

# 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](mailto: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

Heartfulness Meditation — Sat @ 5:30

Caregiver Group — Mon @ 10:00

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Music Sorting — Tues @ 10:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Never Too Late — Wed @ 10:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:00

AV Training — Wed @ 11:30

Vision Dinner — Wed @ 5:30

Vision Program — Wed @ 6:30

Grounds Work Day — Sat 11/2 @ 9:00



## THE SHADOW KNOWS

**Rev. Sally Beth Shore**

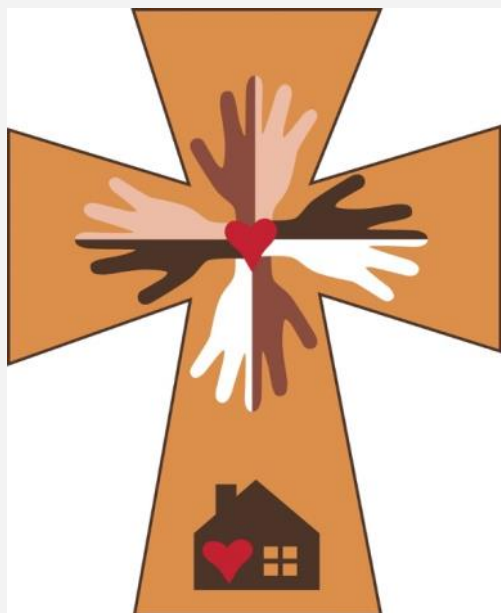
Here we are at the end of October again, and you know what that means...like it or not, we do have a cultural holiday in the US devoted to stirring up fear, or some kind of homage to fear. And even if there weren't the holiday, we have a huge industry of goth novels, vampire epics, and horror films, not to mention the zombie apocalypse craze of a few years ago. What's all this about? Do we need to be scared, or is all that just entertainment? What is it that really scares us, and how can we deal with these fears?

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

*“Hate is not the first enemy of love.  
Fear is.  
It destroys your ability to trust.”*

*— Unknown*

## 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 Ritual of Remembrance

*Rev. Sally Beth Shore*

Early in November, several holidays are widely celebrated related to remembering, communing with, or praying for the dead, in addition to a number of other similar observances, religious and traditional scattered around the calendar. While the distinguishing features between All Souls Day, Dia De Muertos, Khamis al-Amwat, etc., are many, each expresses the human need to remember and honor those departed. We will begin with a consideration of some of these customs, and end with our own ritual of remembrance. If you have lost someone to death in this past year, you are invited to bring a photo or other memento for this observance.

## MOVING TO REALM CONNECT

*RK Young*

One of the actions at this week's Board meeting was to take advantage of price incentives being offered and move to the newer version of our church database program. While the new program is still a product of ACS Technologies, and will feature the same outstanding live support, the user interface has received a major overhaul which will make it easier for all staff to use. In addition, we won't be required to pay an additional fee for each staff user. In fact, we are going to save nearly \$150 a month in software fees. WooHoo!

The transition will not begin until after the VISION program next Wednesday, and neither Sue Gervais nor myself will lay a hand on the database during the week that our data is actually migrated into the new program. Afterwards, Kevin will be able to take advantage of built in attendance tracking (useful when someone pulls a fire alarm and you need to make sure you've got all your kids) and group communications will be able to be more in the control of the groups themselves, as opposed to having to rely on your administrator to update lists. You'll hear more later, *but not next week*— due to all the activity, there will be no newsletter other than the email!

## SURVIVING GRIEF: MOVING THROUGH LOSS WITH A SUPPORT GROUP

Are you struggling with grief after the loss of a partner or loved one? Under the auspices of Loving Hearts and Helping Hands, UUTC is starting a small support group under the gentle guidance of a professional counselor. It will meet in the large classroom at UUTC.

