



UU UPDATE

AUGUST 7TH, 2015

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

BEGINNING THE INTERIM JOURNEY

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable — Sunday, August 9th

Sunday Sermon

The Interim Period is an intentional time for your congregation to come to terms with its past, and to envision and plan for the future with your new Settled Minister. As your Interim Minister, I am charged with helping you accomplish five essential tasks during the next two years. I will name and briefly describe each of these, and invite you to join this exciting process of self-discovery, visioning and transformation. Please join us as we embark on this exhilarating Interim Journey together.

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

Anticipate a slightly “enhanced” coffee hour this Sunday as we welcome Paula to UUTC. All calories have been removed from the offerings.

Muddy Sneakers is grateful to UUTC for its donations of **\$1490** to help our children better know and appreciate the outdoors.

Due to Chalice Camp, the **Being Group** will meet this coming week (Aug. 12th, 1:00pm) at The Square Root. Please contact [Lable Braun](#) in advance so he can reserve sufficient seating.

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Chalice Camp** – Mon-Thurs @ 9:00am
- Mindfulness Community** – Mon 8/10 @ 7:00pm
- Property Comm** – Tue 8/11 @ 10:30am
- Dream Group** – Tue 8/11 @ 2:30pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 8/11 @ 6:00pm
- Being Group** -- Wed 8/12 @ 1:00pm

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QUICK BITS

CHALICE CAMP UPDATE!

Chalice Camp is just one week away and we now have 27 kids on the list to attend (some are only for two 2 days because Brevard Academy starts school on the 12th).



We are very excited. Two of our SUUPER UU's we will learn about are Rachel Carson and James Reeb, and, of course we will be incorporating lots of fun traditional SUPER HERO activities, Superman and the like. :) We plan to take a walk to the Brevard Fire Station on Thursday to meet some of our local heroes. Thanks to everyone who has donated already; we have plenty of TP rolls now!

Things we are looking for: (and will return with the exception of the t-shirts)

- A few more t-shirts (L, XL)
- 3 or 4 crates
- tall round laundry baskets
- 2 cinder blocks
- rubber chicken

We can always use more volunteers, especially on Wednesday from 9-12pm. Call Heather at 553-3810 or send an [email](#).

Thanks!

Heather

PHOTO DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Members and Friends of UUTC can request a digital copy of the Photo Directory by emailing the [office](#). This file is approximately 9,400KB. It is, however, quite gorgeous.



The Loving Hearts, Helping Hands (LHHH) Team would like to thank **Earle Rabb**, **Jean Rowe** and **Dick Tucker** for their excellent service as ministers on call during the past three months.

Thank
You

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION FOR AUGUST: BACKPACK BUDDIES

We are facing an extreme problem in our county: How do we feed the ever increasing number of hungry children? Current trends in compensation continue to contribute to poverty for many of the families in our county. For the eighth year, Transylvania County Schools will be sponsoring the **Backpack Buddies** program. On Fridays, children in extreme need will be provided with food to take home in their backpacks for the weekend.

Last year, Backpack Buddies averaged over 300 backpacks per week distributed. Many weeks saw 325-330 backpacks distributed. At Christmas, the number reached 350. Backpack Buddies has done two summer distributions this year, with a

final one scheduled for August 13th. This food is not governmentally funded, but is paid for by churches, many individuals, civic organizations, Manna Food Bank and you. **Please make your tax-deductible checks out to [Change the World Foundation](#).**



SOCIAL ACTION + CHALICE CAMP = SUUPER HEROES!

Sharing House is requesting donations of school supplies. A list of recommended donations is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Supplies or checks gladly accepted. Checks should be written to Sharing House. Regular needs are book bags, index cards, Marble Compositions, TI-30 calculators, 2-pocket folders, 1", 1.5" and 2" binders and Trapper Keepers. Boxes for contributions are available in the foyer and at the front counter.



In addition, Chalice Camp is requesting donations to help our children "buy a family a future" with a gift of a pig, goat or sheep through Heifer International. The kids will be discussing the benefits of each animal as a means of supporting a family before making their selection. They must collect \$120 to make this gift. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Don't receive the UUA Southern Region Newsletter?
Read it [HERE!](#)



SOUTHERN REGION

This one is particularly appropriate for this congregation at this time.

WEEKEND MEAL HELP

UUTC is looking for volunteers to provide weekend food for the residents of The Haven on August 21. Please check the sign-up sheet on the counter in the lobby for ways you can help.

CHRISTIANS IN EXILE

Monday, August 24th, Christians in Exile will pick up the book *A Fearless Heart: How the Courage to Be Compassionate Can Transform Our Lives*, by Thupten Jinpa, PhD. Highland Books is ordering—if you would like to be part of that order, contact [Jean Rowe](#).

SIGN REHABILITATION

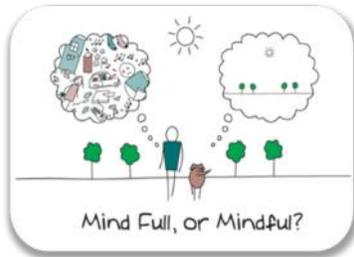
Dan Carter and Shirl Thomas have been putting in some hours maintaining our sign. Dan has installed a new roof over the structure to add a layer of protection. Shirl, as she has done for years since creating the sign, created a new piece for our minister's name and repaired and repainted other areas. Thank you, Dan and Shirl!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DAY OF MINDFULNESS

The second annual Day of Mindfulness will be held on **S a t u r d a y , September 19** at



UUTC led by our own Rev. Dr. Paula Gable. An all day event, from 9:00 AM to 4:00ish PM, the day will include talks on mindfulness in everyday living, sitting meditation, walking meditation and a vegetarian lunch. Mindfulness is cultivated through many contemplative practices.

The cost for the day is \$15 for Members and Friends of UUTC and \$20 for all others. Scholarships are available for all who request one. To register, call or email [UUTC](#) (877-6121), providing your name and contact information.

STARTUP RETREAT!

Friday, September 25th will be the beginning of a special “StartUp Retreat” for UUTC. On that evening, the congregation is invited to attend a potluck, followed by activities led by Kathy McGowan, from UUA Southern Region.

Activities are likely to include the generation of UUTC-specific timeline of how we came to be and what has been meaningful to each of us. The evening promises to be truly engaging for all—hope you can attend!



YOU, ME, AND UUTC

Thinking of becoming a Member or Friend? Need a refresher, or just more information about UUTC? Been here forever but never attended class in the first place? Our Membership Team will get you squared away! Save the date for Saturday, October 17th. Information, fellowship and fun! Contact [Elizabeth Thompson](#) or [Susan Slocum](#) to get signed up!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 9:30-3:30





“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.

LAST MINUTE INFO!

We are all invited to join the UUFH, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville, as they celebrate summer with a tubing trip down the Davidson on Sunday, August 16. They plan to meet at the Dolly's tube rental at 10am. Contact [Heather](#) for more information.

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.

Church office hours are Monday 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 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.