

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

FALL BACK — SET CLOCKS SAT NIGHT

Souper Sunday — 11/4

Teen Night — Sun 11/4 @ 5:00pm

Men's Group — Tues 11/06 @ 9:00am

Aging Wisely — Tues 11/06 @ 3:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 11/06 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 11/07 @ 9:30am

Choir — Wed 11/07 @ 4:00pm

Team Mtg Night — Wed 11/07 @ 4:00

Creativity — Thurs 11/8 @ 10:00am

Living Life Fully — Thurs 11/8 @ 3:00pm

PHOTO SHOOT — Sat 11/10

Sunday



Sunday, November 4th

SOUL HEALING

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

As a former VA chaplain, one of the commitments Rev. Ilene has made in her ministry is to speak at least once a year on a topic relating to veterans and military service. During the month of November, we will be reflecting in worship on the theme of "Memory," and certainly all who have lived through war, trauma, combat, and fear-- veterans or not-- have memories they might rather forget. In this service, Rev. Ilene will preach on the topic of moral injury, a recently-defined concept emphasizing the injuries to the human spirit that ensue from witnessing or participating in acts of moral transgression. All are welcome in this service, where we will reflect together on what makes us human and how we can support the humanity of those who have struggled with trauma and healing.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

It is foolish to view realism and idealism as incompatible, or to consider our power and wealth as encumbered by the demands of justice, morality, and conscience. —*John McCain*

Muffins with the Minister

Our next “Muffins” date is **November 26th**. 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



UUSC (the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) is a leading voice for human rights and social justice in the United States and in 21 countries around the world. UUSC focuses on Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, and Rights At Risk. UUSC also responds to disasters, defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations who are often left out of recovery efforts. Cash or checks made out to **UUTC** with UUSC on the memo line may be placed in specially-marked envelopes in the offering basket. Contributions of \$125 or more will be matched by the UU Congregation of Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, NY.

UUSC is the only organization that UUTC supports, currently, outside of Western North Carolina. This agency leverages its work with grassroots collaborations. Learn more [HERE](#).



NEW PHOTO TIME!

Scheduling has begun for the taking of pictures for ChurchLife and the Photo Directory, due out in January. New Members and Friends, old Members & Friends —

especially those of you with KIDS! If it's been more than 3 years since your picture was taken, come and let Barbi & Mark make you even more gorgeous than usual.

Most scheduling has been completed for this event. However, it's good to remember that **there's no bad time for a good photo**. How important could it be to your family to have? [Email RK](#) if you know you need an update and haven't yet been scheduled. Thanks!

A MYSTERY!

A large green magnifying glass and a ruler have both magically disappeared from the Toolbox of Faith in the small classroom. If you can provide a clue as to their whereabouts, please email [Heather](#) or call the office!

RK ON VACATION... STARTING TODAY

Office hours from November 2nd to Nov 9th will be sporadic.

Amy Lander, who has worked in childcare and AV, will be practicing new skills at the desk on the 2nd and the 5th. On the 6th, Susan Slocum will be on campus in the morning, Janice Canon on the 7th, and Susan Bir on the 8th. But the office will be locked each afternoon, and will be completely closed on the 9th.

In addition, there will be no newsletter on November 9th. Leaders of regular programming will be in charge of opening and closing the building for their groups. Thanks!

WHY THE BETTER WORLD SHOPPING GUIDE IS AWESOME

We are saturated in information, a state which has the pernicious tendency to encourage us to be selective in what we choose to absorb. We are also well-trained in brand “bonding,” loving something we’ve been happy with, regardless of any corporate malfeasance that might be lurking behind the lovely product.

The global economy (and stock market) is driven by our dollars, however. Who have you been rewarding with your purchasing? Does that company match your values? Have you inadvertently been supporting activities that you loathe? “They’re all bad” is not actually true.

The Better World Shopping Guide is heavily researched. The issues addressed in this research are human rights, environmental health, animal protections, community involvement and social justice. Twenty-five sources, including the Union of Concerned Scientists, were used in making the evaluations featured in this book. Please take a moment on Sunday to sign up for a copy—push your dollars to the companies building a more just world.

DATE CHANGE — UU HISTORY DAYTIME EDITION

Due to an unrealistically tight schedule, we are moving the daytime edition of Rev. Ilene’s UU History Class to a new start date of January 28th, from 1:00-2:30pm. The class will meet for three weeks in a row at this time.

FELLOWSHIP ON TAP — COMING TO A KTCHN NEAR YOU



We confess that Fellowship on Tap is more about food and fellowship than it is about brews. In celebration of such, November’s Fellowship on Tap will be held at 44 Main street (the former Jaime’s) — KTCHN!

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE. KTCHN is very popular, right off the bat, and we must reserve well in advance for a group as large as ours. **Please sign up at the front counter this Sunday**, or call the office from 9-12 this coming week

to be added to the list. Heather Williams will be “calling it in” by Wednesday the 7th (YES, THAT IS TEAM MEETING NIGHT).

