



UU UPDATE

FEBRUARY 5th, 2016

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

FIT TO BE TIED by Rev. Ann Marie Aldermann

Sunday, February 7th 10:30am

What are the essentials one ought to consider before entering into a long-lasting relationship?

The service will be followed by a Q & A period for all to discuss the process of a settled minister search.

SINGLE SERVICE @ 10:30 ... COFFEE TIME AT 10:00 AM ... Q & A AFTER THE SERVICE

*“Aim with your heart...
Adjust your mind...
Be honest in your endeavors.”*

OUR CALENDARS — Below are events that are **not** Team or Committee meetings. Access the **complete** calendar of events [HERE](#).

WHY UUTC IS STILL HOME TO ME

From that magical first Sunday and mostly magical years that have followed, driven by the impact of my UUTC theme song (Shelly Jackson Denham's We Laugh, We Cry, Hymn #354), I felt the need to help lead us to finding more but different magic. It is still here. It is ours to define.

To question, truly is an answer.

—Susan Slocum

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Souper Sunday! — Sun 2/7 @ approx. noon

Mindfulness – Mon 2/8 **CANCELLED**

Morning Meditation — Tues 2/9 @ 7:00am

Men's Group – Tue 2/9 @ 9:00am

Dream Group – Tue 2/9 @ 2:30pm

SMART Recovery – Tue 2/9 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 2/10 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 2/10 @ 1:00pm

Camino de Santiago — Wed 2/10 @ 7:00pm

Morning Meditation—Thurs 2/11 @ 7:00am

Knitting Circle — Fri 2/12 @ 10:30am

**NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS PHOTO
DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL
UPON REQUEST!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUPER SUNDAY • THIS SUNDAY, AFTER THE SINGLE 10:30 SERVICE & Q&A

SOUPER SUNDAY is a chance to connect with members, friends and visitors. We'll provide some yummy soup for a cold winter's day. Bring bread, fruit, veggies, crackers, chips, dip or other **finger foods** to share. BYOB. Be green and bring your own cup, bowl, napkin, and utensils. We appreciate donations to help offset the cost of the soup! This is an intergenerational event so there is no childcare. **PLEASE CALL CAROL MOORE— 862-6447** so that we know to expect you on Sunday!



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO!

Wednesday, February 10th, Carol Moore will show slides and speak on her journey of a million steps on this Spanish pilgrimage. Starts at 7:00 pm. If you need childcare, please call the office.

At right, Charlene Kneath and Carol with their pilgrimage completion certificates.



GAME NIGHT! • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 5:30PM

UUTC's next game night is Friday the 19th! 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!

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION OUTREACH FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

From its beginning in 1997, Bread of Life has received broad support from our Transylvania churches as well as individuals. Volunteer help, in addition to financial support, has been the key. Meals are served every Monday through Friday and then on Sunday night as well for those in need in our county. 180 free, well-balanced meals and emergency pantry boxes are provided each day, which translates to 900 a week, and over 45,000 each year. **Bread of Life** is the focus of our Social Action outreach for the month of February here at UUTC. At these difficult times for many in Transylvania County, we ask that you continue to generously support the Bread of Life.



AAUW YELLOW BOX SIGHTING!

It's time to check your home libraries and see what you can clean out and donate to the AAUW Book Sale! We ask this every year at this time and always have gotten generous giving of good books from UU members and guests. All proceeds fund college scholarships for women to local colleges. If you have too many books to bring to church, please call Penny and Terry Davies, 966-9393, or bring them to 136 West French Broad.

Thanks in advance for sharing your book treasures. The Yellow Box awaits!

SUCSESSES!

Donations to the Haven in January totaled \$1853.00. Thanks to all those who gave! And thanks, also, to those who donated 79 pounds of consumable and non-consumable items to Sharing House!

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Sharing House is seeking assistance from the community in helping to pay for heating for needy residents of the county. [Donations may be sent to Sharing House, P. O. Box 958, Brevard, NC 28712 with the phrase "Power UP!" in the memo line.](#)

February 14th & 21st are **Undie Sundays**. Please bring children's underwear for Sharing House.



CREATING HOME

Children's Religious Exploration

Kia Ora!, as they say in New Zealand! Richard, Rion and I have returned from our trip to the Southern Hemisphere where we were visiting family just last week. Thanks so much to Emily Atkinson, Sue Null, Nancy Potter and Lyn Edmonds for filling in for me and keeping the Children's programming running strong.

