

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 lhjh@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
Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30
Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00



SAY YES TO LIFE

Alice Wellborn

Our pilgrimage through life includes both joy & pain and cannot be successful without the love and support of others and the skill set and circumstances which allow a person to say "yes".

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

“Our journey is about being more deeply involved in life, and yet less attached to it.”

— Ram Dass

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. *The vast majority of requests, which are checked against Sharing House records, go to utility or rent costs to help keep families in their homes.*

One huge asset to families in Transylvania County Schools is social worker Beth Branigan. When other venues fail, she pairs up donations from multiple churches to help kids stay sheltered.

Your gifts this month fund needs for the entire year. *Please give generously, and thank you.*



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

The Latchkey Child

Speaker: Michael Solomon

Michael Solomon will be sharing the story of a latchkey child, a boy who was home alone more than the typical latchkey kid because he was sickly. Loneliness, fear, and hope were constants in this boy's childhood. A strong spiritual connection and revered leaders of two faith-based organizations helped this boy build his self-esteem and optimism for the future. As Unitarian Universalists, investing in our children's exploration of religion and spirituality is an important aspect of the ministry. Reflecting on this true story of a latchkey child and the role of spiritual support and growth in overcoming his challenges reinforces the importance of all of us nurturing the curiosity of our youth with what's beyond the physical world.

Michael Solomon lives in Connestee Falls, which he made his principal residence in 2016 after vacationing here every summer for 20 years while living with his family in Boca Raton, Florida. He has been a member of UUTC since the spring of 2017. He has two daughters who have attended services here during visits – Dara and Jessica, and a grandson, Carter. His eighty-something mother and sister both live in South Florida. Michael has been a health care executive, educator, and researcher for more than 39 years. He holds an MBA in health administration and earned his PhD in health services research. Today, you're going to hear the story of a boy whose spiritual connection and gifts of abundance helped him to overcome major challenges.

HELP US LOOK OUT FOR YOU

UUTC keeps an Emergency Contacts binder, and while we have made some efforts to track down all this information, we need your help to get it all in place. Please check the front desk for the list of those whose forms are still needed— and then take the form provided for you and fill it out!

TRANSITIONAL MINISTER: REV SALLY SHORE

Rev. Sally Beth Stone Shore, grew up in Southern Pines, NC, the child of educators who now live in Hendersonville. After college she joined the Peace Corps, working as a forestry volunteer in Mali. She met her husband Michael there and they have been married for 28 years. They've been in Asheville almost 20 years, where they mostly raised their 3 children. Oldest daughter Carson currently serves in Peace Corps-Peru. Their son, Noah, is beginning Americorps service in California, and another daughter, Amelia, is a sophomore at Appalachian State.



In 2013 Shore was ordained to the ministry by her home congregation in Asheville. In addition to a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School (2012) she holds a masters in Environmental Science from the University of NC. She is in final fellowship with the UUA and has served five UU congregations, most recently Spartanburg, SC, where she was consulting minister from 2015-2017. She left that position to attend to family members, and has since become an Appreciative Inquiry practitioner and completed the UUA's interim training course.

Prior to ministerial formation, she worked as the director of a recycling non-profit, college instructor, and small business owner. She sees her Unitarian Universalist ministry as a natural extension and expansion of her environmental career—practicing love for the earth and its inhabitants. Other loves are gardening, bicycling, and music.

While very sorry about the reality that led to UUTC's need for a transitional minister this year, she is grateful to be in a position to accept this role and excited to get to work with UUTC in the coming year.

Rev. Shore will be at UUTC on August 25 to meet people during coffee hour between services. Her first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 1st.

