

# 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](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

SUNDAY:

**Fellowship Green Dedication: 10:30am**

**Sandwich Sunday Potluck! — Noon**

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

**Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30**

Dignity Project Sorting—Wed @ 2:00

Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00

Living Wage Coalition — Thurs @ 10:00

Rainbow Alliance — Thurs @ 5:00

Council — Fri @ 10:00



## FROM TRANSYLVANIA, NORTH CAROLINA TO TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

**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.

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

*“Be crumbled.*

*So wild flowers will come up where you are.*

*You have been stony for too many years.*

*Try something different.*

*Surrender.”*

*— Rumi*

## Social Justice Giving:



## Ministerial Discretionary Fund

Our area agencies do good work—but they all have limits for what they can provide in assistance to any individual family. In times of need, and especially for our Members and Friends in temporary crisis, the Ministerial Discretionary Fund is used by the Minister and the Board (in the minister's absence) to help meet these needs.

Your gifts help keep the lights on, meet health care needs, or send a child to camp at The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center to be surrounded by UU values for a brief time. Your gifts this month fund needs for the entire year. *Please give generously, and thank you.*



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

### "That Thing With Feathers"

*Speaker: Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum*

Drawing on the work of Cornel West, as well as the book "After the Good News" by Nancy McDonald Ladd, this sermon will explore hope, optimism, and our progressive faith.



The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum is a life-long UU. She has been in ministry for 18 years and has served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Texas, Michigan, and Massachusetts. Cindy now serves as minister of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton. Cindy is known for her blogging, Zentangle coloring books and jewelry, and her work with UU ministers in creating online community.

## THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Thanks to the many kind people who donated 107 pounds of food and needed household items to Sharing House this month. Our next month with five Sundays is September. However, the basket will remain in the foyer, so if you feel the urge to give, don't deny yourself!

## 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)

## ANNOUNCING THE “COMMON GROUND” BOOK CLUB

An organizational meeting for the “Common Ground Book Club” will be held in the Connestee Room at Transylvania County Public Library on July 22, 2019 from 5:50 to 6:30 p.m. The goal of this book club is to foster respectful conversation about sensitive social, political, environmental and legal issues. Members will be invited to choose topics of common concern, and seek out reading materials which represent their different points of view. It is NOT the purpose of the group to persuade or pressure members to change their beliefs or voting behavior- it is simply to enable us to be **well-informed about facts** and to identify possible “common ground” on policies to address social, legal, political and environmental problems.

Membership is free. This book club is open to adults 18 years or older. Diversity in race, age, sex, religious belief and political affiliation is desired.

At the first meeting, prospective members will be asked to read [Creating Effective Groups: The Art of Small Group Communication](#), which explains how to establish a welcoming and respectful environment for expression of ideas, and techniques of creative problem-solving.

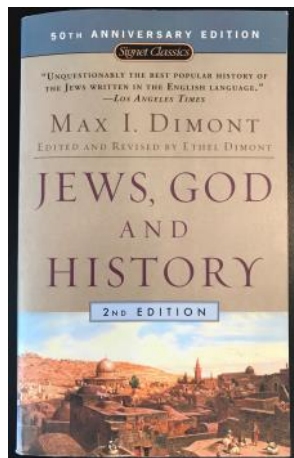
If you are interested in becoming a member, please telephone Virginia Pendergrass at (828) 577-0264, or email [pendergrass.v@gmail.com](mailto:pendergrass.v@gmail.com) no later than July 20, 2019, in order to assure adequate seating.

## NEW ART INSTALLATION IN THE FOYER!

David Berger, a regular usher on choir days when his wife Julie is singing, has donated an oil on canvas painted specifically for UUTC. You will see it handsomely framed and on display in the foyer, where it is anchored by the bookcases.

A self-taught artist, David has won awards at a number of prestigious juried outdoor shows, such as the Winter Park show and the Disney Masters show. He has a gallery in Cashiers ([Mountain Mist Gallery](#)), that represents a number of local artists. You can find his work for sale there and on his personal [website](#).





## NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

**Earle Rabb, ARE Team**

A fascinating book is now available through your UUTC Library, entitled “Jews, God, and History” by Max I. Dimont. It is a lively look at how the Jews have contributed to humankind’s spiritual and intellectual heritage in remarkable ways and across a remarkable span of history.

This book can be found in the Comparative Religion section of your UUTC Library, listed alphabetically by the author’s last name: Dimont.

## HAPPY NEW FISCAL YEAR!

Need a reminder of your 2019-2020 pledge amount? Please contact Susan Slocum at [treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org) or leave a message for me at the UUTC office, 828-877-6121. My cell number is available in ChurchLife.

Automatics that you authorized me to do have begun and you should receive an emailed thank you each month or week.

With gratitude to all,  
Susan Slocum  
[treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org)

## NEW WOMEN’S CREATIVITY CLASS FORMING

On any given day, a woman at UUTC is interested in exploring, developing and experiencing her creativity. Jeanie Bernard will again host a 12-week class, limited to 10 women, meeting each Wednesday from 10am-12pm. An **introductory session** will be held on **August 14 (10:00am—noon)** to discuss the components of the class. It is after this introduction that you can decide if this is for you, and if so, to order the book.

**Class starts Wednesday, August 28** and runs each Wednesday until November 13, 2019. It is based on the book, ***It’s Never Too Late*** by **Julia Cameron**. This supportive group will focus on daily journal writing, reflections, weekly walking and inspiration dates, and memoir gathering.

Please sign up at the front desk. If you have any questions, you can call Jeanie at 828-884-9179 (home) or 985-869-3323 (cell) or email her at [jeaniebernard@gmail.com](mailto:jeaniebernard@gmail.com).



*\*Editor’s note: The last group of women to take this class found it to be a joyful and enriching experience. If you have the inclination, the office highly recommends making the time to take this class.*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR (NEW) PRESIDENT

Greetings as we begin a new fiscal church year! I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have been active in keeping this congregation moving forward this past year. We appreciate you greatly!

As your new President of the Board, I want to update you on the progress our congregation is making in the search for a new minister. We filed paperwork, and received confirmation from UUA to declare our Notice of Ministerial Transition. *We are **officially** a participating church in the search for a settled minister in 2020.*



We have also been assigned our UUA Transition Coach that will guide our search team through the search process. As our by-laws state, The Council is responsible for appointing this search team. The Council has been hard at work in identifying a diverse group to represent our congregation. Thank you to all of you who volunteered and to those of you who provided recommendations. Also, according to by-laws, we will be calling a congregational meeting very soon to present this search team for approval vote.

Per Peter's previous update, the Board of Trustees voted to form a Transitional Minister Task Force (TMTF) to identify and engage a transitional minister. We determined that this transitional minister could not be considered to become the candidate for the settled minister's position – in accord with UUA's Interim Minister processes. The TMTF has already begun the interview process and is making good progress identifying a transitional minister to serve our congregation. We are hopeful that we will have a transitional minister in late August that will serve us for the 11 months leading up to our settled minister being here in August of 2020.

I recently returned from the UUA General Assembly in Spokane, WA. What an incredible experience on many levels! This experience confirmed what I already knew - we have a wonderful, healthy congregation, full of talented people with an array of diverse experiences. I am confident that we will find a transitional minister that can serve our congregation and ultimately a settled minister that will continue our growth and serve the needs of our community.

I hope to see you all at the "Dedication of the Green" this Sunday, July 7! We will be having Potluck Sandwich Sunday after the second service...with dessert provided by Kiwi Gelato!

A huge thank you to the Facilities Team and all who have provided their time, incredibly hard work and finances to make this beautiful space "Open for Business!" How lucky we are to have this wonderful outdoor space, and what a joy it is to be part of UUTC!



## MEET BETTY JONES!

Elizabeth (Betty) Jones worked in data processing before retiring, making her way through CA, IN and FL before choosing the cooler climate and calmer town (usually!) that is Brevard.

