, and scarves.* These items will be divided between The Bread of Life and Sharing House for them to distribute as needed to their clients. The box will remain in the front hall until November 11.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

# THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

## FORWARD TOGETHER

Want to keep up with the statewide justice arm of Unitarian Universalism? “Forward Together” is the UU Justice Ministry of NC—working to “give life the shape of justice” by:

- Coordinating and supporting the social justice work of individual UUs and UU congregations,
- Building relationships with other groups who are working for social justice, and
- Giving voice to our Unitarian Universalist values with respect to important social, economic, environmental and political issues in NC.

Right now, you can visit their website to see what other UU congregations in NC, impacted by Hurricane Florence, could use in terms of support. Lots of other information, as well!

## **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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