



# wayfinding



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## Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness

**Facebook or YouTube Livestream at 9:00am,  
Sunday Services at 9:00 & 11:00**

On this national holiday we examine the liberal roots of the pursuit of happiness, fitting our religion and expressed by some of our national founders. We can get there with Liberty for All.

**Speaker: Rev. Bob Renjilian**

### Contact Tracing:

Coming to the service IN PERSON? (Celebratory happy dance!) Each row in the sanctuary has a small clipboard with paper and pen. Please circle 1st or 2nd service, and add the date when you sit down. Since not every row is occupied each Sunday, we do not put the date on the paper ahead of time.

Enter your name, and if you are not in our database, please add the contact information of your choice. This is just in case a Covid infection is reported. We continue to require masks on Sundays because there are some who are not yet able to get vaccinated.

*“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”*

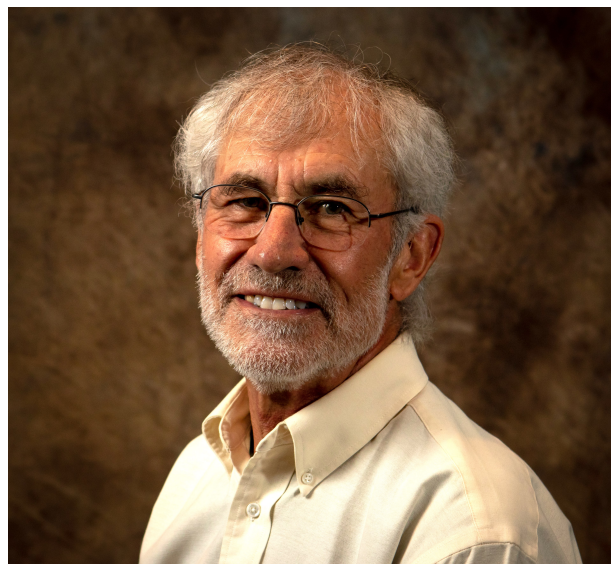
—Nelson Mandela

# 2021 UUTC Circle Dinners

## Quim Moya

March 2020 was the last Circle Dinner before we needed to cancel them abruptly due to the pandemic. Fortunately, it seems that we are going back to some degree of normality. Therefore, if there are enough people interested, we would like to contemplate bringing back this activity.

Circle Dinners are an opportunity for UUTC Members and Friends to get together to share a meal and establish a more personal and deeper relationship with other UUTC Members and Friends. The host can decide the style of the dinner, i.e. formal, informal, indoor, outdoor, picnic at a park, etc. Normally, the dinners are attended by 4-8 guests plus the hosts and all attendees bring a dish. The main objective of these dinners is human interaction, not necessarily a dining experience.



Quim Moya serves as a Member at Large on the Board of Trustees and on the Finance Committee. He hopes to return to singing in the choir, soon!

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The following are the dates for the first round of 2021 UUTC Circle Dinners:

- **Saturday August 7, 2021**
- **Saturday September 4, 2021**
- **Saturday October 2, 2021**

According to previous experience, we have more people interested in participating as a guest than people offering to host the dinners. Obviously, if we do not have enough hosts it is very difficult to organize the dinners. I would like to encourage as many people as possible to host.

You will find a sign-up sheet on the counter in the UUTC foyer for participation either as a host and/or as a guest. Also you can sign up by sending me an email letting me know your interest. I will contact everyone to work out the details for the organization of the dinners.

It is perfectly acceptable to participate in more than one of these dinners, or even in all of them. The more dinners attended, the more personal relationships that will be developed among the UUTC community.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions!

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# Children's Religious Exploration

## B.Y.O.B. at the R.I.N.G.

**SATURDAY, JULY 3RD!** Plan on coming to roast marshmallows and hang out at the fire ring at UUTC! The event starts at 5:30pm. *This is an intergenerational event.* Bring a beverage and a chair unless logs are comfortable for you!

### #PuzzlePanic! Intergenerational Event!

Coming July 24th, at 2:30pm, we have a very special puzzle activity. A puzzle that divides into 8 sections has been procured. To make this happen, we will need 8 teams of four people. Each section is about 120 pieces.

1 adult, 1 child/youth, 1 "interrupter" (may be child/youth), 1 judge (may be child/youth). Judges get assigned to a different team.

