

UUTC UPDATE

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Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon and by appointment.

Pastoral Care

Going through a rough spot? Have surgery coming up? Call (877) 510-5603 or email lhhh@uutc.org.

Nursery Care

Our Nursery is open Sunday from 9:00am to noon for children ages 0-3. Take advantage of either service — our childcare staff would love to welcome your child.

Coming Up at UUTC

NO SANDWICH SUNDAY THIS MONTH

Parent Circle — Sun 5:00 4/28
Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
Dream Group — Tues @ 3:30
SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
Softball — Tues @ 6:30
Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30
Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00
Rainbow Alliance — Thurs @ 5:00
Softball — Thurs @ 6:30
Heartful Meditation — Sat @ 5:00



WALKING THE SPIRITUAL PATH WITH MERTON

Dave Hunter

A half- century after his untimely death, Thomas Merton remains a spiritual guide for many people of many faiths travelling the spiritual path around the world. Merton left signs along the path for his fellow travelers, and we will examine a few of them together in this message.

Services at 9:15am and 11:00am. Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

"If the path before you is clear,
you're probably
on someone else's."

— *Joseph Campbell*



Social Justice Giving

“Forward Together” is the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of North Carolina — a progressive, faith-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to *“give life the shape of justice”* by

- coordinating and supporting the social justice work of individual UUs and UU congregations in North Carolina,
- 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 North Carolina.

Forward Together is our only Social Justice Giving opportunity for statewide legislative action. It works to empower our vision through boots and presence on the ground.

Speaking of cooperative efforts, join other UUTC Social Justice warriors at a workshop in Hendersonville! See the back page for more details.



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Mixed Metaphors

Carol Flake



On Mother’s Day, Carol Flake considers the spiritual path she was set on by her mother and grandmother. She explores a number of metaphors that have illuminated her spiritual journey from then until now. UUs believe that revelation is not sealed and that we each construct our own theology as it is revealed to us personally. This sermon invites you to travel with Carol as she builds her own theology through mixing the metaphors that have informed her spiritual journey.

Carole has been a member of UUTC for 18 years and has served in many roles. The one she is most pleased about is developing, promoting and supporting our small group ministries. She is a Distinguished Professor Emerita from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, where she taught developmental psychology and women’s studies. She has spent the years since her retirement attempting to shed her professorial persona.

IN MEMORY—

BARBARA WRIGHT

We lost a mover and shaker in Barbara Wright this week. Barbara had been a long-time member of UUTC, and was very active in Social Justice



work, particularly the Living Wage Coalition, and in the establishment of our Endowment Fund.

Information about a memorial service is not yet available, but we will get you that as soon as we can.

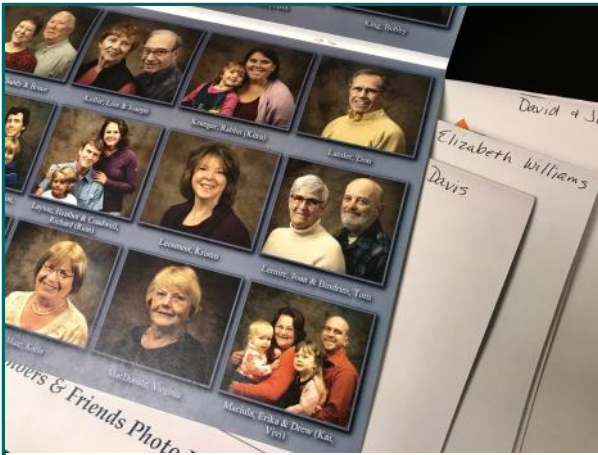


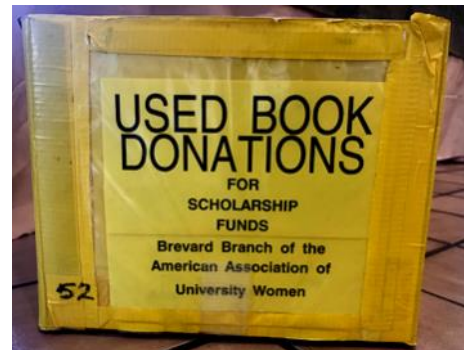
PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Your Office Gremlins will be dispersing these Directories to New Members & Friends first. We will likely need a “second run” from publisher Mark Allison to fill the requests for new copies—if you are NOT new within the last 12 months, please request a new copy on the signup sheet at the front desk—copies are \$10.

You may drop by any morning during the week to pick up one of these works of art. Cash or check happily accepted. Thanks!

MAKE ROOM FOR NEW BOOKS... DONATE YOUR OLD ONES!

UUTC’s commitment to literacy is evident in our support of Rise & Shine, Augustine Literacy and AAUW’s book drive. AAUW’s commitment to providing scholarships to women attending both Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College is one way that we help to provide adults with a means of empowering their own lives through increased skills, leading to higher wages. Clean out some books and lend a hand!



2018-2019 PROGRESS ON SPONSORED PROJECTS

The last couple of years have seen lots of progress in updating the our building and grounds to better

meet programming needs and improve the flexibility of the space. This year, we have installed AV capabilities in the Social Hall, picnic tables will shortly be in on the Fellowship Green, and a fireproof file cabinet has been donated to secure our most essential documents.

Receiving a majority of votes by Teams but not yet funded are the insulating blinds for the Social Hall, but even so, we have made some good progress.

