

# UUTC UPDATE

**Inclusive. Intentional. *Involved.***

## Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9:30 to 12:30 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

**One Voice Concert — Sep 29, 3:00pm**

Heartful Meditation — Sat @ 5:30

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

AdCom — Tues @ 10:00

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Never Too Late — Wed @ 10:00

**Eclectics — Wed @ 10:00**

Choir — Wed @ 4:00

**Team Mtg Night — Wed @ 5:00**

Property Com — Thurs @ 5:30

**Mtn Retreat! — Fri @ 5:30**

Photo Shoot Days — 10/11 & 10/12



## THE SWEET RELEASE OF FORGIVENESS

**Rev. Sally Beth Shore**

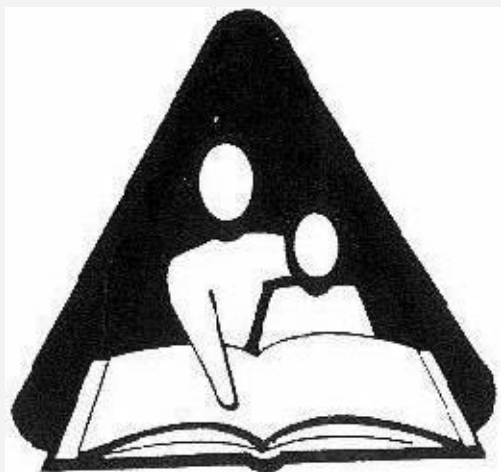
At sunset on September 29, the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashana, the “Jewish New Year,” begins. Over the next 10 days, observant Jews will practice repentance and seeking forgiveness in preparation for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. We Unitarian Universalists may not believe that God is writing us in or out of the book of life at this time, but the season’s practice of asking for and giving forgiveness is worthy of our deepest consideration, as it can surely help us create more peace in ourselves and the world.

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

*“Forgiving someone doesn’t mean that their behavior was “OK.” What it does mean is that we’re ready to move on. To release the heavy weight. To shape our own life, on our terms, without any unnecessary burdens.”*

*— Dr. Suzanne Gelb*

## Social Justice Giving: Augustine Literacy Project



The Augustine Project is committed to providing caring, professionally trained tutors for those whose families cannot afford to pay. The combination of nurture and knowledge that an Augustine tutor offers can mean the difference between prison and productivity for at-risk students.

We train and support volunteer tutors working to improve reading, writing, and spelling abilities of low-income kids who struggle with literacy skills.



*Bottom Row: UUTC members Carol Moore, Bobby King and Heather Layton and (not shown) Pedro Sandin have all been trained as Augustine Tutors.*



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW It Begins with Welcome—but, Oh, So Much More!



### Rev. Dr. Phillip Thomason

How do congregations implement change around issues of greater inclusiveness and openness? Many congregations are facing accelerated change in the communities they minister.

Response to these changes means welcoming persons of different sexual orientations into the full fellowship of the church and this at times can be difficult not only for congregations but individuals as well. Hopefully we can move together into a space of radical hospitality and by the end of the day the world will be a more or less kind, compassionate, and loving place because of our presence...the way I see it...it's our move!"

Phillip is a retired Methodist minister who gratefully served St. Mark UMC in Atlanta for 23 years as minister of outreach and pastoral care. He also was a chaplain at Emory University hospital in oncology/pediatrics in HIV/AIDS.

## COLLECTION OF GOODS FOR SHARING HOUSE



Please bring non-perishable items this Sunday to be taken to the Sharing House pantry for our neighbors in need. The collection baskets are right inside the front door, under the fire extinguisher. Staples like

canned peas, green beans, corn, baked beans and soup, rice, pinto beans and spaghetti; spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and cereal are always appreciated.

Other recommended "top 20" items are tooth brushes and toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo, laundry & dish detergent, and feminine hygiene products. Thanks for your generosity!

## PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

*Rev. Ernie Mills*

Ernst Cassirer says “Past , present and future are the basic factors in any picture of time.”

