

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 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

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30

David Shi — Mon @ 7:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Worship Team — Tues @ 12:30

Board Mtg — Tues @ 5:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Champion Fulton — Wed @ 7:00

Shared Pulpit — Thurs @ 4:30

Budget Forum — Thurs @ 7:00

Sierra Club — Thurs @ 7:30

Budget Forum — Fri @ 5:30

Final Day, Undie Sunday — Sun 4/28

Teen Night — Sun 5:00 4/28

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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.

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

““In my own worst seasons I've come back from the colorless world of despair by forcing myself to look hard, for a long time, at a single glorious thing: a flame of red geranium outside my bedroom window. And then another: my daughter in a yellow dress. And another: the perfect outline of a full, dark sphere behind the crescent moon. Until I learned to be in love with my life again. Like a stroke victim retraining new parts of the brain to grasp lost skills, I have taught myself joy, over and over again.”

— *Barbara Kingsolver, High Tide in Tucson*

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.

UNDIE SUNDAY — APRIL 28

When you are out shopping, consider picking up boys' and girls' underwear for The Sharing House and adult underwear for The Haven. These important articles of clothing are welcomed by all who receive them. Please place your gifts in the large baskets under the fire extinguisher.

Upcoming Concert—

Registration Now Open

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



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Wisdom Jesus — Rev. Jeff Jones

As Unitarian Universalists, we know there are many interpretations of the life and death of Jesus. Drawing on the work of Cynthia Bourgeault, an Episcopal Priest who draws on Christian scripture and the Wisdom tradition, we will look at the non-dual Jesus, the Jesus who urged us to be fully present with others, the Jesus who urged us to be free of ego and to not keep score of rights and wrongs. This Jesus advocates for the transformation of human consciousness.

In June 2017, Rev. Jeff Jones left full-time parish ministry (9 years in Fredericksburg, VA, and 7 years in Marietta, GA) to pursue Community Ministry in Compassionate Living, a cornerstone of which is Nonviolent (Compassionate) Communication developed by Marshall Rosenberg. He and his wife now live in Asheville, NC, and he is enjoying creating this new ministry as student, aspiring practitioner, and facilitator.

FOUND LETTER

By Joshua Weiner

What makes for a happier life, Josh, comes to this:
 Gifts freely given, that you never earned;
 Open affection with your wife and kids;
 Clear pipes in winter, in summer screens that fit;
 Few days in court, with little consequence;
 A quiet mind, a strong body, short hours
 In the office; close friends who speak the truth;
 Good food, cooked simply; a memory that's rich
 Enough to build the future with; a bed
 In which to love, read, dream, and re-imagine love;
 A warm, dry field for laying down in sleep,
 And sleep to trim the long night coming;
 Knowledge of who you are, the wish to be
 None other; freedom to forget the time;
 To know the soul exceeds where it's confined
 Yet does not seek the terms of its release,
 Like a child's kite catching at the wind
 That flies because the hand holds tight the line.

GETTING CONNECTED

Contact Directories are really important for us all to stay connected. But did you know that the **ChurchLife** app is available to Members and Friends free of charge? It is easy to use and is the most up-to-date resource for reaching other members of UUTC.

You can download and install the app from either Google Play or the Apple App Store. **Before you can use it, however, you will need a password from our ACS database.**



To get that password, go to our Member page on the website: <http://uutc.org/member/>, scroll down to the red “ACS” logo and click on it. It will direct you to the ACS login/get a password page. On that page, **look below the login** box for “**Need a Login? Click Here,**” and enter your email there. This will connect you to ACS and they will email you with a way to select a password to use with the **ChurchLife** app.

Sometimes this email ends up in your spam folder. If you have any trouble getting your password, come in to see RK and we’ll get you set up properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.

If you successfully receive the email from UUTC that allows you to set a password, terrific! Follow the link (which will open your web browser), set up a password—right that down—and then close the browser. This is a little confusing because the browser will have UUTC and ACS all over it, but this is NOT the tidy little ChurchLife app, but the full-on database.

