

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 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

TEEN NIGHT — Sun 12/2 @ 5:00pm
 Men's Group — Tues 12/4 @ 9:00am
 Dream Group — Tues 12/4 @ 2:30pm
 Aging Wisely — Tues 12/4 @ 3:00pm
 SMART Recovery — Tues 12/4 @ 6pm
 Eclectics — Wed 12/5 @ 9:30am
 Choir — Wed 12/5 @ 4:00pm
TEAM MTG NIGHT — Wed 12/5 @ 5pm
 Shared Pulpit — Thurs 12/6 @ 4:30pm
 Property Com — Thurs 12/6 @ 6pm
 High School CONS — Fri-Sun
 ACA Open Enrollment — Sat 9-12



Sunday, December 2nd

HOPE & HANNUKAH

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

While Hanukkah is not, in fact, one of Judaism's most important holidays, Western culture has long connected it with the Christmas holidays. Truly, though, the story of Hanukkah and the miraculous oil that lasted eight days has much to teach us about the miracles which, with our faith and our attention, are born into this world far more frequently than we might tend to believe. In this service, we will reflect together on the message of the Maccabees— that doing what we can with what we have is a life-affirming practice that grounds us in hope and resilience.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

—Helen Keller

Muffins with the Minister

Our December "Muffins" date is December 17th. 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 Justice Giving



You are invited to help stock Dignity Pantries for 4 organizations: El Centro, Sharing House, Bread of Life, and SAFE. You'll recall we have taken on the task of delivering items which are NOT eligible for purchase through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – most notably, menstrual hygiene products, diapers, and condoms—items which our neighbors desperately need in order to fully feel their inherent worth and dignity. We also provide razors and deodorant and other similar items that help in getting and retaining employment. Remember to make out your check to UUTC with "Dignity" on the memo line. What better way to show our commitment to the first principle of "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" than to help others? Thank you for your generous contributions.



FINDING OLD SERMONS

Want to hear some thing a second time? Want to share a sermon with others? Not all sermons are kept on our SERMONS page because it would cause the page to load so slowly people would give up trying!

Navigate to the [UUTC website](#) and locate **Engage** across the top. Point the mouse at this word and a menu will drop down (if it doesn't, just click the word), from which you can select [Member Portal](#).

On this page, look for the Sermon Archives. They are listed by year. Note that some sermons for 2018 are still missing as we catch up on an unpublished backlog. Click on the appropriate year and enjoy!

TEAM MEETING NIGHT !!!

Wednesday, December 5th at 5:00pm is Team Mtg night. Team Leaders, please email the office with your pizza count! **If you haven't added budget worksheets to your agenda for the evening, remember that the Finance Committee needs these before our next Team meeting night.** Thanks!

Thank You

OPERATION KEEP WARM was a tremendous success thanks to your incredible generosity! The Social Action Team had to take 3 LOADS to deliver all the tarps, handwarmers, batteries and fantastic, warm and like -new clothing! Your timing was awesome!



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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Members and Friends of UUTC participate along with other local church members each year in assisting Sacred Heart in their Community Christmas Dinner, which feeds all who come through the doors. Come be part of this 19th Annual Community Christmas Dinner by serving, donating, or enjoying a wonderful dinner with others in our wonderful and diverse community. The dinner is served 12pm-4pm on Christmas Day. There is no charge. All are welcome.



This year again our opportunity to be a part of this wonderful event is to donate a total of 25 gallons of tea (commercial ready-made, in plastic jugs or bottles), sweet or unsweet. We need several more gallons to do our share! Please use the signup sheet at the counter.

Donations of tea may be dropped off at Sacred Heart during office hours or Sunday morning. Contact Joan Lemire at tjbindire@yahoo.com or 231-9259 with amount of sweet or unsweet donated so we don't overwhelm their storage area. P.S.— Desserts are also always welcome!

There is also a need for volunteers to help during serving hours and with cleanup. Our volunteers from previous years were very much appreciated and enjoyed a great Christmas dinner in true community. If you are able to help in one of the time slots - usually 1 hour or so- with serving, seating, greeting, etc., you may sign up at the Gathering Table at Sacred Heart or contact Sandi Rogers directly at sandidougrogers@yahoo.com. For additional information, call Sandi Rogers at 883-2990.

GETTING TO KNOW: LINDA BEST

Linda Best, formerly of Statesville, NC, made a career as a Home Economist with the NC State University Extension Service. She has been associated with UUTC members since the time of UUTC's creation, working with Nilsa Lobdell and others. However, always believing that she would move to Asheville, Linda had been a member of the Asheville congregation since 1995. She has decided not to move!

