

UUTC UPDATE

MAY 20TH, 2016

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? by Michael Carter

Sunday, May 22nd at 10:30 — *coffee time before the service at 9:45am*

What role do expectations play in outcomes? How do our expectations impact the reality which we experience? What does Ray Wiley Hubbard, a roots rock icon from Texas mean, when he says, "...the days that I keep my gratitude higher than my expectations, well, I have really good days..."? The answer is not as simplistic as it may seem. This is not a matter of the power of positive thinking. It is far more scientific than that...and far more mysterious.

CONGREGATIONAL MTG AFTER THE SERVICE!

“The Day The
Power of Love
Overrules The
Love of Power,
The World Will
Know Peace.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Yoga Workshop — Sat 5/21 @ 10:30am

Chair & Wall Yoga — Mon 5/23 @ 11:00am

Christians In Exile — Mon 5/23 @ 3:30pm

Women's Potluck — Mon 5/23 @ 6:15pm

Morning Meditation — Tues 5/24 @ 7:00am

Men's Group — Tues 5/24 @ 9:00am

Dream Group — Tues 5/24 @ 2:30pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 5/25 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 5/25 @ 1:00pm

Morning Meditation — Thurs 5/26 @ 7:00am

Living the Tao — Fri 5/27 @ 10:30am

Validity Yoga — Fri 5/27 @ 1:30pm

Yoga Workshop — Sat 5/28 @ 10:30am

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION OUTREACH FOR MAY—RISE & SHINE

Rise and Shine Freedom School is a comprehensive academic mentoring program where every child can shine! Tutors include members of UUTC. Scholars of all races are accepted and no Rise and Shine scholar has dropped out of school in the 19 years of the program. R&S is committed to long term support and empowerment for scholars from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Strategies of the program are implemented to ensure scholars leave R&S able to “think, read, write, compute, enjoy the arts and become economically independent”. Help support this empowering program for our Transylvania County youth. Go to www.riseshine.org for more details.



SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY ELECTION SURVEY FOR 2016-2017 DUE SUNDAY

For 2016-17, SAT is asking UUTC members and friends to choose from this list of social justice or human growth agencies. Please fill out and return [this questionnaire](#) no later than **Sunday, May 22nd**. There will be printed copies in the foyer, or you may print your own copy from the link above. Return to the box in the foyer or mail to UUTC, P.O. Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712.

There are **18** choices. Please put an X next to the **9** organizations you prefer to support for the next year [July 2016-June 2017]. The other three months will feature donations to the **Minister's Discretionary Fund, UUSC** [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee], and optional participation in **Christmas Blessings**. *An asterisk * indicates a new agency or one not previously supported; please consider choosing one (or more) of those.*

_____ **Backpack Buddies** feeds many children (and sometimes their families) who would otherwise go hungry in the Transylvania County Public Schools over the weekends.

_____ **Boys and Girls Club** is a youth development and after school program for children 5 to 18 years old to help them develop qualities to become responsible citizens.

_____ **Bread of Life** provides hot lunches every weekday for those in need both at their center in Brevard and via home delivery.

_____ **The Children's Center** provides emergency & educational assistance to families of young children plus new mother support and children's advocacy.

_____ **El Centro** helps immigrant families adjust with language tutoring, after-school assistance to school children, and documentation guidance.

* _____ **Free Rein Center for Therapeutic Riding** uses horses to provide benefits to children and adults with autism, ADHD, physical limitations and other disabilities.

_____ **The Haven** provides shelter, counseling and help with rehousing for the homeless of Transylvania County. Your support helps provide positive outcomes for our residents.

* _____ **The Hunger Coalition's** mission is to strengthen the existing food distribution network and engage additional resources to combat hunger in Transylvania County.

_____ **Meals on Wheels of Brevard** helps clients maintain their independence in their own homes by providing noontime home delivery of nutritious meals and personal contact with its volunteers.

* _____ **The Mediation Center** promotes positive change in individuals and organizations through mediation, dialogue, and the teaching of human relationship skills.

_____ **The Mountain** is a retreat center outside Highlands, NC, with programs that inspire people to work for the common good of fellowship, peace, justice and environmental stewardship.

