

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

GROUNDS WORK DAY— Sat @ 9:30

Heartfulness Meditation — Sat @ 5:30

Personnel Com — Mon @ 9:00

Membership — Mon @ 3:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Stewardship — Tues @ 10:15

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

Board Mtg — Tues @ 5:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:00

Choir Rehearsal — Wed @ 4:00

Final Acts of Love — Thurs @ 3:00

CONCERT: MARCH 9 @ 7:00



THE GENEROUS HEART

Rev. Sally Beth Shore

A few weeks ago, we heard the “Parable of the Long Spoons” — about how feeding one another creates heaven on earth. A lovely metaphor, but there is more; it’s not only about looking inward and feeding our present community, but about who else we might be able to touch. When we cultivate our most generous hearts, what might be possible? The choir is out, but Daniel Sandoval and Music Director John Austin are planning special music to touch your heart.

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

*“Conquer the angry one
by not getting angry; conquer the
wicked by goodness; conquer the
stingy by generosity, and the liar
by speaking the truth.”*

– Siddhartha Gautama

Social Justice Giving: SAFE



SAFE wants to ensure that all victims of domestic and sexual abuse can find safety, be treated with dignity and respect, and get access to the opportunities and services they need to create long-lasting changes that will result in a life free of domestic and sexual abuse.

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

This mockup tag is smaller than the design suggested by Membership, which will leave room for stickers!



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Building Bridges

Jim Hardy & Tommy Laws

At present, approximately 2.3 million Americans are locked up in US jails and prisons. On a per capita basis, America imprisons more people than any other nation on earth. Yet, close to 95% of those now serving time will be released and return to their communities at a rate of about 650,000 per year. Sadly, many return broke and homeless, lacking the skills, connections, and support they need to become successful citizens and avoid re-incarceration.

GROWING PAINS & THEIR REMEDIES

You may have noticed the breeding pile of nametags in the drawers under David Berger’s chalice painting in the foyer. At last count we had breached 800... (ok, maybe I exaggerate). Regardless, you are being presented with Options.

The Membership Team is encouraging visitors to complete Welcome Cards and to cut the bottom off of these cards for an instant name tag that will not have to be replaced by any other as long as the visitor chooses to visit or more formally affiliate. This will help our new minister to distinguish between visitors and members—with 250 members and friends, and dozens more visitors, it can get legitimately confusing. A minister should have the benefit of some visual clue to know with whom they speaketh.

To that end, beginning with this new member class, those who choose to affiliate will be given magnetic name tags — look to Victoria Kerr to see an example. This will be their gift from the congregation.

Members and Friends who have been around awhile can sign up to get this same type of name tag. Each magnetic tag costs a bit over \$10—we are asking for a \$10 donation to offset this cost for those who wish to “make the switch.”

Songs of Hope & Courage

Celebrating Pete Seeger's Legacy

Annie Patterson & Mary Witt



Annie Patterson

is a well-loved folk performer and song leader. She co-created (with Peter Blood) the songbooks *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again*. We will sing out of their latest songbook, *If I Had a Hammer*. Songbooks will be available to borrow or purchase. riseupandsing.org/annie

Mary Witt

is a vocalist and bass player extraordinaire. Her award winning swing and soul band, The O-Tones, is based in Western Massachusetts. From singing in the Southern Baptist church as a teen in NC to the halls of the Kennedy Center, her voice rings out with joy and honey. www.theotones.com

Monday, March 9th

7:00 pm \$15-20 Suggested donation

Unitarian Universalists of
Transylvania County
24 Varsity St. at So. Broad, Brevard

Info/advance tickets:

www.riseupandsing.org/events

Help us join our voices together to honor
Pete Seeger & his life-long work for a better world.



Also featuring songs from
Annie & Mary's new CD
"Fearless: Celebrating
Women Singers"

NOTE FROM REV. SHORE

Yesterday we had our first Lenten Lunch Practice at noon; then, at 2:00, I went to the monthly UU meeting in the chapel at College Walk. How fun, at both places, to see people with their little purple wristbands on, and hear folks discussing starting this practice! I hope that you are having interesting conversations with curious people outside of UUTC about them and our non-complaint practice for the next 38 days of Lent.



This past Sunday, I gave my “Midterm” report—in just over 4 months my contract with UUTC will be complete. I spoke about my hope that in these glorious spring days to come, you will work with me to **THROW THE DOORS OF UUTC OPEN WIDE**. There are so many people yet in our area who are hungry for the good news of Unitarian Universalism, to be part of a community of growth and healing, and positive energy, as well as to have a healthy place to raise children. As we move into our season of pledging and planning for the year to come, dreaming of the big possibilities ahead, do think about who you know that would love it here! Please, invite them to one of our Lenten Lunches, or another upcoming event. Also, I’m putting together a little marketing team to work with staff communications coordinator, Amy Lander—if getting out the word about UUTC is of special interest to you, please come see me or her.

