

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 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

Grounds Cleanup — Sat 9-1:00

Insect Hotel Workshop — Sat @ 10

Spiritual Exploration — Mon 3:30

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Worship Team — Tues @ 1:30

Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00

Board Mtg — Tues @ 5:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Stewardship — Wed @ 11:00

Council — Wed @ 11:00pm

Lenten Service — Thurs @ 2:00

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MONEY & REAL LIFE

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

How we handle money can be a source of insight about our spiritual approach to life as we go through the stages of life. With stories about family life and overlooked inheritances, Roger Jones invites us to think about our personal relationships, our sense of self, our money, and those funny places where they overlap.

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones is senior minister of the UU Society of Sacramento, which he began serving as family minister in 2008. Earlier he served congregations in Sunnyvale, California, and in Minnesota and Indiana. Rev. Ilene preached for his congregation in January and he's happy to meet the UUs of Transylvania County!

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

"Indifference is expensive. Hostility is unaffordable. Trust is priceless. It's all about relationships."

— *Ted Rubin*

Sierra Club — Thurs @ 6:30

Teen Night — Sun 31st @ 5:00

Muffins with the Minister

Our **APRIL** “Muffins” date is **Tuesday, April 16th**. 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



Operating under the mission of leading our community in eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault through prevention, advocacy, education and healing. Our vision is that all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault be provided safety, treated with dignity and respect and given the opportunity to create long lasting changes that will result in a life free from violence and abuse.

Upcoming Concerts—

Registration Now Open

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

Respect the Webb — Rev. Ilene



On this final Sunday of March, Rev. Ilene will reflect on the seventh principle of our UU faith: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. This is a fitting topic for our last sermon of March, as it's also Generosity Sunday-- the end of our pledge drive! It takes all of our gifts, great and small, varied in infinite forms, to make up this congregation where we are each given the gift of a safe space in which to belong, serve, grow, and love.



EXPLORING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Join us **Sunday, April 7th at 1:00pm** for an interactive, multi-generational workshop offering keys to building and maintaining healthy relationships, whether with family, friends, or partners.

We'll craft a group covenant (agreement) for being in relationship with each other. Then, we'll explore ideas about relationship dynamics and identify our relationship deal makers and deal breakers. This will be a unique chance to observe similarities and differences among participants of varied ages.

This workshop will be led by Dr. Melanie Davis, a human sexuality education consultant and the UUA's Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Program Associate. She is the author of the upcoming OWL for Older Adults curriculum and developmental editor for other editions.

Childcare is provided for this event without notification.

BREVARD CARES COMMUNITY CLEANUP— SAT MAR 30, 8:00 AM—NOON



Please consider participating in community cleanup projects for **Brevard Cares** on Saturday, March 30th, beginning after an 8:00 AM snack at the Police Station, 114 W. Jordan Street. This is the eighth annual Community Cleanup. Help represent UUTC as we join in with other local churches, youth groups and civic organizations in this worthy effort.

Frequently people say that they would like to participate in local social action beyond writing a monthly check to deserving agencies. Here's your chance: The City of Brevard Police Department organizes this outdoor property cleanup for the elderly and those who need assistance. *With enough people volunteering from UUTC, we would like to focus on projects helping our neighbors, some of whom live in the Varsity Oxford House.* Our Facilities Team has a plan to address the expressed needs of residents to protect them from headlights and provide a little more privacy, but the Team needs more hands.

Please bring sunscreen, gloves, rakes, shovels, tree trimmers, wheelbarrows and yourself! Dress appropriately for being outside. Families are welcome.

Mark the date on your calendar and sign up on the list on the counter. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy or Phil Davis at 877-4555.

AMERICANS & THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: WHY IS IT SO DARNED HARD?

Mark your calendar!

In 1776, Thomas Jefferson famously asserted that Americans were entitled to three sacred rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Since then, we have feverishly chased the good life, not always with success. On **Monday, April 22, at 7 o'clock**, historian and former university president, Dr. David Shi, will draw insights from history, psychology, economics, and neuroscience to explore the enticing yet elusive goal of happiness, past and present.

From the Transylvania Times: A prolific writer and speaker, Shi has shared his knowledge of such topics as American history, sustainability and leadership with thousands of people in the corporate, higher education, nonprofit and religious sectors.

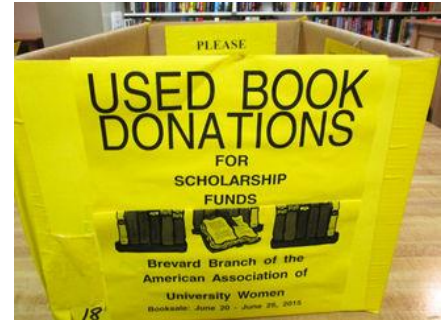
Shi, an Atlanta native and a 1973 magna cum laude Furman graduate who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa before earning a Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia (1976), championed the university's emphasis on engaged learning, energy conservation and environmental stewardship. Under his direction, Furman became a national leader in promoting sustainability.

Admission: Love Offering



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.

WHY GIVE BEES AND BUGS THE GIFT OF HOUSING?

Our Insect Hotel Workshop will be on **March 23rd starting at 10:00am** when Facilities will be doing a grounds clean up. You can select a structure, and then furnish the housing with pinecones, hollow stems, bamboo, sticks, grasses, leaves and other items collected by UUTC Youth and others. Bring hand clippers to “tweak” your innards! But why would you bother to do this? Why is this even “a thing?”

Some people use insect hotels to improve pollination in their gardens. The diverse housing opportunities offered in one of these structures provides for the different types of pollinators or other beneficial insects that benefit vegetable gardens or help set seed for flowering plants.

