



# UU UPDATE

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## Crossing Thresholds

by Rev. Shelly Webb — Sunday, April 12

# Sunday Sermon

In the course of life we cross many thresholds by walking through many doors. Sometimes we are coming, and other times we are going. Thresholds are the liminal point of both beginning and ending, a sacred point in time and soul. Crossing thresholds takes courage and grace to let what will be emerge.

*Please join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m., and for coffee and fellowship at 10:30.*

### MAYDAY!

We will need **SIX** ushers for Ernie's final service on April 26th. If you can serve in this way (no member of the choir or the Worship Team will be able to do this), please call the office or email [uutcad-min@uutc.org](mailto:uutcad-min@uutc.org). Thank you!

*Big Thanks to Gary Kendrick, who has stepped up and been appointed to the Board as President-Elect, filling the position vacated by new President Peg Hall.*

### Sunday Children's Programs

**Nursery care** will be provided during both services. During the 11:00 service, Emily Atkinson and Heather Layton will conduct **Creating Home** in the classroom for children ages 4 to 8.

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# Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday

## Written Gifts

A few folks have told me that they have authored a piece of writing meant as a departure gift for Ernie. Their hope is to have it published in the Order of Service for the April 26 service.

*You can understand that space and the expense of printing such a collection is not possible.* However, if you have, or are creating such a gift, please print it on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper (do not fold) leave it at the office for Alice or send it as a word attachment to Alice Hardy ([Hardy542@gmail.com](mailto:Hardy542@gmail.com)). All writings will be collected in book form and given to Ernie on the 26<sup>th</sup>. (Be sure to include your name.)

Please have everything turned in by **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

*Donations to S.A.F.E. in March totaled \$2154.00. Thank you for your support of this vital program!*

**Christians in Exile** will meet Mon, April 13 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Dave Hunter will facilitate a discussion of the Preface and Chpt 1 in Karen Armstrong's book "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life." All are welcome.

## Spring Activities at The Mountain

Unitarian Universalists are fortunate to have The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in nearby Highlands. Some of their spring offerings are listed below. *Consult the UUTC bulletin board, call 828-526-5838, or go to [mountaincenters.org](http://mountaincenters.org) for more information.*



### Homecoming

This three-night intergenerational weekend is a Memorial Day tradition at The Mountain. It offers fun, family, and some work from May 22-25. The adult cost is \$280, the youth fee is \$96, and children 11 and younger are free! Commuters can enjoy three meals and programming for \$50 a day.

### Appalachian Spring

This is a five-day cultural experience with a UU lecturer, a singer and fiddler, an old-time dance teacher and caller, a hike leader, and Cherokee Indian storytellers. The \$495 fee included meals, lodging, and programming from May 25-29.

## Music with Ernie!



As we all know, one of the very special things about our pastor at UUTC is his music. As

Ernie now prepares to move into retirement, there will be a special time to **enjoy and celebrate his music** as he performs for us one more time.

This is an invitation to join Ernie and the Eclectics on **Wednesday, April 22**, for a **light supper** and an evening of playing and singing the music that Ernie performs in his inimitable style.

Please sign up on the appropriate clipboard (or call the church at 828-877-6121 to be signed up) for supper at 5:30 and the musical program at 6:30.



## Next Week at UUTC

**Jesus Seminar** – Fri 4/10 p.m. & Sat 4/11

**Christians In Exile** – Mon 4/13 @ 3:30 pm

**Mindfulness Community**– Mon 4/13 @ 7:00 pm

**Men's Group** – Tue 4/14 @ 9:00 am

**Eclectics Jam** – Wed 4/15 @ 9:00 am

**Soup & Soul** – Wed 4/15 @ 6:30 pm

**Pat Donohue Concert** – Thur 4/17 @ 7:00 pm

## Lunch with Ernie!

Ernie's last Sunday with UUTC will be on **April 26**. To enable our whole church family to be together, there will be **one service at 10:30 a.m.**, to be held in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Public Library.

Following the service we will walk over to UUTC for a **light lunch** catered by UUTC volunteers. We will have two serving lines, with small tables and seating clusters in the Sanctuary and foyer.

Please sign up on the appropriate clipboard (or call the church at 828-877-6121 to be signed up) to be included in this farewell lunch and celebration.

## Child Care Needed

**UUTC wants to create a pool of childcare providers for current and future church programs and events.** All leads on enthusiastic, responsible and available childcare providers will be much appreciated.

The **pay is \$11 an hour** and a background check will be required. If interested, or if you know anyone who may be, please contact Heather at [creutc@gmail.com](mailto:creutc@gmail.com).



## SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

### Dinner at Schenck Job Corps

The Social Action Team invites you to dinner at Schenck Job Corps, the federally-funded job training program for low-income young people. Located in the Pisgah National Forest., Schenck was founded 50 years ago as part of the War on Poverty program.

**The culinary arts students will cook dinner on Tuesday, April 14**, served at 6:00 p.m. in the dining hall on the Schenck campus. Price is \$7.00 per person.



Please sign up by Wednesday, April 8. If you want to car pool, meet at UUTC at 5:15 p.m. Please call Janet Benway at 884-8830 if you have any questions.

### Thinking About Membership?

In just a couple of weeks, Ernie will no longer be around to conference with individuals who are considering becoming Members or Friends of UUTC. **If you would like to become a member during his tenure**, schedule time to talk with Rev. Ernie Mills today!

### Social Action for April—The Children's Center



This month the Social Action Team is sponsoring The Children's Center of Transylvania County, a non-residential house that offers many programs created to educate and aid the families of abused and neglected children.

In operation for over 25 years, The Children's Center was created and continues to be run primarily by volunteers who advocate for children in crisis. Money is used to support a number of programs within the county including, **Baby Think It Over** (aimed at preventing teenage pregnancy),

**The Nurturing Program** (providing trained volunteers to guide parents in constructive and loving approaches to discipline), **emergency funds** for parents with ill children, **counseling** for families in crisis, and a safe and welcoming **place** for children in foster care to visit with their parents under the guidance of professionals.

For further information on the Center and volunteer and contribution opportunities, please contact **Alice Hardy**, one of its founding members, at 862-6969.

## Pat Donohue in Concert at UUTC

Friday April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Versatile guitarist's guitarist**, Pat Donohue is a Grammy-winning fingerpicker. For more than fifteen years he was the lead guitar player for the *Guy's All Star Shoe Band* on the NPR favorite *Prairie Home Companion*. **He enjoys entertaining fans** with intricate fingerpicking, easy wit, and nimble interpretations of old blues, swing, R&B and original tunes. His devotion to acoustic guitar has made him an American standard, as he echoes the tones of Robert Johnson, Charlie Parker, Merle Travis or Muddy Waters.



“Donohue is a clever songwriter who uses **intelligent, creative rhymes** and wastes few words. His instrumentals display his characteristic of clarity and ingenuity, combining the essential qualities of the originals with his own recognizable fresh sound. He brilliantly mixes register changes, picking variations and tricks, and bass line melodies. Even the simplest musical conventions take on a richness under his fingers.”—*Acoustic Guitar Magazine*

This is a great opportunity to hear a National Guitar Master in the sanctuary here at UUTC. You will meet Pat and have an opportunity to purchase one of his great CD's. If you stay to the end, he will teach you to play ***Ain't Misbehavin'***.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Show at 7:00 p.m.

Donation: \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students (includes NC Sales Tax)

To reserve your seat, contact Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County at 828-877-6121 or Jim Hardy at 828-862-6969.



**Juanita Polk**, 95, of Indianapolis, IN and Brevard, NC, passed away on March 20, 2015. In 1974, Juanita and her second husband, Robert E. Polk, moved to Brevard, NC. Juanita and Bob were avid hikers.

Juanita was a five year volunteer at the Brevard Children's Center. **She and her husband, Robert, were among the founding members of the UUTC Church in Brevard. She was also a charter member of The Mountain.**

As members of the Brevard Garden Club, Juanita and Bob worked with the Parks Commission to create South Broad Park, dedicated in 1988.

**Memorial contributions in Juanita's memory may be made to the Brevard Children's Center, 95 S. Johnson Street, Brevard, NC, 28712.**

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*"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**

### **UUTC Mission Statement**

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.

### **Join Us!**

Discover what it means to have a personal faith which is anchored by diversity and acceptance. Join in Sunday services with the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Contact information is below.

## **KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!**

**VIEW** our [church calendar](#).

**ACCESS** [previous issues](#) of UUpdate.

**SEND news** for this newsletter by close of business on Wednesdays. Please include date(s), a description, and the contact person's name and telephone or email address. Send to [news@uutc.org](mailto:news@uutc.org).

**SCHEDULE events** on the UUTC calendar by sending an email to [calendar@uutc.org](mailto:calendar@uutc.org) with the date, start and end times, space to be used, and contact person.

## **CONTACT US**

**Our minister** is the Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.

**Church office hours** are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The church telephone number is 828-877-6121.

**Our mailing address** is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712.

**Our email address** is [uutcadmin@comporium.net](mailto:uutcadmin@comporium.net).

**Our church is located** at 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard.