

# UUTC UPDATE

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## Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon and by appointment. Time with the Minister can be scheduled on Tuesdays from 9:30am-2:00pm & Wednesday from 12-4:30pm.

## Pastoral Care

Going through a rough spot? Have surgery coming up? Call (877) 510-5603 or email [lhjh@uutc.org](mailto:lhjh@uutc.org).

## Nursery Care

Our Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:00am to noon for children ages 0-3. Take advantage of either service at your convenience—our childcare staff would love to welcome your child.

## Coming Up at UUTC

Teen Night — Sun @ 5:00pm

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30pm

Men's Group — Tues @ 10:00am

Finance — Tues @ 9:00am

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30pm

Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00pm

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Choir — Wed @ 4:00pm

Council — Wed @ 4:00pm

Fellowship on Tap — Wed @ Jordan St

Loving Hearts — Thurs @ 3:00pm



## Sunday

**Sunday, January 13**

### EPIPHANIES

**Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie**

We have many epiphanies throughout our lives, but what epiphanies might we encounter together as a congregation if we focus our intentions on self-discernment? As we delve deeper into January's worship theme of justice, we will reflect together on how the ways we worship can best reflect our core convictions as Unitarian Universalists— particularly, our commitment to dismantling racism. How might we de-colonize our worship life? What gifts of insight might we receive during this season of epiphanies, leading us toward a deeper and broader way of being together, guided by our anti-racist stance?

Remember that, at our 11am service, there will be special programming for our youngest worshippers!

*Join us for coffee at 10:30am!*

“In no sense do I advocate evading or defying the law...  
That would lead to anarchy.  
An individual who breaks a law  
that his conscience tells him is unjust,  
and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment  
in order to arouse the conscience of the community...  
is in reality expressing  
the highest respect for the law.”

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Muffins with the Minister

Our January "Muffins" date is **January 28th**. Come have coffee, talk with Rev. Ilene and others who join the fun! This is a laid back, easy way to learn something new about others in the congregation, including Rev. Ilene. Runs from 10:00am to noon.

## Social Justice Giving



The Haven is Transylvania County's two-building shelter for homeless families and individuals of all ages. The Haven

works with other community agencies to prevent long-term homelessness and to promote sustainable outcomes for its residents. Your donation will support our fellow citizens as they work toward reaching self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

## Upcoming Concerts

### March 8th: Jack Williams!

If you are not familiar with Jack, check his website [here](#). A real showman!

### March 31st: Opal String Quartet!

The Opal String Quartet is going to perform some Mozart and a few other things yet to be determined! [Facebook page](#)

Mark your calendar!



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

### "On Betrayal" — Darlene O'Dell

Darlene O'Dell will speak to us on the unworthy worship of Confederate monuments and how this is a betrayal of faith. Her message will be based on a reading of John 18: 12-27 (Peter's denial of Jesus) and the song "The Streets of Philadelphia," by Bruce Springsteen.



Darlene O'Dell was born and raised in South Carolina. She taught at Clemson University and the College of William and Mary. Darlene lived in Brevard from 2000 -2015, and currently lives in Asheville with her spouse Janine Lehane and their dog Whiskey. Darlene is the author of Sites of Southern Memory: the Autobiographies of Katharine Du Pre Lumkin, Lillian Smith and Pauli Murray; I Followed Close Behind Her; and The Story of the Philadelphia Eleven.

## UU HISTORY: DAY CLASS STARTS JAN 28TH

New to Unitarian Universalism? Need a refresher on the history of our progressive faith tradition? Have questions about how we got to be the way we are? Rev. Ilene starts the second section of this course on the history of Unitarianism, Universalism, and the modern UU beginning late January.

If you have not already signed up, there is still time. Call or [email](#), or drop by and put your name on the sign-up list at the front desk. This will be a three-session course. The first session begins Monday, January 28th, at 1:00pm, and will meet in the sanctuary. It continues on the following two Mondays.



## THANK YOU, CHEFS!

The Welcoming (formerly Membership) Team would like to thank our Souper Chefs from this past Sunday: Alice Hardy, Victoria Kerr, Pam Drellow, Jim Null, Sharon Gublo, LaDonna Huffaker, Lauren Hufnagel and Doug Denton! We appreciate your delicious hospitality!

Joann Crawford is bringing a Chicken Vegetable soup for February—who will join her? A sign up sheet is on the front counter. Thanks for helping to make UUTC feel like home!



