

# 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 [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

### Souper Sunday! — Sun @ Noon

#### 5 Practices — Mon @ 2:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Choir — Wed @ 4:00pm

#### TEAM NIGHT — Wed @ 5:00

Joy of Being — Thurs @ 11:00

Property Comm — Thurs @ 6:00

#### JACK WILLIAMS — Fri @ 7:00



## Sunday

### Sunday, March 3rd

#### DIGNITY & JUSTICE

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillipsie

On this first Sunday of March, Rev. Ilene will reflect on the first and second principles of our UU faith-- The inherent worth and dignity of every person, and the use of justice, equity and compassion in human relations. How are we called to treat others, and ourselves, when we view our lives through the lens of innate dignity? How might we be moved to live, as guided by compassion and justice?

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

"Dignity is different from respect in that it is not based on how people perform, what they can do for us, or their likability. Dignity is a feeling of inherent value and worth."

— Chip Espinoza

## Muffins with the Minister

Our February “Muffins” date is **Tuesday, March 19th**. 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, and Rev. Ilene. Runs from 10 to noon.

## Social Justice Giving

Bread of Life serves well-balanced meals to people in need every Monday through Friday and on Sunday night. In addition, it provides many emergency pantry boxes. Your donation will help Bread of Life in providing over 45,000 a year.

## Upcoming Concerts—

*Registration Now Open*

3/8: [Jack Williams](#): 7:00pm

3/31: [Opal String Quartet](#): 1:30pm

4/5: [Sam Pacetti](#): 7:00pm

Get registered ahead of time.

Preferential seating to early registrants!



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

*Justice & Dignity — Rev. Ilene*

In the month of March, UUTC's sermons will focus on the topic of the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism. On this second Sunday of March, Rev. Ilene will reflect on the third and fourth principles of our UU faith-- Acceptance of one another and



encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations, and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. What does spiritual growth really mean for Unitarian Universalists, together and apart?

## SOUPER SUNDAY!

We could entice you by describing the warm fellowship of others, the aromas that float in the Social Hall, or the joy of having someone else cook. We could suggest that sharing a meal builds community, making us all feel more connected to one another.

*Instead, we present this succulent, colorful, decadent image...*

This Sunday, ya'll!



## REACHING GROUPS AT UUTC

The emails listed here are “re-directs” which allow us to easily change who belongs to groups while maintaining the privacy of members. An email sent to [choir@uutc.org](mailto:choir@uutc.org), for example, will send an email to each member of the choir. You may wish to keep this page for future reference.

### LEADERSHIP

<a href="mailto:board@uutc.org">board@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Board of Trustees
<a href="mailto:president@uutc.org">president@uutc.org</a>	Reach the President of the Board of Trustees
<a href="mailto:treasurer@uutc.org">treasurer@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees
<a href="mailto:records@uutc.org">records@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Board Secretary and the front desk to submit Committee Reports or agenda items for the next Board meeting.

### COMMITTEES

<a href="mailto:adcom@uutc.org">adcom@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Board’s Administration Committee.
<a href="mailto:finance@uutc.org">finance@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Board’s Finance Committee.
<a href="mailto:property@uutc.org">property@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Board’s Property Committee.
<a href="mailto:nominations@uutc.org">nominations@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Congregation’s Nominations Committee.
<a href="mailto:council@uutc.org">council@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Governance/Ministry Advisory Council.

### TEAMS

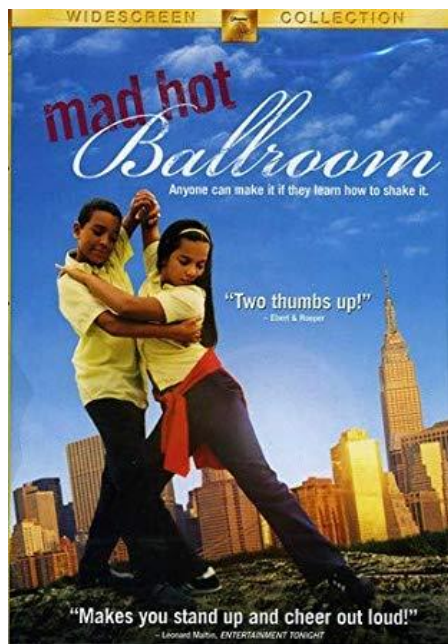
<a href="mailto:are@uutc.org">are@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Adult Religious Exploration Team.
<a href="mailto:createam@uutc.org">createam@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Children’s Religious Exploration Team.
<a href="mailto:facilities@uutc.org">facilities@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Building & Grounds planner & worker bees.
<a href="mailto:lhhh@uutc.org">lhhh@uutc.org</a>	Reach our care team: Loving Hearts & Helping Hands.
<a href="mailto:socialjustice@uutc.org">socialjustice@uutc.org</a>	Reach our Social Action Team.
<a href="mailto:stewardship@uutc.org">stewardship@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Stewardship Team.
<a href="mailto:welcoming@uutc.org">welcoming@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Welcoming Team.
<a href="mailto:worship@uutc.org">worship@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Worship Team.