The interrupters are tasked with stopping assembly temporarily by supervising the completion of an assigned task. (All teams have to complete the same tasks, but not necessarily in the same order. Examples: eat a carrot, hop on one foot 5 times, drink a small glass of water, draw a turtle, blow up a balloon... each task completed by ONE of the team members, but all will be assigned some task or other at some point in the game—including the judge!



**Registration is \$20 per team and opens July 1st. Round up your team now!**

## Chalice Camp - Monday to Friday, Aug 9—13, 9 to Noon

Chalice Camp will "Return to Hogwarts" again with this fun, magical camp for kids aged 5 to 10. Camp activities will include a trip to Diagon Alley, making yummy treats, care of magical creatures, and of course potion making! Youth aged 11+ can be a House Prefect (camp helper) and youth aged 13+ can lead a "house" of kids. Cost is \$70 for member kids, \$85 for non-member kids, \$40 for each sibling after the first, and scholarships are available. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

## Children's Religious Exploration Classes to return in September

During the summer there will be no Sunday morning CRE classes offered. CRE classes will begin again on Sept 12, the first Sunday after Labor Day. Currently we are planning to have CRE classes outside on the Fellowship Green while the weather is good and move indoors if bad weather. Two classes will again be offered at the 9am service time: Chalice Children (aged 4-7) in the large classroom and Rainbow Kids (aged 8-11) in the small classroom. In addition, the Youth Book Club (for tweens and teens) will run monthly beginning in September.



## Coffee Hour— A “Yes” for Sunday

Our first attempt was rained out, so let’s give it another go!

AFTER each service, there will be coffee, purchased in “boxes of Joe” from Dunkin’ Donuts. It won’t be as glamorous as the stuff in the picture at left, but it will be there for you to share in the company of fun people. And you can take off your mask.

Coffee will be available in the drive that runs along the east side of the church. This spot should be shadier than almost anywhere else. It will be available after EACH service (both 9:00 and 11:00) so that everybody isn’t forced to try to cram into the space at one time. A carafe will be set on the tables so that you can contribute (each cup will cost us about \$2). If donations cover most of the cost, we can continue to offer coffee like this on non-precipitating days.

## Name Tags — How to Work ‘Em

And where to put ‘em!

When you first enter the building, name tags for Members and Friends are to the right... immediately, and in the nook with the bulletin board. The first rack is A-F, the second starts with G, and so forth, using last names. Partners with different last names will be stashed together under one or the other.



At the end of the service, you may place your name tag in the bowls at the back doors of the sanctuary. To most easily remove it, twist the magnet on the back and then pull it apart from the front piece. If you decide to wear the tag during coffee hour, try to remember to take it off before you leave. These tags were provided by the Membership Team.

Not all the tags look exactly the same, but we think these are easier to keep organized and won’t get caught on people’s glasses or hearing aids. One thing to note— if you have a pacemaker, it is best to wear your name tag on your right side. The magnets are pretty powerful! If you would prefer a name tag that uses a pin, please let RK or Eloise know.

### About “WayFinding”

Welcome to the new format of our deep-dive newsletter, which will now be produced only once a month. This change is primarily to help Teams and Committees think more strategically about how they plan and use the newsletter, so that Members and Friends can know that the WayFinding will be of use for their OWN planning and connections to others in our community.

Let us know what you think about the formatting — body text too small, too large? — and what you’d like to see covered. Also, let us know if you’d like to write! Or let the Team or Committee you’re involved with know!

## Our Committees & Teams

In our organizational structure, **Committees** report to the Board of Trustees, and **Teams** do the work of the congregation and report to the Minister.

### Our Committees are:

Administration  
Finance  
Personnel  
Property

### Our Teams are:

ARE (Adult Religious Exploration)  
CRE (Children's Religious Exploration)  
Facilities  
Membership  
Social Action  
Stewardship  
Worship

Embedded in our Teams are various Serving Roles, such as Ushering, Classroom Assistant, Program Leader, Building Maintenance, Music organizer, Greeting and more.

The pandemic has been a huge disruption, of course, and we want to get you connected in one way or another so you can get acquainted, or get RE-acquainted with the wonderful people who make up this congregation.

