



UU UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 4th, 2015

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

LABORS OF LOVE

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable — Sunday, September 6th

Sunday Message

Since most people spend a large percentage of their life preparing to work, working, or retired from work, the topic of work is central to our lives. Indeed, Siddha Guatama, the historic Buddha, taught that “Right Livelihood” is an important element of the Eightfold Noble Path. This Labor Day Weekend, we will explore what it means to practice Right Livelihood, a step to Enlightenment.

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.

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Membership — Sun 9/6 @ 1:30pm
- Mindfulness Community – Mon 9/7 @ 7:00pm
- Men’s Group – Tue 9/8 @ 9:00am
- Staff Mtg – Tue 9/8 @ 12:00pm
- Dream Group – Tue 9/8 @ 2:30pm
- SMART Recovery – Tue 9/8 @ 6:00pm
- Eclectics Jam – Wed 9/9 @ 9:00am
- Finance Com — Wed 9/9 @ noon
- Being Group – Wed 9/9 @ 1:00pm
- ARE Meeting – Thurs 9/10 @ 10:00am
- Worship Team – Thurs 9/10 @ 1:30pm
- Property Com – Thurs 9/10 @ 7:00pm

THIS SUNDAY—BRING A SANDWICH! IT’S SANDWICH SUNDAY!

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SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION FOR AUGUST: PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

Pisgah Legal Services is a community-based non-profit law firm providing free civil legal help to our communities' most vulnerable: the working poor, the elderly, the disabled, and victims of abuse. Roughly 1/3 of their work involves helping families and children escape domestic violence, 1/3 involves preventing homelessness, foreclosures, evictions, and helping those living in substandard housing conditions, and 1/3 involves helping people obtain affordable healthcare, helping people with disabilities get their benefits, and protecting our seniors from scams and fraud. They are the only free legal resource for these folks in Western North Carolina.



BOARD MINUTES!

Minutes from the July Board Meeting are on display on the Board's Board in the foyer.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT



At a recent Koinonia meeting, Social Action learned that several churches in the area are asking their parishioners to write letters to their congresspeople to urge the **renewal of the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which expires Sept 30.** This act funds WIC, the National School Lunch Program, the Summer Foodservice Program and other food for hungry children.

For the next few Sundays, we will sit at a table and ask our congregants to consider signing a pre-written letter on this urgent topic.

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

Sharing House thanks UUTC for their food contributions of 131 pounds in August.

Backpack Buddies is delighted to accept UUTC's donation of \$2039 to help our hungry children this school year. Thank you for your support!

The homeless residents of **The Haven** are most grateful to the several UUTC people who provided weekend meals August 21st: Susan Bir, Jean Bullivant, Cantey Carpenter, Lyn Edmonds, Linda Hauschild, Vicki Held, Leslie Keir, Virginia MacDonald, Marilyn Miller and Sue Null.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DAY OF MINDFULNESS • SEPT 19TH

The second annual Day of Mindfulness will be 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.

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. **Checks should be made payable to UUTC with "Day of Mindfulness" on the memo line. Cash and credit/debit also accepted.**



CHAMPIAN FULTON IN CONCERT • SEPTEMBER 22ND

"CHAMPIAN IS THE MOST GIFTED PURE JAZZ SINGER OF HER GENERATION"
THE DETROIT FREE PRESS

CHAMPIAN FULTON

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY
BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 22

SHOW AT 7 PM

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED
828-877-6121

"AN ASSURED VOCALIST WITH GALVANIZING PRESENCE," THE NEW YORKER

champion.net

Anticipate a packed house for this one—jazz singer and pianist Champion Fulton is a hit with *The New Yorker* and many others. The concert will start at 7:00pm and run to 8:30pm.

