

UUTC UPDATE

Inclusive. Intentional. *Involved.*

Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9:30 to 12:30 and by appointment.

Pastoral Care

Going through a rough spot? Have surgery coming up? Call (828) 513-0513, email lhhh@uutc.org, or let us know [online](#).

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

UU101, 1st Session — Sat @ 8:30

Photo Shoot — Sat @ 8:30

Heartfulness Meditation — Sat @ 5:30

OWL Lock In! — Sun—Mon

Safety Team — Mon @ 11:00

OFFICE CLOSED —Mon

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Finance — Tues @ 10:00

Stewardship — Tues @ 10:15

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:00

Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00

Fellowship on Tap — Wed @ Mayberry's

One Life—Thurs @ 11:00

Final Acts of Love — Thurs @ 3:00

Sunday
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THE GREATEST LOVE

Rev. Sally Beth Shore

Valentine's Day celebrations can gag us with their sentimental expressions of affection. But given all that that talk of love in the air this month, we might as well consider it. Loving others can, at least sometimes, be easy. But loving ourselves? Well, maybe not so much. It's an understatement to say that religious doctrines that focus on original sin and guilt aren't helpful; this attitude has hobbled western consciousness for centuries. Unitarian Universalism dares to say otherwise. Our challenge is to be faithful practitioners.

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

“Something inside you emerges...an innate, indwelling peace, stillness, aliveness. It is the unconditioned, who you are in your essence. It is what you had been looking for in the love object. It is yourself.”

- Eckhart Tolle

Social Justice Giving:



Bread of Life

Bread of Life, Inc. is a non-profit, community soup kitchen in Brevard, NC serving hot lunches to any in need in Transylvania County. We are staffed by 2 paid employees and an amazing network of over 400 volunteers. **We deliver prepared meals to the communities of Rosman and Balsam Grove weekly, as well.**

Make out your check to UUTC with “Bread of Life” on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

What's Lent Got To Do With It?

Rev. Sally Beth Shore

Unitarian Universalism has jettisoned a lot of its traditional ritual, aesthetics and practices in its quest to be a “rational” religion. Ironically, in the last few decades, science has helped us to rediscover that rituals and spiritual practices, when used in concert with reason, can make vital contributions to our well-being as individuals and societies. February 26 marks the beginning of Lent, which actually was observed in Unitarian Universalism until at least the 1980s. Many of the world's religions offer practices, which, like Lent, call for a sustained letting go, privation, and mindfulness. How might we use the 40 days of Lent to become better people?

LIVING—AND GIVING — OUR VALUES

There are many advantages to being a Living Wage employer, but the biggest of these is internal—this is the work we pledge to honor in our community, for the health of our community. Our words would be meaningless without our own demonstration of convictions.

For a growing congregation, this is a commitment. Every employee at UUTC is compensated at or over \$12.60/hour, which is the no-health-insurance threshold for a living wage in Transylvania County. Nursery, classroom teachers, office assistants, and your DRE — in addition to salaried staff.

This commitment happens because you continue to give at a level which sustains it. Thank you. Thank you for continuing to be the change you wish to see in the world.



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COMING MONDAY: THE AFTER-WORD!

Coming this Monday, UUTC will be sending out a weekly post that will include a poem, short reading, or quick reflection from the previous day's service theme. It will also include a beautiful photograph from UUTC photographer in residence R.K. Young (meditation focus, anyone?)

Last Sunday, our service centered on what I see as the 5 focal points of UU Theology, explained by history and expressed in song:



- Break Not the Circle*** *All people are to be valued and loved without exception, as taught by Jesus of Nazareth.*
- Bring Many Names*** *We can have diverse conceptions of the Divine but still live and love together (Bring Many Names)*
- All Are Architects*** *We are responsible for our experience of the world and, each of us is cocreator.*
- We'll Build a Land*** *We hold a vision for a better world, understanding that it is our mission to bring the vision into reality.*
- We Are the Earth*** *We are part of the Universe Story, not apart from nature, and this realization invites new understandings of humanity and morality.*



For the final point, I projected the "Pale Blue Dot" photo taken by the Voyager I probe, showing earth as a tiny dot in a field of the cosmos; what I didn't know when I included it was that TODAY (Feb 14) marks the 30th anniversary of the taking of the photograph. Thank you to Royce Zia for sending me an article with the newly remastered "dot" photograph that NASA released this week!

