

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.

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
 Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30
 Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
 Worship Team — Tues @ 1:30
 Board Meeting — Tues @ 5:00
 SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
 Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30

Labor Day — Office Closed



OUR BETTER ANGELS FIND THEIR VOICE

Rev. Carter Heyward

This message will be in some sense "part two" of the talk on Lincoln and the Civil War that Dan Carter will present at UUTC the week before. Carter will be wrestling with who and what our "better angels" are (from Lincoln's First Inaugural) and how on earth we can imagine practicing "malice toward none and charity for all" (from Lincoln's Second Inaugural). With a little help from Lincoln, Dan Carter, the late great womanist poet and essayist Audre Lorde, the late esteemed novelist Toni Morrison, and Jesus of Nazareth, Carter will be talking about how we might free our better angels to help liberate us both as persons and as a society.

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

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. They mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as they surely will be, by the better angels of our nature."

— Abraham Lincoln

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 What's In a Name?

Speaker: Rev. Sally Beth Shore

We begin September with a service of considering names, including that of our new Transitional Minister Sally Beth Stone Shore. Who is she, and why does she have such a long name? What should we call her? Why do we call ourselves Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County? And how does this naming business shape how we view the world and act in it? Today we explore how we might use names to make a better difference.

The Rev. Sally Beth Shore was ordained in 2013. She has served 5 Unitarian Universalist congregations and the UU College of Social Justice in leadership positions, most recently as minister in Spartanburg, SC (2015-2017.) In addition to being a minister, facilitates Appreciative Inquiry, working with organizations to create positive futures. She and husband Michael live in Asheville and have 3 adult children. When she isn't working, you just might find her riding her bike.

THIS SUNDAY — MEET REV. SHORE

Nominations Committee member and former member of the Board Cantey Carpenter will introduce Rev. Sally Beth Shore to those present at each service this Sunday.



Rev. Shore will also be present during our coffee hour to meet you — be sure and wear your name tags this Sunday! Dig them out of the car or wherever you may have left them (if you are like certain members we could name :)) and make it a bit easier for her to begin to know you. An insert in this week's order of service will give you more background on Rev. Shore so you can learn what you might have in common.

HOW WE TALK ABOUT TIME

Rev. Ernie Mills



Oooo, here's a place to "lose" some time... The Mountain's Library!

Think of the many and varied ways we talk about time or use the word in phrases. For example we say things like "wasting time," "buying time," or "time is running out."

Each of these examples express ideas and notions we have about time and form part of what it means to find it. They all have one THING in common but I leave it up to you to figure out what that is.

The examples I shared are just a few. As time goes by think of other examples of the ways we talk about

time and be prepared to share them at the retreat...time is drawing nigh. — *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!

The Mountain has just debuted a new website, so even if you don't intend to register, it is definitely worth a fresh look!

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!



THE TRUTH ABOUT COFFEE

On any given Sunday morning, UUTC has a volunteer pool of one pianist, 4 ushers, 2 greeters, assorted other musicians or singers—and 2 or 3 people who prepare and clean up after the coffee hour. Coffee, frankly, is the most labor of any of the Sunday morning tasks. And it requires a level of hospitality that some other roles here at UUTC do not.

That being said, it is possible that only the speaker outranks coffee time as a sacred part of Sunday mornings!



Filling these volunteer slots is the work of Tanne Traywick, and it is becoming more difficult to accomplish this task. So we have some requests. If you are on the coffee@uutc.org email list (your name would appear on the bulletin board in the social hall) and no longer want to serve in this way, PLEASE ask to have your name removed. Just call the office and it will be so. It is really frustrating for schedulers when no one replies to emails. If you would like to become an *Ambassador of the Bean & Leaf* (a job this important needs a good name!) but need training, let us pair you up with someone! Couples are great, since you already have patterns of working together, but we have plenty of singles doing this work, too.

