

# PRIDE MONTH

**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 [lhhh@uutc.org](mailto: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

Heartful Meditation — Sat @ 5:30  
**Romania Travelogue!** — Mon @ 7:00  
 Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00  
 Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30  
 SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00  
 Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30  
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00pm



## MUSIC TO MY EARS

**Jon Arterton**

There is not a single person in the universe who doesn't love some form of music. That's why it's called the universal language. When we listen to music we frequently become aware that we've somehow become connected to our souls. When we participate in creating it we become more and more convinced that something miraculous and magical is happening. As Thomas Carlyle put it: "Music is well said to be the speech of angels."

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

“You create a path of your own by looking within yourself and listening to your soul, cultivating your own ways of experiencing the sacred and then practicing it. Practicing until you make it a song that sings you.”

— Sue Monk Kidd,  
*The Dance of the Dissident Daughter*



## 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 towards helping themselves and others to maximize the quality of their lives.



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

From Transylvania, NC to Transylvania, Romania

*Speakers: Joanna Bliss, Virginia MacDonald & Daniel Sandoval*

Joanna Bliss has lived in Brevard since 1996, and is a Founding Member of UUTC. She also has a family connection to Transylvania, Romania. Virginia MacDonald has been a UU for over 40 years and a member of UUTC for 15 years. She is a retired school social worker and has been involved with The Haven, AAUW and Democratic Women. Daniel Sandoval has been part of our choir from before he joined UUTC. Come hear how this diverse group from UUTC was changed by their travel to the land of Unitarianism's birth.

## IN MEMORIAM: PHYLLIS NESBITT

We lost Phyllis this week on Tuesday, June 25th. She was an early member of UUTC...had moved and then returned in 2015.



## LIGHTS FOR LIBERTY:

### A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps

On July 12th at 7pm this vigil will take place across the country. Jackie Jenkins plans to attend the closest vigil site to Brevard where there is also a detention center, which is in York, SC. There will be speakers from 7-9pm, and a silent candlelight vigil at 9pm. York is a 2.5 hour drive from Brevard. There is talk of getting a hotel room for that evening. Those who are going need to plan to meet at 4:30pm to carpool.

If you are interested in attending, PLEASE EMAIL JACKIE and provide your name, phone number and email address.

Jackie Jenkins [revjjenk65@gmail.com](mailto:revjjenk65@gmail.com)

## ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? MEDITATION

*From "Walking Toward Morning," by Victoria E Safford*

People ask me sometimes, "Is this a gay church?"

It is a privilege to answer: "Ours is absolutely, gladly, hopefully and humbly, gaily, a gay church, a gay tradition, where everyone, including heterosexual members and friends, is welcome, where everyone is needed, where everyone's experience is cherished as a sacred text, because no one's experience of living or loving can be comprehensive, because each of us holds clues the others need about how to live with dignity and joy as a human person, and none of us know enough about that yet to be considered whole.

It is absolutely a gay church, even as ours is a gay world, if you would look around. Gay church, Straight church, peoples' church, a human congregation made holy by the holy hopes and fears and dreams of all who wish to come. Come in, we say. Come out, come in. We're all in this together.

I will not speak of "tolerance," with its courteous clenched teeth and bitter resignation. I will not speak about "acceptance," of "other" people and some "other" kind of "lifestyle." I can only look in laughing wonder at human life in all its incarnations. I can taste only in passing the breath of the spirit of life on my mouth and understand our common long to breathe in deep, deep gulps of it. I cannot think of being anybody else's "ally," even, because even that implies some degree of separation—some degree of safety for some of us, not all. We are "allied" with no one and with nothing but love—the larger Love transcending all our understanding, within which all the different, differing, gorgeously various, variant, beautifully deviant aspects of ourselves are bound in elegant unity.

I know that on some sad and disappoint days these words describe the church that yet shall be and not the church that is. I know, I know .... But I know too that to answer is an act of creation. To answer this question, and some others, is a privilege, a prophetic imperative, a joy, a duty, and a holy sacrament."

*The Rev. Victoria Safford is the minister of the White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. Contributed by your Welcoming Congregation Task Force.*

"a lot of heads were bashed in that night, a lot of people were hurt. But - they all came back for more... and more. That's when you could tell that nothing could stop us at that time, or anytime in the future"

- Rudy - Remembering Stonewall



**June 28, 1969**

Police began a raid of the Stonewall Inn in the early hours of the morning in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, NYC.

