

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 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
 Never Too Late — Wed @ 10:00
 Eclectics — Wed @ 10:00
 Staff Mtg — Wed @ 10:00
 Dignity Sorting — Wed @ 2:00
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00
 Living Wage Coalition — Thurs @ 10:00
 Rainbow Alliance — Thurs @ 5:00

Photo Shoot! — Friday, 4-6:00
 More Photo Shoot! — Saturday, 9-1:00

Second Sunday Potluck-October 13th



IT BEGINS WITH WELCOME...

Rev. Phillip Thomason

... But OH! So Much More!

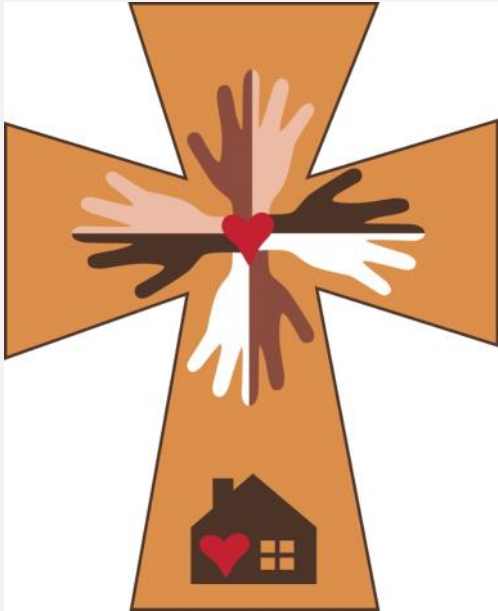
How do congregations implement change around issues of greater inclusiveness and openness? Many congregations are facing accelerated change in the communities they minister. Response to these changes means welcoming persons of different sexual orientations into the full fellowship of the church and this 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!"

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

*“What more have we to give
 to one another than love
 and understanding?”*

— Kenneth L. Patton, UU Minister

Social Justice Giving: Sharing House



Sharing House is a source of compassion and crisis assistance for our low-income (up to 200% above poverty line) neighbors in Transylvania County, where we offer food and fresh produce, gently-used clothes, rent and utility assistance, household goods, camping equipment, hot showers, a safe place to share stories of struggle... and a refuge of social interaction. We also empower people who seek paths to self-reliance, through special programs such as "Wheels to Work" and the Bridges Out of Poverty mentoring class called "Getting Ahead."



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW A Little Amnesia Could Go a Long Way

Rev. Sally Beth Shore

The oft-quoted line that “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it” has the ring of veracity, but at best is only a half-truth, because our recollections of the past are selective, malleable and subject to manipulation. Of course amnesia isn’t really an option (or even desirable), but a little less remembering might help us keep the past in the past while freeing up some desperately needed resources to create a better tomorrow.

FIRE? REALLY?

. . . In Which We Are a Bit Too Unconcerned

Last Sunday had some extra excitement at the end of the first service. Really loud excitement!

At public schools, when an alarm rings, teachers and kids have to be out of the building and at a designated location within 2 minutes flat. This is true regardless of how large the school is, because in the event of an actual emergency, there is very little time available for missteps. Response must become “routine.”

And who decides if it is an actual emergency? How much time do we waste determining that essential fact?

Some churches have begun all sorts of new safety measures, mostly under the hypothesis of a shooter, not fire. But in both scenarios, established procedure and response, led by staff and volunteers who perform essential roles (ushers, greeters, etc.) are essential to good outcomes in actual emergencies.

Your Board President, Minister and Administrator have all been working on this issue this week—Rev. Sally Beth created an initial draft of procedures which are being refined, and will probably be revealed in an insert in next week’s order of service. But whatever the final form of these procedures manifests as, they will require one essential thing to work as desired— rapid cooperation. We cram a lot of us into this building...getting out quickly without harm is the goal.

UPDATE FROM THE PRES

I am very excited to be attending the retreat at The Mountain this weekend! I believe there will be approximately 37 from UUTC in attendance —sure to be a great time!

As I come into the church on a weekday I am continually amazed at the number of volunteers buzzing around the place - from answering phones, running copies, holding meetings, cleaning - helping to keep everything running smoothly. Thank you all for your dedication! It is truly inspiring.



A big thank you also to Rev. Sally Beth for jumping in and hitting the ground running! We enjoyed her contributions to our recent Board “retreat/meeting” and very much look forward to working with her in the following months.

Kevin Lausch, Director of CRE has had a great start to our new session. I truly appreciate all of the thought and work he is putting into this very important program. CRE attendance is up! Parents - if you haven't had a chance to stop in and talk with Kevin, please do! He has a lot of fun learning planned for our children.

The Settled Minister Search Team wrapped up cottage meetings last week. Several new members and friends shared many good ideas. 105 participants submitted their thoughts through the Congregational Survey. THANK YOU ALL for taking the time to share in this important way. Over the next several weeks the Search Team will analyze and assemble UUTC's packet, which will be available for potential candidates to review as of December. I greatly appreciate all of the members of the Search Team and their diligence in keeping us on the necessary timeline.

What a great staff and membership we have here - pulling together daily to better UUTC!

