

UUTC UPDATE

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Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon 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

Teen Night — Sun @ 5:00
 Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
 Finance Com — Tues @ 10:00
 Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30
 SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
 Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am
 LHHH — Wed @ 4:00
 Choir — Wed @ 4:00
Fellowship on Tap — Wed @ 6:00
 Joy of Being — Thurs @ 11:00

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Sunday

JOY & WOE ARE WOVEN FINE

Rev. Jean Rowe

Dealing with the consequences of having bodies that can be unexpectedly unreliable, and finding wisdom, grace and gratitude in the process.

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

"Humans aren't as good as we should be in our capacity to empathize with feelings and thoughts of others, be they humans or other animals on Earth. So maybe part of our formal education should be training in empathy.

Imagine how different the world would be if, in fact, that were 'reading, writing, arithmetic, empathy."

— *Neil deGrasse Tyson*

Social Justice Giving



The primary mission of The Children's Center of Transylvania County is to provide services for children who are at risk of or are victims of neglect and/or abuse.

Upcoming Concerts—

Registration Now Open

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

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

SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Wrestling with Easter — Rev. Dr. Earle Rabb

How do Unitarian Universalists celebrate Easter? Rev. Dr. Earle Rabb has been wrestling with that question. In his Easter Sunday sermon he will share his thoughts on the subject. Hint: It's all about the eggs.



Earle's last message to us was very rewarding — don't miss this Easter Sunday with UUTC!

On Joy and Sorrow

Kahlil Gibran

Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.
 And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises was
 oftentimes filled with your tears.
 And how else can it be?
 The deeper that sorrow carves into your being,
 the more joy you can contain.
 Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was
 burned in the potter's oven?
 And is not the lute that soothes your spirit, the very wood that
 was hollowed with knives?
 When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall
 find it is only that which has given you sorrow
 that is giving you joy.
 When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall
 see that in truth you are weeping
 for that which has been your delight.
 Some of you say, "Joy is greater than sorrow," and others say,
 "Nay, sorrow is the greater."
 But I say unto you, they are inseparable.
 Together they come, and when one sits, alone with you at your
 board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.

[abbreviated]



Dear Members and Friends,

We are saddened, with you all, by the health news that Reverend Ilene revealed this past Tuesday. We honor the disappointment that Rev Ilene must feel, confronting a daunting collection of symptoms, when she has such enthusiasm and love for the ministry and for UUTC in particular.

Rev. Ilene has been in regular communication with the Board as the symptoms have progressed. Thus, when she requested a Medical Leave of Absence, the Board unanimously supported that request. We earnestly hope that Rev. Ilene and her health care team make sufficient progress in the management of her symptoms that she can return to her ministry here at UUTC in early August, as she indicated in her letter to us all.

As Rev. Ilene has also noted, she will be keeping the Board advised of her progress; we will pass that information on by means of the newsletter, as she deems appropriate.

We, as a congregation, will face many challenges as we work to fill the void that Rev. Ilene's absence will create. We as a congregation are up to this task: our history is filled with telling accomplishments. We've purchased a church building, and then, when growth dictated, the adjacent three lots for potential expansion. We converted a maintenance garage into a welcoming space well suited to the various uses to which we put it. We have founded or been principals in the formation of several outreach programs: The Haven and Bread of Life are but two examples.

We – YOU – are up to the challenge of these next four months!! But we do have active roles to play.

First, we will need to be very supportive of our able Administrator. RK is extraordinarily competent, but she is, after all, human just like the rest of us. We need to think carefully before asking her to do something. To be sure, she would probably do that task more effectively; if we can do it ourselves, however, then we free her up to do those things critical to the organizational life of UUTC that someone else cannot practically do. We also need to step up and take over activities that are a part of RK's ordinary work life but that can be readily transferred into hands of competent volunteers.

Next, consider volunteering to help the Worship Team. Their job has suddenly expanded three- or four-fold: instead of identifying and preparing for Worship leaders once each month and covering for Rev. Ilene's vacation, scheduled for the month of July, they will be responsible for filling the pulpit every Sunday for the next four months. Do you know someone who might be a good speaker? Could you serve as a service coordinator? There are other roles or tasks, we are certain, that this Team would willingly assign to volunteers.

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Ushering and greeting will need additional support and attention. These activities make visitors, friends and members feel welcome. The coffee hour is a special time for connecting and reconnecting among adults, and is especially enjoyed by our children – cookies and juice, anyone?