Rev. Shore

[Editor's note... look in the band of white that forms the most distinct line...about half way up that line from the bottom is the tiny dot that is Earth.]

WOMEN'S CREATIVE CAFE

Women's Creative Café has another session to offer on Thursdays, 1-3, February 27, March 5, & 12, facilitated by Jeanie Bernard and Cantey Carpenter. **Ready. Set. Recipe!** is about our love of cooking (and eating), collecting recipes, and telling the stories that get conjured up when we dig into those memories. This class will focus on finding recipes, writing our stories, and building toward a collection of your favorite recipes. A great stage for self-expression, crafting a collection of recipes! If this interests you, the sign up is at the front desk and is limited to 6 women. **WE NEED ONE MORE PERSON FOR THIS CLASS TO MAKE.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020

Operating Fund

Income: \$26,669.33
 Expenses: 29,359.67
 Net: \$ (2,690.34)

Unrestricted Cash in Fund: \$34,014.22

Restricted Reserve Fund is: \$13,462.26

Total Available Cash on Hand is: \$47,476.48

Endowment Fund: \$188,876.44



Other Funds:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Amount Restricted</u>
Fund 3: Varsity Fund Checking	\$ 2,000.00	0.00
Fund 7: Capital Expenditures	\$ 9,306.87	\$ 9,306.87
Fund 8: Gifts and Memorials	\$15,475.00	\$15,475.00
Fund 10: Charitable Giving	\$ 4,049.14	\$ 900.00
This Month - UUSC		\$ 2,390.00
Fund 12: Dignity Project	\$ 9,615.14	\$ 477.16
Fund 13: Sabbatical Fund:	\$ 3,366.32	\$ 0.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Meyers treasurer@uutc.org

ACTIVE DUTY = NEW FRIENDS!

Treasure, Talent — and Time! Service on a Team is a great way to get to know a small group of people instead of “knowing” all 250 of us at once. If you want to get to know a few people well, consider joining Membership, Worship or Adult Religious Exploration. All Teams benefit from the new ideas that new members bring. It's rewarding — and fun!



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

Three new books are now available for check-out from your UUTC Library. They may be found in the appropriate section, listed alphabetically by author. These three new additions are all written or edited by women.

***GOD IN ALL WORLDS* by Lucinda Vardey**

Spanning the last fifty years and representing a host of religious traditions, this book serves as an inspiring contemporary guide to the spiritual journey. More than one hundred writers are gathered here, including the great religious thinkers of our time, poets, novelists, activists, psychologists, feminists, artists, naturalists, and physicists. ***This book is in the Comparative Religion section of our library***

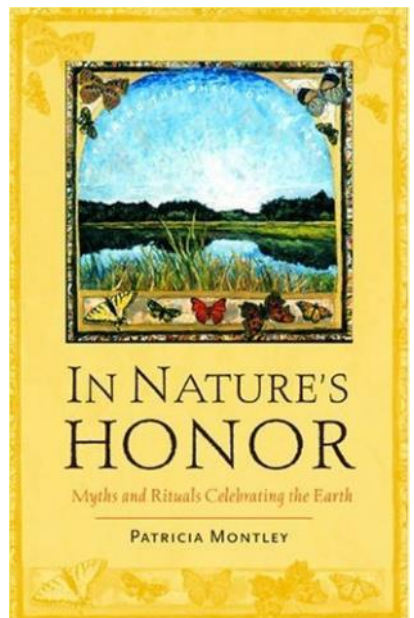
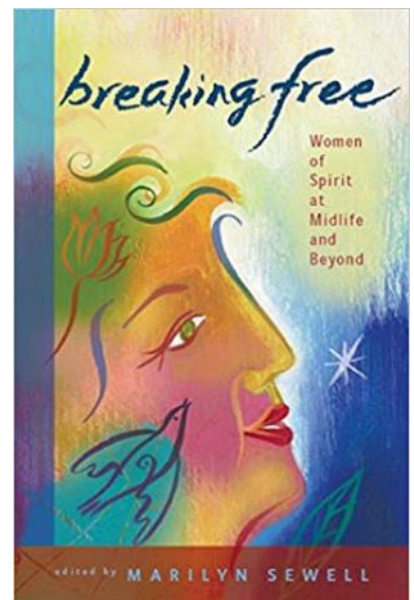
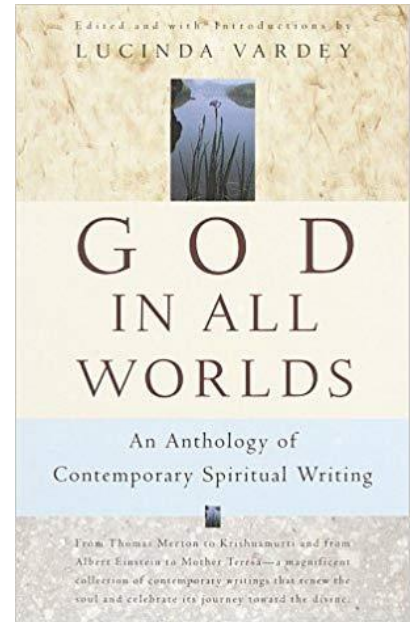
***BREAKING FREE* edited by Marilyn Sewell**

This book is a groundbreaking anthology for women searching for spiritual guideposts to the second half of life. It is a guidebook for women of spirit at midlife and beyond. In twenty-seven personal and daring essays, some of our finest women writers examine the second half of their lives. ***This book is in the Feminist section of our Library.***

***IN NATURE'S HONOR* by Patricia Montley**

The author explores the common ground of our rituals that celebrate Nature, and the impetus that has moved us to invent and perform them. This book brings earth and heaven – and our odd position between the two – more comfortably and more sympathetically together. ***This book is in the Mythology section of the Library.***

To check out a book simply find the book on the shelf, then enter your name, the book title, and the check-out date in the ledger located on the counter of the Library. When finished with the book, place it in the BOOK RETURN box, also located on the counter.



2020 UUTC CIRCLE DINNERS — HELP US CONTINUE!

On Saturday, February 8th, the first 2020 UUTC Circle Dinners took place. A total of 29 people distributed among five different homes were sharing a meal, with the main purpose of developing a deeper personal relationship with other members of the UUTC community. Due to the snowy weather of that afternoon, some of the group dinners needed to be postponed to a later date.

At this point we have close to 30 people that have signed up to attend as guests to each of the Circle Dinners scheduled for March 14 and April 11. *Nevertheless, we have only two hosts for each of these two dates. We need a minimum of five hosts on each of these dates to accommodate the 30 guests.*

Hosts are responsible only for **organizing** the dinner, most commonly in their own house, but also it can be done in a park or any other picnic area. *The food served at the dinner is a common effort between the host and all the guests.* Also, the host decides about the total number of people that will attend.

If you would like to host one of these dinners you can find in the UUTC foyer the forms to sign either as a guest and/or as a host. Your kind cooperation in helping ensure that these wonderful dinners continue would be very appreciated.

Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns. [Quim Moya](mailto:Quim.Moya@uutc.org) 828-513-0657



Top: Circle Dinner at the Hardy's home
Bottom: Circle Dinner at the Null's home

THE YELLOW BOX RETURNS

The American Association of University Women begins collecting your books this month, the 51st year of their annual book sale. The sale takes place at Brevard College (in the Boshamer Gym). UUTC has always been very generous with their book contributions. (We are clearly a community of book lovers!). You will find their familiar yellow box under the coat rack and contributions can be placed here and will be picked up every Sunday morning.

The money made at the sale is distributed to deserving women in the form of scholarships to Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College. If you have too many books to carry, **call Gypsy Richardson at 828-884-3616** and she will arrange to have them picked up from your home. The American Association of University Women thank you for your books and your generosity.