### OTHER GROUPS

<a href="mailto:choir@uutc.org">choir@uutc.org</a>	Reach all the choir members.
<a href="mailto:coffee@uutc.org">coffee@uutc.org</a>	Reach all the volunteers who help with coffee on Sundays.
<a href="mailto:greeters@uutc.org">greeters@uutc.org</a>	Reach all the volunteers who help with greeting on Sundays.
<a href="mailto:parents@uutc.org">parents@uutc.org</a>	Reach parents of school-age children who have signed up.
<a href="mailto:ushers@uutc.org">ushers@uutc.org</a>	Reach all the volunteers who help usher on Sundays.

### STAFF or RELATED

<a href="mailto:administrator@uutc.org">administrator@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Congregational Administrator.
<a href="mailto:danny@uutc.org">danny@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Director of Children’s Religious Exploration.
<a href="mailto:music@uutc.org">music@uutc.org</a>	Reach the Director of Music.
<a href="mailto:poetry@uutc.org">poetry@uutc.org</a>	Submit a poem for the newsletter to the poetry curator.
<a href="mailto:revilene@uutc.org">revilene@uutc.org</a>	Reach our minister.



## MAD HOT BALLROOM KICKS OFF FILM FEST

ARE announces the 2019 UUTC Inspirational Documentary Film Festival!

Our first film will be *Mad Hot Ballroom* on Sunday, March 10th from 3:30-5:30 pm. *Mad Hot Ballroom* is a beautiful film about elementary students in NYC who learn ballroom dancing and compete in a city wide dance competition. This film will capture your heart and lift your spirits! This is the true story on which the film *Take the Lead*, with Antonio Banderas, was based. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fun and inspiration. A Love offering will be taken to support speakers and other programming from ARE.

## WALKING THE CAT BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING

Recommended as a “best practice” by other Administrators in other UU congregations of our size or larger, I began attending our UUTC Board meetings in an official capacity in January. Prior to this week’s meeting, I went home to clear my head and walk miss Leia Vanilla Bean.



I do not consider Board Meetings to be an onerous task. I have much invested in this spiritual community—as an LGBTQ+ individual, I’ve never had a place like UUTC before in which to feel secure in the knowledge that I was among trusted friends. Board and other meetings are where I get to see the members of this community work through the maintenance and growth necessary to live up to that which we espouse and hold dear — the 7 Principles. This is not a social club. Being in covenant is work, and anyone who has ever been part of a successful relationship knows it.

So, as I was walking our little heathen cat, I was experiencing a lot of gratitude for those who have stepped up to serve in all the ways that you do here at UUTC. From crafting soup for Souper Sunday, to ushering, to changing furnace filters, to banging out policy— it’s all essential. And as your Administrator, I probably have a truer sense of just how many people it takes to make it all work than most.

So let me thank you. Thanks to the Board, who is tasked by our Bylaws to oversee everything at UUTC—I applaud your commitment. Thanks to our Committees, who do the work assigned them by the Board (who can’t do it all themselves) with insight and diligence. Thanks to our Teams, without whom we would have so much less “togetherness,” because it is you who maintain our programs and social opportunities and Mission. You are the hands and feet that make a home for joy to live. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you in my role as Administrator. — RK



## UUTC FALL RETREAT @ THE MOUNTAIN: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**LODGING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** — and we are competing with two other groups for space. Be sure and lock down your registration today!

We are scheduled for the weekend of **October 4-6, 2019**. We will be sharing the Retreat Center with a congregation from Columbia. If you want to have a great time with Rev. Ilene and your UUTC friends sign up early. We will have a program that will leave plenty of time to enjoy the wonders of the mountains and take a great hike.

**UUTC cannot make these reservations on your behalf**, so make sure you go online to <https://themountainrlc.org/retreats/> and reserve space now!

## THE YELLOW BOX IS BACK!

The American Association of University Women begin collecting your books this month, the 50th year of their annual book sale. UUTC has always been very generous with their book contributions! You will find our familiar yellow box under the coat rack and contributions can be placed here and will be picked up every Sunday morning.



The money made at the sale is distributed to deserving women in the form of scholarships to Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College. **Education is one of the proven ways out of poverty— please encourage women in their desires to lift themselves and their families up with your bookshelf gifts!** If you have too many books to carry, call Penny Davies at 828-966-9393 and she will arrange to have them picked up from your home. The American Association of University Women thank you for your books and your generosity.

## GIVE BEES AND BUGS THE GIFT OF HOUSING



Our Insect Hotel Workshop will be on April 7th, after Souper Sunday! There will be assorted “empty rooms” to choose from. You will select your favorite, and then furnish the housing with pinecones, hollow stems, bamboo, sticks, grasses, leaves and other items collect by UUTC Youth.