If you are already an *Ambassador*, and have ideas about how to simplify or improve the hospitality, speak up! The Welcoming Team and the office would both be delighted to hear from you. Thanks!

SUPPORT OUR SPANISH-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS!

The UUTC Social Action Team is actively supporting our Hispanic community through coordinating donations to El Centro and promoting soccer for Hispanic youth. There are three immediate ways in which you can help:

(1) Youth Soccer: We soon need folks to serve as transport volunteers and liaisons between TYSA (Transylvania Youth Soccer Association) coaches and parents. Volunteer duties run for approximately two months in the fall and include making sure that children get to practice and games at the correct times and informing parents of TYSA rules and regulations. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but is not required as translators are available. For many Hispanic children, soccer is their only non-school activity.

(2) Donations for Youth Soccer: Financial contributions for the purchase of soccer equipment are also welcomed for children in need.

(3) Spanish Interpretation: There is occasional need for Spanish speakers to support the Hispanic community throughout the year in a variety of other ways. If you speak Spanish, your skills are very much needed, so please consider this volunteering opportunity as well.

Please contact Bobby King at 678-592-4068 or bobbyaking48@yahoo.com if you can help in any way. Thank you.

WHERE *IS* THAT TEAM?



Attendees of the August Social Action "Field Trip:" Joanna Bliss, Kathy Reiff, Susan Sklar, Yvette Brooks of SAFE, Sharon Moya, Lisa McHenry, Barbara Denton and Sarah Rogine.

If you meet the first Wednesday of each month for Team Meeting Night, you may have noticed that the Social Action Team seems to be missing these days. There is a very good reason for that—they're not there! Instead, they are out on field trips trying to better understand and form personal relationships with the organizations partnered with at UUTC.

For the August Team meeting, Social Action Team members took a field trip to SAFE, an organization that UUTC supports through charitable giving, the Dignity Project, and individual volunteering and whose mission is to

prevent domestic and sexual abuse, support those affected, and increase awareness in the community. It is an impressively organized non-profit that has an organization-owned large, modern business office and nine-bedroom shelter on several acres of gated property. The shelter is called Stacey's House, and it is open 24/7 to accommodate women (and occasionally men) and their children/pets who are victims of abuse and need emergency housing. SAFE has also partnered with local hotels when more are in need of shelter than can be housed on their own property.

In addition to the shelter, SAFE also offers intensive support for their clientele (either directly or through partnerships with other organizations in the community) and a Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) for abusers.

While they definitely missed the pizza that Wednesday, this field trip to SAFE was invaluable in helping the Team deepen its understanding of issues surrounding domestic and sexual abuse and how persons in need are being served through this organization.



In September, Social Action will hold a meeting at Team Meeting Night. Next month it's on to the Haven! See you in October, maybe? We are still looking for motivated members—join us for Team Night!

Hello, All!

Below you will find a farewell letter from Danny Szemple. I want to thank Danny for his service to UUTC. I know you all will join me in wishing him the best! Congratulations, Danny, and good luck in this new chapter of your life!

We have taken a two week break in our CRE cycle but will be starting back up on September 1 with full steam ahead! Please check next week's newsletter for more information!



A WIZARD SAYS GOODBYE

To the children, parents and CRE volunteers of UUTC:

As you may have heard, I am leaving UUTC to follow a calling to support veterans experiencing homelessness and to continue my work as a new author. While my departure is more abrupt than I had planned, I wanted to leave behind a few final words of gratitude.

For the children, I want to thank you for coming each week with open minds and voices and for bringing fresh energy, imagination and joy that this community and the world needs. As professor Dumbledore once said, “age is foolish and forgetful when it underestimates youth.” You are the future and I know that all of you will continue to grow in compassion, creativity, courage and curiosity. From learning magic at Chalice Camp to growing peppers in the garden to turning plastic bottles into piggy banks—it was a tremendous joy to teach *and learn from* each of you.