Group members will help one another on the journey through grief, learning how to cope with loss and find purpose in life. The group will meet **twice a month** on Mondays from 10-11:30 for 6 months **starting November 4th**. Because of the emotional intensity of grief, the group is restricted to eight people who have suffered a recent loss. Please contact Ann Rabb if you have questions, and register on the sign up sheet.



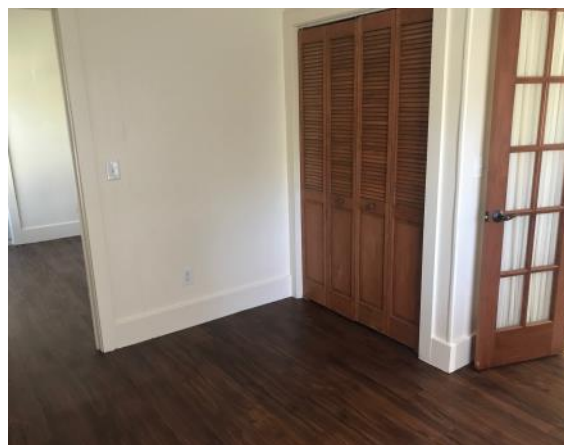
*Grief has no timeline*

## READY FOR HOUSING, ONCE AGAIN

Our property at #74 Varsity Street—the Olympia Brown House— is nearly ready for new tenants. The old paneling has been skillfully painted by Hector Flores, the old carpet has been removed, and new vinyl planking has gone down in its place to make a clean, inviting space for a new family.



Left to right, top to bottom— the old grey paneling has been covered with Navajo White in all rooms that had paneling. Before the vinyl is laid, carpet was removed and under-layment went down to level the surface. Previously installed



flooring was pulled to create a seamless transition into the new stuff. Final shot: easy to maintain and easy on the eyes!

## VISION 2020-2025 LAUNCH! WITH MENU!

If you are not among the 56 people already registered for the Vision 2020-2025 Launch on October 30th, don't lose any more time! A limited number of seats remain. Reserve your place now!

UUTC is poised for a great future. At 5:30pm you will enjoy Tony Carollo's tasty catered dinner buffet with an entrée (vegetarian and non-vegetarian), salad, bread, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea and water). BYOB if you prefer something different!

Celebrate some of our successes over the past year with UUTC President Joyce Henneberry. Hear Advisory Council member Michael Solomon's overview of the vision process. Watch short videos featuring genuine UUTC peeps Susan Zelle, Kevin Lausch and Alice Hardy and other members of their respective teams: Social Action, Children's Religious Education and Worship. Explore where we go from here with Leigh Johnson. And then close the evening with Rev. Sally Beth Shore's benediction.

Anyone can attend the program at 6:30, but you **must register** for the supper. Do it now! There is limited seating available, and the caterer will need to know how much food to prepare. To cover the \$8/plate 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, at right.** If you need nursery care for children up to three years of age, call the office at 828-877-6121 to request it and tell us how many children you are bringing so we will have adequate staff on hand. See you then!



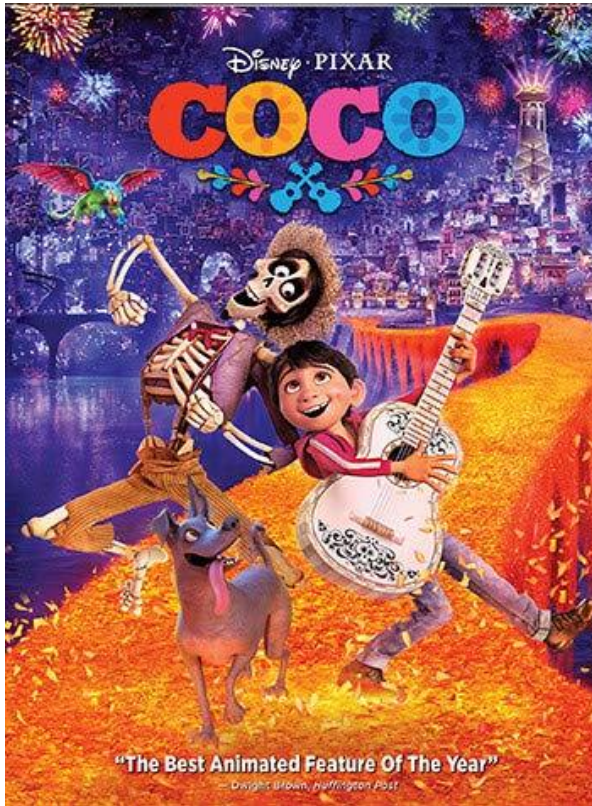
### SHARING HOUSE: PACK THE PANTRY!