Thank you all- Joyce Henneberry president@uutc.org



UUTC SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK PICNIC

Mark your calendars! This month's Second Sunday Picnic will be held on October 13th, on the Fellowship Green. The picnic will be held immediately following the second service.

Please bring a dish to share, and a sandwich for yourself. We will provide cold beverages. This will be the last outdoor picnic of the year. In November, we will be moving back indoors for Souper Sunday on November 10th.

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN! THIS WEEK!

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. Yes, we do allow extra time for dogs and kiddos! Slots are filling up, particularly on Friday, so don't delay!



**VISION 2020-2025
LAUNCH!**

The UUTC Advisory Council announces its Vision 2020-2025 Launch! Reserve your place now! On Wednesday, October 30, UUTC will launch its new vision with a catered supper at 5:30, followed by a special one-hour program in the sanctuary.

UUTC's Mission Statement describes who we are. Last year the Council was charged with designing a Vision Statement to create a picture of where the Mission could take us in the next 3-5 years.

Since early 2019, Council members brainstormed, designed a draft Vision Statement, conducted Vision Circles, refined the draft, and received Board endorsement for its Vision Statement. Now we invite everyone to share, support, and participate in the journey forward.

Anyone can attend the program, but you **must register** for the supper. Don't miss this opportunity for good food and fellowship. There is limited seating available, and the caterer will need to know how much food to prepare. To cover the cost of the meal, free-will donations will be accepted, much as was done for Wonderful Wednesdays.

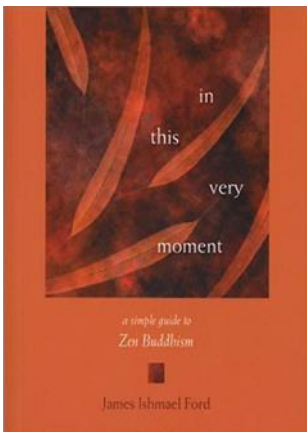
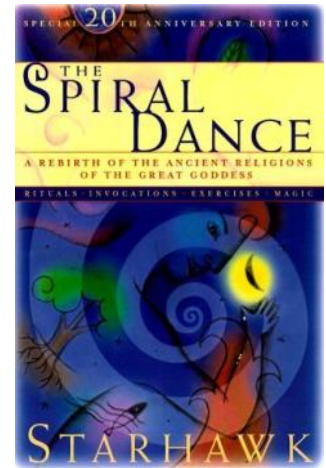
To register for the supper, click the UUTC Vision logo, above. If you need nursery care for children up to three years of age, call the office at 828-877-6121 to request it and to pre-register them.

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To support individual spiritual journeys and To promote social, economic and environmental justice.***

NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

Earle Rabb, ARE Team

As your UUTC Library continues to grow, two new books have been recently added to our bookshelves. The first book is written by Starhawk, a peace activist and leader in the feminist spirituality and ecofeminist movements in the United States and Europe. The book, entitled **THE SPIRAL DANCE**, may be found in the Feminist Section of the Library, listed alphabetically by author. This work has been described by the New York Times Book Review as “a very beautiful call for a worldly spirituality.”



Another new book in our library is **IN THIS VERY MOMENT**, written by James Ishmael Ford. It is a brief introduction to Buddhism and Zen for Unitarian Universalists. One UU minister describes the book’s treatment of the basic teachings of the Buddha as “among the best I have read anywhere.”

This book is located in the Comparative Religions section of the library. You may check out any book in the library by selecting your book and writing your name and the book title in the ledger located on the library counter.

NEXT WEEK: AN INVISIBLE NEWSLETTER?

The week of October 7th, there will be great wailing from the back office. During this week, your Administrator will begin the final removal of sound system stuff like microphone cables out of the filing cabinet (What? That’s not what you put in your file drawers?) and putting— uh, files— into those drawers instead. And adding labels, so we can find things. We hear that’s how these things are done....

All of this is the final preparation for our internal assessment of our financial procedures, making sure that we have proper documentation for every gift and every expense. Before the work began on the sound system, some files, that had reached “that age,” were able to be shredded to make way for new stuff. But we have maxed out the last drawer of the black cabinet and it is time for the beige one to shoulder a load.

Because of this review, there will likely be only a longer email, as opposed to an attached newsletter, for Friday the 11th. Thank you for your flexibility!



POWER UP!

PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Did you know that in 2018, Sharing House gave \$147,000 in heating assistance to over 870 families in Transylvania County! This is the organization's biggest expense in serving our needy residents.

To help meet this need, St. Philip's Episcopal Church here in Brevard is hosting a fundraising dinner, **POWER UP**, for *Sharing House and has asked UUTC* and the Jewish community to attend and to partner in promoting the event throughout our community. There is no charge to attend the event, but donations will be accepted. In addition to the wonderful food, there will be a wine bar and plenty of opportunity to socialize.

The event is **Sunday, November 3 at 5 pm at St. Philip's**. An RSVP is required and you can sign up in the lobby of UUTC or contact Bobby King at 678-592-4068 or email him at bobbyaking48@yahoo.com.

Please extend a helping hand so that our neighbors will be warm this winter!!

Make generosity part of your growth strategy.

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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.