

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

Teen Night — Sun 5:00 4/28
 Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
 Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00
 SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
 Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00
Team Mtg Night — Wed @ 5:00
 Joy of Being — Thurs @ 11:00
 Property Com — Thurs @ 6:00
 UUs Leave for Romania! — Friday

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Sunday

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.

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

"I've realized that anyone can be a critic
 but it takes a remarkable person
 to offer praise."

— *Louise Penny*

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.

SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Walking the Spiritual Path with Thomas Merton — Dave Hunter

A half-century after his untimely death, Thomas Merton remains a spiritual guide for many people of many faiths travelling the spiritual path around the world. Merton left signs along the path for his fellow travelers, and we will examine a few of them together in the message entitled "Walking the Spiritual Path with Thomas Merton". Dave Hunter is a Friend of UUTC, where he serves as one of four Facilitators for the Men's Group and a member of the Shared Ministry Team. His past UUTC service includes membership on the Stewardship team and, for 3 years Dave served as Team Lead for Adult Religious Exploration.

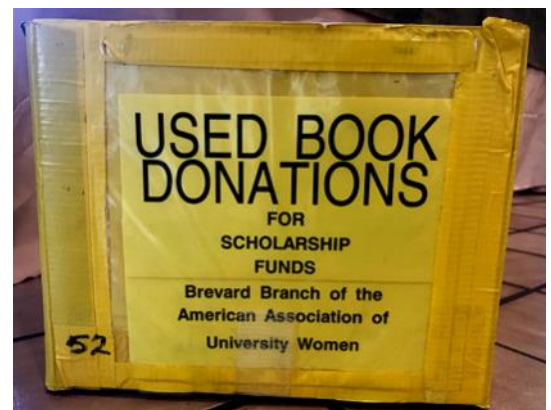


Dave currently serves as a member of the Board at The Center for Spiritual Wisdom. The Center promotes vibrant spiritual life in Western North Carolina to connect self with the greater community.

MAKE ROOM FOR NEW BOOKS... DONATE YOUR OLD ONES!

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!



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.

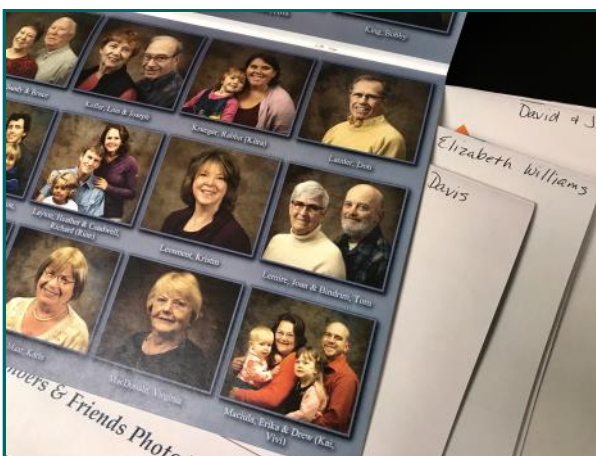


PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

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!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH, 2019

A big thank you to all that have pledged to 2019-2020 operating budget! And also to those who are completing their current pledges by June 30th and contributing in other ways.

New pledges start July 1st.

For the month of March— Income: \$24,576.85 Expenses: \$21,894.10 Net: \$2,682.75

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$35,378.28

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$10,702.29

Total Available Cash on Hand is: \$46,080.57

19-20 Pledges: \$25,550.00

Endowment Fund balance: \$163,692.97

We continue in good financial health.

Susan Slocum, treasurer@uutc.org



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

Emergency Assistance and Community Education

The Center provides special help for families in crisis, including transportation, medicine, car seats and cribs. Individual counseling may be provided where deemed beneficial. The Center partners with other agencies to keep families stable and safe, prevent child abuse through specialized training and reach out to support families who may not be served by traditional community services. The Center is not funded by government money which enables us to supply help in emergencies where others cannot.

An extensive resource library is maintained and available for the use of all clients, professionals and the community.

How you can help

- Become a trained mentor to an "at risk" family
- Become a "Baby Think It Over" instructor
- Office volunteer – a few hours a week
- "The Children's Center Emporium" Work as a clerk or inventory organizer – limited time Commitment per month
- And, of course, **financial support** for which we are always grateful. Contact Alice Hardy – Board Member of The Children's Center for 17 years!



UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

The Board met this past Tuesday to conduct the business of the congregation. We approved a slight modification to the previously approved budget to bring staff wages into compliance with the most recent Living Wage, as established by the Living Wage Coalition. Your generosity in the recent Stewardship Campaign made this adjustment an easy decision. This commitment is a clear manifestation of how UUTC lives out the Seven Principles.



One of the issues that we are considering is the access into the meet-and-greet area – our congregation's front door. While both interior and exterior front doors are adequate, we are concerned about congregational safety when we are conducting services or large meetings in the sanctuary. The in-seam latches and deadbolts on both sets of doors do not allow for easy emergency egress if they are locked. We will refer this matter to the Property Committee for its consideration. We anticipate that this Committee will arrive at a solution that addresses the safety issue while continuing to maintain a welcoming entrance. You will hear more about this later, I am sure.

As I mentioned on Sunday, the Worship Team has finished identifying folks to fill our pulpit between now and min-August. This team includes Jill Beach, Julie Berger, Joanna Bliss, Vanessa Cowie, Alice Hardy, Kristin Leesment, Gypsy Richardson and Teri Sandoval. Be sure to thank them for stepping up to fill the gaps. They're certainly batting 1000 so far!

With RK's able assistance, several Board representatives stepped up on a recent Saturday to conduct the New Member class. You will hear more about – and from, I am sure – the participants in a later note. Special thanks are due to Cantey Carpenter, Brigid Fox, and Susan Slocum for assembling necessary materials and becoming substitute teachers. And the food – thanks again to Cantey for preparing the lovely luncheon, to the Blue Ridge Bakery for catering breakfast, and to Susan Bir, Jayma and Tim McGann, and Tanne Traywick who filled the space with the aroma of coffee first thing in the morning, set welcoming tables and just made things happen in the seemingly effortless way to which we are accustomed.

Finally, and to repeat myself, the Congregational meeting, to elect new officers and approve the new budget, is scheduled for May 19, a date set almost a year ago. Remember that we need a quorum, now 56 souls for this meeting in order to accomplish these tasks.

In covenant

Peter B

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! 😊

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.](#)

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

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.