Banners for Sanctuary	-\$2,000.00	
Janitorial Mop Sink	-\$2,300.00	
second headset mic [under assessment--system difficulties]	-\$600.00	
Glass Magnetic whiteboard for small classroom, 7'x4'	-\$700.00	XXX
55" TV, mount & Apple TV for social hall	-\$1,200.00	XXX
Choral Responses booklet (35)	-\$275.00	
Picnic Tables for Varsity Fellowship area	-\$475.00	
Peace Pole	-\$275.00	
LED lighting -- additional row in East wing	-\$425.00	
LED lighting -- kitchen, office, halls	-\$1,980.00	XX
Complete sanctuary paint job (including all drywall repair)	-\$4,750.00	
"Egress" doors -- all exits		
security cameras		
fireproof file cabinets 4 drawer & 2 drawer	-\$2,000.00	
Social Hall insulating blinds (reduce electric consumption, ARE)	-\$4,500.00	XXXX
Blind for window in east of sanctuary	-\$1,100.00	

COULD IT BE? YES, IT COULD! SOMETHING'S COMING...



Something good is making its way into being under the creative hands of Mary Bennett. UUTC has not had a banner in the Parade of Banners at General Assembly for a few years because our old one, currently hanging in the vestibule, doesn't meet the guidelines that were developed for size. Rev. Ilene spoke with Mary about this conundrum, and a new one is close to fruition!

This early photo gives you a hint of some of the color. In Transylvania County, we have lots of things that could be featured...the only thing we'll mention here is a certain flying mammal.

Now all that remains is for Ian and Vanessa Cowie, Joyce and Mark and Aly Henneberry, Michael Solomon and Susan Zelle to fight over who gets to carry the banner!

BOYS WITH BRIEFS

Glen Cockerham and Bob Bennett —yes, the haul was that heavy!— came by this week to pick up your donations for “Undie Sunday” to deliver to the Sharing House. Nothing like underwear that’s a little less, er, holy, to make a soul feel better.

Thanks for your generosity!



UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

I've long been fascinated by antique clocks – especially those with visible pendulums. So, I'm going to use an horological metaphor to describe my sense of UUTC's health: we may miss a beat now and then, but we are reliably keeping time!



Here's a list of activities that supports my observation:

- The Worship Team has identified speakers for all Sundays up until the time of Rev. Ilene's anticipated return.
- John Austin and Carlene Ragan, along with "our" Choir and a number of solo and guest artists, provide music that inspires and contributes to each Sunday's spiritual experience.
- The Facilities Team continues its work on Fellowship Green. A small measure of their success is the abundance of fish in that stream! Their latest activity has been focused on the elimination of the rampant poison ivy.
- Jayma McGann, with Dave Roberts' able assistance, conducted two budget forums this past week. They were well received, with good questions answered clearly.
- Loving Hearts Helping Hands has stepped in to provide direction for pastoral counselling.

After our most recent New Member Class, we welcomed the following new members: David Alff, Ian & Vanessa Cowie, Barbara & Bill Denton, Betty Jones and Gail Meyers. Royce and Jenny Zia have affiliated as Friends. These Friends and Members will be formally welcomed in the first service on May 26th.

For those of you who missed this past Sunday's service, Rev. Jeff Jones delivered an engaging – yet really challenging sermon: I told him it was a "squirmier," in that he challenged the way we so often view others as others.

Danny has planned out CRE for the summer. In Rev. Ilene's absence and with the pulpit being filled by guest speakers, we have decided that we will revert to singing out our children just before the Cycle of Life. This does create, for Sunday May the 19th, a need for assistance in the CRE classroom. Danny has committed to providing a structured lesson but will need additional help. Please email Danny if you can help out— if you do not have a current background check, RK will ask you to fill out the appropriate paperwork, as I have.

And finally (and borrowed from my last letter), the Congregational meeting, to elect new officers and approve the new budget, is scheduled for May 19, a date set almost a year ago. Remember that we need a quorum, now 56 souls, for this meeting in order to accomplish these tasks.

In covenant, Peter B

JOIN A GROUP OF UUS FOR A ONE-DAY SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

The UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina is offering three, one-day, regional social justice workshops for uus (and others), one of which will be held **June 1 at the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville**. The workshop's focus is on *becoming a justice-making congregation: creating, growing, & nurturing social justice ministry in UU congregations, and will give us the framework, tools, and skills we need to work more visibly, more relationally, and more effectively.*

There's no cost for the workshop but a \$15 donation per person is suggested to offset the cost of breakfast and lunch. The workshop starts at 8am in Hendersonville. Look for a sign-up sheet in April on the front counter. **Please note you must register yourselves**—this is simply to see who is going and to explore the idea of carpooling.

Click here to [REGISTER FOR THE JUNE 1 WORKSHOP AT THE UU FELLOWSHIP OF HENDERSONVILLE.](#)

MEDASSIST FREE PHARMACY (OTC) RETURNS TO BREVARD ON MAY 23

Do you need help, or know someone who does?? The Mobile Free Pharmacy (OTC) Program is coming to Brevard on May 23rd. MedAssist provides free over the counter medicines to those in need. Even with insurance, many individuals and families struggle to purchase medicine cabinet staples such as first aid, digestive aids, cold and flu products, and vitamins. Last fiscal year, NC MedAssist served 21,819 individuals with OTC medicines and saved NC more than \$30 million in healthcare cost avoidance.

This event is expected to serve up to 1000 local residents with 8-10 over the counter items. No ID is required or proof of residency.

To become more familiar with our Mobile Free Pharmacy, watch the short video [HERE!](#)

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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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