Above, a green salad with spicy sautéed shrimp. The same day, we watched the construction of a prime rib sandwich... for those who enjoy such things, well—we’re ordering that next time! — K & RK



Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal

*All of who you are is sacred.
All of who you are is welcome.*

The Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal are five benchmarks that every congregation will need to integrate into congregational life in order to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, genderqueer, non-binary, and the like feel fully welcomed, centered, and embraced in our Unitarian Universalist congregation. Welcoming Congregations will be required to meet the following benchmarks annually in order to remain "current" as a Welcoming Congregation.



Becoming a Welcoming Congregation is the expectation of every Unitarian Universalist congregation. While over 800 congregations are currently "approved," the nearly 300 congregations that are not are encouraged to fulfill the original objectives of the Welcoming Congregations application.

The second Pillar of Welcome Renewal is incorporating Welcoming Worship Services into our ordinary calendar of worship every year. These services might occur during LGBTQ+ Pride Month or any other day of observance. LGBTQ marriage ceremony, naming ritual, or remembrance ceremonies may also fulfill this objective.

The third Pillar of Welcome Renewal is an annual recognition and celebration of the Welcoming Days of Observance. These days and seasons are important to LGBTQ+ / TGQNB communities because they bring visibility and affirmation after generations of invisibility and erasure. These days remind all that "All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome."

The fourth Pillar of Welcome Renewal is an annual opportunity for your congregation to experience a Welcoming Congregation Module. A WC module is a UUA approved seminar / webinar. Each year the UUA LGBTQ program office will offer at least one Welcoming Webinar engaging LGBTQ+ / TGQNB issues and topics. Welcoming Congregations may register for a webinar or may choose to sponsor a local seminar for its local congregation and community.

The fifth Pillar of Welcome Renewal is Support a Welcoming Project. Welcoming Congregations are congregations that give generously of our gifts and resources. To remain current, WCs may donate a sizeable donation to a local and national organization, campaign, or project that uplifts the dignity of LGBTQ+/TGQNB communities.

USING A PAPER DIRECTORY? HOW OLD IS IT?

Not to be nosy, but if you aren't using ChurchLife on a smartphone, you may be subject to "old" data!

If you are a Member or Friend and would like the most current version of our Directory, please [email the office](#) and we will send you the .pdf to print out. ALSO, if any of your personal information has changed— phone number, address, email— please let us know!

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 Organizer and Teri Sandoval the Music Leader.



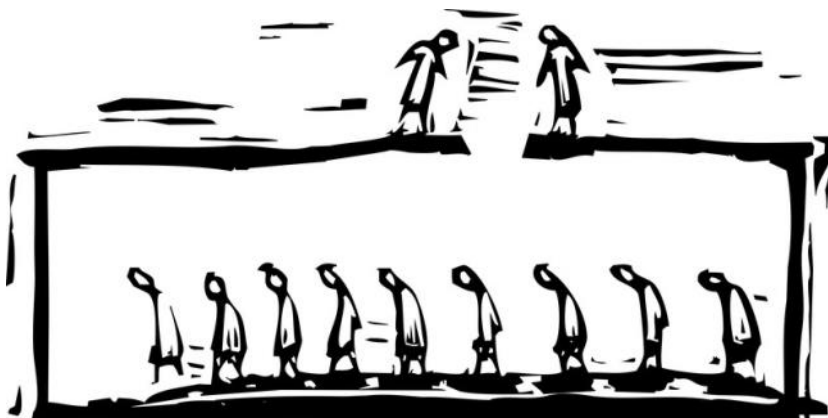
This ritual, lasting about an hour, is composed of stories and music. Those in attendance are lead on an inner journey that explores the nature and benefits of the dark. The ritual helps to renew us and leads us back to resume our outward journey through the darkest time of the year.

We have all the readers needed - thanks to those who volunteered!

We do need more singers. 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.

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.



*Do not be daunted by the enormity
of the world's grief.*

*Do justly, now. Love mercy, now.
Walk humbly, now.*

*You are not obligated to complete the
work,
but neither are you free to abandon it.*

- The Talmud

THE "YOU" IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION



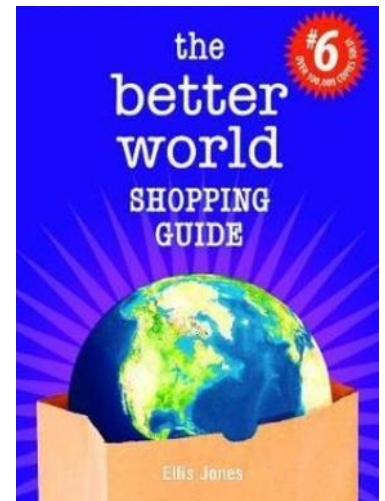
OPERATION KEEP WARM — LAST WEEK TO GIVE

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. Please fill with 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. The box will remain in the front hall until November 11.

BETTER WORLD SHOPPING GUIDE

Looking for ways to make a difference? Your dollars matter - every dollar you spend can help create social and environmental change. The Better World Shopping Guide helps you sort "the good guys" from "the bad guys." Which companies deliver when it comes to environmental sustainability, human rights, animal protection, community involvement, and social justice? Your Social Action team suggests this would make a perfect holiday gift for friends and family. The sign up sheet is on the front counter. Cost—only \$10. Amazon’s price is \$12—take advantage of this great resource!



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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

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.