Traditional religion did not align with her personal beliefs. She came to UUTC because she has friends who are members and was delighted to formally join in April, after determining that UUTC was a good fit.

Betty is a widow with a daughter, step-daughter and stepson, and two grandchildren. Her special interests are wildflower hikes, needlecraft and reading. She especially enjoys non-fiction about our natural world and mysteries. She has long been a library volunteer, both in FL and now in Transylvania County.

*Special thanks to Carol Cartwright for compiling this article!*



## NOT ALL THE FUN IS UNDER THE SHADES

Your Facilities Team's design plan for the entirety of the Varsity Street properties had more than picnic space. Besides the wildflower meadow (begun, but not the size it will eventually be), play spaces for our kids are part of the picture.



This (admittedly rough) structure is one of the spaces the Team hopes will encourage creative play in an age-appropriate fashion. Parents are encouraged to remind their children to stay out of the un-mown areas — poison ivy is rampant. As is jewelweed, but instant application of the jewelweed may not be sufficient to prevent misery.

Also set up and ready to go are pallet planting beds— Danny will be leading our kiddos in planting into these on Sunday during religious exploration classes. This will be a tool-free space, allowing kids to be kids as they use their own hands in the soil to encourage new, leafy things to succeed. Happy digging!

## HOGWARTS RETURNS JULY 22ND

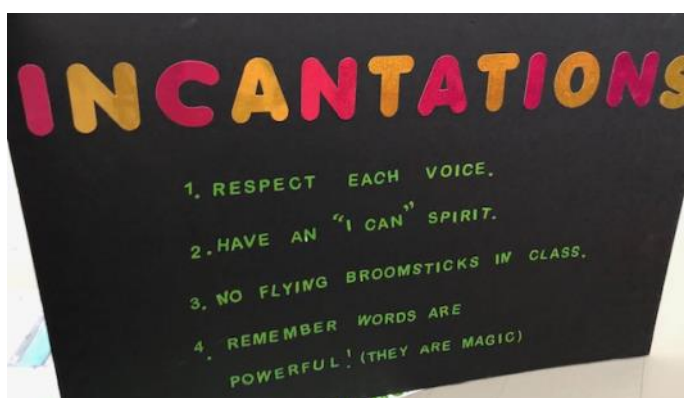


UUTC's Hogwarts Chalice Camp returns July 22nd! Open to children rising first through rising sixth grades. Grandparents, if you have children coming to stay the week of July 22nd... make them wizards!

Member/Friend fees for Chalice Camp are \$65 for Monday-Thursday. Non-UUTC registrants can enroll for \$85. Each additional child per family, be they UUTC or community, is \$40. Want to sponsor a child? Contact the office!

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

**Because KIDS RULE. :) [REGISTER HERE!](#)**



## 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!

## UUTC FALL RETREAT @ THE MOUNTAIN: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### Why go to The Mountain?

There are a few good reasons to participate in a retreat. One reason is to have more than 20 minutes of coffee time to get acquainted with people you see regularly, but don't really know. Another is being able to spend thoughtful time with other UUs, with all the conversational opportunities that can offer. Still another is having the quiet space for reflection that we so often fail to give ourselves. And that will be the theme of this year's retreat: **"Finding Time."**



Minister Emeritus Ernie Mills will lead the retreat. A guide will be available on Saturday afternoon for the Glenville Falls hike for those who would like to take advantage of the gorgeousness that is The Mountain. A (very popular) tour of the Many Hands Peace Farm is also a possibility for you on Saturday, as is a time of "spiritual practices" with RK. The festivities will begin Friday evening with a social hour, dinner and then singing with Ernie — Saturday is full of programming options, wrapped up with a talk by Mark Twain followed by a campfire that evening. After breakfast on Sunday, we will have worship at 9:30 and then head back to the "real world."

We are scheduled for the weekend of **October 4-6, 2019**. We will be sharing the Retreat Center with a congregation from Columbia, so we encourage you to register early to get the lodging you desire. **UUTC cannot make these reservations on your behalf**, so make sure you go online to <https://themountainrlc.org/retreats/> and reserve space now!

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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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