You may have noticed that something is different in the Fellowship Hall—staff is working on getting more bulletin board space available for your news and announcements... please bear with us during the change over—new guidelines and more space coming soon!

As always, it is an honor to get to serve and be with you in this special, special place. — Sally Beth



SOCIAL ACTION TAKES OVER THE CORNER

Who determines what goes on bulletin boards? What spaces belong to whom? Will we ever have clear answers? :D

At least for Social Action, we do! The new Social Action corner has/will have announcements of things that this team wishes you to be aware of, and brochures for agencies that we support with our gifts.

Right now, you can also get a handout from the Creation Care Alliance, a group you will learn more about on page 7 of this newsletter. Check it out on Sunday — and if you have social action items you want considered, talk to the Team! Their names are on the board.

NEW IN YOUR UUTC LIBRARY

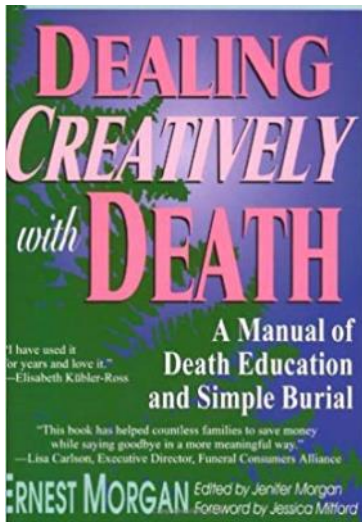
Three new books are now available for check-out from your UUTC Library. They may be found in the appropriate section, listed alphabetically by author. These three new additions are all written or edited by women.

***WAKE UP TO THE JOY OF YOU* by Agapi Stassinopoulos**

These 52 meditations and practices are designed to help the reader to a calmer, happier life, letting go of what doesn't work for you and finding what does. The book is shelved in the Inspiration and Meditation section of the Library.

***THE SOUL'S RELIGION* by Thomas Moore**

Drawing on faiths from all over the world, as well as his own vast well of knowledge and personal experience, Thomas Moore shows us how religion can be used to embrace others, rather than exclude them. This book is found in the Library's Inspiration and Meditation section.

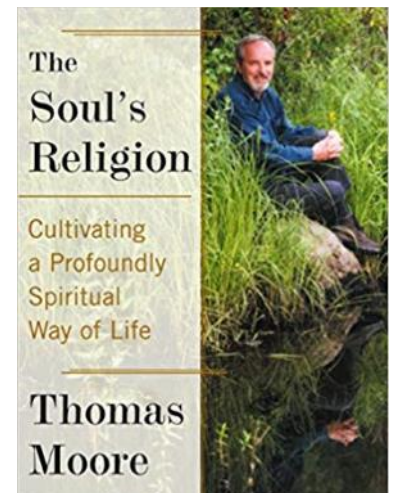
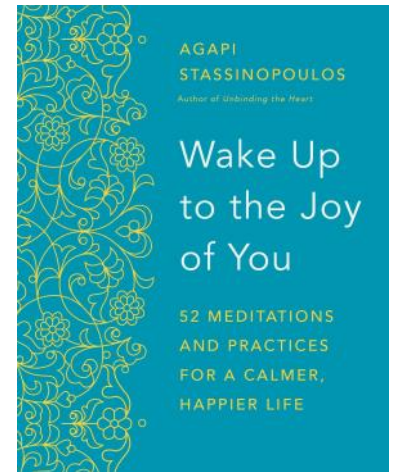


DEALING CREATIVELY WITH DEATH

by Ernest Morgan

This book is a small encyclopedia on death-related issues: social, emotional, philosophical, and practical. It is written simply and sensitively. The book is in the Dealing with Death section.

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.



GIVE THE GROUNDS A HAIR CUT!

UUTC's Facilities Team is pruning this Saturday morning, starting at 9:30am. This is the best time to prune before new growth gets started. There's a lot to do, so many hands will be greatly appreciated! Bring gloves, loppers, pruners and tarps to drag the brush to the road. All are welcome!



THE YELLOW BOX RETURNS

AAUW is collecting your books for 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. 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 thanks you for your books and your generosity.

LENTEN LUNCH: MEDITATION & PRACTICE

Wednesdays during Lent UUTC is offering contemplative Lenten practice during lunchtime. The overall theme for the sessions is cultivating Appreciation, but each Wednesday will have a specific orientation. Sessions will take place in the sanctuary, and include some combination of music, readings, contemplation/meditation, experiential process, and/or story. You are invited to bring a friend and your lunch and eat together in the social hall afterward.

