



SPIRITUALITY WITHOUT GOD... OR SPIRITUALITY WITHOUT “GOD?”

by Joanna Bliss — Sunday, September 13th

Sunday Message

God, and to some degree, spirituality, can be uncomfortable words for UUs. A question triggered by the title of a magazine article sent Joanna on a quest for her own meaning of those words, one that took her where she had not expected to go.

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

- CRE — Sun 9/13 @ 12:00pm
- Mindfulness Community** – Mon 9/14 @ 7:00pm
- Men’s Group** – Tue 9/15 @ 9:00am
- Admin Com** — Tue 9/15 @ 9:30am
- Dream Group** – Tue 9/15 @ 2:30pm
- Social Action** — Tue 9/15 @ 3:00pm
- Staff Mtg** – Tue 9/15 @ 4:00pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 9/15 @ 6:00pm
- Eclectics Jam** – Wed 9/16 @ 9:00am
- Finance Com** — Wed 9/16 @ noon
- Being Group** – Wed 9/16 @ 1:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal** – Wed 9/16 @ 4:15pm
- LHHH** – Thurs 9/17 @ 4:00pm
- Women’s Sharing Potluck**– Thurs 9/17 @ 7:00pm

WARE LECTURE • TUESDAY NIGHT, 6:00PM

Cornel West, a frequent guest on The Colbert Report, was the Ware Lecturer at UUA’s General Assembly. Watch it in stereo Tuesday night here at UUTC! More on page 2.

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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.



TRAINING AT THE HAVEN • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 from 1:00 — 3:00pm

Florida volunteers are heading south, and the Haven needs more volunteers. Attend this training to ask questions and meet other volunteers. Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

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. Please consider signing a pre-written letter on this urgent topic. Letters are available in the foyer.



WARE LECTURE—CORNEL WEST



On **Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 6:00pm**, the UUTC Adult Religious Exploration Team will host a video showing of

the 2015 UUA General Assembly Ware Lecture by Dr. Cornel West, a Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. A discussion period will follow the showing. West's most recent works, *Black Prophetic Fire* and *Radical King*, were received with critical acclaim. If you need child care, please contact [Heather](#).

TECH TEAM GEEKOUT • WIFI



The Technology Team has been asked why a password is needed for a logon to our “open” WiFi connection since this is not something people are experiencing when using WiFi at other public venues. Our answer is that we do not have a large IT staff that can assure that this service is being constantly monitored and that all reasonable security precautions have been taken. The password gives a minor assurance that the

user is probably a trusted UU Friend or Member. Also, with our limited bandwidth through Comporium’s internet connection, we would prefer to limit usage that could impact performance for staff. WiFi access and “wired” access both pull from the same cable, in the end.

We are discussing ways that might allow us to drop the password usage and will communicate our progress with this. A word of caution - Public WiFi is never safe, even with a password. Please be sure that your anti-virus and applications are up to date and that you practice safe surfing. Be suspicious of everything out there!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU — REV. DR. PAULA GABLE

I spent many years playing woodwinds in pit orchestras, so show tunes float frequently flow through my head. The tune of the week is “Getting to Know You” from *The King and I* (By R & H).

Now that the dust from our recent move has settled, I really DO want to “get to know you.” I tend to be in the office on Tuesday – Thursday in the morning. Monday is my day off, and if I have sermon preparation, I tend to write at home on Friday (and maybe Saturday, if the muse isn’t with me.)

I say that I “tend to” have office hours, because I often have meetings and outside events that keep me from sitting down and chatting, while getting to know you.

If you’d like to stop in and chat, feel free to schedule an appointment. My e-mail address is revpaula@uutc.org and I check it on most days, other than Sundays and Mondays. My UUTC-issued mobile number is (828) 553-9410 and it’s with me most of the time, for both regular business and emergencies. Please leave a confidential voice message if I don’t pick up immediately. The office number is (828) 877-3121 for things that are not time sensitive.

Looking forward to “coffee and conversation.” Or lunch, or dinner, or drinks, or ... My schedule is fairly flexible, and I’m here to serve you.

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. **Only 7 spots remain.** Checks, cash and credit/debit are accepted—checks should indicate “Day of Mindfulness” on the memo line.



CHAMPIAN FULTON IN CONCERT • SEPTEMBER 22ND

CHAMPION'S BIRTHDAY TOUR

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19
THE JAZZ CORNER, HILTON HEAD SC

SEPTEMBER 20
WHITE HORSE, BLACK MOUNTAIN NC

SEPTEMBER 22
UUTC, BREVARD NC

SEPTEMBER 25
BARKING LEGS THEATER,
CHATTANOOGA TN

SEPTEMBER 26
NASHVILLE JAZZ WORKSHOP,
NASHVILLE TN

SEPTEMBER 30
MEZZROW, NEW YORK CITY

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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), 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 artist’s*

website.) Suggested donation is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students. Cash, check and plastic all accepted. **Those who make their donation in advance will have a copy of their ticket placed in a drawing for a free CD by the artist.**

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** (to begin at roughly **11:30**), **music** (Josh & Mallory Carter will be joining the Eclectics!), **grilling, games...this is a time for fellowship, meaningful connections and fun for all ages.**

Directions can be picked up at the front counter at UUTC next to the Sign Up Sheet. Please sign up if you can, as that will help us to judge how many hotdogs to purchase.

The Social Team is providing lemonade, water and a variety of hotdogs. Please Bring: Potluck Item to Share, any special food or drink items needed for yourself or family, plates, glass or cup and utensils for yourself and family, if possible. Backup paper and plastic will be provided, just in case. Also consider toys, clothes, towels, and or blankets for beach or other play.

We would love to see you there!

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!

Dinner will begin at 5:45pm. The program will run from 7:00-9:00, beginning with a brief service.





"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.