* _____ **Mountain Sun Community School** is a local independent school serving children ages 3-15. It seeks to inspire compassionate, responsible learners while emphasizing the outdoors, the arts, and community service.

_____ **Muddy Sneakers** seeks to awaken in school children a deeply felt connection with the natural world, one that inspires curiosity, stimulates learning, and brings new life to classroom performance.

_____ **Pisgah Legal Services** provides free civil legal aid to the most vulnerable people in WNC—disadvantaged children, senior citizens, families at risk of homelessness and victims of domestic violence.

_____ **Rise and Shine Freedom School** mentors children and empowers parents to equalize opportunity and build a community of racial justice.

_____ **S.A.F.E.** offers shelter, court assistance and free counseling services for anyone affected by domestic violence or sexual assault.

_____ **Sharing House** provides emergency assistance to the poor including food, clothing, household goods, and assistance in paying utility and rent bills.

* _____ **Smart Start** is a public-private early childhood initiative that promotes positive early learning experiences for young children, to help them become healthy and school-ready.

All of these organizations and causes can use your help. Please consider volunteering for those of your choice. Please let SAT know YOUR thoughts. Our meetings are open (Team Meeting Nights!), and we always seek new members. JOIN US!

Name _____

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SERVING WITHOUT SPENDING...LOCAL NEED IN JUNE



Next month, UUTC Members & Friends are needed to help Sharing House

PACK THE PANTRY on Saturday, June 4th. Helping in this way is easy and will require only an hour of your time. UUTC is manning & womaning the doors of Food Lion, where we will pass out a recommended list to shoppers and ask them to purchase something from the list to contribute to the needs of our community through Sharing House. A minimum of two people are needed for each hour, starting at 9:00am and ending at 3:00pm. A sign-up sheet is on the front counter. For more information, call June Litchfield at 877-5058.

FOOD DRIVE

May is a month with FIVE Sundays, so UUTC will be **collecting food for Sharing House** at the end of the month. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your donations on May 22 and 29. Please take with you a list of most needed items from the basket on the Social Action table.

The non-food items most needed by Sharing House are diapers, (sizes 5 and 6), laundry detergent, tampons (super), toilet paper, and paper towels. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps. This collection is separate from the Pack the Pantry community project on June 4. Please consider supporting one or both.

REFUGEE CRISIS UPDATE

This is another in a series of articles Social Action Team is doing to provide information on the Refugee/Immigrant situation. This crisis is one of the leading moral issues of our decade. We hope to provide information and links for further exploration as well as information on where you might consider contributing.

Some of the highest murder rates in the world are in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. People are fleeing desperate circumstances and by law should be eligible for refugee status and asylum.

It has been said that "our Syria is in Central America" in this hemisphere and is where we might focus. UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) is actively dealing with the many ways in which this plays out, including actions and advocacy around closing detention centers, creating awareness around the issues, pushing for an end to ICE raids that are happening around the country, etc. UUSC partners with several organizations, Refugee Crises Relief Fund, RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services.) Below are listed some links that could be

helpful/informative in the work that UUSC is doing. Below are listed some links:

<http://www.uusc.org/tell-local-officials-and-the-administration-family-detention-centers-are-not-day-care-centers>

<http://www.uusc.org/updates/inform-your-activism-talking-about-the-central-american-refugee-crisis>

<http://www.uusc.org/uusc-welcomes-news-of-us-un-central-american-refugee-program>

<http://www.uusc.org/updates/stop-the-raids-on-families-seeking-asylum>

The link for RAICES, one of the resources with whom UUSC partners, is <https://www.raicetexas.org/>. They help asylum seekers already in this country, reaching out to provide legal services to victims of torture who have ended up in detention centers in South and Central Texas.

The following is from the RAICES web site: For twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) you can sponsor a refugee back pack.

“Every day there are mothers and young children being dropped off at the San Antonio Greyhound station from the two family detention camps here in South Texas. These families are dropped off dressed in the same clothing they were wearing months ago when they were first detained. All of the families we meet have fled unimaginable violence in Central America; many have witnessed family members murdered before their eyes, at the hands of gangs. They are fleeing traumatic situations, and instead of being treated as refugees by our government, they are locked up in detention camps for months on end.”

