

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.

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

Sam Pacetti in Concert — Fri @ 7:00

OWL Workshop — Sun @ 1:00

Parent Circle — Sun @ 5:00

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Aging Wisely — Tues @ 3:00

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 9:30am

Stewardship — Wed @ 11:00

Choir — Wed @ 4:00

Living Wage Co. — Thurs @ 10:00

Rainbow Alliance — Thurs @ 5:00pm

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FREED BY FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

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.

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

"Dumbledore says people find it far easier to forgive others for being wrong than being right."

— *J.K. Rowling,*

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Budget Forum — Thurs @ 7:00

Budget Forum — Fri @ 5:30

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



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

Death & Resurrection — Rev. Ilene

As Unitarian Universalists, we have a lot to think about as Easter approaches.

What, exactly, is it that we believe about death, birth, rebirth, and all the rest? How might we, in our own lifetimes, be reborn? How might we die to parts of our stories that are no longer helpful or healthful? In this service, we will reflect together on these questions, and many more.

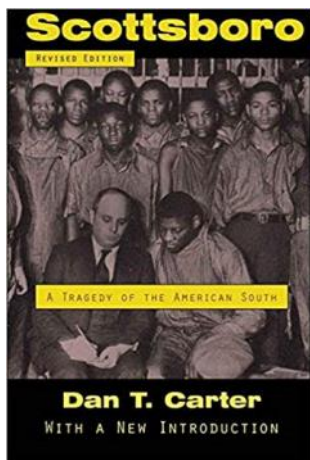


EXPLORING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS—UPDATED

Join us **this Sunday 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.



NEW IN THE UUTC LIBRARY

UUTC's own Dan T. Carter has published a revised edition of his award-winning book, *Scottsboro: A Tragedy of the American South*. The New Yorker Magazine has praised the book, "This detailed, unembellished, utterly engrossing history is a work of clarification, and the author's ability to make the reader aware of so much...is remarkable." The book has received numerous awards, including the prestigious Bancroft Prize and the Anisfield-Wolf Award. You may check out Dan's book by placing your name, date, and the book title in the Ledger at the Library bookcase.

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, Pisgah Film Project, Project Empathy and Morning Glory Inspirations. Questions may be submitted in advance to brevardtcmoms@gmail.com.



THIS SUNDAY: 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. Come enjoy!

FRIDAY

TONIGHT!

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!

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, Cassie Smatana 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!**

The first game of the season is May 6th. You don't even have to buy a bat or a glove — extras are available. The office still has some t-shirts!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019

1920-2020 Pledge Drive is going very well. Thank you for all received. Contact me or Rev. Ilene if you need more time or special arrangements.

Income: \$20,561.08 Expenses: \$23,778.81 Net: (\$3,217.73)

Anticipating a good March, April, May and June to finish out this fiscal year.

New pledges start with July and new fiscal year.

February income includes Varsity Rental Income of \$5,130.00 for previous quarter.

Unrestricted Cash on Hand: \$31,497.38

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$10,661.44

Total Cash on Hand is: \$42,158.82

Endowment Fund last quarter balance: \$149,566.81

Treasurer Susan Slocum, treasurer@uutc.org

828.708.0322 cell

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



Over twenty years ago, a small group of local citizens became aware of the number of children in the county who were victims of abuse and neglect. Upon investigation, they found that once the children were removed from the home they were placed in foster care and any visits with their family were held at the courthouse (often in the hallway) or at the police/sheriff's department in a very uninviting institutional setting. **Thus, The Children's Center of Transylvania County was formed.**

With their own money, that small group of concerned citizens purchased a small house, made it into an inviting home and with the cooperation of the law enforcement, the Department of Social Services, health department, and the school system, children in foster care can now visit with their family members in an inviting house with caring adults. They can enjoy birthday parties, adoption parties, play in a yard, enjoy lunch/snacks and generally be safe and free to be a kid.

The Children's Center is the only agency in Transylvania County that does not received funding from the state, the county or the city. Other agencies look to the Center to provide needed money for medications, gas and heating vouchers and extraordinary needs of children that they cannot supply because their funds are restricted.

Volunteers are the backbone of the agency. With only two paid staff, all programs are staffed by dedicated volunteers. I invite you to review the materials on display to learn more about, what I call, "The Little Yellow House with the big heart."

Words cannot express the appreciation that we, at the Center, have for the past support of UUTC. We are a very small agency who, with your continued help, manage to accomplice amazing things.

*"It is easier to build strong children
than to repair broken men."*

—Frederick Douglass

THE BEE: A BEE-AUTIFUL SUCCESS!

Heather Layton

So much to report!

The winning team was The Sunflower Ladies. A group of three women who are all Orton Gillingham tutors. Wendi Adair, the Augustine Literacy Project (ALP) Director is close friends with this group. She has done much of her training with them. The

2nd place team was Beedazzled, which is a group of 4 local women: Jen Kelly (Brevard Academy (BA) teacher). Sarah Carter (owns Camp Rockbrook) Beth Dieraf and Nonnie Cullipher (the late Sid Cullipher's wife, mother to Greta who took OWL, etc..) Beedazzled also won the Costume contest.

The Carpenter Bee's (Pedro, Carol, Bobby and Dolores Brown—*top right*) won the HONEY POT award for raising the most money for ALP and Brevard Elementary School (BES) Organization of Parents and Teachers (OPT). All four team members are ALP tutors at BES, so this team is heavily invested in the kids— their participation amplified an already fabulous relationship. One of them probably knows better,

but looks like they raised just over \$1700, which is HUGE. Team registration was just \$250. **Emily Atkinson's** team, *Spells Like Teen Spirit* (*above*), raised \$600 and had fabulous costumes!

Lauren Agrella-Sevilla and Alexis Morini teamed up with two other moms to create the BES OPT Team, *Show & Spell* (*right*).

Richard and his mate Raphe organized a short intermission show, "A Kiwi Spelling Bee." **Kevin Smith**, Ea Dossey and Stuart Dodson were the volunteer spellers (*bottom*). It was very funny! The silent auction raised just over \$3000 given donations from BES parents and local community members, including artwork from Carol MacAllister).

There was a terrific energy at the event. The diversity of costumes and ages among the spelling teams was commendable! As the BES OPT rep and an ALP tutor, I was super excited about the partnership. It appears that this 1st annual event raised almost \$22,000, which way exceeds our expectations. Thanks to all!



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

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