Setting up and taking down rooms—including the sanctuary— to accommodate meetings is a critical function. Too many times we have found RK doing those chores, when those who have booked the rooms could have taken on that task themselves.

We are leaving out many Teams and tasks, but you can get the gist of our thinking. *We are a beloved community* – together we can do this.

Please contact either of us with your ideas and suggestions.

In covenant.

Peter B Mockridge (President) and Joyce Henneberry (President-Elect)

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL — WANNA PLAY? TIME SENSITIVE

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Be a leader in good sportsmanship! Our sense of humor, engagement with others and just general good-temperedness has been missed by Church League Softball. Join Bob Bennett, Stephen Houseworth, Chanley Layton, Drew Maciula, Amy Pointer, Cassie Smatana, Tom Stanwood and Marcus Webb to help re-build a UUTC team!

To play at any game, we must have 4 women. Minimum of 9 players must show up at every game. Base coaches who do not actually play are also needed (tell ‘em when to run!), as well as a co-manager—Drew can’t make every game. ROSTERS ARE DUE ON APRIL 23RD. No one is expected to play every game. **If you can play even a couple of games, please sign up—they do not allow us to add you later on!**

There are also roles for those who want to help but don’t necessarily want to play. We need Base Coaches and Game Captains and Score Keepers! The first game of the season is May 6th. You don’t even have to buy a bat or a glove — extras are available. And the office still has some t-shirts!

Use the link at the top of the article to sign up!



SOCIAL ACTION GIVING: THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

"The Nurturing Program"



All babies are not as happy and healthy as this one. Often this is the reality.

"I need help with these kids. They talk back, don't listen. Even punishing 'em doesn't teach 'em" Not an unusual lament heard at the Children's Center. This frustrated mother had, most likely, been sent to the Center by the Department of Social Services (DSS) or the health department.

The children being described were in danger. Danger of abuse or neglect and the mother was "at risk" for actions that might result in having her children taken from her. With the help of trained volunteers at the Center she will be partnered with a mentor with whom she will meet weekly where her frustrations will be dealt with and she will be provided with skills to help her manage her children without turning to violent methods.

This Nurturing Program is only one of the many services provided by the Center which is supported solely by public contributions. The Center receives no financial support from the Federal, State or local government.

UUTC has been a strong supporter of The Children's Center for many years and for that we are deeply grateful.

MEET AMY LANDER — ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Many of you already know Amy through her work in childcare, or filling in on Sundays "in the booth." Monday will be her first day on the job formally assuming the role of Administrative Assistant.

You will be able to reach Amy at amy@uutc.org. One of her primary responsibilities will be collecting information from all of you who desire to have an item placed in the OOS or the newsletter. She will also be handling some of the tasks associated with visitor's cards and Sunday PowerPoints.

Amy has already been helping on Team Meeting nights by coming in early before her childcare shift to help set up tables and plates, etc. for Teams. In her new role, she will add tasks as she is trained. Her computer will be up front, where she can greet all who come in, restoring a welcoming presence to the foyer of UUTC. Join us in giving her a big welcome!

JOIN A GROUP OF UUS FOR A ONE-DAY SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

The UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina is offering three, one-day, regional social justice workshops for uus (and others), one of which will be held **June 1 at the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville**. The workshop's focus is on *becoming a justice-making congregation: creating, growing, & nurturing social justice ministry in UU congregations, and will give us the framework, tools, and skills we need to work more visibly, more relationally, and more effectively.*

There's no cost for the workshop but a \$15 donation per person is suggested to offset the cost of breakfast and lunch. The workshop starts at 8am in Hendersonville. Look for a sign-up sheet in April on the front counter. **Please note you must register yourselves**—this is simply to see who is going and to explore the idea of carpooling.

Click here to [REGISTER FOR THE JUNE 1 WORKSHOP AT THE UU FELLOWSHIP OF HENDERSONVILLE.](#)

SPECIAL SCREENING: NEWTON — A FILM ABOUT GRIEF AND COLLECTIVE TRAUMA



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm at Brevard College's Ingram Auditorium for this free showing of *Newton*. Join our community's conscious conversation about gun violence prevention and support for survivors of gun violence and threats of violence. A panel of local experts will respond to questions after the film. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Sponsored by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, SAFE, Project Empathy & others.

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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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