SATURDAY, November 9, 2019

Volunteers are needed to help Sharing House collect Food Pantry donations at **Food Lion** from 10:00am to 4 pm. Many thanks to all who have made past efforts so successful!

This is an easy, fun and rewarding activity. This year's Pack the Pantry drive to feed our neighbors is more appreciated than ever—the number of people in need in our county continues to rise, due in part to the withholding of DSS funding by politicians at the state level. Your efforts on the behalf of our neighbors will help to offset this unnecessary burden.

We need two people for each slot. Pair up with a friend to help! **Please use the sign up sheet at the front counter**—if you have any questions or wish to sign up but won't be able to sign at the counter, please call or text Joan Lemire at 828-231-9259 or email to [tjbindire@yahoo.com](mailto:tjbindire@yahoo.com). Thank you!



## CRE UPDATE: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Family movie night kicks off on Sunday, Oct 27 at 5pm in the sanctuary. Pizza & popcorn will be served. Friends & costumes are both welcome!

We will show the first half of the movie, break briefly for marshmallow roasting and s'mores consumption, and then return to the sanctuary for the end of this fantastic film.

Please remember to register your child for CRE classes. Registration forms are available from Kevin and are also at the name tag station on Sunday mornings.

Note: You do not have to be a child to enjoy the evening. All are welcome!

## NEW POLICY ON MEMORIAL SERVICES

At the Board meeting on Tuesday, new memorial service procedures were approved. Rev. Shore is available to UUTC Members and Friends in times of Celebration and of Loss. Unitarian Universalist tributes to the deceased take many forms, and she will seek to honor any religious customs and desires of the family, inasmuch as they do not violate UU principles or our minister's personal scruples.

Members and Friends of UUTC are asked to contact the church when a loved one dies, as we may not be aware of the loss and hope to be supportive in times of grief. If a service of remembrance is desired, Rev. Shore will work with family members to craft an appropriate service that honors the life of the beloved and hopefully provides comfort and an embrace to the survivors. ***If Rev. Shore conducts the service, there is no charge for UUTC members and friends for preparing or delivering the service, production of a straightforward order of service (on stock paper), or the hanging of a memorial leaf in our memorial garden.*** Rev. Shore will also be happy to conduct a service for UUTC members and friends at locations other than our church as long as it is not more than 30 minutes travel distance from Brevard. If Rev. Shore is not available in the desired time frame for the service, UUTC may offer names of other retired professionals in the congregation, but an honorarium might be requested.

Should a member or friend wish to include other clergy or officiants for a service at UUTC, we ask that you seek approval from Rev. Shore first.



## NOTE FROM REV. SHORE

Hi UUTC crowd!

We have lots of events coming up! This Sunday in keeping with the season of Halloween, our service will be about fear, its motivations and repercussions, and how we can navigate these fruitfully. I hope you will join me and your other UUTC friends, no costume required. After the second service, I'll be hanging around for an extended 30 minutes of late coffee hour, so if you'd like to stay and share your own thoughts around fear, Halloween, or anything else on your mind, nothing formal, please do!



