

# 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 [lhh@uutc.org](mailto: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 — Sat @ 5:30

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30

Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00



## THE LATCHKEY CHILD

### 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.

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

*“As our awareness of the world and who we are increases, we will grow to replace our needs with service, fear with love and scarcity with abundance.”*

— Joseph Rain,  
*The Unfinished Book About Who We Are*

## Social Justice Giving:

### El Centro



El Centro helps immigrant families with language tutoring, after-school assistance, and documentation guidance. They run the "Homework Club", an after-school tutoring program for children in grades 1-5. They need help funding summer enrichment activities such as camp and field trips, and funding the training of additional volunteer tutors. Their most immediate need is for donations to help register and buy uniforms for low income elementary school age Brevard Hispanic kids who want to play soccer this fall. Anyone interested in helping with the soccer program can call Bobby King at 678-592-4068.



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

### Is There Any Hope for Peace?

*Speaker: Dick Tucker*

Last month Dick participated in the sixth Global Baptist Peace Conference, which took place in Cali, Colombia. Over 350 people from 30 countries participated. While much remains to be done, Colombia has made major strides toward reconciliation. At one session a Senator representing the rebel faction FARC, and a woman whose husband was killed by the FARC, sat next to each other and shared their stories. Pockets of peace-making efforts are happening on every continent. Dick will share reflections from his experience in Cali.

The Rev. Dick Tucker, is a retired American Baptist pastor, now a member of the Alliance of Baptists. He has served as pastor of four American Baptist Churches, as a nursing home chaplain, and as a hospice chaplain. He is a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Brevard where he serves as a Pastoral Associate and is active in one of the church's Centering Prayer groups. He finds fulfillment in assisting with pastoral care at St. Philips, coordinating the St. Philip's Prison Ministry Team and volunteering at The Haven overnight once a month. Dick has been an active Friend of UUTC since he and his wife, Carol Moore, moved to Brevard 8 years ago.

## 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!

## TREASURER'S NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR JUNE 2019

**Income:** \$21,212.20 - \$1865 future year pledges  
**Expenses:** \$25,490.41  
**Net:** (\$6143.21)

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$13,438.89  
 Restricted Reserve Fund: \$10,824.97  
**Total Available Cash on Hand:** \$24,263.86

**Endowment Fund balance:** \$169,592.03  
**Charitable Giving** to Sharing House: \$2897.03

**Total 2019-2020 Pledges to date:** \$247,792.00

A good finish to 2018-2019 and a very good start to 2019-2020.

Susan Slocum [treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org)



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH @ 12:15PM

This meeting will be brief 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**

**A quorum of not less than 30% of current UUTC membership must be present for a vote to take place. (If no one else joins between now and then, that means 57 people.)**

**A simple majority of Members present at the Congregational Meeting is required to add an additional member to the slate presented by the Council. If a majority is reached at that time, *a Member who is present may be nominated from the floor for a vote.***

An absentee ballot is available [on the website](#) if you cannot be present for the meeting. Print this document, record your vote, and then turn in your ballot at the front desk. All absentee ballots must be in the Secretary of the Board's box in the office **before the meeting begins**. Absentee ballots DO NOT COUNT towards a quorum.

Thank you for your participation in the democratic process!

Joyce Henneberry [president@uutc.org](mailto:president@uutc.org)



**NEW TO PLEDGING TO UUTC?****NOT PLEDGING BUT WANT TO MAKE AN IDENTIFIABLE CONTRIBUTION?**

If you authorized me to set up credit card or bank drafts, the first payments are underway. If you set up your own regular bank drafts, you need to update them if anything has changed.

If you wish to contribute with a personal check, you may:

Place your checks in the offering basket

Mail to UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712

Deliver in person during office hours in an envelope marked Treasurer.

Please write "Pledge" on the memo line.

Cash must be placed in an envelope marked with your name—please place in the Donations box at the front counter or in the offering baskets.

If you are not pledging but want a record of your contribution(s) to the operating fund, you have the same options as above for a check or cash but you may leave the memo line blank on the check. To contribute to another fund (such as "Memorial Gifts"), make that note on the memo line.

We do not send individual bills or receipts. You will receive quarterly statements by email or mail.

As always, we are grateful for all gifts — UUTC's commitment to its Mission is dependent on your timely and regular generosity. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please be in touch!

Susan Slocum, Treasurer [treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org) 828.877.6121 (UUTC Office)

**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](mailto:donnald.lander@gmail.com) (Don) or [holnurse@comporium.net](mailto:holnurse@comporium.net) (Linda).

## 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.*



## COMING UP (AND NOT!)

August is hot, usually, and with this being the finale weekend of Brevard Music Center, we will have **NO Sandwich Sunday/Potluck this Sunday. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for September 15th**, when we will have our **Annual Picnic HERE, on the FELLOWSHIP GREEN!**

**TEAM MEETING NIGHT** — August 7th, next Wednesday, is

Team Meeting Night. All will have noticed the new bulletin boards in the social hall— they are designed to help everyone know who is doing “the work ” at UUTC. By sharing this information in a very visual manner, we hope that those looking for small groups to become friends with can find a spot where they are needed and would like to serve.

With the exception of LHHH & Social Action, it would be great if all teams could be present so that those wishing to learn more about the function of each Team can meet at least a couple of each Team's members. This month, Social Action is having a field trip and will be off campus. The work of Loving Hearts & Helping Hands is confidential in nature and doesn't require interaction with other Teams. If you are interested in being part of either of these groups, please contact the Team directly at [lhhh@uutc.org](mailto:lhhh@uutc.org) or [socialjustice@uutc.org](mailto:socialjustice@uutc.org).

