

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

UU History— Mon 10/15 @ 6:00pm
 Men's Group — Tues 10/16 @ 9am
 Fin Comm — Tues 10/16 @ 10:00am
 Dream Group — Tues 10/16 @ 2:30pm
 Aging Wisely — Tues 10/16 @ 3:00pm
 SMART Recovery — Tues 10/16 @ 6pm
 Eclectics — Wed 10/17 @ 9:30am
 Choir Rehearsal—Wed 10/17 @ 4:00pm
 Council — Wed 10/17 @ 4:00pm
 Living w/Intention—Wed 10/17 @ 5:30pm
 Creativity — Thurs 10/18 @ 10am

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Sunday, October 14th

QUESTION BOX SUNDAY

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

As Unitarian Universalists, not only are we permitted to ask the big questions— we're encouraged to! Instead of a traditional sermon, Rev. Ilene will collect your questions during the worship service and answer your queries, big and small. Come one, come all, and make sure to bring your wonderings, musings, doubts, and queries! Children will have a special opportunity to have their questions answered at our 11am service, too!

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
 We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
 We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
 And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
 and we have found a joy being together.
 And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
 even to question, truly is an answer.

— Shelley Denham

Coming Up at UUTC, cont.

Living Life Fully — Thurs 10/18 @ 3pm
 Rainbow Alliance — Thurs 10/11 @ 5pm
 LHHH — Thurs 10/18 @ 3:00pm
 FIX IT Film — Thurs 10/18 @ 6:30pm
 Circle Dinners — Friday, various locations
 Eclectics Concert: Wed: 10/24@ 7pm
 Celebration of Life: Fred Erb, 10/28@ 2pm

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—*its wood siding is at risk*. 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!

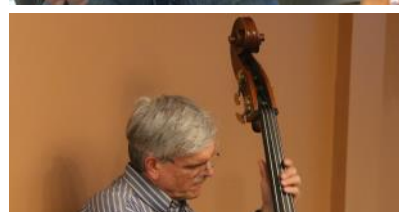
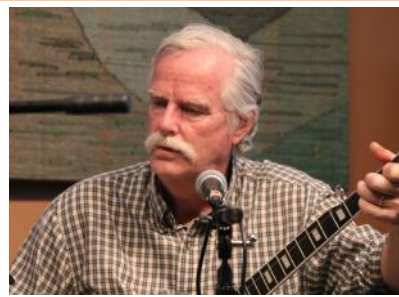


ECLECTICS CONCERT!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00pm— 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!



UU HISTORY: FIRST CLASS STARTS OCT 15TH

New to Unitarian Universalism? Need a refresher on the history of our progressive faith tradition? Have questions about how we got to be the way we are? Rev. Ilene will be teaching a course this fall on the history of Unitarianism, Universalism, and the modern UU.

This course is free for members and costs \$30 for non-members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Sign-up by phone or [email](#), or drop by and put your name on the sign-up list at the front desk. Both daytime and evening courses will be offered, to accommodate differing needs. This will be a three-session course.

The first session begins Monday, October 15th, at 6:00pm, and will meet in the sanctuary. It continues on the following two Mondays.



A TRANSITION FOR CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

PARENTS: SUNDAY, AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE, THERE WILL BE A MEETING WITH REV. ILENE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CRE PROGRAMMING AT UUTC. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE AND PARTICIPATE IN THESE DECISIONS.



My dear UUTC family, I want 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 CONs 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!



INTENTIONALITY IN OPERATIONS

Recently, in our Facebook Group, a discussion launched about fragranced products and the impact they can have on others. As part of that discussion, the topic naturally expanded to wonder what we are doing at UUTC in terms of consumable products. Not even a week later, the same topic came up on the AUUA email listserv, asking other administrators how their congregations were dealing with these issues.

Even among Green Sanctuary congregations, there are many different takes on the “right answer.” Some congregations feel strongly about using cloth towels in the kitchens and cloth napkins at church functions.

Once administrator contributed this: “Sometimes, when you trace back the life cycle of different products, it can be surprising. For example, the health care industry is using disposables because the environmental cost of sterilizing all those dishes turned out to be higher than the use of paper plates, etc. It takes more energy to heat the water than it does to make a paper plate. We often have congregants thinking they are doing a good thing by bringing in compostable products. But, there is no way to compost them here. They end up in the landfill. Once in the landfill, they compost anaerobically, which generates methane.”

All pieces of this discussion are complex. So where do we fit on the spectrum of “greenness” and care of chemical sensitivities?



Well, we are using a recycled building. We use cloth towels in the kitchen, cloth tablecloths. These get taken to volunteer houses for washing, where people use whatever soap is on hand. We use 100% recycled paper products in our bathrooms. On Sunday mornings we use china coffee cups, and soap *purchased by the church* is unscented and low impact. The dishwashers are high efficiency, which means, in this case, that they use only about a gallon of water per load to clean the dishes (though our water is heated with natural gas, as is the building). Our UUTC-purchased hand soap, pictured above, is low impact and unscented.

We do have some barriers to maintaining the building in a sanitary but low-impact manner. The Facilities Team has been informed of the need for a janitorial mop station. In our strategic planning, a washer/dryer on campus would allow us to maintain all cloth with scent-free detergents, should we desire to do so—including the small area rug in the nursery.

In newer work, our composite flooring is low-emission and much of our lighting has been upgraded to LEDs so that we are consuming less power through our lighting. Even decisions like standardizing our paint to a single color are designed to reduce our impact on the environment. We still have some transitions to make in terms of consumables, but we have made good progress.

OUR BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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.



LAST SUNDAY AT RE:

Liam Galvagni looks through the magnifying glass, our newest tool added to our Toolbox of Faith.

—Heather Layton



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.

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

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, warm socks, 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. If you have old camping equipment that you no longer use, consider these gifts as well: tents, warm sleeping bags, sleeping pads for under sleeping bags. The box will remain in the front hall until November 11.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

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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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