Or, come back at 5:00 p.m. for the first in 4<sup>th</sup> night family movie nights! CRE is sponsoring 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday family movie night, featuring the delightful animated movie "Coco" which centers on the Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead. RK, with Kevin's help, has worked tirelessly to get the DVD player integrated with our new-and-improved sound system and projector, so come enjoy! Rumor has it that intermission includes a campfire. See [HERE](#) for more information.

Finally—Greeters, there will be a quick stand-up meeting at 8:30 a.m. to review Greeter roles and some changes in location. And if you would be interested in becoming a Greeter, please speak to a Greeter (the smiling face standing by the door when you come in on Sunday mornings) or, contact Tim McGann, Membership chair [brc2020tjm@outlook.com](mailto:brc2020tjm@outlook.com) or me.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find an announcement about the 2020 Vision night this coming Wednesday. I hope to see you this week at any and all of these.

I hope you are finding some time to be outside, if possible, to enjoy the fall weather and color. What a blessing to be alive amidst its beauty. — Sally Beth

## APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY WORKSHOP — SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 9:00AM

"Its assumption is simple: Every human system has something that works right—things that give it life when it is vital, effective, and successful. Appreciative Inquiry begins by identifying this positive core and connecting to it in ways that heighten energy, sharpen vision, and inspire action for change." Open to



UUTC Members, Friends, and Visitors on the morning of November 16, and led by Rev. Shore, this is sure to be an empowering morning. You may be able to use the takeaways from the workshop immediately, but then in the new year, UUTC will use an appreciative process to help develop objectives for bringing the Vision 2025 to life, so **Y'ALL COME!** Sign up at the front counter!

## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, 2019

*from Jade Sylvan, UUA website*

National Coming Out Day (October 11) is the day we celebrate LGBTQ+ folks who have or are coming out! Anyone who comes out or who has come out and who wants to be celebrated for it is worthy of that celebration! May we lift them up and celebrate them!

At the same time as we celebrate those who identify as “out”; let us acknowledge and hold space for the many LGBTQ+ folks who have not, and may not ever feel as though coming out is the right choice for them.

You do not need to *do* anything to “become” LGBTQ+. You do not need to come out to be yourself. You are sacred, valid, and beautiful just as you are, right now.

I feel as though there is now a narrative in the popular cisnet (cisgender and heterosexual) “liberal” sphere that “coming” should be THE MOMENT for LGBTQ+ folks that at the same time makes us complete, validates us, and heals all trauma we have experienced up till that moment. That’s not the way it works for many LGBTQ+ people.

Not to mention, for those of us who identify as “out,” “coming out” is not something most people can just do once. Every time I tell new people my pronouns, every time I mention “my wife” for the first time, I’m coming out. Heck, as a bisexual and nonbinary person, I often have to come out REPEATEDLY to the same people in order to “remind” them of my gender and sexual identities. Plus many of us are out in some situations, and not out in others. There is no one way being “out” looks.

There is no one way to be LGBTQ+, and that’s part of the unique beauty of our community. If you are out, we celebrate you. If you are coming out, we celebrate you. If your journey looks different from that narrative, we celebrate you, yourself, as you are.

## TREASURER’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019/UPDATE ON SOUND SYSTEM

**Income:** \$16,853.95    **Expenses:** \$24,602.02    **Net:** (\$7,748.07)

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$63,856.68

Restricted Reserve Fund: \$12,142.92

**Total Available Cash on Hand:** \$75,999.60

**Endowment Fund balance:** \$167,654.11 (\$1937.92 for quarter)

**Charitable Giving to** Augustine Literacy Project: \$1585.00

**Total donations to Sound System:** Almost \$16,000. About \$4000 remaining to goal of \$20,000. Thank you, donors! Thank you everyone!

Susan Slocum [Treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:Treasurer@uutc.org)

# 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](mailto:bobbyaking48@yahoo.com).

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

*Make generosity part of your growth strategy.*

**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).