The first session was the 26th, led by Rev. Shore. In the top image, you see people starting to arrive—the second image is the group that stayed for lunch.



“How wonderful to take a mid-day break for reflection, to pause with others in my faith community and speak of those things we appreciate, those things we wish to create in greater abundance. I enjoyed visiting around the table afterward while we had lunch. No pressure. No should. Simply sharing.”
 — Peggy Bogardus *“The Lenten service today spoke to my heart. We listened to music, shared with one another, listened to a meaningful reading, meditated, sang Spirit of Life, and then ate lunch together in warmth and fellowship. It was a beautiful interlude in a busy day.”* — Alice Wellborn



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| March 4 | Practice: Creating | (Jeanie Bernard) |
| March 11 | Practice: Focus | (Rev. Shore, TBD) |
| March 18 | Practice: Self Love | (Don Lander) |
| March 25 | Practice: Trust | (Kristin Leesment) |
| April 1 | Practice: Wonder | (Rev. Carter Heyward) |

Come to one or all, no sign up required. Noon to 12:30pm (lunch following)

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

On Wednesday, March 4th 5:00 at UUTC in the social hall, the Social Action Team will have a program related to environmental justice. Jan Partin from UU in Hendersonville will be providing a brief presentation related to an initiative in which both Asheville and Hendersonville participate, called the Creation Care Alliance of WNC. Anyone with interest in this topic is more than welcome to join with the Social Action Team to learn more. The following is a brief description provided by Jan Partin of what this Alliance is about:

The Creation Care Alliance (CCA) of Western North Carolina (WNC) brings practical and hopeful solutions to our congregations and broader secular communities by engaging hearts and



minds through inspiration, education, service, and advocacy. The Creation Care Alliance is a program of MountainTrue, WNC's champion for clean waters, resilient forests, and healthy communities. CCA helps congregations with their efforts to do environmental work by making available resources and a great guide to help focus on different levels of activities.

The guide is available online at <https://creationcarealliance.org/toolkit/>, where visitors can navigate different categories of action: Sustainability Practices, Spirituality & Worship, Education, Buildings & Grounds, Fellowship & Outreach, and Advocacy & Finance. For each strategy, the guide provides three levels of action under the headings of Planting Seeds, Nurturing Growth, and Deepening Roots to help the user increase their commitment to caring for Creation. There is also a handy PDF guide to top-line recommendations that you can download and print.

We formed a sub set here in Henderson County of the CCA based in Asheville. We will support the activities in Asheville, but we have our own activities that we are planning and promoting. We would like to reach out to other churches that would be supportive of our efforts. UUTC seemed like a good and logical place to begin. Your group could either work with the Hendersonville CCA or Asheville. We wanted to make you aware of both groups. If you were able to look at the website, that is a good way to see what is going on especially in Asheville.

We have a series of forums/workshops planned for Henderson County for the coming year and have also partnered with several other like minded organizations in the area by helping promote and attend their programs, forums and activities.

If environmental issues are important to you, you may wish to get involved with the Facilities Team to help improve UUTC's ecological footprint. Speak to Kay Webb or Bob Bennett, or email facilities@uutc.org to reach out to the whole team.

COMMUNITY ID PROJECT — PHOTO IDS FOR TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY RESIDENTS

A local group supported by individuals, churches, El Centro and other community agencies has initiated a project to provide every resident of Transylvania County with a secure photo ID which includes emergency contact information. While you might not have the need for additional identification, many other residents do – the homeless, undocumented immigrants, those living in shelters, and folks who, for other reasons, simply do not have adequate identification. By each of us obtaining an I.D., we are showing our solidarity with everyone in our community.

The Community ID is not a substitute for an official government issued ID and does not allow the holder to vote or operate a motor vehicle. The ID cards could be used for a variety of purposes including school registration, cashing checks, obtaining a library card or applying for a job. The emergency contact information on the card will be particularly useful.

Our local law enforcement, social service providers, and EMS agree that the I.D. card can be helpful in their work and will help to make our community a healthier and safer place for all.

Brevard and Transylvania County are ready to step forward and say, "We care about our neighbors. Residents of this county are valued and respected. We believe the ID card will help to increase public safety and assist in providing needed services for all."

If you would like to obtain a community I.D., you can receive one right here at UUTC on March 16 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. IMPORTANT: Because of the time it takes to process each applicant, we can only process 16 people during that 2 hour period. So, if you are interested in receiving an I.D., you must sign up in advance. If you would like to receive an I.D., please contact Bobby King at 678-592-4068 or at bobbyking48@yahoo.com. He will answer any of your questions and tell you what documents to bring to qualify you to sign up.

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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.