If you have not yet installed the Realm Connect app on your smartphone, please do! Eloise can walk you through using the app to connect with other members, sign up for events, and manage your involvement in your selected groups and serving roles.

The Newsfeed of the Connect app will give you access to summaries of Team activities and the roles available for service.

**Best of all, the app connects you to other members. Try it out today!**

The logo features a stylized spotlight icon on the left, with the word "Spotlight" in a large, orange, cursive font. Below it, "on TEAMS" is written in a smaller, teal, sans-serif font, with "TEAMS" in all caps. At the bottom, "& Committees" is written in a large, teal, serif font, with an ampersand symbol in orange.

One of my most rewarding experiences as a member of UUTC is my service to the Administration Committee. During my early days at UUTC, I became intrigued with the Administration Committee. "Why?" you might ask, it sounds a bit "dry." The more I learned about "AdCom," the more interested I became because the committee seemed to be a perfect avenue for learning the inner workings of a UU church. Ever since I joined the committee, all I can say is, what a great journey it has been!

AdCom is a standing committee reporting directly to the Board of Trustees. As directed by the Board, we make policy and organizational structure recommendations for UUTC. We work with the Board, Council, other Committees to draft revisions (for Board approval) to the Policy Manual, Organizational Structure, and By-Laws. AdCom is also the "custodian" of these important governance documents.

Working with the great team that makes up AdCom has far exceeded my expectations. We've been on the "leading edge" of change as UUTC grows. AdCom, working with the Board and other Committees, has developed among other things, policies for the Memorial Garden and Gift Planning, and more recently helped turn the mission and goals of the Endowment Committee into a structure and blueprint that will support the Community Endowment Fund's contributions to the Transylvania County community and beyond.

Every project demands creativity, research, and collaboration. Perhaps most rewarding is the genuine camaraderie among the committee members in our quest to make UUTC a better organization for our congregation. I cherish the friendships that have grown from my time together with current members of the committee, Peter Mockridge, Sharon Moya, Donald O'Dell, and Kay Webb.

So, why am I sharing this? Because AdCom is in search of new members. Expertise in governance or policy is not necessary. Interest in organizational problem-solving, attention to detail, attraction to complexity, and patience with working through how to articulate policy or organizational solutions in writing are desirable. If you'd like to be a member of this fascinating body at UUTC, with "eyes and ears" into the entire organization, please contact me. I'd enjoy sharing with you my experience with this wonderful team.

Michael Solomon, June 2021

## June

### Excerpts from the Minutes:

Present: Glenn Cockerham, Betty Kendrick, Gail Meyers, Quim Moya, Rev. Bob Renjilian, Bart Renner, Kay Webb, Alice Wellborn, Elizabeth Williams, RK Young, and Susan Zelle met in the social hall at UUTC.



**Finance Committee Report** – Minutes from the committee’s June 22, 2021, meeting was shared with Board Members prior to the meeting. The report indicated a projected surplus for the '20-'21 fiscal year and recommended that any surplus be allocated as follows: 25% to the Capital Fund, 50% to the Minister’s Sabbatical Fund, and 25% to the Reserve Fund. Bart made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee in the allocation of any surplus funds; Gail seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** – The monthly reports were shared with Board members, providing the financial status as of May 31, 2021. The reports are made available to Members and Friends in the newsletter. Gail reported that outstanding pledges for the '20-'21 fiscal year fall within the projected 5% shortfall, so, current projection estimates continue to indicate a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Gail will be working on the Private Letter Ruling this month; this ruling by the IRS will determine the tax status of the Varsity properties that UUTC purchased in 2017.

**Operations Report** – RK reported on two property issues that require spending. She met with Will Gentry at the Varsity property to determine the scope of what he will need to do to determine what the land will support in terms of building structures. His firm will be taking core samples across the property and should be able to complete the task in one day, with a maximum estimated cost of \$4000. This expense would come from the Capital Fund. The second spending issue involves saving the large oak tree located beside the driveway leading to the Chalice House (#46 Varsity); this tree was damaged when the former house (#52 Varsity) was razed. Bartlett Tree Experts will be engaged to prune and do restorative work on the tree; the estimated \$4500 expense will come from the Varsity Fund.

**Property Committee** – No report submitted. Quim reported that the four members of the committee met on site June 24, 2021, to walk the Varsity Property and consider possible future use of the land. They await the results of Will Gentry’s evaluation of possible land use to determine next steps.