Now return to the ChurchLife app you previously downloaded. Use your email and your new password and login. Presto! Your church directory is in your pocket!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SMARTPHONE: Drop by the office and request a printed copy of the contact directory, available to Members and Friends. While it has no images, it will give you current information for all the lovely people in our UUTC family.

Finally, be sure to sign up for a copy of the Photo Directory. This calendar-style publication has a list of our group emails, and photos of nearly all our Members and Friends. It really helps when you get home, had a great conversation, but can’t remember his/her name! Cost is \$10.

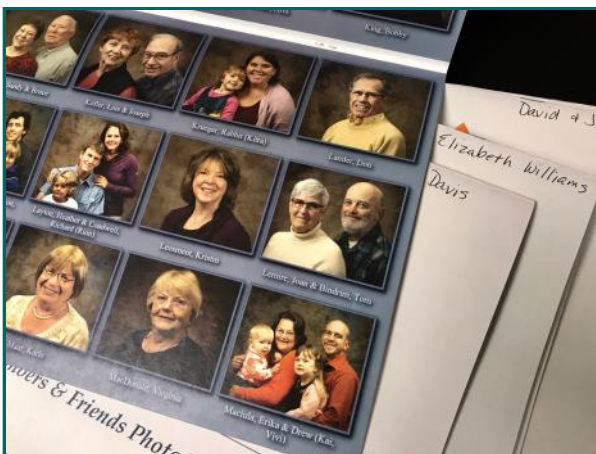


PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Your Office Gremlins will be dispersing these Directories to New Members & Friends first. We will likely need a “second run” from publisher Mark Allison to fill the requests for new copies—if you are NOT new within the last 12 months, please request a new copy on the signup sheet at the front desk—copies are \$10. Thanks!

AMERICANS & THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: WHY IS IT SO DARNED HARD? *THIS MONDAY!*

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

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!

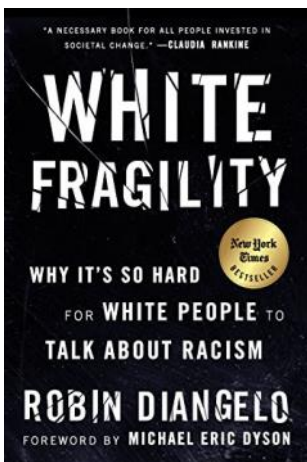
SOCIAL ACTION GIVING: THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

"Baby Think It Over"

A student, who showed much bravado during the class I had just finished teaching, told me privately how terrified he was to oversee a "baby" for the weekend. The "baby" is a computerized "baby" programmed to cry and demand to be fed, changed, burped or comforted on a real baby schedule – every 2-3 hours – all day and all night from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. When Monday morning arrives and the babies are collected by a representative of The Children's Center, it is fulfilling for us to note how frazzled, sleep deprived and (hopefully) convinced that being a teenage parent is not a good idea. That is the goal.



Over the years that the Children's Center has conducted this program for all ninth graders in Brevard and Rosman High Schools, the number of very early teen pregnancies has all but vanished. We focus on ages 14 – 17 with in-depth classroom discussion, journal writing about their experience and understanding the financial and emotional commitment involved in becoming a parent. Our goal will be reached when teen pregnancy is at 0% in Transylvania County.



JUSTICE MINISTRY OF NC BOOK STUDY

Rev. John L. Saxon

UU Forward Together is offering a free three-session (**April 28, May 5, and May 12 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm**) on-line discussion group reflecting on Robin DiAngelo's book "**White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism.**" Please sign up (bit.ly/WhiteFragilityNC2019) as soon as possible if you're interested.

Forward Together

The Unitarian Universalist
Justice Ministry
of North Carolina



Giving Life the Shape of Justice

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

In irregular times, I find myself singing (or whistling) the old gospel hymn:

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentations ...