## AUDIBLE ISSUES

Many of you have no doubt been aware that our sound system has been up to shenanigans. Sometimes we get squeals, sometimes we get microphones that don't seem to want to amplify, and sometimes, like this past Sunday, the computer just gives us a black screen with computer code on it.



So exciting!

With something as mission-critical as our sound system, “exciting” is not exactly what we hope for. “Reliable.” “Easy to operate.” These would be what we hope for. And lately, it has been anything but that.

The computers that are essential to the operation of this particular system are now over five years old. They have suffered through a lot of power outages. There is little doubt this has had an impact on all of the equipment, but especially on the computers themselves. Next week, to give the equipment more protection from power spikes, we will be installing a whole-panel surge protector. So the next time a car goes crashing into that power pole on Broad Street, or Duke shuts things down to install a new transformer, it will only cast us into darkness—not fry our electronics. That installation, however, will not undo the damage that has already been done.

It is time, now, to rebuild certain portions of our sound system. After considerable consideration of 3 bids, and considering what it takes to train someone for “the booth,” and analysis of our current setup, it is likely that we will be replacing these computers and the component of the system that ties sound capture and amplification to those computers. That way, if a computer goes south, we can yank it out and put in a different one without needing to replace special software. We won't lose a sermon recording. We won't even lose sound amplification, because that will no longer be dependent on a computer. We would only lose the projected slides.

Since we will be making changes, we will also install what is called a “confidence monitor” — basically a big tv screen on the wall the speakers face when in the pulpit. This will help service coordinators know for sure that the slides have been advanced as they are supposed to be, and will allow people seated in the wings of the sanctuary to see lyrics for hymns more easily, as well. We will replace the bulb in our projector, which is nearing the end of its life. And we will install ceiling mounted microphones for the choir so we can eliminate cables on the floor that could be dangerous if we accidentally lit the place on fire one morning and people were in a rush to get out of the building.

No matter which bid is selected, we do not get out of this without a cost over \$17,000. Obviously, that cost is not in the operating budget, and contributions to help avoid taking out a short-term loan would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your support of this mission-critical need.

## FINDING TIME, TIME AFTER TIME...

*Rev. Ernie Mills*

Are we heading toward a global catastrophe of our own making? What lies ahead in the future for our nation, our planet and our species? Can we shape the future? Can we, in the words of the hymn, “build a promised land that can be” or is the future simply a matter of fate such as we find in the book of Revelation which describes a pre-determined end to life as we know it?

Our answer to these questions has to do with how we view time and the meaning we assign to the passage of time.

The theme of our Fall Retreat is “Finding Time.” We will explore the evolution of human attitudes toward time beginning with mythical consciousness, which views time as cyclical. We will examine the different religions and the emphasis each one places on the past, present or future. Finally, we will briefly explore the modern, scientific view of time as described in Steven Hawking’s book “A Brief History of Time”.

Our main focus will be to explore how we Unitarian Universalists view time and the meaning we assign to past, present and future. We all share in the conviction that we can determine the future based on what we know of the past and by what we do in the present. — *Ernie*

.... Intrigued? What to hear more? Then you’d better get registered for the Fall Retreat at The Mountain! We are scheduled for the weekend of **October 4-6, 2019**. **UUTC cannot make these reservations on your behalf, so make sure you go online to <https://themountainrlc.org/retreats/> and reserve space now!**



*A relaxing room at The Lodge.*

## BE ABOUT THE WORK

*(adapted from Andrea Hawkins-Kamper)*

May we see our world as it is—the injustice and oppression, the fear and despair, the violence and the hatred, the pain and suffering.

And seeing our world as it is, may we see it as it could and should be.

And seeing our world as it could and should be, may we be the ones to make it so.

For if not us, who? And if not now, when?

This is answering the cry of justice with the work of love.

This is redeeming the pain of history with the grace of wisdom.

This is the work we are called to do and the call we answer now.

To be a people of conscience and a people of action.

To be the barrier and the bridge.

To embody and live out our faith by giving life the shape of justice.

To be about the work of building Beloved Community.

*(From the Forward Together July Newsletter)*

## SHARING HOUSE AND EL CENTRO\* SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

UUTC is partnering with the Sharing House and El Centro to help provide school supplies for children in our community. If you would like to donate supplies, please place new articles in the box at UUTC marked “Sharing House and El Centro School Supplies” by August 18<sup>th</sup> so that children can have the supplies prior to their first day of school. For any questions, please contact Bobby King.

The following supplies are needed at various grade levels:

backpacks  
 colored pencils in boxes  
 crayons (16 or 24 count)  
 Elmer’s glue sticks  
 erasers (pink)  
 folders (two-pocket with no design)  
 marble composition books  
 markers  
 notebook paper (wide-ruled)  
 pencil boxes  
 pencil cases with zippers  
 school glue (white, in bottles)  
 scissors (for little hands)  
 spiral notebooks  
 three-ring binders  
 tissues (boxes)  
 towels for rest time (K)  
 wooden pencils (good quality, American made)

*\*El Centro Comunitario Hispano Americano (El Centro, for short) seeks to enhance the well-being and integration of the Hispanic community through promoting education, enhancing multicultural understanding, fighting for social justice, developing Latino leadership, and encouraging civic participation. Some of their activities include an after-school tutoring program, conversational English practice for adults, and information sessions on topics of interest to the Hispanic community.*

## Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.

***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](mailto:admin@uutc.org).