



# wayfinding



## When You Wish Upon a Star

**Livestream & In Person at 10:00am**

There are times in our lives that wishing upon a star is just not enough...after the wish sometimes hard work needs to take place!

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Phillip Thomason**

**This Month's Theme: Belonging**



*“Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don’t.”* — Steve Maraboli

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”* — Margaret Mead

**Social Action  
Giving for  
September:**



## Meals on Wheels of Brevard, NC

Meals on Wheels of Brevard has been delivering meals since 1978, helping people maintain their independence and stay in their own homes. All meals are prepared at The Transylvania Regional Hospital under the supervision of a registered dietitian. Meals are low in fat and sodium, satisfy one-third of the day's nutritional requirements, and meet standards for cardiac and diabetic nutrition. Fees are arranged on a sliding scale, and inability to pay will not disqualify anyone from receiving meals.

# August

## Excerpts from the Minutes:

Present: Glenn Cockerham, Ian Cowie, Michael Griffith, Vicki Held, Gail Meyers, Quim Moya, Kay Webb, Alice Wellborn, Rev. Bob, and RK.



**Minister's Report** – Rev. Bob reported that the single 10am service continues to receive positive feedback from a majority, and he anticipates that this schedule will continue into fall. He praised Kevin & Trisha for a successful Chalice Camp, with 19 campers and 9 youth helpers. UUs at College Walk met and brainstormed topics for future discussion. He led the Board mini-retreat. In the wider community, he attended the Rainbow Alliance gathering at UUTC, the NAACP Religious Affairs meeting on Zoom, and the CARE Coalition's "Resilience" online training.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer-Elect Michael Griffith reported that the Finance Committee, with input from the Treasurer and the Administrator, recommends allocating the FY 21-22 surplus to the Sabbatical Fund (\$2,825.00), the Reserve Fund (\$5000.00), and the Capital Fund (\$7316.00). (Motion passed)

**Operations Report** – RK reported her work on updating UUTC's property tax assessment (#46 is no longer a rental property) and plans for 7 events this year. During discussion, it was noted that the Stewardship Team is not responsible for conducting all events; each event will require a task force.

**Old Business: IRS Compliance Timeline** The timeline submitted to meet the IRS requirement for no debt- financed income was reviewed. The next step in the timeline is to engage an architect by January 2024. During the coming year, before an architect is engaged, the Property Committee will be asked to conduct an assessment to determine what needs must be met within a new building structure.

**New Business: Appointment of Right Relations Task Force** – Per Board policy, the Right Relations Task Force, whose role is responding to and resolving non-urgent instances of disruptive behavior within the congregation, is approved by the Board annually. Cantey Carpenter, Betty Kendrick, Elizabeth Williams, and Susan Zelle were appointed to the Right Relations Task Force.

Based on available capital, the Board moved forward with acceptance of the bid from Glade Creek Services to replace the failing and obsolete parking lot lights for a cost of \$9600.

In addition, the Board passed a **policy revision on Designated Contributions**. Please read the full minutes for this topic.

For the full Minutes, the Treasurer's Report and the Minister's full report, please visit the [Board's Page](#) and select the reports you wish to view.



## Knowing More About Each Other

**Rev. Bob Renjilian**

After Memorial Services I realize that more has been shared about a person's life than I knew during their life. Congregants come to me and say the same - wishing they'd known the person better.

I'm not sure why we don't get to know each other as thoroughly as possible - people are really interesting! Sometimes it only comes through in casual settings, picnics, porch visits, etc. But then a memorial tribute by a sibling, life-long friend, or child adds more.

Perhaps we're trying to be too modest. Christy ran across a note on social media that might have bearing on this (my quick research traces this back to Adam Grant, Organizational psychologist and NYT bestselling author). The posting went something like this:

**“Downplaying your achievements is not the antidote to appearing arrogant.**

**Humility is acknowledging your weakness, not denying your strengths.**

**Generosity is elevating others, not diminishing yourself.**

**Owning your success doesn't make you a narcissist - it makes you a role model.”**

I'm encouraging you to share more of yourself. We need models of vulnerability in this world, as well as role models in all aspects of life. Not just the big stuff, everything is good for connecting: it is fun to find out we may have geographical overlap in our histories outside Brevard, or share a love of a hobby, for instance.

