

# 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 [lhkh@uutc.org](mailto:lhkh@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

**Brevard Cares — Sat 8:00-12:00**

Romania Mtg — Sun @ 12:15

**Opal String Quartet — Sun 1:30**

Teen Night — Sun 31st @ 5:00

Shared Ministry — Mon @ 3:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Worship Team — Tues @ 1:30

Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Stewardship — Wed @ 11:00

Choir — Wed @ 4:00

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Sunday

## RESPECT THE WEB

**Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie**

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. Join us!

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

"This planet is an exquisitely arranged and interconnected system. ... Our job as gardeners is to try and figure this out no matter how small our allotted space might be. Discipline has to be the watchword for our controlling hands. It means not gardening without thinking of the garden as a habitat: for mice, for squirrels, for bees and wasps. For other living creatures beyond ourselves."

— *Marjorie Harris, In the Garden*

Team Mtg Night — Wed @ 5:00  
 Joy of Being — Thurs @ 11:00  
 Property Com — Thurs @ 6:00pm

**Sam Pacetti in Concert — Fri @ 7:00**

## 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](#)**

**4/24: [Champion Fulton: 7:00pm](#)**



## SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

***Freed by Forgiveness — Rev. Ilene***

As we begin a new month of worship, we will focus on the theme of Rebirth. Forgiveness is, in itself, a form of rebirth-- being reborn into new relationships with self and others. As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to forgive, not only for the sake of others but also for the transformative quality that forgiveness brings to our own lives. In this service, we will reflect together on the power of forgiveness, and will also hear special music from the Unitarian Universalist Association's Dr. Melanie Davis, who will lead a workshop on Unitarian Universalism and relationships after the second service.



## EXPLORING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS—UPDATED

Join us **Sunday, April 7th at 1:00pm** for a program we are lucky to have! Relationships benefit from intention, attention, and occasional re-evaluation. This fun, one-hour interactive workshop will explore the many types of relationships we may have, from those we have within this spiritual community to those we have with partners, children, grandchildren, and friends. What are we looking for in relationships? How can we identify whether a relationship is healthy or unhealthy? How can we help each other foster healthy relationships?

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.



## A NATIONAL CRISIS FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

*A two part series presented by the Transylvania County Library, In concert with the CARE Coalition*

America's opioid crisis has captured headlines and changed the common stereotypes around drug addiction. *On average, 130 people die of an opioid overdose in this country each day. That number is expected to rise this year.*

What is this crisis all about, and what is happening in Transylvania County to address this complex and troubling issue? This series is designed to help answer those questions. A Q & A session with a panel of local experts who are on the front lines will be part of each session.

**April 1, 2019 at 7:00pm** – The documentary, **HEROIN(E)**, will be shown. This gritty 2017 documentary won an Emmy and shows how three women are successfully responding to the opioid crisis in Huntington, West Virginia.



## COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH: SOUPER SUNDAY!



Isn't convenient, that on a day when we have the opportunity to attend a great program following the second service, we have **SOUPER SUNDAY?** What luck!

The Welcoming Team hosts this event each month to make it easier for us all to have a bit of time together. Make the most of it! This may be the last "Souper" Sunday until later in the year, with SANDWICH Sunday taking over in May.

At the front desk is a sign up sheet to contribute a soup— we need at least 8 chefs to have sufficient for the hungry hoards. Given the Healthy Relationships program, ten chefs would be even better. If you would like to contribute but don't have a crock pot of your own, UUTC has a couple that we are happy to loan out to facilitate your efforts.

If you are planning to attend, the Team appreciates your contributions of crackers, fruit or dessert type items to be shared. But ALL ARE WELCOME! Do not feel that you have to come bearing gifts. We mostly want to make sure you have time to chat and get to know someone new from UUTC, or time to hunt down a friend you haven't talked to in awhile.

Sunday will be nippy and hot soup will be just the ticket. Come enjoy!

# FRIDAY

## APRIL 5TH!

### SAM PACETTI IS IN THE HOUSE!

Friday, April 7th at 7:00pm. Yes, he was just here in September, but oh, what a show! Have a friend from St. Augustine? Be sure to invite them, as that is Sam's stomping grounds! Ask Michael Solomon, Kevin Glenn or Peggy Bogardus what the last concert was like... a rollicking good time! [Reserve your seats now!](#)



### 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.

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 our brave adult spellers!



### INSECT HOTELS — LOADS OF FUN



Our Insect Hotel Workshop was a wild success with a dozen lovely textural artists beautifully arranging the bedding for various insects inside their selected guest housing. Using hollow stems, pine cones, leaves, grass, sticks and other unidentified materials (plus their clippers), this



crew just expanded the workforce housing for pollinators and beneficial insects in Transylvania County.

In addition, their love offerings, totaling \$150, will go towards Facility Team purchases of pollinator friendly plants for UUTC property.

Happy bugs!



## A FELLOWSHIP GREEN IS BORN



At this Tuesday's Board Meeting, Facilities Team Leader Kay Webb presented the Board with a proposal from the Team for a Fellowship Green. Looking at the aerial view above (taken by Mark Allison—thank you, Mark!), the long term plan includes a meditation space (green circle), children's play area, (purple squiggle), utility shed (red box), raised beds (long skinny rectangle) and fellowship area (blue/yellow catastrophe of illustration).