## THIS WEEK: FELLOWSHIP ON TAP

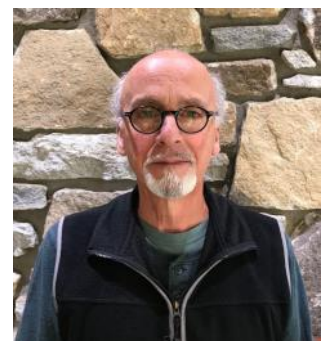
Join us this Wednesday at Jordan Street Café! Jordan Street has an eclectic menu, a full bar, and, of course, beer on tap. The menu is diverse and always delicious. We will be inside this dining room—**sign up at the front counter or call 828-877-6121 or [email the office to reserve your spot!](#)** We must specify a number to allow them to prepare for enough seating and adequate staff.

Jordan Street's menu varies—we encourage you to take a peek at their [Facebook Page](#) to get a feel for their offerings. Hope to see you there!

## NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Adult Religious Exploration (ARE) and Facilities were both delighted to welcome new Team Members to their tribes last night! Bradley Wall came on board with ARE, and Chris Rogine joined Facilities. Both gentlemen jumped in with both feet and are off and running on the work of UUTC. Chris (top right), and Bradley (bottom right) are both part of our newest Member class.

Other teams who could use new members are the Welcoming Team and Children's Religious Exploration (CRE). The Welcoming Team (formerly Membership) is responsible for the various activities that make us all feel good when we're at UUTC: greeting, name tags, Sandwich/Souper Sunday, Fellowship on Tap—nearly all are simple tasks. If you like people, it is a great team to be part of. CRE works closely with Danny Szemle and must love kids!



## MAKE PEOPLE FEEL ALL WARM INSIDE...

Join the Coffee Crew! This group of lovely people commits to serve coffee once per quarter—which is only possible if we have enough people. It takes 26 lovemongers to make sure that each serves only once in a quarter. Due to illness, we've had a couple pairs that need to retire from the team. Can you join? If so, email [Tanne Traywick](mailto:Tanne.Traywick), and she will get you scheduled! Training provided. Individuals happily paired with other singles. Thanks for your commitment to this community!



## TEACHERS AGAINST CHILD DETENTION: HOW CAN WE HELP?

*From your Social Action Team*



Teachers against Child Detention (TACD) was formed by a group of teachers led by Mandy Manning, the 2018 National Teacher of the Year, to speak out against the poor treatment of immigrant children being held in Tornillo, Texas. Tornillo was designed to hold 400 children for a few weeks in June, but is now projected to hold at last 3,800 children on a near-indefinite basis. The average length of stay there is reported to be double or triple the legal limit, which allows the government to detain immigrant children for no longer than 20 days at a time.

Record numbers of immigrant children are behind held around the U.S. under conditions that are harmful to their development and well-being. Tornillo is unregulated by child welfare agencies, and the staff there is exempt from FBY fingerprint background checks. School is not required, and conditions are difficult. Experts agree that incarcerating children significantly hurts their ability to learn, even after they are freed.

Two local ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers – including UU's very own Katherine Galvagni -- are working with their students to select their favorite books, write letters to the children, purchase Spanish language copies of books, and bring the books to the Teach-In on President's Weekend in February, in Texas. They've started a Go Fund me page to support the purchase of books, and help with their travel expenses. Check out the links below to see how you – a committed, caring UU member – can help.

[Teachers Against Child Detention](#) • [Go Fund Me: Books for Children of Tornillo Detention Facility](#)

I carry a chapel in my heart  
Where I light candles  
Not for my cherished dead  
Who have their own sanctuary  
But for this pitiless beloved  
World

Candles  
For the throngs  
Whose overhasty deaths  
Appear to follow  
The algorithmic decree  
Of a distant god

Candles  
For the hordes  
Whose seeming purpose in life  
Is to be devoured

Candles  
For the congregation  
Of nameless sufferers  
Whose lives  
Haven't deserved  
A paltry footnote

Candles  
For the ravished children  
The battered women  
The feeble  
The misshapen  
The hapless

Candles  
For the brushed aside remainder  
Of an uncaring arithmetic

Call me maudlin  
Gloomy  
Downhearted  
Urge me to open windows  
To let in light  
Tell me how mistaken I am  
To not see the beauty...

Oh but I see the beauty  
The splendid beauty  
For which in my heart  
I carry a chapel as well

But pray tell  
Is there a way  
To open a door between chapels?

*Pedro Sandin*

## LOOKING TO ESCAPE THE COLD? WANT TO SEE SAN DIEGO? ARE MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH 7<sup>TH</sup> GOOD DATES FOR YOU?



ENJOY EVERYTHING SAN DIEGO HAS TO OFFER  
from its enclaves of untouched nature,  
to its history as the earliest Spanish settlement in California,  
to its sparkling sea, World Famous Zoo,  
and thriving ethnic food scene!

