



WE REALLY ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER by Rev Jean M. Rowe
Sunday, January 10th, 9:30 & 11:00am *Coffee time between services.*

Quantum physics has changed the way we understand reality. It means that the interconnected web of existence is more than ecology. It's the way things really, really operate in all spheres of existence. Reality is both wave and particle, energy and matter.

This has profound influence on ethics and the way we should live. The whole of existence is interconnected. This means that Jung was correct in his use of "the collective unconscious." It's real. It means that prayer, meditation, and deep intentions do matter.

It also means that a key word for approaching all of life is *compassion* for all things because we are all in this together. Self-compassion matters, and compassion for others matters. We don't have to agree, but we need to learn to understand.

Access Complete Calendar [HERE](#).

WHY UUTC IS HOME

A popular song asks the following question:
"Without love, where would you be now?"

Without UUTCers' caring and concern - and without advocacy on the part of Susan Bir and Rev. Kerry Purselle - my health issues last summer could have ended in tragedy. Instead, I am safely and humbly back at home, with a heart full of gratitude and a keen sense of the interconnectedness of all human beings.

—Janet Benway

NEXT WEEK AT UUTC

Mindfulness – Mon 1/11 @ 7:00pm

Morning Meditation — Tues 1/12 @ 7:00am

Men's Group – Tue 1/12 @ 9:00am

Dream Group – Tue 1/12 @ 2:30pm

SMART Recovery – Tue 1/12 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 1/13 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 1/13 @ 1:00pm

Morning Meditation—Thurs 1/14 @ 7:00am

Women's Group — Thurs 1/14 @ 12:30pm

Knitting Circle — Fri 1/15 @ 10:30am

GAME NIGHT— Fri 1/15 @ 5:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME NIGHT! • FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 5:30PM

UUTC's game night for January is next week! Sandwiches, tea or water, and childcare will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share or the beverage of your choice! Just a time to have some fun and get to know each other better. Have a favorite game? Bring that, too! Please sign up at the front counter to help us know how many sandwiches to have on hand.



If you (or your child) has food allergies, please bring something you know is safe to eat. When you register, if you are bringing a child, please be sure to include them in your reservations.

Mexican Train? Farkle? Rummikub? Scrabble? Apples to Apples? Lots of options to enjoy! Come join us!

PHOTO SHOOT FOR THE DIRECTORY—JANUARY 16TH



You, too can look this great— but you must contact [Barbi Smith](#) and let her know that **you want to be scheduled for the Photo Shoot on Saturday, January 16th**. Well-behaved canines can also be included. And don't forget—children grow. It may be time to update that photo!

Members and Friends may request the PDF of the most recent Members and Friends Photo Directory by email —click here! admin@uutc.org.

CONFLICT, CHANGE & COMMUNITY • GREENVILLE, SC • JANUARY 23RD

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal not a creedal faith. Without the trust that is the foundation of covenant, congregations often fall into destructive rather than creative conflict. Over time, patterns develop that keep the community from achieving its dreams. How might the creation and practice of covenant help congregations go deeper into what it means to be Unitarian Universalists? How might we use covenant to call ourselves and others back into right relationship? How might this help to grow beloved community?

This day-long workshop will be led by Connie Goodbread. Please see the flyers on the front counter!

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL OUTREACH FOR JANUARY—THE HAVEN

The Haven is a short-term emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals. The first goal of The Haven is to provide a safe, secure and warm place to rest. The second goal is to work with other local agencies to assist its residents in developing the skills and resources to move into independent living in affordable housing.

The Haven now has two units, an 18-bed building for adult men and women, and a five-bedroom, four-bath house which opened in 2014 to serve families with children. *The family house has been filled to capacity since its opening.*

The Haven has housed residents ranging in age from newborn to 82. It has consistently housed a greater number of families than its original projections. The Haven continues to be successful in assisting many of the families and individuals to move into suitable permanent housing.

Your gift this month will enable The Haven to continue to serve the poorest of the poor in Transylvania County - individuals and families with children who have no home or bed in which to sleep. If you would like to help in a more personal way, please consider being a volunteer or assisting with food and supply needs. More information is available at the display table for The Haven in our foyer.

UUTC Members and Friends were very active in the establishment of The Haven, and based on the State of the Young Child [report](#) from Transylvania County, the need is greater than ever. Please view the Summary Report at the link if you have not already done so.



LBGTQ FILM SERIES • ROGOW ROOM • 7-8:30PM

The Transylvania County Rainbow Alliance is presenting a series of films once a month for the next three months—Thursdays, **January 21st**, **February 18th** and **March 17th**.

On January 21st, a series of the “It Gets Better” clips will be shown, followed by a Q & A session. In February, there will be a showing of “The Power of Harmony,” an award-winning documentary about the Turtle Creek Men’s Chorale of Dallas.

Mark your calendar!

BUILDING USE SURVEY — PLEASE COMPLETE THIS WEEKEND!

At 9:00am today, the Building Use Survey went out to **Members** and **Friends** of UUTC. **The Task Force is meeting on Monday, January 11th, and hopes to pull the summary data from the compiled answers to prepare for the Board.** If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey!

The Board's task for this Task Force is to **create a timeline of recommended and necessary changes to assist the Board in prioritizing needs and to assist the Finance Committee in budgeting for future expenditures.** Thank you for your participation!



IN REMEMBRANCE

Arnold Braun, an unofficial friend of UUTC and a regular member of the Men's Group, died about 10 A.M. on January 6. His funeral will be held in Miami on the morning of Friday, January 8.