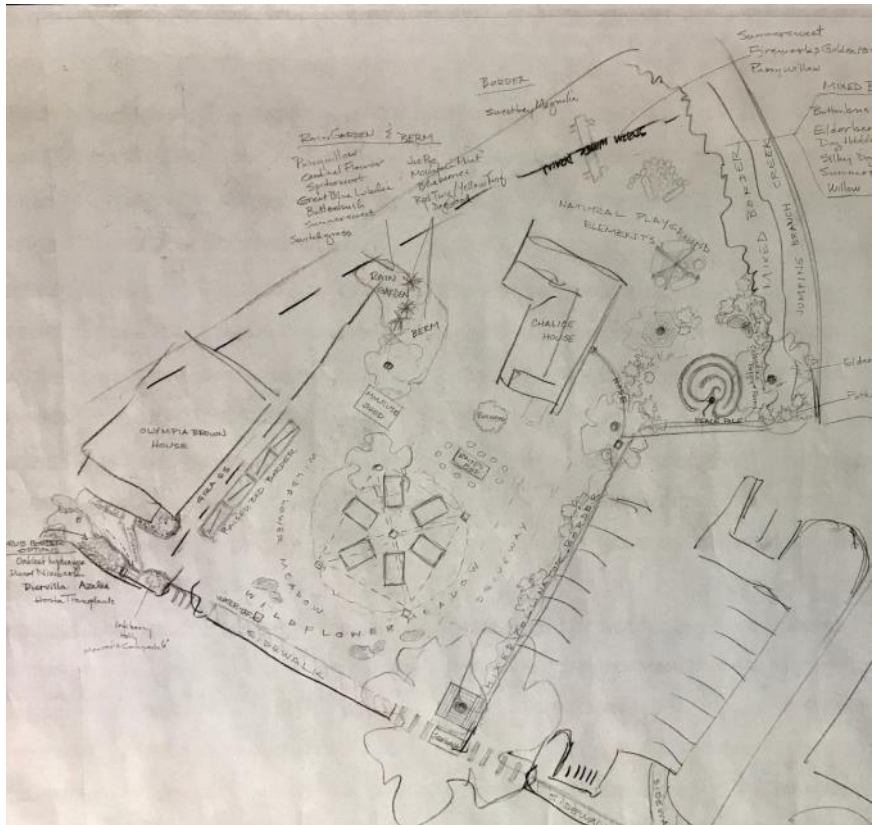
These plans were developed in response to a request from the Council and Rev. Ilene to strategically imagine how best to use the space in a way that would leave our options open for development should we need to create parking in the space in the future. So the proposed components are all "soft" features, in that they can be moved without bringing in a wrecking ball and don't require a large investment (as such things go).

At the top of Rev. Ilene and DCRE Danny's list was some gardening space for our kiddos. This need will be met by raised beds and the installation of a water line and a freeze-proof "yard hydrant" which will be run from the old water tap that used to belong to the house on the lot. This line will be buried deeply and run to the back of the shed, so that it is out of the way of all of our feet except when needed.

The utility shed will store garden tools and a number of other things currently housed in our HVAC room. The great need for a janitor's sink made this a top priority for the Facilities Team and the Board. By

moving items out of the HVAC space, some shelves can be removed to make way for the installation of a dedicated janitor's sink (which is in reality more like a shower stall). This will make it possible to fill, empty and clean mops and buckets in a way that is environmentally responsible and take us one large step closer to a "commercially licensed" kitchen.

The blue circle illustrates where picnic tables will be placed to accommodate Sandwich Sundays and other events. The yellow triangles represent shade "sail cloths" that will be installed above the tables to create shade and a little rain



protection. Wrapped around this fellowship space will be a wildflower meadow to "embrace" the picnic area and provide pollinator habitat and a welcoming space for us all to enjoy.

The budget for the project for the portions most specifically described so far [excepting the janitor's sink] comes to over \$6500. A donor who is excited to see this move forward has offered to the Board (and the offer was accepted Tuesday night) \$5000 to make sure this gets underway as quickly as possible—summer Chalice Camp is not far off! If you wish to assist with this funding, speak with RK or a Board Member to make sure your contribution will go where you desire. [Note: if you are an active Member or Friend, pledges to the operating fund are still the top priority.]

**Policy on Property (Section 6, subsection L): L. Stewardship of UUTC Property.** *When considering the stewardship of the UUTC property, those delegated the authority and responsibility by the Board to make decisions about the management and maintenance of buildings and grounds shall, whenever possible, minimize negative impacts on the environment through the use of natural and native materials, plants and products.* Underneath the picnic tables and around new plantings, the Facilities Team is pursuing wood chips from local arborists. This material can become soil fairly quickly, and will help the site recover from the burden of its former structure. Wood chips will not be placed in the areas known to be alleyways for stormwater. Plants selected by the Team will be native meadow plants — if you have some from your yard you can dig up and contribute at the proper time (coneflower, goldenrod, mountain mint, joepy weed, etc.), please contact a member of the Facilities Team so they can adjust their planned purchasing accordingly. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm!

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."*

– Coretta Scott King



## **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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