

UUTC UPDATE

Inclusive. Intentional. *Involved.*

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 lhh@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

Heartful Meditation — Cancelled

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30

Choir — Wed @ 4:00

UUTC's B Day — Thurs, June 6th

Sandwich Sunday — June 9th

Fellowship Green Dedication — 9th

20th Anniversary Celebration — 9th



Sunday

Embracing Metamorphosis in Recovery

Julie Berger

Rev. Berger shares her personal journey from active alcoholism into recovery despite her skepticism about turning her life over to a God she associated with conservative organized religion. Using the analogy of a caterpillar's metamorphosis into a butterfly, she describes the necessity of pain and suffering in her journey as a precursor to spiritual awakening and growth. Unitarian Universalism helped her develop a "Higher Power of her own understanding" and provided her with valuable additional support to her 12 step program.

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

"Things may happen around you, and things may happen to you, but the only things that really count are the things that happen **in** you."

— *Eric Butterworth, Spiritual Economics*



Social Justice Giving

Our Vision

Every person in Transylvania County has enough food and resources to thrive.

Our Mission

Sharing House connects residents of Transylvania County to provide crisis assistance and programs that cultivate lasting solutions to hunger and poverty.

Our Core Values

Hope We believe our community can be a place where every person can thrive in body, mind and spirit. We hope for a community where everyone has enough resources to reach their full potential.

Compassion We believe that it is our calling to share one another's burdens and joys.

Integrity *We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We honor each individual's desire and search for future good.*

Teamwork We foster a culture of teamwork where the contributions of staff, volunteers and neighbors are valued.

Empowerment We create a culture where neighbors can gain control of their circumstances and achieve their own goals, thereby being able to work



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

So You Want to Change the World

Rev. Phillip Thomason

Start with kindness!

Phillip is a retired Methodist minister who gratefully served St. Mark's UMC in Atlanta for 23 years as Minister of Outreach and Pastoral Care. He also was a chaplain at Emory University hospital in Oncology, Pediatrics and HIV/AIDS. He is a delightful presence in the pulpit, and has led us before.

Also on Sunday the 9th, guest harpist and pianist Phyllis Miner will be playing for us—you will find her ingathering music a real treat! The choir will sing the offertory this Sunday, but is otherwise off for the month of June. Come enjoy all that will be offered on this special day!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CASSIE DREIER

Cassie Dreier's Memorial Service will be held at UUTC on Saturday, June 22nd from 11:00 – 12:00 am. Rev. Ernest Mills will be officiating. John Dreier is planning a very special service for Cassie. All are invited to attend.

An hors d'oeuvres and beverage reception will be held at the Connestee Clubhouse beginning at 1:00 PM. John requests that all who plan to attend the reception (Connestee needs names and reservations prior) ***please notify Alice Hardy via email (hardy542@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, June 12th.*** Please specify by name those who will be attending.

ECLECTICS TIME CHANGE!

For the next five weeks, the Eclectics will begin their music at 10:30am instead of 9:30am. Come enjoy this great group!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS!

David Alff, Ian Cowie, Vanessa Cowie, Barbara Denton, Bill Denton, Betty Jones and Gail Meyers all became new Members in April, and Jenny and Royce Zia became new Friends! All but Betty were able to participate in last Sunday's Welcoming Ceremony.

Barbara & Bill Denton (top, at right) come to us from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin, NC. Or maybe they come to us via their son Doug, who was already a Friend of UUTC and may have sold them a bill of goods to get them to move here. Barbara's not talking. ;)

David Alff has just moved here from Boone, so we don't yet have a picture... Gail Meyers has been attending for years but has finally completed her move to Brevard... ALSO NO PICTURE... Ian & Vanessa Cowie (at right) are so committed to UU that they will have already left for General Assembly by the time you read this! Betty Jones, Jenny & Royce Zia — NO PICTURES, EITHER! However, they do all have their name tags, so do search them out at coffee hour!



So, partly because of our picture deficit, Mark Allison is providing another photo shoot opportunity. Sunday, June 9th, after the second service, in the sanctuary. Any and all who have old photos, photos with children who are embarrassingly older than the pictures on file, those who have NO photo— come let Mark make you gorgeous. No sign up required—just stay for Sandwich Sunday and come see us in the sanctuary! We will update your ChurchLife profile as soon as Mark processes the images. :)

PROGRAM ORGANIZER NEEDED

For several years, UUTC has participated, along with other churches in the community, in the CWS (Church World Services) CROP Walk to help raise funds to assist

communities in about 70 countries worldwide. Funds are used to address root causes of hunger and deal with disaster relief and recovery needs. 25% of the money raised goes to **our local Sharing House**, which is a giant blessing according to Shelly Webb, Director of Sharing House: "We are fortunate to have a community who cares deeply for the well-being of all. It is hard living in Transylvania County with low-wage and seasonal jobs and less than reliable transportation. Winter months are unpredictable for living expenses. It is not unusual for our neighbors to wait until it is absolutely necessary to ask for help when the oil tank is low, the pantry is bare, or the electricity is about to be cut off."

UUTC is in need of an organizer of volunteers for this fall's walk of 3.1 miles on Sunday, October 13. Local experts are available to help with details. Please contact Sue Null suenull@rice.edu, 828-877-2550.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you for all pledges and contributions as we near the end of this fiscal year. 2018-2019 ends June 30th. Please have everything in as early in the month as possible, so that our bookkeeper, Sue Gervais, can compile end-of-year reporting quickly for the Board's analysis.