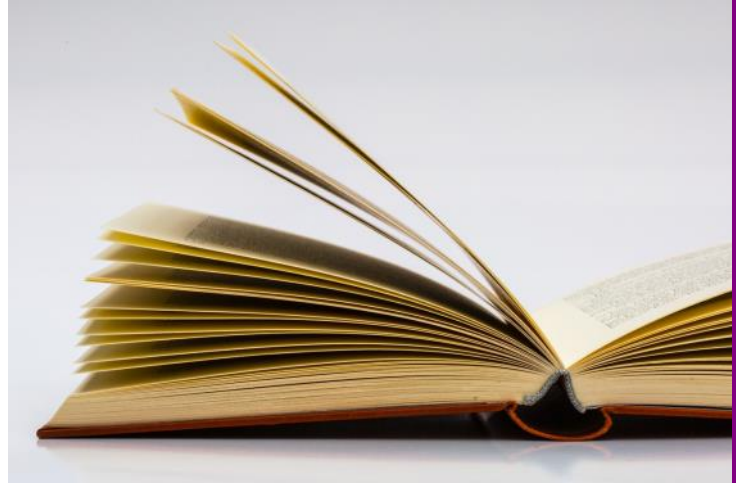
## YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

*Earle Rabb, ARE Team*

Several months ago we held the Grand Opening of your UUTC LIBRARY. More and more people are discovering our library and the extensive choices of books it offers. The UUTC Library is located in the entry area of our building.

The books are shelved in the following categories:

- Christianity
- Mythology
- Inspiration/Meditation
- Comparative Religion
- Philosophy
- Feminists
- Social Justice
- Unitarian Universalism
- Dealing with Death



It is easy check out a book. The books are arranged in each category alphabetically by author. Select your book, enter the book title, date, and your name in the log registry. There is no due date for the book. Please be mindful of others and return the book promptly when you have finished it.

We do accept donations of appropriate books (no novels, please). You may leave your donated book at the desk of the church office, indicating it is for the UUTC library. Please do not place it in the library "Book Return" box. If your donated book cannot be placed in our church library, it will be passed along the Transylvania County Library or the AAUW for their annual book sales.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2019

**Income:** \$13,387.17    **Expenses:** \$24,195.02    **Net:** (\$10,807.85)

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$19,728.03

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$10,784.14

**Total Available Cash on Hand is:** \$30,512.17

19-20 Pledges Prepaid: \$45,345.00    **Endowment Fund balance:** \$163,692.97

We will finish June and the fiscal year fine. Looking forward to July and the New Year!

Susan Slocum

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## “THE OTHER TRANSYLVANIA” MONDAY, 7:00PM

The ten UUTC members who traveled to Transylvania, Romania, are eager to share their experiences with anyone who may be interested. Their trip in early May was arranged through the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. You are invited to the church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, to see photos and hear about their experiences.



Via slides, Carol Moore will provide some background information and offer glimpses of the sights the group visited and some of the people they met. Virginia MacDonald will then show a half-dozen interesting slides from the trip that she and Susanne Rolland took to Northern Romania prior to the start of the group tour.

At the conclusion of the photo presentation, those in attendance will be invited to address questions

or comments to any of the travelers present. The ten who made the journey were: Bonnie Arbuckle, Joanna Bliss, Ian Fox, Virginia MacDonald, Carol Moore, Dave Roberts, Susanne Rolland, Teri and Daniel Sandoval, and Lorrie Shelley.

Those of you who have seen Carol’s (or Dave Roberts’) pictures before will know that this will not only be informative, but a visual delight. Others have also contributed images, but your newsletter editor is only familiar with Carol and Dave’s images. Have your questions ready!



# THE DIGNITY PROJECT

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

*from your Social Action Team*

Imagine what it might feel like to have a baby and no diapers or wipes to keep your baby dry and clean, to finally get an interview and have no shampoo to wash your hair in order to make a favorable impression, to be a teenage girl and have no feminine hygiene products to use each month, or to have to go to school without brushing your teeth. These scenarios are, sadly, a reality for a significant sector of our Brevard extended family.