I also want to thank the parents for your kindness, faith, wisdom and support for me and for this program. (And of course, for your occasional last-minute presence in the classroom!) You are the backbone of CRE and your contributions and voices are ultimately what shapes this program. I've deeply appreciated being able to ask questions, glean advice and learn from each of you over the past year.

Finally, I want to thank the volunteers. You all are rock stars. Without the precious gifts of your time and energy this program literally could not happen. I know that the children, the parents and I appreciate all the creativity and enthusiasm that you bring week after week after week after week. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to learn and teach and grow with all of you and for the many friendships I've made while serving this community.

Best,

Headmaster Danny

(Order of Merlin, First Class, International Confederation of Wizards, BA and Master of Divinity)

STATE OF THE CAMPUS

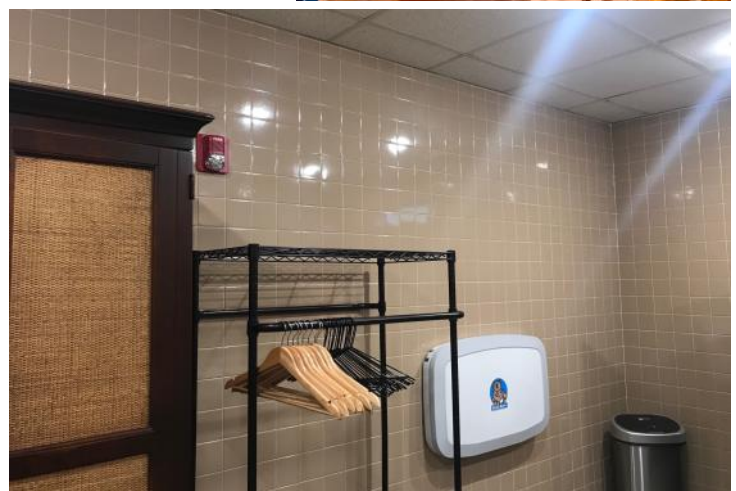
The Facilities Team and office volunteers, as they have nearly every summer for four years, now, have been tweaking the space in response to our consistently developing needs.

This week, Jeanie Bernard finished the installation of colorful panels for the small classroom to hold children's or adult work—replacing the string of yarn we had used for two years. Chris Rogine, Quim Moya and Mary Bennett tackled the nursery, where a cabinet was removed, holes patched, fresh paint was applied — and wall illustrations will go in when the new paint has fully cured. The nursery will be brighter, and has room for one of the child-sized blue tables for kiddos to use in making art or staging play.

The new LED lighting in our older bathrooms has resulted, as one Facilities Team member described it, in a “less creepy” appearance. In other words, you can actually see. The bulbs used in our old fluorescent fixtures are no longer manufactured (you can still find them for purchase, but the price keeps creeping up), so the installation of LEDs solves more than one problem for us. Only the kitchen, hallway, and front office remain to be upgraded. We have one more replacement bulb available for the older lighting...cross your fingers!

Our sound system dudes have replaced the podium mic at the front of the sanctuary (woot!), installed the confidence monitor (not yet functional...waiting for electrical work) and replaced the bulb in our projector. The old bulb, rated for 2500 hours, had officially clocked 2592 hours. We got our money's worth out of it!

The next two weeks will see extensive work in the AV room/ RK's office as we prep the room for sound system changes. Those will come to completion in the week of September 9th, after which we will have a rapid training of AV personnel on the new system. This place is rocking and rolling!



BOARD AGENDA FOR AUGUST 27, 2019, 5:00PM

Members: 189 Friends: 67

Welcome

Check-In

Opening Words

Receipt of 3 Email Votes into the record

Standing Updates

Treasurer's Report	Susan Slocum
Administrative Report	Michael Solomon
Finance Committee Report	Susan Slocum (liason)
Property Committee Report	in packet
Council Report	

Old Business

- CRE Team update
- Disruptive Behavior Policy

New Business

- Banking for Minister & Search
- Review of By Laws

Adjourn

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

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