This performance is part of a month-long "birthday tour." Expect to hear some off-the-beaten-path selections from the **American Songbook**, including "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie," "East of the Sun," and "He's Funny That Way." Her sizzling piano chops will be featured on songs from her latest album ("Change Partners" 2014), such as "Bring Enough Clothes" and Bud Powell's virtuosic composition "Hallucinations," but the highlight of each performance will undoubtedly be Champion's poignant rendition of

the Dinah Washington hit, "**Mad About the Boy.**" (*previous info from the artists' website.*) Suggested donation is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students. Cash, check and plastic all accepted. See the calendar entry [HERE](#)—you can listen to a sample of "If I Had You."

QUICK BITS

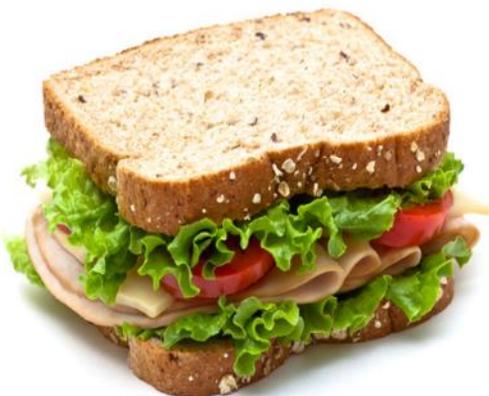
Check out **OUR** recent grads from SUULE in the Southern Region Newsletter! View it [HERE!](#)



SOUTHERN REGION

THIS WEEK IS SANDWICH SUNDAY!

Get to know Members, Friends and visitors at **Sandwich Sunday** after the 11:00 service. Bring a sandwich (and maybe one to share?) and a piece of fruit or chips. The Membership Team will provide lemonade. We'll gather at the park across the street--so bring blankets, chairs and maybe some frisbees or yard toys. Coffee time is never long enough—come join us in expanded social time! In the practice of being green, bring your own napkins and cups. In the event of rain, we'll set up in the UUTC Social Hall. Contact Elizabeth Thompson at etville@gmail.com or **384-0778** for more information.



WELCOME! WITH COFFEE!



We value being a Welcoming Community. In addition to greeting our visitors as they arrive and asking them to introduce themselves in our services, we now have **beautiful, colorful mugs**, (thanks, Paula!) **for our visitors** to use during coffee time. Each Sunday they will be on the counter between the coffee pots. **If you see someone with one of these mugs please take time to introduce yourself and say welcome!**

ANNUAL PICNIC UPDATE • SEPTEMBER 20TH

Single Service Sunday! In order to enjoy each other's company a little longer and start eating a little earlier, we will have ONLY the 9:30 service on Sunday, September 20th. After that, we will immediately make a mad dash up the mountain to Connestee's Atagahi Park for our annual picnic AND for our Children's Religious Exploration KickOff! The Picnic/ KickOff will involve a short ceremony, music, grilling, games...this is a time for fellowship and fun for all ages. Bring a dish to share!



STARTUP RETREAT • SEPT 25TH

Who are we? Where have we been? Friday, September 25th, 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!



TECH TEAM GEEKOUT • NEW MICROPHONE



During last Sunday's service you might have caught Paula's reference to the new microphone she was using. This microphone is a Shure over-the-ear unit that is almost invisible, plugs into our existing lavalier transmitter, and is very controllable, since it stays at a fixed distance from the speaker's mouth. Paula requested this addition, but this unit was also on Mark's wish list since it allows the speaker to forget about the microphone and to just speak naturally, wherever she/he stands.

"I can focus on other things instead of constantly adjusting as the speaker changes distance from the mike. Insider Tip – As you notice me sitting with a glazed expression during the service, I almost always have my right hand on two keys on the keyboard that adjust the speaker's mike level up and down. With the new microphone, I still do a bit of this, but my pending carpal-tunnel symptoms are postponed for a while longer." 😊 — Mark Allison

The true test is whether sound quality is consistent, and based on initial comments from attendees last Sunday, we have achieved a considerable improvement in that regard.



"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.

YOU, ME, AND UUTC SATURDAY, OCT 17TH 9:30-3:30

Call it a Membership class, a refresher course, or a curiosity forum—or just call it essential! Information, fellowship and fun! Contact [Elizabeth Thompson](#) or [Susan Slocum](#) or sign up at the front counter!



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. 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.