Our retreat sessions will delve into this picture of time; past, present and future. Session one- Friday night- we will focus on the past. We will explore what George Santayana’s had to say about the past; “those who don’t know the past are doomed to repeat it” (not as easy as it sounds)



Saturday morning we will look at the present and explore Martin Luther King, Jr.’s struggle against “time worn traditions” that became obstacles to much needed changes in the now.

Our Sunday worship service will focus on the future. Our hymn, “We’ll Build A Land” will be our guiding light. The future is not ours to see, it is ours to build.

### Schedule

**Friday: arrival after 2:00pm, 5:00 Social Hour & Dinner, Opening Session @ 7:30pm**

**Saturday: breakfast, 8:45am Mountaintop History Walk, Session 2 @ 9:30, Spiritual Practices @ 11:00, lunch 12-1:00, Guided Hike to Glenville Falls 1:15, Many Hands Peace Farm Tour 4:00, 5:00 Social Hour & Dinner, 7:30 Mark Twain, 8:30 Campfire,/S’mores/Singing**

**Sunday: breakfast, 9:00am Worship**

Get registered for the Fall Retreat at The Mountain, if you haven’t already! We are scheduled for NEXT weekend — **October 4-6, 2019**. **UUTC cannot make these reservations on your behalf**, so make sure you go online to <https://www.themountainrlc.org/upcoming-events> and reserve space now!



### HOW TO CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE UUTC LIBRARY

Checking out a book from the UUTC Library is as easy as A B C.

- From the 500 plus books in our library, select the one you wish to read.
- In the Ledger Book enter the book title, your name, and the date.
- There is no required return date. When you return the book, place it in the BOOK RETURN BOX

**SO FUN! SO EASY!** 😊

## THEY'RE BAAAACK:

### *Overviews of Monthly Charitable Giving Organizations*

Each month on the first Sunday of the month, someone from our congregation will be giving a very short (3-4 minute) overview of the charitable organization that has previously been selected as the focus for giving for the month. In most cases, the presenter will be someone who has or has had close ties with the organization, either as a volunteer, Board member, or other capacity.

This overview will occur toward the beginning of each of the two services only on the first Sunday of the month, with one exception. The exception is in October, and that announcement will occur for the Sharing House on the second Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, due to the fact that our presenter and many others from the congregation will be participating in the UUTC retreat in the Mountains.

Please forgive our first (and, hopefully, only) “stray” from the rules. **Here is a lineup for the charitable organizations of focus for the remainder of this fiscal year:** October: Sharing House; November: Haven; December: Dignity Project; January: UUSC; February: Bread of Life; March: Safe; April: Children’s Center; May: Pisgah Legal Services; and June: Backpack Buddies. — *Your Social Action Team*

## BOARD MEETS & RETREATS

After Tuesday’s Board meeting business, Rev. Shore led the Board through an exercise to help them identify strengths they bring to their service on the Board. See if you agree!



## ONE VOICE IN CONCERT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 3-4

Joey Dukes and Sydney Roberts of One Voice will be playing Kirtan at UUTC on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm. Mark Wingate, fabulous tenor and player of stringed instruments, will be joining them. Sydney plays the harmonium and Joey plays percussion.



One Voice plays a western style of the Indian music tradition of Kirtan—a call and response form of devotional singing and meditation. Kirtan is non-denominational, and doesn’t have to be a religious experience. However, many find the musical call and response, a type of meditation, to be a peace-inducing experience.

Sit, sing, move, dance! A love offering of \$15 is suggested. RK needs helpers for this event—email if you can!

## GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN!

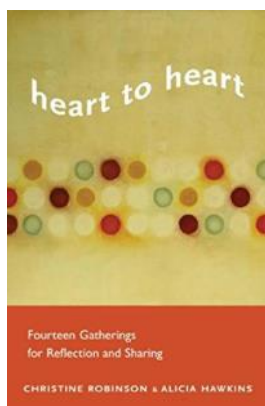
Barbi Smith and Mark Allison are up to their usual hijinks in early October — with TWO times to work their magic on you and your family! Friday, October 11th, they will be on site from 4:00-6:00pm. Saturday, October 12th, they will be on campus from 9:00-1:00.