*“My barn having burned down,
I can now see the moon.”*

— Mizuta Masahide (17th century Japanese poet & samurai)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



In accordance with our by-laws, I am officially notifying you that we will call a **Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 11** following the second service - beginning at approximately 12:15. This meeting will not take long as there is only one piece of business to attend to - that is the election of the slate of members The Council has confirmed to comprise our Settled Minister Search Team. The members The Council has submitted is as follows, in alphabetical order:

Ian Cowie

Debra Davis

Vicki Held

Rabbit Krueger

Dave Roberts

Elizabeth Williams

The job this team takes on is not an easy one. They have committed to a schedule that can be quite daunting, but surely very rewarding as well. I am very grateful for their commitment. We will need a quorum at this meeting—57 people ought to do it! I hope that you can be present on August 11 at 12:15pm so they may begin their work!

The Transitional Ministers Task Force has been working on selecting a Minister to lead us through this next year. Thank you for your patience. I hope I can announce more details in the very near future.

HEART TO HEART — NEW COVENANT GROUP FORMING, SEPTEMBER 10

Sometimes a good heart to heart talk is hard to find. Likewise it may be rare to find someone who will simply listen to us. If you find this to be true, consider joining the **Heart to Heart** group which will meet on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The group, facilitated by Don and Linda Lander, will use the books *Heart to Heart* and *Listening Hearts* by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins and conclude in early May.

Designed to create supportive community, the group will adopt a covenant, an agreement as to how we will conduct ourselves in the group. Most importantly the covenant includes: Extending and presuming welcome. Listening actively without judgment. No interrupting, fixing or advice giving. Everyone will have the chance to share as deeply as they wish and it is not “share or die.” Confidentiality will be maintained. Members are asked to share their own truth and experience.

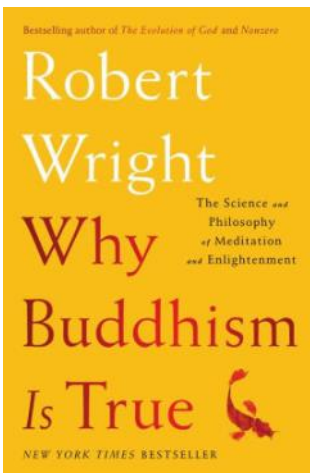
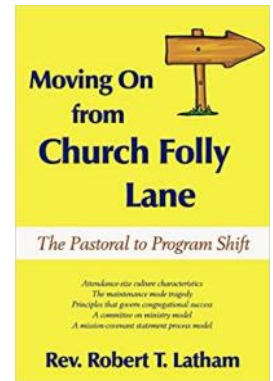
If you are interested please sign up on the sheet at the front desk. Group size will be limited. If you have questions, call 828-884-4844 to talk with Don or Linda. You can email donnald.lander@gmail.com (Don) or holnurse@comporium.net (Linda).

NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

Earle Rabb, ARE Team

Robert T. Latham, a Unitarian Universalist minister, has written an intriguing book for both laity and clergy entitled, "Moving on from Church Folly Lane." He describes the principles that lead to successful growth in Unitarian universalists congregations.

His book is now available in your UUTC Library, located in the "Unitarian Universalism" section of the library, listed alphabetically by the name of the author.



Also new: Best selling author Robert Wright has written an outstanding book entitled "Why Buddhism Is True." Using Buddhism as his entry point, he explores the science and philosophy of meditation and enlightenment. He explains why the path toward truth and the path toward happiness are the same path He believes, in the light of modern science, both the Buddhist diagnosis and the Buddhist prescription for life make a whole new kind of sense.