While, with Rev. Ilene's absence, we do seem to be in "irregular times", I want to assure us all that life at UUTC does indeed go on, as noted in this incomplete list:

- Work on Fellowship Green continues. There are new raised beds, filled with good topsoil; there is a new bed in front of the yellow house; a permit for a small storage building has been issued by the city. The Facilities Team deserves special recognition.
- Our able administrator, RK, meets regularly with a representative of the Board, to keep the Board aware of organizational needs of the congregation and of support the Board can provide to ensure that the life of the Congregation does go on.
- The Stewardship Team has concluded a very successful drive. The Finance Committee, based on these results, has reformulated the budget to include funding additional help for RK and a guarantee that we as a congregation pay a living wage to all employed here.
- Budget Forums are scheduled for April 25th and 26th. If you are into numbers (or even if you are not into numbers), please put one of these meetings on your calendar. The Finance Committee has worked hard to create a presentation that makes the budget accessible. The Forum on the 25th will be held in the social hall. The Forum on the 26th will be held in the sanctuary.
- The Congregational meeting, to elect new officers and approve the new budget, is scheduled for May 19th, a date set almost a year ago. *Remember that we need a quorum for this meeting in order to accomplish these tasks.*

So, it is with apologies to the unknown author of the lyrics above, I'll revise them to read:

Our lives go on in endless song, within this congregation . . .

Remember to hold Rev. Ilene and Dustin close as they navigate in uncharted waters.

In covenant,

Peter B



BOARD AGENDA FOR APRIL 23, 5:00PM @ UUTC

Welcome

Check-In

Opening Words:

Adoption of Board Packet Reports

Approval of minutes from Called Meeting on 4/7/2019

Receipt of 4 Email Votes into the Record

- By unanimous vote the Board approved the Facilities Team Request to move forward with Fellowship Green improvements
- By unanimous vote the Board approved a gift of \$2500.00 to be used for the Fellowship Green improvements
- By unanimous vote the Board approved the creation of the new position to support the administrator
- By unanimous vote the Board approved hiring a person as assistant to the administrator

Standing Updates

Treasurer's Report Susan Slocum

Finance Committee Report Susan Slocum (liaison)

Property Committee Report

Council Report

Old/New Business

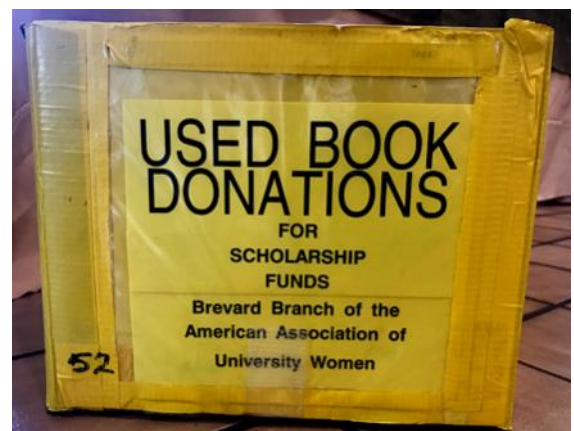
Policy Statement: Creation of New Staff Position

Other Topics as raised

DOING SPRING CLEANING? REMEMBER THE BOOK BOX!

UUTC's commitment to literacy is evident in our support of Rise & Shine, Augustine Literacy and AAUW's book drive. AAUW's commitment to providing scholarships to women attending both Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College is one way that we help to provide adults with a means of empowering their own lives through increased skills, leading to higher wages.

Clean out some books and lend a hand!



PISGAH GROUP OF THE NC SIERRA CLUB • THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH



In our effort to facilitate the City of Brevard and Transylvania County in the transition of government operations to renewable energy, the Pisgah Group of the North Carolina Sierra Club will present Amber Weaver, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Asheville, as our April speaker. Mrs. Weaver will talk about her office's work to help achieve the City's carbon reduction plan goal and new efforts to engage with the community on clean renewable energy. The office also focuses on sustainability initiatives within all departments across the city to integrate sustainable design, technology, and practice into municipal operations, infrastructure and services.

Future goals and aspirations for the office include achieving the City's 80% carbon reduction goal, contribute to the Energy Innovation Task Force's reduction in energy use by 17 MWs, exploring 100% renewable opportunities, and building a resilient community in the face of climate change.