Sign up at the front counter, indicating which day you prefer, and the office will call and get you scheduled!



## NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

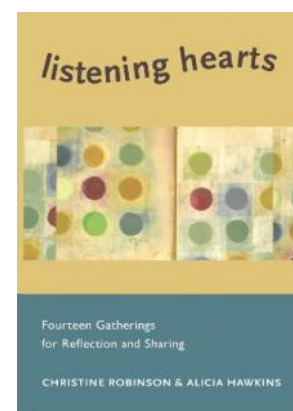
*Earle Rabb, ARE Team*



Two new books have recently been added to your UUTC Library. Both books are written by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins.

These two books, HEART TO HEART and LISTENING Hearts are designed for individual contemplation and small group sharing through readings, journaling, and thought-provoking exercise on topics ranging from forgiveness, and loss to nature, money, and friendship.

These two books can be found in the Meditation/Contemplation section of our library, listed alphabetically by author.



It is easy to check out a book. Simply select your book, write your name and book title in the ledger. You may return your book by placing it in the Book Return box located on the library counter.

## ECLECTICS: SAME DAY, NEW TIME!

The Eclectics, a group of ne'er do wells if there ever was one, meet each Wednesday morning at UUTC with **very** few exceptions. But next week, they start playing at a new time: **10:00am!**

Come join Bill Drellow, John Austin, Jim Hardy, Dave Marshall, Doug Bennett, and others as they play Folk music, protest songs, old-time fiddle tunes, bluegrass, Celtic Tunes, gospel music—even some jazz. An ECLECTIC mix played on acoustic instruments ... all are welcome!



## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

**Income:** \$22,056.13

**Expenses:** \$21,079.91 **Net:** \$976.22

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$71,604.75

Restricted Reserve Fund: \$11,703.58

**Total Available Cash on Hand:** \$83,308.16

**Endowment Fund balance:** \$169,592.03

**Charitable Giving** to El Centro: \$2563.00

**Total 2019-2020 Pledges:** \$249,036.00

**Total Operating Expense Budget:** \$324,500

Susan Slocum

[Treasurer@UUTC.org](mailto:Treasurer@UUTC.org)

## BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE?

Because of tweaks to facilitate the choir microphones, those whose hearing is less than optimal will find the center and left seating in the sanctuary provides the best listening situation. Please take advantage of our hearing assistance devices if you need them. Ushers can help you locate these.

## ARE YOU HEARING THINGS?

### HELP FUND OUR AV REPAIRS & UPGRADES!



Are you hearing things you have not heard before? The choir sounding even better? Every word of a joy or sorrow? Updates to our Sound/AV system are almost complete and we are very grateful for all contributions so far. One of the changes to the system is improved recording of sermons — have you listened to one [on our website](#) lately that you had missed?

We are over halfway to our goal of \$20,000. This expense is not in the operating budget. Every size donation helps. For checks, make out to UUTC with Sound or AV System on the memo line. Place in the offering baskets, drop off at the office or mail to UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712. Thank you!

## BREVARD CROP HUNGER WALK

UUTC continues to participate in the CWS (Church World Services) CROP Walk raising funds to assist communities in 70 countries worldwide to address the causes of hunger and deal with disaster relief. The annual Brevard area CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Brevard Middle School. The 3.1 mile walk is an interfaith outing to raise funds to end hunger locally and world-wide. Last year we raised \$13,561 with \$3390 (25%) given to **our local Sharing House**. Walking is a symbolic way of joining with those who must walk to access basic needs of water, food, shelter, and medical care. If interested in participating in the Brevard Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Brevard Middle School, please go [to this website](#) to Register for the Walk and/or Donate for this wonderful cause.