To read the full minutes, click [HERE](#).

For the Treasurer’s Report, reflecting the month of May, click [HERE](#).

# Stewardship Is Love

## RK Young

Stewardship is the work we choose to help fund our growth and our Mission. One project, conceived last year, was the Yard Sale. Recently, we have learned of other congregations that rent spaces in their parking lot for a day as an Artist's Sale. Does this sound interesting to you? We are also considering raffling an "e-bike," in partnership with the new bike shop in town on Main Street. In an ideal universe, we would select stewardship projects that amplify our values in a way that brings value to the community, in addition to helping us fund our mission. I have confidence in your ability to imagine these possibilities.

While the Stewardship Team develops the ideas, they have to have help both on the Team and in Serving Roles, such as people to help work the yard sale, or folks with trucks to take any leftovers to SAFE or Habitat for Humanity. These roles are already available for signup within the Connect app.

What gets you excited? How would you like to help?

CRE will have Chalice Camp in a rented tent this year (cost: over \$1000). We have to start working now to make the necessary renovations so that we don't rely on this (rather small) tent rental every year. We have the property, but we'll have to continue to contribute to our Capital Fund to realize waterproof space large enough to support our regular activities. Shoot, even our current coffee hour space could use a roof!

## CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE

The church wide yard sale is coming August 21! Please hold on to those things you want to donate and we will sell them to support UUTC. A tent will be set up on the Fellowship Green to receive your donations the week of Aug 16th to 20th. Volunteers are needed to help make this event (organizing and pricing before the sale, helping customers during the sale, cleaning up after, etc.). We can take household items, clothes, books, sports equipment, and much more. Please consider the salability of your donations!

*"In the loss of skill, we lose stewardship; in losing stewardship we lose fellowship; we become outcasts from the great neighborhood of Creation. It is possible - as our experience in this good land shows - to exile ourselves from Creation, and to ally ourselves with the principle of destruction - which is, ultimately, the principle of nonentity. It is to be willing in general for being to not-be. And once we have allied ourselves with that principle, we are foolish to think that we can control the results. (pg. 303, The Gift of Good Land)"*

– Wendell Berry, [The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays](#)



## Showing Up In Community

**Rev. Bob Renjilian**

As the new minister, I like finding my way into the wider community. A few masked-and-distanced introductions were arranged in early months after my arrival, by folks in the Social Action Team. It was only recently with the new CDC guidance, however, that I started venturing out myself.

I like what I'm hearing. At a Chamber of Commerce morning membership gathering at the Depot Park in Brevard, I mixed with folks to learn about what they do. When they saw the "UUTC" written on my name tag, a couple folks recognized that and said how our members have been engaged in the community (for instance with the Rotary clubs with the roadside trash cleanups). I was glad to share more - such as telling a school board member about our volunteers at the Davidson River School. I know we were covered in the paper when helping Pisgah Labs get their sanitizer cases out to the groups that could use it.

This is important to me. It confirms that UUTC has shown up in cooperative efforts, making a difference. It may not seem to be earth shattering to you, but when I hear some folks know about us as a positive presence in the overall fabric of community, it is heartening. From such basic grounding can arise many other ways of making a difference. We end up being invited to cooperate on projects with more folks. Picking up trash is not controversial, it is appreciated, it is noticed. Volunteering at a school is lauded, and touches the lives of the students and staff. Then, into the future, if also we do something that pushes more challenging issues, that challenge will be seen in the context of a congregation which is already known as an engaged good neighbor.

I wonder if you are moved to be a positive presence in the world, locally or globally, in ways that are grounded in our Unitarian Universalist principles? If you found Unitarian Universalism because you met others in a community who were already UU's? If you ever tell your friends and project team members that this religion supports you in the drive to be engaged for good?

If you can answer yes to the above, it might be a refreshing bit of news for those around you. At the least, I may end up hearing about it from folks in the community who have a positive regard for our existence in Transylvania County.

As a side note, I also am impressed you have such a visible location. I've had a professional in the community tell me we have the best looking building for our congregation. I never have trouble describing where folks can find us.

I'll be taking part of summertime to reflect on what the "next normal" will give us as opportunities to grow in our visibility, and our contributions to society. It is nice to know we're not starting from scratch.