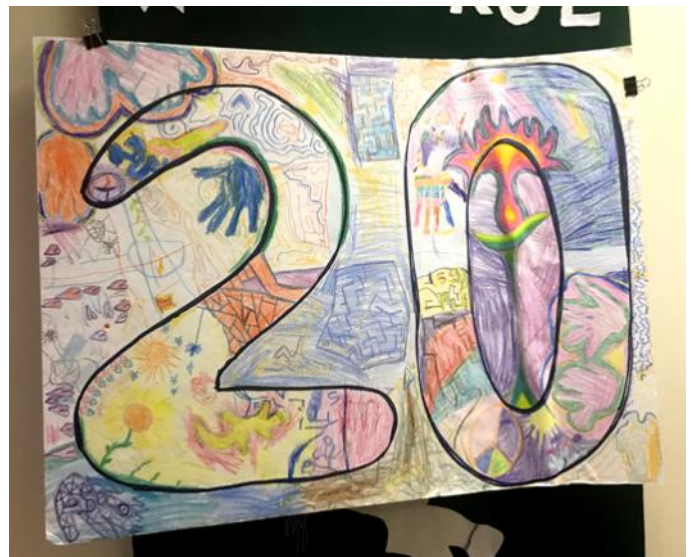
Mrs. Weaver has been with the City of Asheville's Office of Sustainability since June 2015. Previously, she worked in Atlanta with Georgia State and local government applying principles of sustainability to generate environmental action and awareness. Mrs. Weaver received her undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia for Environmental Economics and Management. Her expertise is in creating policy around the subjects of watershed protection, beautification, waste reduction and recycling, and sustainability.

The meeting will take place at the Unitarian Universalist church on the corner of South Broad and Varsity streets in Brevard on Thursday, April 25th. We will gather at 7 p.m. to meet and greet. The meeting will actually start at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Group leaders invite any interested members to meet, with Amber Weaver for dinner at Plaza Garibaldi, on East Main Street in Brevard, at 5:15 p.m.

IT'S COMING!

UUTC turns 20 on June 6th! Plans are in the works for this milestone. Sandwich Sunday, normally the first Sunday of the month, will be deferred to June 9th that month, so that we can "christen" our Fellowship Green (weather permitting) on that weekend.

Mark your calendar and plan to be in town for this special weekend, just a few short weeks away!



YOUR GIFTS TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AGENCIES, 2018-2019

To date: July Minister's Discretionary fund, \$3451.00; August El Centro, \$1872.00; September Pisgah Legal Services, \$1885.00; October Varsity Fund, \$1825.00; November Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, \$2789.00; December Dignity Project, \$3765.00; January The Haven, \$1545.00; February Bread of Life, \$2412.00; and March SAFE, \$2402.00. Finishing out the fiscal year will be your gifts to the Children's Center, The UU Justice Ministry of NC and Sharing House. Your votes for the coming fiscal year agencies are being tabulated. Thank you for your votes and your generous gifts!



BREVARD CARES & THE FELLOWSHIP GREEN



On March 30th, Mark Allison got assigned to work on the failing sound system computer, but the rest of UUTC's sign ups worked on the Oxford House! Nancy & Phil Davis, Lynn Halsey, Krista & Robert Kaufman, Sue Null, Kay Webb and RK Young labored to "clear the slate" of the western side of the house and the Varsity Street front yard in preparation for grass seed (shown above left) and a new "privacy screen" of shrubs (left). Brevard Cares is hosted each year by the Brevard Police department in support of local agencies that provide services to those in need, and to local individuals no longer able to care for their homes themselves.



Since then, John & Vicki Held and Howie Friedman created two raised beds (4'x16' each), Kay and Vicki lined the beds with a landscape fabric which will protect our investment in soil despite heavy rains, and Bob Bennett and Bart Renner shifted 6 cubic yards of soil into the prepared semi-circular bed in front of the Oxford House and to the first raised bed. That's Bart's muscular forearm hanging out of the truck, above right.

Now, Team members are pinning down the donated cardboard and spreading donated wood chips/shreddings in a thick layer over the cardboard. Both layers (cardboard & wood) will eventually become soil in their own right.

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

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.