I've learned that leaders should not ask people to stretch and do things without being willing themselves, so...

During the UUTC retreat this month I'm going to be (nervously) sharing more of my love of music. You already know I'm a singer (bass part) in two choruses, but what you may not have experienced is my flute playing. I've promised myself you'll hear me play in the worship service (broadcast via internet to UUTC for those who aren't going to The Mountain), and I've been practicing. I once said my flute was one of a handful of things I'd save from a burning building, but I'm so shy about people hearing me play ... (you probably didn't know that, now you do).

Let's be that place where the people at UUTC know us best.

That would be so rich and amazing.

***[Ed. Note: Circle Dinners provide terrific opportunities to share with others—sign up on Sunday!]***

# Arriving Via Mail...

## Alice Wellborn

In the next couple of days you will receive your Member and Friend Annual Evaluation of the UUTC Ministry, if it hasn't shown up in your snail mail already. Inside you will find a cover letter explaining the process and goals, the evaluation itself, and a stamped envelope for return to UUTC.



Please fill out the evaluation ASAP, and return it to UUTC by September 15 at the latest. Everyone has received their own evaluation form, and *we ask that you fill it out on your own.*

Even if you haven't been active at church in the past year or two, we want to hear from you. If you have only attended events that were online or outside, we want to hear from you! Every voice helps the Board, the Minister, and the Ministry Teams set realistic, honest goals for the year/s ahead in the context of our "new normal."

If you don't have any knowledge about an aspect of the ministry, mark N/A. If a specific question doesn't relate to you, make a comment instead. Be a part of this positive effort in whatever way works for you.

Questions or concerns? Email me, or talk with any of the Review Task Force members: Alice Wellborn, Ian Cowie, Michael Solomon, Joanna Bliss, and Kevin Lausch.

## Coming October 5th: Life is Wonder-Full

Are you ready to be inspired? You are cordially invited to spend one hour at our next Wonderful Wednesday with your UU friends and family for a delightful and uplifting presentation by Luanne Allgood.

Luanne Allgood is a non-denominational minister and a founder of the Asheville Wisdom Exchange. She has been featured on the NBC Nightly National News "Making A Difference" segment, in USA Today, and has received a Leave a Legacy award for her dedicated and creative work with the homeless and other disenfranchised people. She is known for inspiring and motivating others to live happier and more productive lives.

She teaches in Paul Ferrini's international virtual community. Paul is a renowned spiritual teacher and bestselling author of "Love Without Conditions." Currently, Luanne is enrolled in a four year program with Mark Nepo who has authored 23 books and is best known for his New York Times #1 bestseller, The Book of Awakening.

She has participated in spiritual retreats at Findhorn and with: Paul Ferrini, Adyashanti, Pema Chödrön, Jack Kornfield and Mark Nepo.

She spent her career as an Executive Producer in the film business. She also played with the Miami Symphony Orchestra, including their performance in Carnegie Hall.

# Getting the Word Out—Staff & Publicity

## RK Young

*Your Audience is bigger than you think.*

Members of UUTC have been doing Great Stuff for years. And for years, we were just a snuggly little bunch that could keep all our communications under a basket, so we only had to talk to ourselves.

Then we had a pandemic...

By my estimation, fully half of our congregation is receiving at least 25% of their programming from UUTC via channels other than “in person.” (Many are receiving 100% in this fashion.) And many more, who are not members or official Friends, are being influenced (I hope positively!) by what we put out into the world. Who did we give hope to, today? Who found comfort watching “Bozos on the Bus,” read by Jane Hilliard? (#6 in our top ten on YouTube) What parent is taking advantage of our children’s stories, read by Kevin Lausch? Who is reading the Soul Matters posts that go out over social media and realizing their community is broader and deeper than they thought? Who has found comfort and inspiration in the Author Series? (THREE of our top 20!) Our YouTube numbers continue to rise, as does our FB “reach.”