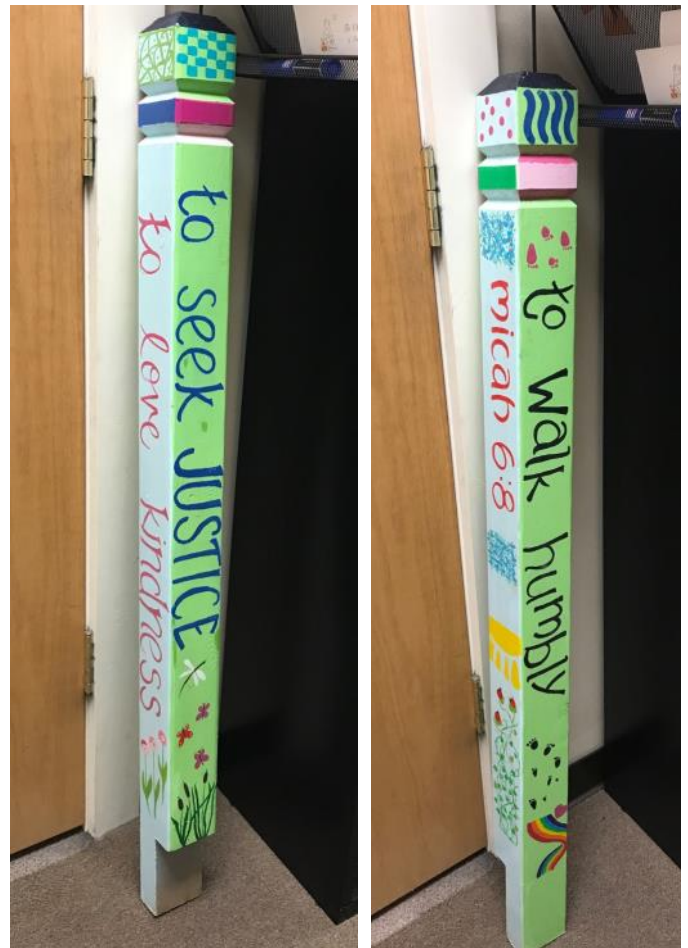
His book is available in the "Comparative Religion" section of your UUTC Library, listed alphabetically by the last name of the author.

Take new steps on your spiritual journey through the UUTC Library!

A GIFT FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Last Friday, a resident of UUTC's nearby community brought us a gift. She has watched our journey from older, beat-up housing to structurally secure buildings, to the installation of the shed, then the painting of the picnic tables, planting of the meadow, and finally the installation of the shade sails. When the tables were painted, she thought "I must have painted this just for this space—I just didn't know it!" She and her family have loved our playful take on a fellowship area.

Because "public messaging" requires Board approval, we sent pictures and a request to the Board immediately to get it onto their agenda for Tuesday's meeting. The Board has approved this unofficial Peace Pole for installation on our new Fellowship Green, as Facilities sees fit.



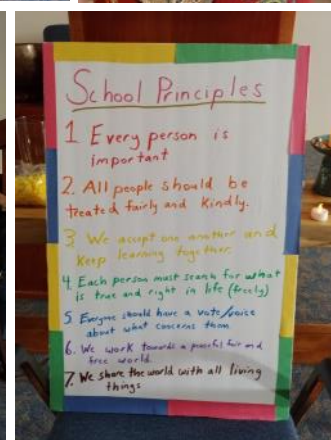
SUUSI — SUMMER CAMP FOR UUS

Alex Burroughs, Howie Friedman, Elizabeth Thompson, Susan Freeman, Lynn Halsey, Susan Sklar, Sue Null and Brigid Fox (and “her Andrew”) were all at Western Carolina University for SUUSI (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute). SUUSI is full of fun stuff every year, always the third week of July. Start planning for next year!



CHALICE CAMP

A tremendous thank you to the many hands, hearts and imaginations that went into making this camp the magical, marvelous experience that it was. We had wonderful cooperation between Muggles and Wizards. Your time, talents and magical expertise was tremendously appreciated by all our young magicians! We could not have done it without each and every one of you! Special thanks (in no particular order) go to Kevin Lausch, Anastasia Dill, Sue Null, Amy Lander, Terry, Josh & Mallory Carter, Heather Layton, Heather Williams, Jim Hardy, Lynn Halsey, Mae Peterson, Susan Bir and RK. — Headmaster Danny



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

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.