New pledges start July 1st .

Income: \$21,487.16 Expenses: \$24,513.81 Net: (\$3026.65)

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$31,071.69

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$10,743.23

Total Cash on Hand is: \$41,814.92

2019-2020 Pledges Paid: \$44,845.00 (Available to meet fiscal needs July 1st)

Endowment Fund balance: \$163,692.97

Thank you for your continuing generosity as we head into a ministerial search process.

Susan Slocum, Treasurer treasurer@uutc.org

UUTC FALL RETREAT AT THE MOUNTAIN — TIME TO REGISTER!

Our fall Retreat at The Mountain RLC in Highlands is October 4-6th, and it is going to be great! Minister Emeritus Ernie Mills will be our leader— and he has talked Mark Twain into entertaining us Saturday night before the bonfire marshmallow roast!

Opportunities you might enjoy are the Many Hands Peace Farm Tour, a guided labyrinth tour, or hiking. There are [three trailheads](#) at The Mountain, of varying difficulty.



For the retreat, you can register for one night or two. Registration starts at \$135 per person for adults— children to the age of 7 are free but must lodge with a parent. Meals on site are always good (accommodating all), but if you prefer to venture into Highlands, you will find plenty of offerings.

So far, 14 people are signed up. Since we are sharing the facility with the Columbia, SC UUs, it's good to get registered early. Even better is if you can get with friends to share a cabin for double the fun! Register at [this link](#) (preferred) or call 828-526-5838. This is an especially beautiful time of year at The Mountain, and we will have a great program. Questions? Call Bruce Kirkman at 828-507-1207.

Dear Members and Friends,

These last weeks have seemed chaotic and certainly unsettling. None of us could have predicted that Rev. Ilene would be leaving us so soon and for such a sad reason.

But, “Our lives (must – and do) go on . . .”

At the Board meeting this past Thursday, we set in place an interim process to welcome new Members and Friends – and we already have five individuals who have asked to become Members, and two who have asked to become Friends!

We have begun a study of UUTC by-laws, policies and procedures that govern how we identify a new settled minister. We have scheduled an additional Board meeting, June 11 at 8:30 AM, to review these documents and plan the next steps. We have begun a conversation with the Transitions group at UUA, necessary to re-launch the process by which we recruit a new, settled minister.

If you are interested in participating on the Search Team, please let a Board member know. This work requires a significant commitment of time, especially in the first quarter of 2020 (a date that is aspirational at the current moment). Search team members must be elected by a vote of the congregation; you will be hearing more about that process in the near future.

In addition, we are also — and simultaneously -- investigating the recruiting of an interim minister. Rev. Ilene has identified several potential candidates who also are geographically close to us here in Transylvania County, a real advantage both for the potential candidate and for UUTC. We hope to have clarity on the interim before the end of August, when the remarkable work of the Worship Team in recruiting speakers to cover for Rev. Ilene’s Medical Leave of Absence, was scheduled to end.

In covenant,

Peter B Mockridge



OUR PROMISE TO YOU, REV. ILENE

Statement written by Susan Bir on behalf of the Ministerial Fellowship Team— delivered 5/27/2019

Rev. Ilene, we are glad we can be together with you to show our gratitude for the past two years, and for your open and honest message that you sent us a week ago Friday. It is difficult not to feel robbed of your presence. Perhaps we should be having a time together right now to punch walls, bang pots and to scream and yell.

We don’t have that time, but we do have a time to assure you that we will continue what you have started with us—for us, and for our community and world.

Before you took your medical leave, you wrote and gave us much needed confidence to carry on in your absence. While we did feel a bit at sea, we gathered strength, made time, got creative, went to work – and moved in a positive direction. We hope to continue with that strength and determination you believed were in us.

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In April, many people attended the new members class and yesterday morning joined others of us in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We have every reason to believe that our growing congregation will keep growing. We can help one another in this process of finding truth and meaning—and perhaps, become even better friends and church mates.

Over the past weeks, some of us have worked diligently to transform the scraggly lot next door into an area nearly ready for our youth. We were mindful of the environment as we planned for some new construction, new plantings, and the different uses of the land. Our children soon will be able to play outside as they explore and learn to accept one another and grow spiritually. We will find additional means to nurture our children and youth and receive the joy of watching them grow in positive ways.

Anyone reading our bulletin boards will easily see that we are working hard to renew our ten-year certification of Welcoming Congregation. WE will make sure its mission – All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome—will always be honored at UUTC.

We are developing policies that will strengthen the workings of our church. This may take time because we want to be sure they are correct and fitting for us, but we will not put off doing this vital work.

Days before our last congregational meeting, we had been provided with everything necessary to make good decisions for our church. We came ready to democratically and efficiently vote. Now we are set for another year of financial and organizational stability.

People are receiving much need items because you introduced us to The Dignity Project and encouraged us to support it with our time and treasure. Men, women and teens who barely have money for food now have sources for personal products like condoms, menstrual supplies, and deodorant. We will continue with this project and will always consider it “your baby.”

Rev. Ilene, we will take care of one another; we will work hard to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person, without exception, anywhere. And we will take care of ourselves in that new world of Self-Care.

Finally, we are resilient people. You have given us the goals, the sense of purpose and the confidence to work toward the Blessed Community. Our promise to you is that, together, we will make you proud as we make UUTC stronger. May it be so.

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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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