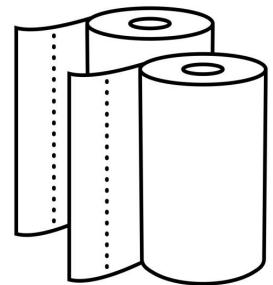
When you turn in information about events to the office staff, we turn it into (as appropriate) calendar events on our website, social media posts (on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn), articles in the Transylvania Times, flyers for display in the building—and sometimes we create the graphics that make these announcements pop.

So thank you for crafting your messages —remember that not just “insiders” are getting your message! Then send it on to us and we’ll do the rest! Thanks!

## Giving What *Is* Needed

### Kathy Reiff, Social Action Team

The Social Action Team at UUTC is working to make a difference with our neighbors at The Haven. We are restarting activities that we had all enjoyed before the pandemic caused a shut-down. UUTC’s Social Action Team is holding a BBQ picnic with the residents in October (a gift of human connection) and working to provide opportunities for volunteering and other giving. After talking with Emily, it was discovered that **their big need at the moment is for paper towels**—if you can contribute some, especially on a monthly basis, that would be a wonderful gift that they truly need.



**There is a sign-up sheet** on the front counter at UUTC for people to sign up to provide paper towels. Their needs right now are running to about **40 rolls/month**. The sign up sheet has monthly divisions and will have a place to indicate how many rolls you are able to donate.

We also help support the Haven by providing meals once a quarter. Our next day to bring meals is **NEXT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**. There is a signup sheet on the front counter—please sign up on Sunday! We thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

## Mark Your Calendar: GOTV With Emma's Revolution



Sunday, September 25th, 7:00pm

- Volunteers will be on hand to assist anyone who hasn't registered to vote
- Volunteers will be on hand to assist anyone who needs to apply for an absentee ballot

Advanced tickets will be available for \$20; at the door \$25. Tickets for online viewing will be available for \$18 (paywall link).

## MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

## Yard Sale: Saturday, October 1st

**Right around the corner!** Start stashing those things you are ready to let go of!

The week of September 26th we will set up tables in the Social Hall starting TUESDAY, September 27th. With the Emma's Revolution concert Sunday and Monday's "Set Your Week of Peace," we need to wait to bring those items in on the 27th. The sale will be staged in the social hall, and on Saturday morning we will carry some of them out to the front parking lot for increased visibility.

Due to inadequate display space, we will accept only limited clothing this year —shirts, jackets and shoes. Especially welcome: towels, blankets, sheets, working tools. We sold out of those last year. Have you upgraded to an electric mower? Bring the old one! Want to help? Call to get on the list!

Last year, we had tent rental expenses and a banner to announce the sale. This year, we are able to avoid those costs.

**Every quarter counts this year**, so take a good hard look around the house/shop/shed/garage and see if you can lighten your psychic load. Thanks in advance for supporting the effort!



August 17th Prep Day, 2021

# Grow Getters Plows Ahead

As the weather begins to cool, the cadre of Grow Getters invasive plant removal specialists continues to make things happen on campus. They have recently created a gap in the evergreen hedge to provide better visibility for the Chalice House, which Kevin had requested. They will do more of this now that birds are no longer nesting. They have also continued to nibble away at the swaths of liriope that has been oh-so-successful in covering the soil. But the work is grueling, and portions are beyond the effective abilities of men and women with shovels.

The team has just submitted a Grant to the North Carolina Native Plant Society (NCNPS) requesting \$1000 for signage associated with the new plantings on Broad street and for the bog garden they will be installing at our entrance, in the embrace of those nice big rocks. NCNPS's mission is to promote the enjoyment and conservation of North Carolina's native plants and their habitats through education, protection, cultivation and advocacy, and they fund multiple grants each year that embrace and compliment that vision.