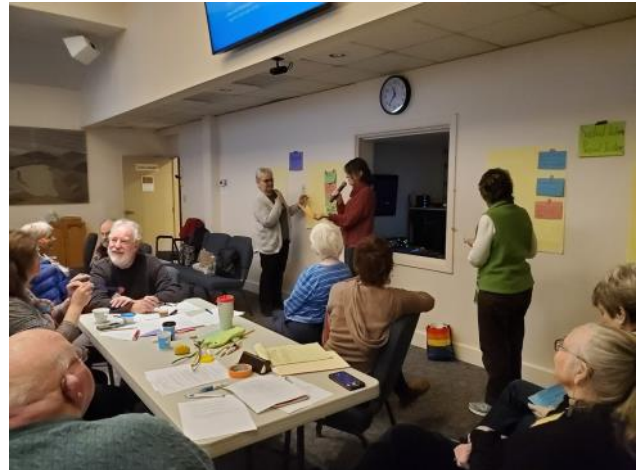


VISION 2025—APPRECIATING WHERE WE’VE BEEN & WHERE WE CAN GO

This past Saturday, nearly 30 of you convened in the Sanctuary to use some techniques of appreciative inquiry to “discover the positive core” of UUTC Membership Development and Social Action. Participants interviewed each other about high points in their experience of these aspects of UUTC.

Themes that emerged included feelings of deep connection through various small groups, a sense of welcome and safety, and wanting the larger community to know more about UUTC and especially about our

work for Social Justice. Participants came up with “dreams” for the future of Membership and Social Action for the future, verbalized as, “All our Welcome” and “Innovative and effective Social Action



provides dignity and connectivity among all” During the next day’s Sunday Service, you were asked for ideas that would contribute to these dreams—and more than 120 ideas were submitted!

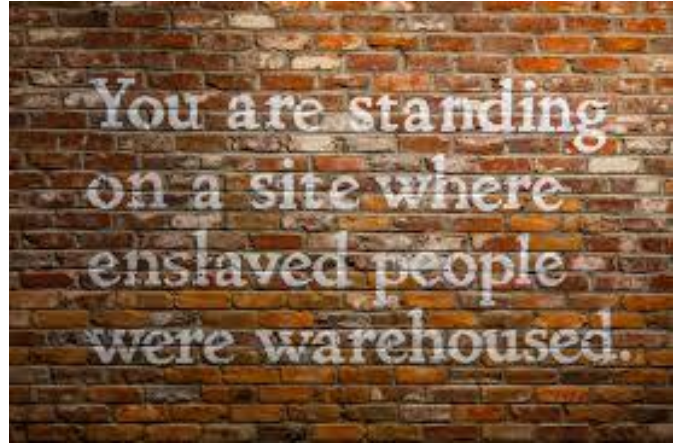


Rev. Shore will continue to work with Council to categorize and further hone your ideas to contribute to the UUTC Strategic Vision 2025 plan—thank you for your participation and input! Stay tuned!



JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO MONTGOMERY, AL — FEBRUARY 7TH DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Join a Brevard group heading to Alabama to see the **Equal Justice initiative (EJI) Legacy Museum** and the **National Memorial for Peace and Justice (also known as the National Lynching Memorial)**. Near a heavily used slave auction and a dock and rail station where tens of thousands of black people were trafficked during the 19th century, the museum dramatizes the enslavement of African Americans, the evolution of racial terror lynchings, and legalized racial segregation in America. Modeled on memorials in other countries designed to highlight histories of genocide, apartheid, and horrific human rights abuses, the memorial contains over 800 steel monuments, one for each county in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place. The names of the lynching victims are engraved on the columns.



This pilgrimage aims to bring us a more personal and deeper understanding of how our nation's treatment of different races influences us today, and how we as individuals and as residents of Transylvania County may create a more just community.

Pilgrimage itinerary: trip dates are Thursday, October 22- Saturday, October 24. Details and costs will be available once we know the approximate number of pilgrims.

To learn more about this pilgrimage and express interest, email the Rev. Bill Livingston, rector_bill@bellsouth.net by **February 7**.

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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](#).

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.