This past Sunday, in "Creating Home," Emily read the children a story about a Universalist ancestor named John Murray. If you would like to read the story in it's entirety see the link below. John was a staunch believer in a loving God, until the "winds of change" literally sent him a hard blow. He lost his wife, infant son, and other family members to illness. He became depressed, lost his faith, left his position as a minister and set sail to America, where once again, the "winds of change" took him to a place he wasn't expecting.

He went ashore in New Jersey, where he was welcomed by farmer and Universalist Thomas Potter—truly welcomed, and the rest, as they say, is history. Following the story, we wondered about what it's like when unexpected situations arise, good and bad, what it's like to move homes; how we ourselves welcome guests to our homes or how we like to be welcomed; how our church welcomes new guests and friends, since **we are a WELCOMING CONGREGATION.**

The children then created beautiful wind socks to remind us that the "winds of change" can be good to us if we let them lead the way. Take a look in the classroom window and see the small creations our children made to remind us all that change is inevitable; we can not control the wind, but we can certainly go with the flow.

This week there is only one service at 10:30, so Creating Home will start in the sanctuary at 10:30 and meet in the classroom following the Time for All Ages story on making friends. And remember, Souper Sunday is THIS Sunday. Let's lunch together!

<http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/home/session12/60161.shtml>

ACCOMMODATING PARENT NEEDS

Your Technology Team has been working to figure out a way to make Sundays a little easier for parents. We are very close to installing a TV/monitor in the current office space to be used by parents who leave the sanctuary with unhappy youngsters. This screen would be tied into the video camera that is part of our A/V system, giving parents a way to still see and hear the message from the pulpit, even if they choose to leave the sanctuary.

A TV has already been donated, and the cables, mount and HDMI switch to allow us to stream that feed to the screen will only cost us about \$150, an amount well within the Technology budget for this fiscal year. Our target for installation is the end of February.

THE IDEA IS NOT TO
LIVE FOREVER, IT IS
TO CREATE
SOMETHING THAT
WILL

ANDY WARHOL



Winds of Change can be beautiful!

WINDOWS & MIRRORS — TAPESTRY OF FAITH

A new Youth Group Series is beginning February 14th. The Middle School group will be using the program *Windows & Mirrors*, a Tapestry of Faith curriculum, as their guide in exploring "how individuality creates the lens through which we view others and all life that shares our planet." (UUA website).

We are in need of a large, round mirror that will hold our chalice and be used throughout the curriculum in different ways. If you have one that you are looking to part with and would like to donate it to the CRE, please contact Heather, creutc@gmail.com or if you are a second-hand shopper and see one around, please let Heather know. Thanks!

TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITY

VALUES FIRST

Values, Vision, Mission Workshop – January 30, 2016

This vital workshop was attended by **52 Members, Friends and Youth**. Nursery staff cared for **3 children** who also provided their values when visited by our process observer, Tara McDonald.

Following Facilitator Marguerite Mills, we big people started by introducing ourselves and describing our **UUTC work, struggles and joys**. We looked at each other. We heard each other. Joys: pride in our history, caring and doing, articulate young voices. Struggles: Communication!, anxiety, self-care, balance.

First Flip Chart Sheet: Our Expectations for the Day

- Unified sense of core values & next steps
- To be heard
- Begin the process of defining who we want to be in 5-10 years
- Communication plan
- How can I / we help?
- Shift our focus to looking forward
- Begin to expect, accept, and celebrate change
- Balance for generations
- Vision to help in calling the right minister
- Be realistic (leaders are human)
- In-depth discussion of feelings about growth

Check out the pages in the Social Hall! Have an idea? Please add your idea with a Post-It Note, available at the front counter!

Core Value Results: Love • Community • Wonder • Gratitude

How did we choose these? How can you do this? What did we do next? How do we get to a vision? What did the children choose? Did we meet all those expectations? Check back next week!

Susan Slocum & Olivia Tiner – Note-takers

David Warinner – Team Leader, Visioning

THE BOARD DID WHAT?!!??



Well, if you really want to know the scoop...the best thing to do is go to The Source.

The December Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the Board's Board in the Foyer/Social Hall. You may also read them on our [website](#). If you do not know where the Board's Board is, ask a Board Member with a bright yellow nametag!

Copies may be requested anytime, from your [Administrator](#).

STEWARDSHIP LAUNCHES!