**San Diego**

**Experience**  
The World Famous  
San Diego Zoo

**Visit**  
Balboa Park &  
its fascinating resources.

**Explore**  
Art and architecture  
of UCSD and more.

**Spent**  
Time at the beach and  
other places of natural beauty.

**Encounter**  
Carmel Valley and the  
The San Diego Wild Animal Park

**Discover**  
Powerful images  
in Chicago Park

Offered by First UU Church of San Diego

Packages start  
\$999 at just

**INCLUDES:**  
5 nights accommodation  
5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners  
All admission fees + transportation during your stay

For a detailed itinerary and an application, go to [www.firstuu.org/sdvisit](http://www.firstuu.org/sdvisit)  
For further questions email [sdvisit@firstuusaniego.org](mailto:sdvisit@firstuusaniego.org)

Group limited to 15 people. A 100% deposit reserves your spot, which is refundable up to 30 days ahead (less a 10% administrative fee). Balance due 45 days before the visit. Participants must be able to walk up to our site, provide their own meals, and have their own transportation and car.

Consider visiting San Diego with the First Unitarian Universalists of San Diego! San Diego has so much to offer: beautiful beaches, hip urban areas, a World-Famous Zoo, inspiring universities, and a park filled with fascinating museums. And we have even left most of a day for you to tell us where you want to go!

Please go to

[www.firstuusaniego.org/sdvisit](http://www.firstuusaniego.org/sdvisit) to see the details of this exclusive and all-inclusive tour. Funds raised will be used to support a number of social justice projects near the border.

Hope to see you in San Diego!

## CAN'T MAKE IT TO UUTC ON SUNDAY?

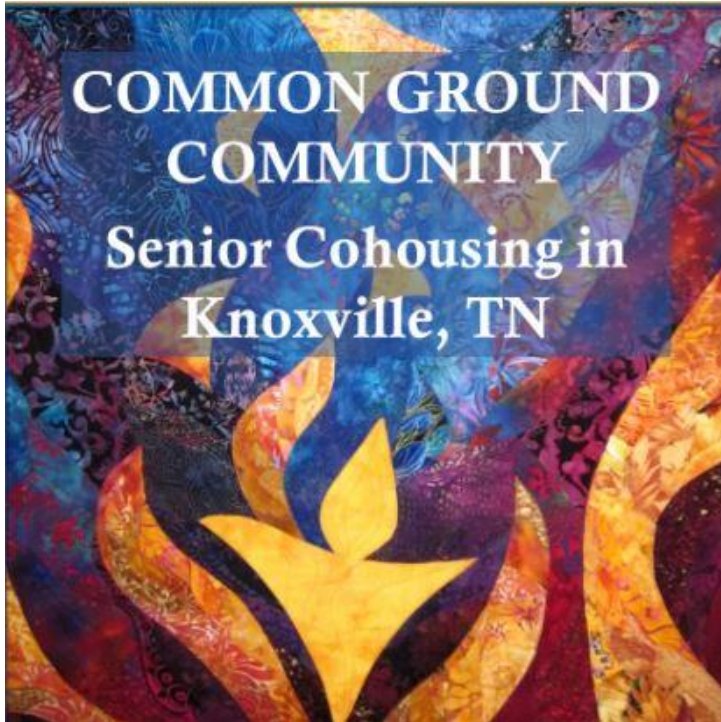
One of the resources available to us as Unitarian Universalists is the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF). "A Unitarian Universalist



Congregation Without Walls," this online community has multiple ministries. They have a weekly newsletter, prison ministry, an online talk show ("THE VUU"), online small groups, and an outstanding monthly publication called **Quest**. **Quest** goes deep into a particular spiritual theme each month. It includes sermons, poetry, reflections, prayers and meditations from UUs and others.

Go [HERE](#) to visit CLF and explore what might interest you further.

## AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY IN KNOXVILLE FOR UUS AND FRIENDS



Interested in living in an intentional community for the “Third Act” of your life? **Common Ground** is an envisioned UU senior cohousing community which promises the benefits of having your own home with the support and camaraderie of a close-knit community. There will be 30-45 people with a roomy Common House. Neighbors commit to being part of a community for everyone’s mutual benefit—sound familiar? Common Ground will be located on 22 acres in northeast Knoxville, 15 minutes from downtown and Knoxville’s shopping, restaurants, recreational centers, and medical facilities. Residents will share common facilities which reduces expenses. The

community is using a proven senior cohousing model, that of Elderspirit (Abingdon, VA) and inspired by Quimper Village (Washington), Silver Sage (Colorado), PDX Commons (Oregon) and Germantown Commons (Tennessee).

There is literature on the bulletin board, and you can check them out [online](#). (This link gives you access to several sites.) You can also email [uucommunityknox@gmail.com](mailto:uucommunityknox@gmail.com) or call the founder, Dr. Susan Fuhr at (865) 256-9770.

## 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).