The real reason, however, is the precipitous decline of insect populations worldwide. [National Geographic](#), [The Guardian](#), [Fortune](#), [Vox](#), [Phys](#) and dozens of other sources started reporting these losses after a study was released in early February. Insects are, of course, essential to pollination, but they also serve as food for other species. Their loss is contributing to declines in other species, such as songbirds.



The impacts are already reaching the human race.

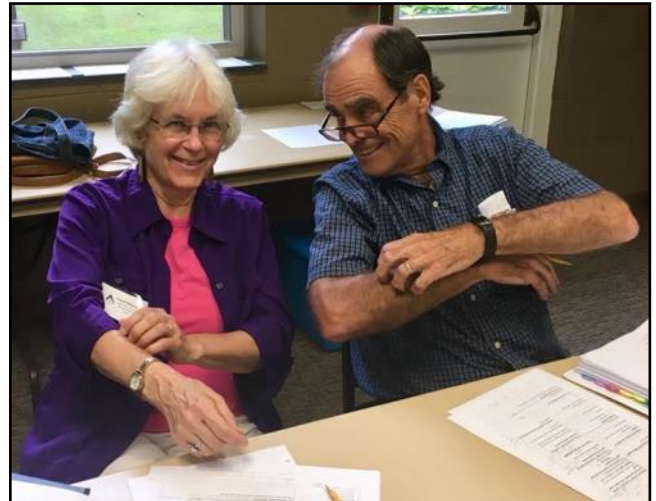
Even if you haven't signed up, drop by—we have extra habitats ready to be made yours!



UUTC ADULT SPELLERS TAKE ON THE BEE

The Augustine Literacy Project-Brevard is sponsoring the first-ever Augustine-Literacy Project Adult Spelling Bee as a fund raiser for that organization on March 30. UUTC's **Heather Layton** is one creators of the event and is working hard to make it a success.

We all know that learning to read in the early years is not only a predictor of later academic success, but also critical in becoming a productive member of society. The mission of the Augustine Literacy Project-Brevard is to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children and teens who struggle with literacy skills. **JoAnn Crawford**, a professional educator who taught teachers to use the Orton-Gillingham method, brought awareness of this critical need by asking Wendi Adair to speak at a UUTC Women's Group meeting, open to all, held in 2017.



Carol Moore and Bobby King, learning to teach reading skills at an Augustine Literacy Project training.

UUTC members **Bobby King, Heather Layton, Carol Moore, and Pedro Sandin** are now all serving as Augustine-trained tutors at Brevard Elementary School. Bobby, Pedro, and Carol have formed a team with Dolores Brown to compete in the spelling bee as **The Carpenter Bees** and raise money and recruit tutors for the Augustine Literacy Project. UUTC's Emily Atkinson, who teaches art at BMS, will compete in The Bee as part of **Spells Like Teen Spirit**.

The Bee will be held March 30 at the DFR room, 36 E. Main St. in downtown Brevard. At 5:00 pm, there will be a silent auction with appetizers and beverages. **The Bee** Contest will follow at 6:00. Admission is \$10. Please come out and support the Carpenter Bees, and more importantly, consider making a donation to the Augustine Literacy Project. To support **The Carpenter Bees**, simply [CLICK HERE](#). To support **Spells Like Teen Spirit**, [CLICK HERE](#).

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.

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

SO FUN! SO EASY! 😊

BOARD AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 5:00PM

Welcome

Check In

Opening Words

Board Packet Review:

Approval of Minutes • Receipt of Email votes into the Record • Minister's Report • Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports: Administration, Finance, Property • Council Report

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

Dear Members and Friends,

It's that time of the month, again: your Board meets next Tuesday at 5 PM in the large classroom. We welcome visitors to these meetings and open the floor to comments if requested. Come and see your Board at work!



Our agenda is typically available the Friday before the Board meeting. Copies are available on request.

Agendas are similar from month to month. You will find such entries as the Minister's Report, receipt (and approval of the minutes, if not accomplished by an electronic vote) from the previous meeting, the Treasurer's Report and reports from Board Committees and, occasionally, specific requests or reports from Teams and Task Forces. In addition to recurring topics from each Committee, Committees, which serve in an advisory capacity to the Board, often submit topics that require Board action beyond receipt and approval. Finally, at times new topics not included on the agenda are considered; these arise because they are new, or because the President forgot to communicate them to the Secretary on a timely basis!

In the upcoming meeting, we will be specifically discussing proposed policy to address disruptive behavior and a mechanism to empower the Council to manage such matters (both from the Administration Committee) and the management of distributions from the Endowment Fund (from the Finance Committee). In addition, we will consider a proposal from the Facilities Team for the use of the vacant lot next door.

In covenant

Peter B.

LENTEN SERVICE: THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 2:00PM

Join us and others in the Koinonia community for a short but meaningful Lenten service this Thursday. Help us host our guests from the community as we reflect on this season.

Our offerings for this service will go to The Haven. The service is supported by the Worship Team and by the Social Action Team, whose members are providing refreshments, including the obligatory coffee.

Hymns will be sung, and John Austin will be at the piano. Join us.



MEDASSIST FREE PHARMACY (OTC) RETURNS TO BREVARD ON MAY 23

Do you need help, or know someone who does?? The Mobile Free Pharmacy (OTC) Program is coming to Brevard on May 23rd. MedAssist provides free over the counter medicines to those in need. Even with insurance, many individuals and families struggle to purchase medicine cabinet staples such as first aid, digestive aids, cold and flu products, and vitamins. Last fiscal year, NC MedAssist served 21,819 individuals with OTC medicines and saved NC more than \$30 million in healthcare cost avoidance.

This event is expected to serve up to 1000 local residents with 8-10 over the counter items. No ID is required or proof of residency.

To become more familiar with our Mobile Free Pharmacy, watch the short video [HERE!](#)

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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

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