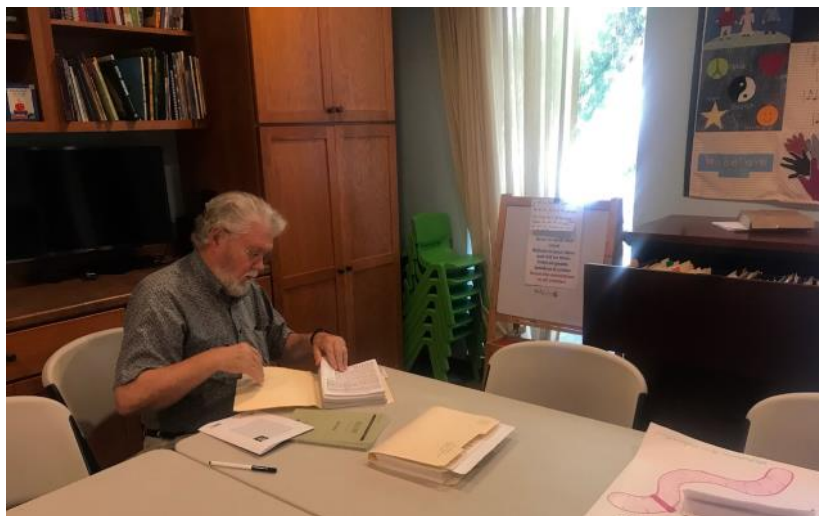


**821 MILLION**  
**people around**  
**the world are**  
**HUNGRY**



## LURED BY FRIENDS, A MUSIC PROGRAM WAS REBORN

Linda and John Austin moved to Brevard before the recession, following son Cameron, who had been hired to teach at Brevard College. They had found the town as beguiling as many of the rest of us, and



*John, hard at work selecting choir music for October.*

when Linda spotted a house on Main Street that reminded her of her grandmother's, they couldn't resist. The two of them left Atlanta, where John had been a professor of German and Chair of the department of Modern Classic Language at Georgia State University. Down the street from their home was Emory Presbyterian, where Jon was the Organist and Choirmaster for 26 years.

John and Linda were friends with Dan and Jane Carter, and also Bruce and

Sandy Kirkman, who invited them to try out UUTC. Before long, John was playing mandolin with the Eclectics, and he and Linda joined UUTC in 2010.

John will praise the members of the choir vociferously if asked what he enjoys about directing at UUTC, but the choir would throw that right back at him, saying that they rise to meet his guidance. And while the choir space may seem pretty full, he is always ready to pull up another chair if someone who likes to sing wants to be a part of the group. His is a very inclusive, welcoming leadership.

## ON DEFYING NATIONAL TRENDS — UUTC AS A BUNDLE...

"In "Three Decades Ago, America Lost Its Religion. Why?" Derek Thompson doesn't attribute it to the evolution of science but explores the thesis of a Notre Dame sociology professor that the end of the cold war, the rise of Christian Right as a political force, and 9/11. As such, he argues, the American turn towards atheism and/or religious disaffection may be more a reaction to world and national events than a natural evolution of human consciousness."



In her most recent blog post, Rev. Shore goes on to ponder this and why UUTC is defying a national trend of "non-affiliation." Read the post [HERE](#).

## GETTING CONNECTED

Contact Directories are really important for us all to stay connected. But did you know that the **ChurchLife** app is available to Members and Friends free of charge? It is easy to use and is the most up-to-date resource for reaching other members of UUTC.

You can download and install the app from either Google Play or the Apple App Store. **Before you can use it, however, you will need a password from our ACS database.**



**To get that password, go to our Member page on the website:** <http://uutc.org/member/>, scroll down to the red "ACS" logo and click on it. It will direct you to the ACS login/get a password page. On that page, **look below the login** box for **"Need a Login? Click Here,"** and enter your email there. This will connect you to ACS and they will email you with a way to select a password to use with the **ChurchLife** app.

**Sometimes this email ends up in your spam folder.** If you have any trouble getting your password, come in to see RK and we'll get you set up properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.

If you successfully receive the email from UUTC that allows you to set a password, terrific! Follow the link (which will open your web browser), set up a password—write that down—and then close the browser. This is a little confusing because the browser will have UUTC and ACS all over it, but this is NOT the tidy little ChurchLife app, but the full-on database.

Now return to the ChurchLife app you previously downloaded. Use your email and your new password and login. Presto! Your church directory is in your pocket!

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Don't have a smart phone? Drop by the office and we will print you a contact directory.

## 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).