



THE MIRACLE OF SPRING: REBIRTH & RESURRECTION by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable

Sunday, March 27th at 9:30am and 11:00am — *coffee time between services*

As *traditional* Christians throughout the world celebrate the Easter miracle of Resurrection, we, too, will celebrate the rebirth of spring and the Spirit within. Instead of the traditional communion of bread and wine, we will feast on the beauty of flowers and their silent message of love, hope and acceptance of all. Please bring a flower to share during our Flower Communion and some “extras” if you can, so that we can gift bouquets to our seniors and others who cannot attend our service.

CAN YOU USHER IN APRIL? LOTS OF OPEN OPPORTUNITIES AT 11:00!



NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Christians In Exile** — Mon 3/28 @ 3:30pm
- Morning Meditation** — Tues 3/29 @ 7:00am
- Men's Group** – Tue 3/29 @ 9:00am
- Dream Group** – Tue 3/29 @ 2:30pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 3/29 @ 6:00pm
- Eclectics Jam** — Wed 3/30 @ 9:30am
- Being Group** — Wed 3/30 @ 1:00pm
- Morning Meditation**—Thurs 3/31 @ 7:00am
- NAACP Forum** — Thurs 3/31 @ 6 or 7pm
- Living the Tao** — Fri 4/1 @ 10:30am

Complete **calendar** of events [HERE](#).
[PLEDGE](#) for 2016-2017

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH 31ST NAACP FORUM

For the last 45 years, America has been embroiled in the longest war in its history: The War on Drugs. This war has cost over \$1.5 trillion and has destroyed countless lives and families, while actually increasing the availability and spread of drugs. One result of this war is that America now imprisons more people, on a per

capita basis, than any other nation on earth. This mass incarceration has fallen especially hard on people of color who, despite the fact that their rate of drug use is almost identical to that of whites, are imprisoned at four times the rate of whites.

On Thursday evening, March 31, the NAACP will host a special forum to examine this problem. Following a showing of the documentary The House I Live In, a panel of experts will present their views and take questions from the audience. The panel will include two local residents: Dr. Dan T. Carter, an expert in American racial issues, and Mr. Larry Goodwin, an expert in addiction treatment. Also on the panel are Ms. Christiana Glenn Tugman, an Asheville attorney who heads the homeless program for Asheville and Buncombe County and works in local prisons, Mr. Alvin Long, a convicted felon who now runs 14 halfway houses in Buncombe and Henderson counties, and a local man who is now serving a 9-11 year sentence on drug-related charges.

The program will begin at 7:00 pm here at the UUTC. It will be preceded by a spaghetti dinner beginning at 6:00, hosted by NAACP. You are cordially invited to attend. However, space is limited and reservations are required. You may sign up for both dinner and program or just the program. Please sign up at the front desk to reserve your place for this most important program.



HIGH TEA ON APRIL 8TH, 2:30 PM, AT UUTC

Loving Hearts, Helping Hands (LHHH) is hosting. Please reserve your spot by signing up at the front counter, so that the Team will know how much food to prepare. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

MULTIPLE EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN!

Be sure and check the bulletin board for several flyers on events at [The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center](#). UU WomenSpirit, Homecoming Weekend, Appalachian Spring (Arts! Music! Dance!), and Family and Youth Camps are all coming up. Build memories for a lifetime!

CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL RETURNING TO UUTC

Drew Maciula must have seen our previously-earned trophies and is jumpstarting a new team! Things kick into gear in April. There aren't too many rules about shirts and teams, but, if you EVER want to play this season—even if it's just to make sure we don't forfeit for lack of a female player, please sign the roster, because all players must be on that roster from the get-go. Also, we need matching shirts! To relaunch the team, we must pay a registration fee of \$375 (this is an annual fee). Help revive softball and get yourself a very sexy "Tap Night" t-shirt at the same time! Soft, lightweight fabric with good stretch. Cash, check or credit card are all accepted: only \$22. Please use the sign-up sheet at the front counter to indicate the size you would like.