Honoring the first principle of affirming and promoting the dignity and worth of every person, under Rev. Ilene's guidance UUTC began the Dignity Project, which provides personal hygiene products not covered under any assistance program to seven distribution organizations: Bread of Life, El Centro, Children's Center, The Haven, Rise & Shine, SAFE, and Sharing House. There is a mighty team that makes this happen every month through taking and placing orders and dividing and boxing the orders for delivery (Lisa McHenry, Sharon Moya, and Sarah Rogine) and actual delivery to the seven organizations (Jill Beach, Glen Cockerham, Bobby King, Joan Lemire, Virginia McDonald, Lisa McHenry, Carol Moore, Sharon Moya, Sue Null, and Kathy Reiff). It takes not only this entire team to make the Dignity Project happen each month, but also the entire congregation to ensure that it continues to thrive.

December is the month charitable donations are dedicated to the Dignity Project, and some people also donate throughout the year. These donations ensure that the Dignity Project continues. Quite a few people make personal donations of products to the Dignity Project, but the bulk of what is distributed is paid for through the monetary donations that are received.



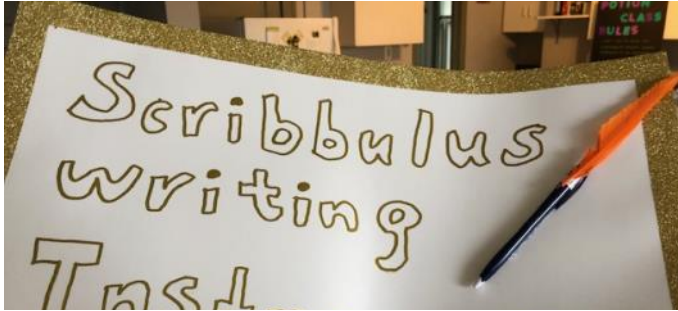
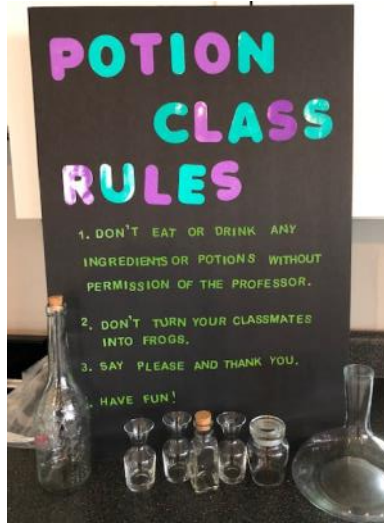
The following is a list of what has been purchased and distributed during the 2018-2019 fiscal year through the Dignity Project using your monetary donations:

**condoms: 1,308 • diapers: 11,878 • deodorant: 1,176 • Depends (boxes): 14 • razors: 1,600  
sanitary pads (boxes): 40 • shampoo: 650 • shaving cream: 1,000 • soap: 556 • tampons (boxes): 44  
toothbrushes: 676 • toothpaste: 864 • wipes (packs): 81**

Yes, you have made a difference this year! Thank you!



## HOGWARTS RETURNS JULY 22ND



Not long, now!

In a matter of hours, the registration link for UUTC's Hogwarts Chalice Camp will go live. Open to children rising first through rising sixth grades. Grandparents, if you have children coming to stay the week of July 22nd... make them wizards!

Member /Friend fees for Chalice Camp are \$65 for Monday-Thursday. Non-UUTC registrants can enroll for \$90. Each additional child per family, be they UUTC or community, is \$40.

Professors of Herbology and Magical Creatures will be among those teaching our young wizards how to make their way in the world.

During that week, there will be no Men's Group or Eclectics on campus.

## SUNDAY, JULY 7TH — DEDICATION OF "THE GREEN" & PICNIC POTLUCK!



The first Sunday of nearly every month we have either Souper or Sandwich Sunday. But this July, since we are dedicating our Fellowship Green (and will have Kiwi Gelato on site!), and because we have missed TWO fall picnics due to inclement weather, we're doing potluck!

Hector and Teresa are bringing flan, so some of us (er, that would be your editor) will have to step up our game from the usual bag of chips. UUTC will provide tea, water, napkins, etc.

We will celebrate the Fellowship Green accomplishment of the Facilities Team by getting our picnic tables nicely christened with the condensation off our beverages and enjoy a good time together. Our youngest members will be able to add their handprints to our yellow picnic table in either orange, blue, green or purple. Come one, come all!

## FELLOWSHIP AT JORDAN STREET!

UUTC took over half the restaurant at the last Fellowship on Tap. Good Times!



Thanks for the pics, Bob!



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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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