Help is needed “to provide these families with basic supplies as they begin their long bus trips, to reunite with loved ones around the United States.

....volunteers from the Interfaith Welcome Coalition have provided over 2,400 children and mothers with these backpacks. Each backpack contains just your basic supplies; toiletries, snacks, baby formula, diapers, a blanket, and other things needed for a sometimes three to four day bus trip.”

You may want to consider supporting one or more of these organizations. UUSC has a four star or top rating with Charity Organizer.

Virginia MacDonald reporting for Social Action Team

“What power there is in our service when our actions line up with our mission, skills and joy.” —Mary Anne Radmacher



WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN!

CRE is looking for folks willing to share their favorite story, art activity or other talents during the 11:00 Sunday School. Heather needs Leaders on the following dates: July 3 and July 24th. These Leaders will meet with the children, ages 4-8years old for one hour, leading them in an activity related to our 7 UU Principles or otherwise known to the children at the Rainbow Promises. Leaders choose

the story or activity they would like to lead.

We need assistants to Leaders on the following dates: June 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24th. The assistants support the Leader and aid in setting-up, cleaning up and general supervision of the youth in attendance.

We need volunteers for **both** Chalice Camps: **Chalice Children**, a 3 day, half-day camp for pre-schoolers held at UUTC from 9:00am-12:00pm, August 9, 10 & 11 and **Chalice Camp** 2016: An Olympic Adventure, August 15-19th, 9:00am-12:00pm, for ages 6-10.

Please contact Heather Layton at creuutc@gmail.com or call 553-3810.

YOGA WITH KASHMYRA ASNANI — WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY

Several people are already enjoying classes, and her Saturday Workshops began May 14th. The first class of the week, [Chair & Wall Yoga](#), is offered on **Mondays** at **11:00am**. [Vitality Yoga](#) takes place on **Fridays** from **1:30-2:45pm**. You can now sign up at the front desk!

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** is a higher intensity, but still quite gentle.



Kashmyra's second **WORKSHOP** will be held **tomorrow, Saturday, May 21st**. This is part of the **series of workshops on Spinal Health**. See the bulletin board, the front counter and the [Public Calendar](#) for more information!

SOFTBALL FEVER GRIPS UUTC

OK, so maybe not ALL of UUTC is gripped with softball fever, but some of us definitely are!

Our first game on May 10th was an awful lot of fun, despite not knowing all the rules. Had we known the rules, we would have scored at least two more runs. New rules have been implemented by the league to work towards “more fun” and “fewer injuries” — both worthy goals for a church league!

Check the schedule below and see when you can catch the fever—Thursday games are in blue; all the rest are Tuesdays except for May 23rd, which is a Monday makeup day.

May 23 @ 7:30pm vs Calvary Baptist (make up)

May 24 @ 7:30pm vs Etowah Baptist

[May 26 @ 7:30pm vs Little River](#)

[June 2 @ 6:30pm vs First Baptist](#)

June 7 @ 7:30pm vs. Aff. Word

[June 9 @ 6:30pm vs Turkey Creek](#)

June 14 @ 7:30pm vs BC #1

June 21 @ 6:30pm vs BC #2

[June 30 @ 6:30pm vs Cedar Mtn](#)

July 12 @ 7:30pm vs Carson's Creek

July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside



FELLOWSHIP ON TAP • MAY 26



This month's **Fellowship On Tap** will take place at **BREVARD BREWING**. A survey of those who attended tap night at Oskar Blues last month admitted that, despite the great food, the music was too loud to have good conversations.

Thursday is the designated day, and [Brevard Brewing](#) has made a couple of changes that may make this event more attractive to some—the first being: Wine! Second, they have also added a cider tap to make sure everyone can quench their thirst in the manner they would like.

Bring a sandwich, order in pizza, or pick up Mexican from next door at [Maya's Grill](#), because Brevard Brewing, like Oskar Blues, doesn't have a kitchen. If you crave a burger, those available at the [Phoenix Lounge](#) are outstanding. Try a Pickle Burger!

For those who have purchased a UUTC T-shirt, feel free to wear it proudly to Brevard Brewing THIS THURSDAY for Fellowship On Tap—looking forward to seeing you there!