NEXT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13TH

The popular monthly Wonderful Wednesday dinner and program will be held April 13th. The program will feature Dr. Jim Reynolds, noted Professor of Geology at Brevard College. He has won many awards for his outstanding work in the field of geology. His talk begins at 6:30pm; dinner is at 5:30.

Dr. Reynolds' topic is *THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS*. We all love our beautiful Appalachian Mountains. They are the reason many of us chose to live here. Dr. Reynolds will help us understand and appreciate the history and heritage of these mountains.

There is no charge for the dinner. Donations that evening will be gratefully received. Dinner reservations ARE NECESSARY! Please call, email or sign-up at the front office counter no later than Sunday, March 6th. The chefs will be purchasing their ingredients on Monday, and we want to make sure to have enough food on hand for all to be satisfied.

FIND FAMILY TIME AND YOU TIME

History—Governance — Ministry—Worship — Music —Social Action
Religious Exploration— Stewardship—Where's the Wonder Box?

You, Me, and UUTC - One Day Format

Saturday, April 9th, 2016 - 9:30am-3:30pm

A Class About What We Can Be Together

Prospective Members and Friends, All Members, Friends and Visitors Invited for
Conversations with Staff and Leaders facilitated by Susan Slocum

Lunch provided. Childcare available upon request.

Sign up on the office counter, call the office 828-877-6121 or email Susan Slocum
suslocum@yahoo.com.

TEAM MEETING NIGHT TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH!

GMAC (Governance and Ministry Advisory Council) thanks everyone for all the feedback. We WILL try out Team Night, beginning Wednesday, April 27. Pizza from 5:15 on, child care, team meetings at 6 p.m. The only team that opted out is Membership, because they have so many people who are on several teams.

This will be for ARE, CRE, Music, Social Action and Worship. Other teams may join too, as desired. **After April**, we'll meet on the **3rd Wednesday of the month**. (There was a calendar conflict on April 20.) Questions? Contact gmac@uutc.org

CALL FOR UUTC DELEGATES TO UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 22-26

General Assembly is in Columbus, Ohio this year, close enough to drive. Want to go? UUTC is entitled to four voting delegates. Could you be one? Delegates will receive reimbursement for registration fees and the opportunity to be part of shaping our interdependent future. Short videos from previous attendees... ["Find Your Tribe!"](#) "We do truly spiritually fulfilling things...."

Contact Board President, Peg Hall at peghall1@gmail.com.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONVENIENT, FRUGAL 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.



At the pledge page, you have many options. You may set up your pledge for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. You can also make a Living or Memorial gift to the Endowment Fund, to the general Operating Fund, or to the Minister's Discretionary Fund—at any time!

You may not know that bookkeeping costs are higher when done in-house. **What this means is that online giving actually saves UUTC money.** If you prefer to write a check, consider writing that check monthly rather than weekly.

Finally, don't forget that we have in-house experts if you would like to make a gift of stocks, or if you would like to consider UUTC in your planned giving. Talk to **Dave Roberts** about stocks, or **Jim Null** if you would like more information on planned giving, especially in your will. And thank you for helping make UUTC stronger every day!



LIVING THE TAO — Facilitated by Hilly Bernard

You are invited to join a new 8-week study group on the *Tao Te Ching*. The group, called *Living the Tao*, will meet on Fridays, 10:30-12 at UUTC, starting on March 25th through May 13th. The study will emphasize an understanding of Taoism along with associated practices. Each session will follow the book [Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life](#) by Wayne Dyer.

Please join us in a dynamic study of the *Tao Te Ching*, a path of wisdom, reflection and cooperation. The group will be limited to 12 participants with priority given to Members or Friends of UUTC and open to public. Sign up at the front desk, email: jeaniebernard@gmail.com or call: 828-884-9179.

SOCIAL ACTION OUTREACH FOR MARCH—S.A.F.E.



