

# 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 [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

Congregational Mtg — Sun @ 12:15

Celebration of Life — Mon @ 2:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Creativity Intro — Wed @ 10:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30

Dignity Sorting — Wed @ 2:00

Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00



## IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR PEACE?

**Rev. 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.

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

*“When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed.”*

— Fred Rogers

## 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

### Moral Politics in an Immoral World: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War

**Speaker: Dan Carter**

A strict code of morality seems incompatible with a democratic society since governance inevitably requires compromise. The conflict between morality and political expediency is never more starkly seen than during times of war when political leaders—given enormous power—can easily conclude that the ends justify any means in order to achieve victory over a hated and malignant enemy. More than any other President, Abraham Lincoln resisted this path as he searched for a moral foundation for his actions, a foundation that he variously described as “the Divine,” “Providence,” “the Creator,” God, or “God of the Universe.” His effort to balance what one theologian has called a “prophetic sense of ethical mission with a tragic sense of the uncertainties of political choices” is as relevant today as it was 160 years ago.



A native of South Carolina, Dan Carter attended the University of South Carolina and received graduate degrees in history from the University of Wisconsin and the University of North Carolina. From 1967 until his retirement in 2009, he taught at the University of Maryland, Emory University and the University of South Carolina with visiting appointments at the University of Wisconsin, London’s Westminster University, the University of Genoa in Italy, England’s Cambridge University and the University of Richmond. The author and editor of seven books on American history, he has worked with more than a dozen documentary film-makers beginning in the early 1980s. He and his wife, Jane, became summer residents of Brevard, North Carolina in 1991 and full-time residents in 2007. They have attended UUTC for more than fifteen years.

*Nothing discloses real character like the use of power.  
It is easy for the weak to be gentle. . . But if you  
wish to know what a man really is, give him power.  
This is the supreme test. —Robert Ingersoll*



## 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!

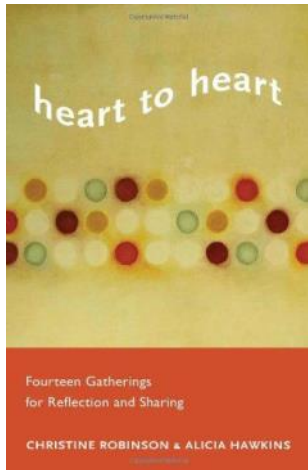
Joyce Henneberry [president@uutc.org](mailto:president@uutc.org)



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AS WALL DÉCOR

Please continue to check this display in the social hall to add or subtract names— we are getting closer to an accurate picture! You can now find group emails on these lists, and groups that are actual Teams (like “Ushers” and “Greeters”) are also represented. Next week the newsletter will cover the structure in detail.





## 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.

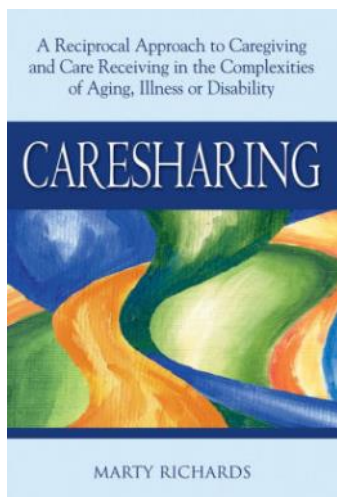
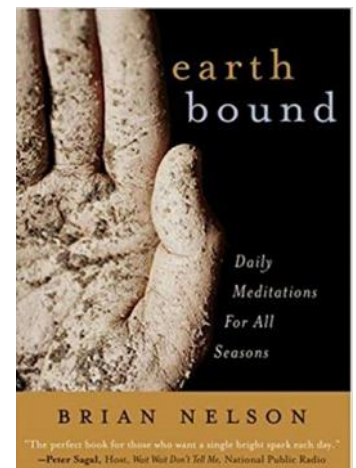
Designed to create supportive community, the group will adopt a covenant, an agreement as to how we will conduct ourselves in the group. Most importantly the covenant includes: Extending and presuming welcome. Listening actively without judgment. No interrupting, fixing or advice giving. Everyone will 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 [donald.lander@gmail.com](mailto:donald.lander@gmail.com) (Don) or [holnurse@comporium.net](mailto:holnurse@comporium.net) (Linda).

## NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

*Earle Rabb, ARE Team*

Brian Nelson writes for television and film and teaches at the University of Southern California. He has written a book of daily meditations for all seasons, entitled “Earthbound.” His book has been described as *“the perfect book for those who want a single bright spark each day.”* This graceful and inspiring book of wisdom provides a meditation for each day of the year. His book is now available in your UUTC Library, in the section Inspiration/Meditation,” listed by the author’s last name.



Author Marty Richards has introduced a new approach to the issue of caregiving. When you care for someone who is dealing with the complexities of aging, illness, or disability, you share intense emotions. She describes a reciprocal approach to Caregiving and Care Receiving called “Caresharing,” which is the title of her book. She proposes the rebalancing of roles in caregiving, so all involved are supported.

This book will be of particular interest to anyone in the role of caregiving. The book can be found in the “Dealing with Death” section of your UUTC Library, listed under the name of the author.

## MORE ON “FINDING TIME”

*Rev. Ernie Mills*

“And the seasons go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down. We’re captive on the carousel of time. We can’t return we can only look behind from where we came and go round and round and round in the circle game”.

Most of us – especially those who are products of the 60’s- will recall this popular song “The Circle Game” by Joni Mitchell. The phrase “we’re captive on the carousel

of time” revives a popular view of history; the cyclical view. That is, history goes round and round and endlessly repeats itself regardless of what we human do. We are, in so many ways, prisoners of time.

If this view of time is true then what’s the point of trying to change anything? Why should we put forth so much effort to transform the world, to ensure justice for all, equality, freedom and peace? It’s all wasted effort because we are moving in circles.

Obviously, we Unitarian Universalist would not agree with Joni on this number.

We could not adhere to the idea that we are “captive on the carousel of time” but rather that we are free to shape and mold the future in accordance with our Principles and values, that our efforts are not wasted and that we are not boxing the air. Unitarian Universalist have never been nor will ever be fatalist. We are shakers and movers.

— *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!



UUTCers at a previous fall retreat at The Mountain.



## ANNUAL PICNIC, SEPTEMBER 15TH

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for September 15th**, when we will have our **Annual Picnic HERE, on the FELLOWSHIP GREEN!**

Besides food and conversation, there will be games to be played for those who like such things. Corn hole, rumored badminton... plan to come and have fun!

## 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).