Nine energetic supporters of UUTC have stepped up and joined the Stewardship Team for 2016-2017. You will soon be hearing from this committee regarding plans to fund the upcoming year's mission for our congregation. ***Our budget will not include funding requests for any capital projects.*** The members are Betsy Culpepper, Jim Hardy, Dave Hunter, Kristin Leesment, Carol Moore, Jim Null, Bart Renner, and Dave Roberts. The goal this year is for 100% participation from Members and Friends. We look forward to your support.

Gary Kendrick, Chair

“Whatever thing a man gets quickly enraged about is his idol, and whatever thing he makes his idol becomes his religion.” —Criss Kami

PROPERTY POLICY CHANGE

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, a new building use policy was crafted. This new policy and the attendant procedures take notice that our building and property represent a valuable, tangible asset to be explored for potential new sources of income to support our mission and vision. We can strengthen our financial position by leasing space for commercial uses that are in accord with our mission and principles, and renting space for events that benefit the greater community. We can provide space for groups to meet in a central location in a cost-effective venue. We will put un-used space to work for us generating revenue and spreading our name and mission throughout the area.

Activities by the congregation of UUTC and for the benefit of its members will always take precedence over any use of this property by an outside party. This wonderful building, and the surrounding grounds that are lovingly landscaped and maintained by our own hands, is first and foremost for the use of our congregation in our search for truth and meaning, and for the strengthening of our relationships as a congregational community.

TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board is working to get some of our policies in order for the ministerial candidates. (It feels a bit like cleaning the house before a party.) Great thanks go to our Administration Committee (AdCom) for their expertise and guidance with this process. And thanks also to Virginia MacDonald for her wisdom in establishing this committee.



FINANCE — Contact: Ed Carroll

We finalized and voted to approve several policies and procedures around the use of our building for commercial enterprises that are in line with our mission and vision. This opens the way for more concerts and other interesting income streams.

We have established a money market account that will be earning interest on our cash. It is a restricted account: the release of money requires the signatures of the President of the Board and the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Board is discussing how many months' expenses need to be kept there.

VISION AND MISSION — Contact: David Warriner

We got off to a good start in discerning our vision and mission for the next few years. Marguerite Mills, a consultant from our Southern Region, facilitated a day-long workshop for about fifty of us on Saturday, January 30. This is one of several benefits our dues buy us! Many of our members were not here when we've been through this process before so it was good to have that bonding experience with each other. David Warriner, Mallory Carter, and Virginia MacDonald have stepped forward to lead us in this continuing work. They will be looking for one or two more volunteers.

GMAC — Contact: Leslie Keir

The Governance and Ministry Advisory Council (GMAC) has met several times hearing issues presented by individuals and groups, issues that have surfaced in this transition time. Hooray! This is exactly what we need to have happening. Thanks again to AdCom for creating this council. Contact gmac@uutc.org for guidance in dealing with any of your concerns.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH

Ann Marie Alderman, another consultant for the Southern Region, is coming this weekend to let us know what to expect with the search process. She will be meeting for dinner on Saturday with the Search Task Force and the Board and speaking at the **single service Sunday at 10:30** to instruct the entire congregation.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM — Contact: Gary Kendrick

Gary Kendrick, our President-elect has agreed to serve as the chair of our Stewardship Team until he takes over in July as President. You'll be hearing more about this team in the days to come.

UUA STUDY/ACTION ISSUES • THANK YOU TO UUTC POLL PARTICIPANTS!

Many thanks to over 47 Members and Friends who participated in our poll whether to place any or all four issues on the General Assembly agenda. We were not unanimous but overwhelming in our support of all four:

A National Conversation on Race • The Corruption of Our Democracy • Climate Change and Environmental Justice • Ending Gun Violence in America

Susan Slocum,
Secretary of the Board

*** A NOTE ABOUT OUR ALARM SYSTEM ***

Our alarm system has developed a ground fault, causing it to beep a system alert at inopportune times. If the system alert goes off while you are in the building, go to the red panel in the maintenance room, press **ACK** (Acknowledge) and then **ALARM SILENCE**. Thank you!

CONVENIENT ONLINE GIVING



UUTC offers an electronic donation service through the secure payment processor Vanco. You may make a one-time donation, or recurring donations on a schedule of your choosing. Vanco can process your donation through your bank account, or use a credit card for convenience and points! **Over a third of the congregation** has chosen to donate through Vanco – you can also, click GIVE on our website uutc.org, and follow the simple directions. Dave Roberts, the UUTC Treasurer, will be happy to assist you. Click the icon above to take you to the site.



"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.