This workshop does feature some power tools — sometimes wire mesh is applied across the front to hold things like pinecones in place. This will be your choice, since you are doing the furnishing! Love offerings will be accepted on behalf of the Facilities Team for use in creating CRE space on the Varsity lot. Sign up at the front desk!

## GRAND RE-OPENING OF UUTC LIBRARY SET FOR MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>

A couple years ago, the UUTC Library was relocated to its present position in the Church Narthex. Under the guidance of the Adult Religious Exploration Team, the library has been updated and re-organized. The Grand ReOpening of the UUTC Library will be held Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Personnel will be on hand to answer questions or to help you find a book for your interests.



In the UUTC Library you will find books on a variety of topics: Philosophy, World Religions, Unitarian Universalism, Christianity and more. In each category the books are listed alphabetically by author. You are invited to come browse through the library to discover what we have to offer you.

Books may be checked out by using the ledger. There is no time limit on returning the book. We do ask you be considerate of others and return the book within a reasonable amount of time.

Please stop by before or after the services on March 10<sup>th</sup> to see what your UUTC Library has to offer!

## FIVE PRACTICES OF WELCOMING RENEWAL

From the UUA Website:

*Many Welcoming Congregations confess to not having updated or reviewed their LGBTQ+ programs and outreach since the 1990s. As such, the UUA unveiled the Welcoming Congregations renewal program in 2015. Our goal was, "To honor your original pledge, it's essential that new people in the congregation understand your congregation's commitment to this work and the people who were originally involved in the program, and learn about the current needs and concerns of LGBTQ+ people." Over the past three years, we have renewed 18 of our 800 Welcoming Congregations.*



As a step in this renewal process, a short webinar on these practices will be aired at UUTC on Monday, March 4th, at 2:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The more who are able to lend their energy to the renewal process, the easier it will be.

It might seem that LGBTQ+ issues are now "main stream" and the barriers have fallen—but that is not yet true. We have made tremendous strides in making sacred space for all — let's keep up the good work.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM



March is here and with it comes our annual pledge drive! Look for your pledge letter and commitment form to arrive by mail in the days ahead. If you do not receive a pledge letter and would like to join our community of financial supporters, please email us at [Stewardship@uutc.org](mailto:Stewardship@uutc.org) and we will be happy to mail you one.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. If you are currently involved in making monthly or quarterly pledge payments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, remember that your recurring payments will end on that day! Renewal is not automatic, so please be sure to respond to UUTC's current drive this month so we can know if we can count on your continued support.

If you are a new Member or Friend, we also ask you to pledge now, in March, so that our Board of Directors are able to confidently approve UUTC's proposed fiscal year operating budget for 2020 at their April Meeting. Please remember, congregational financial support for UUTC is the life-blood of our community!

Finally, Mark your calendars: June 6, 2018 is UUTC's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday! We will enter the 2020 fiscal year having celebrated 20 years as a congregation! A perfect time to look ahead to the coming decades – hence our theme: Vision 2020!

***Do you have a vision for the future of UUTC? Support that vision by pledging generously!***

In Faith,

Joyce Henneberry

President Elect



## DON'T WAIT FOR AN EXCUSE TO BE IN TOUCH

Communities are made, not born. As often as we can, we come together on Sundays, and frequently on other days, as well. We do, however, have a number of Members or Friends who aren't able to be with us each week. Have you noticed? Would you want someone to notice you were missing?

Consider sending a card to someone who has recently moved, or who has spoken up at Joys & Concerns, or who you just haven't seen in awhile. You can find Hallmark cards at the Dollar Tree, and stamps are not that expensive. The gift you send will be valued far beyond that investment.

## SELECTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE GIVING RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Social Action Team is busy looking at choices for our monthly Social Justice Giving for the coming fiscal year (July-June, 2019-2020). Our congregation votes on which organizations to designate as recipients for our monthly giving. Social Action does “Due Diligence” by researching the organizations, many of whom we’ve given to before. These are the factors that we look at when considering a program:

- **HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT SERVE?**
- **DOES IT FILL UNMET NEEDS OR SERVE NEW POPULATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY?**
- **IS IT PARTNERING WITH OTHERS?**
- **IS IT A WELL RUN ORGANIZATION WITH A REACH BEYOND BREVARD?**
- **DO WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ORGANIZATION? ARE WE TRYING TO BUILD ONE?**
- **WHAT ARE THEIR FINANCES AND HOW DO THEY GENERATE MONEY?**
- **DO THEY REALLY NEED US?**

If you have a non-profit you’d like to suggest, email the details to Lisa McHenry (LISMCH7@GMAIL.COM) and Susan Zelle (SWZELLE@YAHOO.COM) along with the answers to these questions.

**We will be looking at candidates soon, so your deadline is FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH.**

You will be able to vote by paper ballot inserts in our Order of Service during the month of April.

**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).