MITTEN TREE IMPACTS

Judy Nebrig shared this image from the time prior to Christmas when our load of gifts reached El Centro. She was with many Latino families the Monday before Christmas. She said that the kids were trying on the hats, etc. and choosing what they wanted. Adults were taking things for people they knew needed them. The contrast in garments between the dress and the hat certainly shows evidence of the change in weather from two weeks ago to this week.

The FINAL final count came to 256 items— hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and WARM SOCKS! Here is Gabriela enjoying her new hat and mittens. Your gifts made a difference!

Muchas gracias!

WE ARE OVERSTUFFED.



Did you know that almost 90% of our wealth is in stuff? We use over 78 square miles for extra storage space and spend \$22 billion storing it - that's enough space to fill Manhattan three times over.

We have an opportunity to make a big impact almost effortlessly.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

URGENT CALL FOR USE OF FREEZER SPACE



Do you have extra freezer space and a willingness to store food for UUTC activities in your freezer? We are "bursting at the seams" throughout the building, and the kitchen is no exception.

If you are willing to be a repository of edibles to be frozen for future use, please contact the office at 877-6121, or [email RK](#).

NEW YEAR, NEW NEEDS

Ready to clean house? Ready to be done with something that is no longer useful or meaningful to you? **iDonate** is a service that UUTC has partnered with to help us all purge our stuff and also fund our mission. This service is not intended for items which you would normally donate to support other agencies in our community such as old furniture or clothing.

To get an idea of how the service works, go to this page on [our website](#). The VANCO link is still there, but this particular page has had a major makeover—for a short time. Please investigate this service and see if it might help you meet your needs or the needs of someone who would benefit from your old stuff—as well as the needs of our UUTC Community. UUTC pays nothing for this service.

Have a friend who might want to support our mission in this way? Share the link with them!

TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITY

HALF WAY THROUGH

At this half-way point of my tenure as Board President, I want to share with you the broad view I've taken of the work of your Board.

My own efforts to this point have fallen into four general categories:

- meeting with members of the congregation individually and in groups around issues in this transition we're in;
- speaking with individuals on the phone or in person about the work of various important teams and committees, looking for the ones for whom the work is a good fit at this time;
- talking and meeting with Regional consultants about the process we're in and working with Paula and the Board on next steps along the way;
- Communicating with the congregation.



As Paula describes this time, "We are throwing down track in front of a moving train." We've made the best decisions we could as we've gone along. In some cases we've had to back up and re-do some of them. We've learned that we must continue to make our best effort to insure that communication stays ahead of peoples' need to know.

In all of it, one thing that has stood out to me about UUTC: we have a fabulous congregation! Many of us are deeply engaged in our life together and have deep UU and congregational wisdom. I've been appreciative and impressed with how gracious people have been in gently offering suggestions and taking (apparently) no offense if things have gone a different way. I've been so grateful for their contributions to our whole effort.

As a subscriber to a daily email list, I receive words of wisdom from a horsewoman friend of mine. The one that came a few days ago particularly struck me, as it articulates the process I've been practicing throughout the last several months:

"Aim with your heart...Adjust your mind...Be honest in your endeavors."

It seems to me that this is what many of us at UUTC practice. I want to say at this half-way point, how honored and grateful I am for this opportunity to serve us and how much I admire so many of you!

— Peg Hall

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • JANUARY 17TH

As has been announced, we will be holding a Congregational meeting immediately following the second service on January 17th to elect the **Search Task Force for a settled minister**. Several weeks ago, the Board invited you to submit your own name or someone else's for this important work. We narrowed that list based on gender balance, an age range, UU experience, dedication to UUTC, computer skills, and a group we think will work well together—and selected the slate below. We will be inviting nominations from the floor.

**Lauren Agrella-Sevilla • Joanna Bliss • Ben Browning • Bruce Kirkman
Earle Rabb • Betty Kendrick**

A Quorum of Membership (at least 47 members) is required on the premises in order for a vote to be taken, per our bylaws. Please plan to attend!

ABSENTEE BALLOT • FOR UUTC MEMBERS ONLY UUTC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 17TH

Proposed Slate for Settled Ministerial Search Task Force:

Lauren Agrella-Sevilla

Joanna Bliss

Ben Browning

Bruce Kirkman

Earle Rabb

Betty Kendrick

_____ **Vote FOR** above slate

_____ **Vote AGAINST** above slate

Completed absentee ballots must be in the possession of the Board Secretary at the time this Congregational Meeting is called to order on January 17, 2016. This ballot may NOT be counted towards a quorum.

Member Name (print)

Member Signature

Date Signed: _____



"We are the certain and the seeking, the lifers and the newcomers, the beloved and the brokenhearted, the insiders and the rejected, all of whom have found a home in the extraordinary, yet intimate, communities of Unitarian Universalism."

Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC Host

Our mission is to create a community that encourages free spiritual discovery and growth, celebrates personal and religious diversity, and promotes active, responsible involvement in the larger community.

Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.



Read the latest UUA Southern Region Newsletter [HERE!](#)



SOUTHERN REGION

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our [church calendar](#). This is the calendar which has ALL events.

For previous issues of the UU Update, contact the office at admin@uutc.org.

SEND news for this newsletter by 10:00am on Wednesdays.

CONTACT US

Our Minister is the Rev. Dr. Paula R. Gable. To reach her out of the office, call **828-553-9410**.

Church office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon and by appointment. The church telephone number is **828-877-6121**. Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712. Our website is www.uutc.org. Our church is located at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.