SAFE's mission in Transylvania County is to lead our community in eliminating domestic violence and sexual violence through prevention, advocacy, education and healing. For more than twenty years, SAFE has been providing services with the vision that all victims of domestic and sexual assault will be provided safety, be treated with dignity and respect and be given the opportunity to create long lasting changes that will result in a life free of violence and abuse. SAFE operates Stacey's House, a shelter where women and their children can go to escape crisis situations and to receive counseling and support for an improved future. Cash or checks made payable to SAFE may be placed in the special envelopes provided in the offering baskets.

JUNE YOUTH TRAINING

UUTC has requested more information about this training for Youth Ministry. It is open to youth, RE leaders and advisors. Interested? Mark your calendar, and let [Heather know!](#)

The poster for "A NEW WAY IN YOUTH MINISTRY" features a wooden background. At the top, the title "A NEW WAY IN YOUTH MINISTRY" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, a pair of shoes (one red, one black) and a white heart shape are arranged. The text on the poster reads: "This two day training will equip RE leaders, advisors and youth to build and sustain healthy youth groups". Below this, a list of topics is provided: "Creating diverse and balanced programming", "Building cooperative relationships between youth and adults", "Tools to build a healthy youth group", "Ethics, confidentiality, liability and dealing with crisis", and "Building a vision of a fully youth-inclusive congregation". The dates "JUNE 3-4 2016" are prominently displayed. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "contact lrec@uwasheville.org for info or registration details" and "UU CONGREGATION OF ASHEVILLE".

POSITIONS OPEN ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Nominations Committee is tasked with presenting a slate for election to the Board of Trustees each Annual Meeting (in May). This year, there are **vacancies to be filled for the office of Secretary**, being vacated by Susan Slocum who has served for two years (this position is limited to two years at a time), and **the office of President-Elect**).

Board service is limited to three years of service, with Presidents limited to one year in that position, Secretaries to two years, and Treasurers to three.

Board Service is a Covenant Group of service. Prepare to fall in love with the job.

If you have an interest in serving as either President-Elect or Secretary, please contact Isabel Lynch, Chair of the Nominations Committee. You can [email her](#) or call her at 828-877-4170.



A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

Each month we select a new Gathering Song that we hope will bring us all together through joyous, uplifting music. Sometimes we have the words printed on the screen, but sometimes we don't—so be ready to grab your hymnal! This song continues to be used the entire month so that, if it is new to some (or all!), we have it down pat by the end of the month.

Your Music Education program in action. Painlessly!

SPEAKING OF MUSIC . . .

LIVE @ UUTC is bringing TWO concerts to UUTC in April! Beth Wood returns on Friday, April 15th, and Dave Desmelik takes the stage on Thursday, April 28th.

Beth hails from Oregon, but attended school at Brevard College. Be sure and check her out at [our calendar](#).

[Dave Desmelik](#) lives just outside Brevard and has released 10 albums. Obviously prolific, his songs “are not wrapped in false smiles, rather they are stark and open and tend to settle on the pulse of everyday life.” Save these dates!



COMING SOON: YOGA WITH KASHMYRA ASNANI

UUTC is partnering with Kashmyra Asnani to provide some yoga workshops and classes. The workshops are one-day events that introduce different types of yoga, so that you can find a “fit” to what works best for your needs. The classes will be offered on Mondays—the first, at 3:15-4:30pm, is [Chair & Wall Yoga](#). The second, from 6:00-7:15pm, is Vitality Yoga. **Classes start April 18th.**

Chair & Wall Yoga is open to all fitness levels, including those who may need walking aids or wheelchairs. With regular practice, students will see improved range of motion, flexibility and strength and reduced stress. Vitality Yoga focuses on youthful posture, correct movement mechanics, deep breathing and building core strength. This class is moderately paced, and students must be able to get down to and off the floor safely.

Watch for brochures at the front counter for more information and check the [Public Calendar](#) online!



"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.