Linda has two daughters and two grandsons. She is an active volunteer worker with the United Way, 4-H, the Peace Corps and more. She has traveled to over 50 countries, "trekking" in the mountains of over a third of those (including Asia, Africa, Europe, S. America, Nepal and Bhuta.) She enjoys trail maintenance, river cleanup and the arts!





UUTC RETREAT @ THE MOUNTAIN

Bruce Kirkman

Its been too long since UUTC has had a retreat at The Mountain (over 4 years) and finally we have an opportunity to do it again!

Heather has taken our youth to CONs there regularly, so ask them how great it is if you have not been there.

We are scheduled for the weekend of September 6 – 8, 2019. Unfortunately, there are only 45 spaces available because The Mountain is so well scheduled with other UU congregations and other programs. If you want to have a great time with Rev. Ilene and your UUTC friends sign up early. We will have a program that will leave plenty of time to enjoy the wonders of the mountains and take a great hike.

To register simply call The Mountain at 828-526-5838 and say you want space at the UUTC Retreat the weekend of September 6 – 8, 2019. It would be good to also sign up at the desk with RK so we can know when we are running low on spaces.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION • OCTOBER 2018

Operating Fund 1

Total Cash Available: **\$57,622.75**

Pledges Paid Prior to 7/01: **\$38,730.00***

*Included in Cash on Hand but not Total Income. Further reduction of 4 mos. deficit. We are good.

	Oct-18	This month	Fiscal YTD 18-19
Total Income		\$ 24,119.65	\$ 91,844.93
Expenses		\$21,727.60	\$ 93,116.00
NET		\$2,392.05	(\$1,271.07)
Unrestricted Cash on Hand		\$ 47,124.79	
Reserve Cash		\$10,497.96	

Pledge Projection and Actual through October

Total received since 7/01 is

\$58,633.48 or 31.52 % of

\$186,000 budget, on track for 4

mos. Pledges paid at different intervals account partially for October dip; Identifiable contributions are up, stock and trust gifts are at over 50% of budget, and 1st quarter transfer of Varsity Rental came at a very good time. **City of Brevard loan Paid in Full!**

<u>Pledge Income</u> <u>FY 18-19</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Projected	\$ 14,237.76	\$ 13,645.37	\$ 20,111.89	\$ 18,712.29
Actual	\$ 12,876.87	\$ 14,122.87	\$ 20,036.87	\$ 11,596.87

Endowment Fund #2: \$164,170.20, includes interest over \$4000 (50% of interest per fiscal year may be withdrawn for community outreach, social justice, educational and spiritual exploration programs, possibly Sacred Fire.)

Thank you all for your generous gifts. Let's wrap up the calendar year well. Together we will have enough—and more. Respectfully submitted, Susan Slocum, Treasurer treasurer@uutc.org

GOT HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2019?

Give yourself and your family the gift of health security this holiday season. It may cost a lot less than you think! The sixth open enrollment for health insurance is underway, but it ends soon! If you don't act by December 15, you can't get 2019 coverage unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

New options are available for next year, on and off the Healthcare.gov marketplace. Folks who were not able to find a plan that worked for them in the past should take another look. And those with 2018 coverage should check out the new plans.

Trained local volunteers offer free, unbiased, no-obligation assistance in navigating Healthcare.gov and making the most of your options. In addition to weekday times over the next few weeks, a special Saturday enrollment opportunity is being hosted on December 8 here at UUTC. Assistants with Pisgah Legal Services, the Brevard Health Center and the Council on Aging of Buncombe County will be available from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Make an appointment by calling 855-733-3711 or going online to GetCoveredAmerica.org/connector. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Everyone should make time to re-examine the options for coverage for 2019 before the end of open enrollment.

**health insurance enrollment
for 2019 ends
December 15**



**KEEP
CALM
BUT
HURRY**

**get assistance
Saturday, Dec. 8
9 am – 4 pm
24 Varsity St., Brevard**

UUTC has supported health care assistance by donating space for 4 years in service of our community.

LOOKING FOR A FRESH START IN 2019? CHECK OUT THIS COURSE!



THE KEYS TO LOVING YOURSELF, CREATING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS AND FINDING REAL HAPPINESS

Starting on Wednesday, January 9th for 9 weeks • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • 8 Spiritual Practices that Can Transform your Life.

A life-changing course by Paul Ferrini. These Eight Spiritual Practices will help you to transform your experience. Watch, over the course of the class, as fear drops away and unconditional love shines through. As you awaken to who you are, so will the people around you. A fearful world cannot exist for a loving heart. Call [\(828\) 877-6121](tel:8288776121) to register today or sign up at the front counter.