Bob & Mary Bennett restore path access



***UUTC will leverage its campus visibility to create local homeowner support for conserving WNC biodiversity through demonstration gardens, educational programming and partnerships with other conservation initiatives. (Grow Getters Mission)***

Richard Mills and Carol Roberson created the plan (left) that was included in Grow Getter's grant application. The grant targets the Varsity Street side of our entrance, specific to the mass of land that includes our sign on the west and and the large conifers on the east end. One of these conifers is beginning to fail (die back from the top), and is slated for removal. Underneath the conifers are some Asian false cypress, which will be replaced with native Mountain Laurel. Also on the chopping block is a Norway spruce and all Heavenly Bamboo (nandina, class one invasive) on the campus.

## Varsity Street (North)

Given the root systems, we will also lose (temporarily) our winterberry hollies (*Ilex verticillata*). These will be replaced, though we may move them closer to the sign area. In other words, before long, we'll have a bit of a mess on that side of the campus, and then it will get better. We will be working with our friends at Colonial Acres Nursery for the shrub replacements, and bog plants will be ordered as bare root specimens to reduce costs. The majority of funds budgeted for the project are already in the Grow Getter's Fund (outside the operating fund). They hope for another successful Pie Auction to finish the planting. Work will likely begin in earnest in October, which is a great time to plant shrubs for spring success.

On a side note, the Facilities Team has scheduled a campus-wide work day on Saturday, October 1st— the same day as our yard sale. They will be pulling weeds, tidying the grounds, spreading pine straw, etc. The Team has worked hard to maintain the campus, but more hands are always a blessing!



# SEPTEMBER 2022 AT UUTC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b> is this month's Social Justice Giving	<b>Spiritual Explorers</b> returns on <b>September 15th at 2:00</b>	See <b>Wayfinding</b> newsletter for event details! Also look for Afterword and UUpdates!		1 <b>3:00</b> French Conversation <b>4:00</b> A Course in Miracles	2 <b>Wayfinding Newsletter</b> <b>5:00</b> Emotional Centering	3
4 10:00 livestreamed 10:00 in-person service <b>5:30 pm BYOB at the RING</b>	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>10 am Caregivers Support Group</b> <b>5:30 pm Week of Peace Meditation &amp; Discussion</b>	6 <b>9 am</b> Men's Grp Zoom <b>9-11 Grow Getters</b> <b>11:30-1:30 Fellowship on the Green</b> <b>4:00 NAACP Education Comm</b> <b>4-5 Quiet Meditation</b>	7 <b>1:30- Women of UUTC</b> <b>4:00</b> Choir Rehearsal	8 <b>3:00</b> French Conversation <b>4:00</b> A Course in Miracles <b>5:30</b> Rainbow Alliance	9 <b>Retreat at The Mountain</b> <b>5:00</b> Emotional Centering	10 <b>Retreat at The Mountain</b>
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18 <b>CHOIR SINGS!</b> 10:00 livestreamed 10:00 in-person <b>Pickup MUMS</b> <b>Children's Religious Exploration begins today!</b>	19 <b>10 am Caregivers Support Group</b> <b>5:30 pm Week of Peace Meditation &amp; Discussion</b>	20 <b>9 am</b> Men's Grp Zoom <b>10-12 Grow Getters</b> <b>11:30-1:30 Fellowship on the Green</b> <b>4-5 Quiet Meditation</b>	21 <b>1:30- Women of UUTC</b> <b>5:30</b> Team Meeting Night	22 <b>2:00</b> Spiritual Explorers <b>3 pm</b> French Conversation <b>4:00</b> A Course in Miracles <b>5:30 pm Board Meeting</b>	23 <b>5:00</b> Emotional Centering	24
25 10:00 livestreamed 10:00 in-person service	26 <b>5:30 pm Week of Peace Meditation &amp; Discussion</b>	27 <b>9 am</b> Men's Grp Zoom <b>10-12 Grow Getters</b> <b>11:30-1:30 Fellowship on the Green</b> <b>4-5 Quiet Meditation</b>	28 <b>1:15 Dream Grp</b>	29 <b>2:00</b> Spiritual Explorers <b>3 pm</b> French Conversation <b>4:00</b> A Course in Miracles	30 <b>5:00</b> Emotional Centering	October 1 <b>YARD SALE!</b>

**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION SUNDAY MORNINGS BEGINNING SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

**NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY DURING SERVICE.**