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

For the month of April, 2016

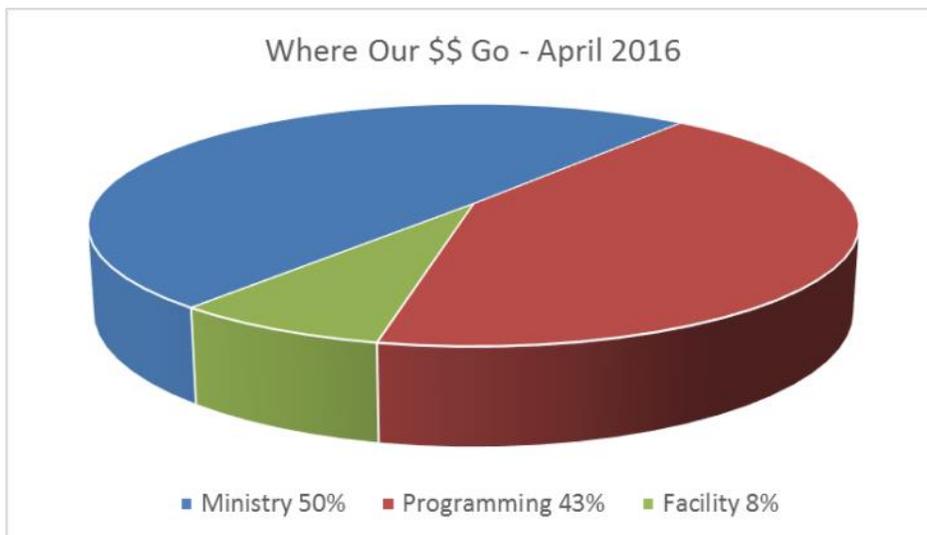
Dear Friends and Members,

The information presented below provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of April.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 30,024.65	\$ 89,847.05
Income through March 31st, 2016	\$ 32,090.61	\$ 166,636.16
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,016.07	\$ 40,016.07
Total Funds available through March 31st	\$102,131.33	\$ 256,483.21

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 10,183.03	\$ 94,933.56
Programming	\$ 8,775.31	\$ 67,957.10
Facility	\$ 1,590.18	\$ 30,339.84
Total Expenditures through March 31st	\$ 22,777.07	\$ 193,813.26

Our total assets are \$742, 199.15 and our total liabilities are \$53,118.97. Our UUA Endowment Fund has a balance of \$39,838.66. Our expenditures for the month of April break out as shown:



I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that fulfilling pledge obligations through Vanco is easy and convenient to setup by debiting your bank account or charging to a credit card [and collecting points!]. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#) . Vanco is ready to

accept your Fiscal Year 2016-2017 pledge. Please remember **you must renew your pledge every year with Vanco.**

Respectfully,

Dave Roberts

treasurer@uutc.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBER WILL SIMS!

William Sims (and please call him Will) grew up in Mississippi. He has been coming to UUTC off and on since retiring to the mountains of Brevard five years ago, when he left Charlotte.

Will's partner, Steven Landrigan, also attends UUTC and is an active volunteer at Sharing House. Both men are serious about contributing

to this community. Will enjoys working with the prison population, particularly through the Mediation Center, where he now attends weekly court screenings for mediation potential and then completes mediations as assigned by the Center.

Will originally found UUTC when he was new to the area and looking for a community to call his own. He is now inspired to be a Member because of a desire to make a contribution to this Covenantal Community and enjoy its fellowship. He begins service on the Aesthetics Task Force next week. We couldn't be more happy to have him as part of UUTC!

RECEPTION FOR PAULA

Next Sunday, May 29th, will be Paula's last service with us. Her last day will be Tuesday, the 31st. The schedule for the 29th begins at 9:45 with coffee, followed by the Service at 10:30, with guest musicians the DiMasi Brothers, after which we have a reception at 11:30. Finally, there will be a concert by the DiMasi Brothers from 12:30 to 2:00pm.

Carol MacAllister is coordinating the reception (thank you, Carol!). If you would like to contribute finger foods or beverages, please sign up at the front desk where a list is available for you to see what others are bringing. You can also call Carol at 828-551-0587.

LIFE IS MADE OF
EVER SO MANY
PARTINGS WELDED
TOGETHER.

CHARLES DICKENS



"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.