Free to members of UUTC • \$50 for non-members • Book \$15

UUTC's 4th Annual



**Sunday, December 16th, 2018 2:30pm-
5:00pm**

Bring us your youngest elves to work alongside UUTC volunteer elves on secret gifts for family members of their choice..

This event is geared towards children ages 3 years old and up, BUT, we will have the Nursery OPEN for children under 3 so we may offer a complete Parent's Day Out.

Please RSVP to this event no later than December 12th to Heather Layton, creuutc@gmail.com or call 553-3810. We are planning some really neat gift-creation stations and need to plan for materials and snack foods. Thanks!



NOW HIRING ELVES

- Crafty Elves
- Kitchen Elves
- Supervisory Elves

This is a seasonal position. Elves will report on Sunday, December 16th from 2-5:00pm at UUTC. No previous experience is necessary, but there will be preference given to those Elves who have knowledge of glue guns.

Must be able to spread holiday cheer to all the nice and even the naughty children on Santa's list. For more information, or to

apply for an Elf position, please contact Mrs. Claus, AKA Heather Layton, at creuutc@gmail.com or call 553-3810. No resume required.



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 Login? Click Here," 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 set up properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.



GETTING TO KNOW: JOANNA BLISS

Many of us know Joanna, but new members do not!

Joanna, a former CPA, came to Brevard via New York, St. Louis, Chicago and Florida. Like many of us, she knew she'd finally found the right spot when she got to Brevard!

Joanna has volunteered with the Transylvania Literacy Council, the Free Clinic, and helped to start The Haven. She loves gardening, jewelry-making, basketry, hiking and walking. She has served on the Worship Team for a number of years, but will end her service as Leader there this summer.

She lost her beloved husband six years ago. Joanna has a son in Ohio, a daughter in Michigan and grown grandchildren in Colorado, New York and Michigan.

Joanna found Unitarian Universalism in St. Louis, MO. It must have bitten her pretty badly because she is a founding member of UUTC!



ARE : ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

[Operating Guidelines](#) | [Program Proposal](#) | [Annual Planner](#) | [2019-2020 Budget Worksheet](#)

CRE : CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

[Contact our D-CRE!](#) | [CRE Covenant](#) | [2019-2020 Budget Worksheet](#) -- ema

FACILITIES TEAM : BUILDING & GROUNDS

[Operating Guidelines](#) | [Facilities Activity Tracker](#) | [2019-2020 Budget Worksheet](#)

TEAM WORK, EMPOWERED

Documents of crucial importance to the work of each Team are being linked to the [TEAM](#) page of the website (found at the bottom of any page). This has already been the repository of each Team's Operating Guidelines, but now viewable links to annual planning calendars of activities are up, as well.

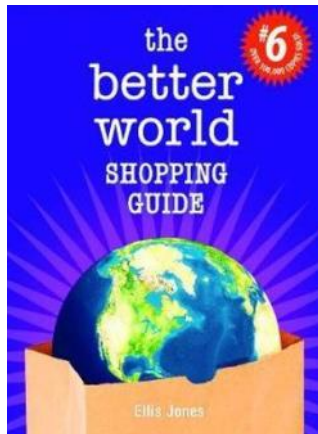
Of critical importance is the new 2019-2020 Budget worksheets, that are **due January 1st from each Team**.

All members of Teams can VIEW this document from the Team Page, and one or two members of the Team will be emailed a link from which they may EDIT the

document on behalf of the Team. The Finance Committee has access to these worksheets as well, so that they may pull Team data as it is declared complete. The sheets have been pre-formulated to summarize data, and have example items for Teams to change.

In addition, the annual planning calendars for each Team (labeled in various manners) are available for viewing by all and editing by a few. These tools should better empower each Team as they make their plans for the coming calendar year.

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION



THE BETTER SHOPPING GUIDE IS HERE!! PICK UP THIS SUNDAY!

Our Better World Shopping Guides have arrived. You can pick them up between services on Sunday, December 2. Checks, cash **and credit cards** are accepted. These are great for stocking stuffers for your environmentally and progressive-minded friends and family. Meant to sign up but didn't? We still have a few extras available, so come ready to get your copy this Sunday! *Cost—only \$10. Amazon's price is \$12—take advantage of this great resource!*

SACRED FIRE GROUP WORKING ON GOAL

Your Sacred Fire group of justice-minded people, which includes Ian Fox, Lynn Halsey, Bobby King, Virginia MacDonald, Sharon Moya, Susan Sklar, Charles Wicker and Susan Zelle, has been involved in training, and is currently doing assessment of what deep social justice need of this community can be served by full-congregation involvement by UUTC.

Sacred Fire is collecting data and studying associated issues closely to see a) where UUTC can have a real impact and b) what steps need to be taken to be effective. Watch this space!



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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.