



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## IS OUR GOD LISTENING?

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable — Sunday, September 20th **9:30am ONLY**

# Sunday Message

We will explore three main “theological camps” in the world today: inclusivism, exclusivism, and pluralism. These are fancy words to explain just how large a circle we draw around our camp; who we allow into the inner circle; and why. These are important classifications for UU’s, who tend to draw a large circle and gather under a “big tent” of pluralism. Is it possible for others to join us? For us to join others? And, do we really want them to?

**OCTOBER 4TH — SANDWICH SUNDAY, CRE BAKE SALE, PARENTS DAY OUT  
(3:00-6:00PM, must RSVP)... email the office for more info!**

### NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Board/Finance** — Sun 9/20 @ 10:00am
- Mindfulness Community** – Mon 9/21 @ 7:00pm
- Men’s Group** – Tue 9/22 @ 9:00am
- Staff Mtg** — Tue 9/22 @ 12:00 noon
- Dream Group** – Tue 9/22 @ 2:30pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 9/22 @ 6:00pm
- Jazz Concert** – Tue 9/22 @ 7:00pm
- Eclectics Jam** – Wed 9/23 @ 9:00am
- Being Group** – Wed 9/23 @ 1:00pm
- Board Meeting** – Wed 9/23 @ 6:30pm
- Women’s Sharing** – Thurs 9/24 @ 6:15pm

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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.



## REFUGEE CRISIS

We have been deluged on TV with horrific pictures of European refugees in desperate situations and many of us would like to help. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) are gravely concerned about this global refugee crisis and are committed to taking action. They have announced a special **UUSC-UUA Refugee Crisis Fund**, with the goal of raising \$250,000 over the next 15 days. Donations will go directly to their partners operating on the ground in countries receiving refugees.

Go to [uus.org](http://uus.org) and click on Donate to help directly. You can also go to [uus.org/action-center](http://uus.org/action-center) to sign a petition asking Senator Kerry to raise the refugee ceiling in the U.S. to a higher level.

"Kissing a man with a beard is a lot like going to a picnic.  
You don't mind going through a little bush to get there!"

—Minnie Pearl

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Free Admission! Obstacle Course!  
Games! Blanket Giveaway!  
Resource Fair!**

**Celebrate 30 Years of SAFE Families!  
Facing Challenges, Overcoming Obstacles!**

**Saturday, Sept, 19 from 2-5 pm  
Transylvania County Rec Department  
1078 Ecusta Rd - Soccer Field/Track**

**Help us stock our shelter!  
Bring non-perishable food & gifts for our shelter families.**

**SAFE, Inc. of Transylvania County**  
Empowering our community to end domestic and sexual violence  
828-885-7233  
[www.safebrevard.com](http://www.safebrevard.com)

## ANNUAL PICNIC UPDATE • THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH



**Single Service Sunday!** This Sunday, we will have **ONLY** the 9:30 service “on campus.” 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. 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!

### Schedule:

11:10 - 11:30 Arrival at Ataghi Park.

11:30 -12:00 Special Service including Children's Religious Exploration Program Kickoff

12:00 -1:00 Potluck Picnic

1:00 - 2:30 Music, games, face-painting, Corn Hole, plus use of the playground and lakeside beach area (be ready to get wet if the weather is warm!)

2:30 Clean-up

**A note about Nursery Care:** Luci and Hannah will be providing childcare in the UUTC Nursery per the norm, during the 9:30 UUTC service. Following this service they will be on hand at the picnic to help with Nursery aged-children. If you would like childcare during the picnic, **please make verbal contact** with Luci and Hannah at the picnic—they will have a sign-in sheet for your child. Picnics can be confusing times, and this will ensure that Luci & Hannah know they are responsible for your child until your return. They will be happy to help watch your child on the playground and around the pavilion area but NOT the waterfront/beach area. If you can assist them for 15 minutes at some time during the festivities, they would be most grateful. Thanks!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHAMPIAN FULTON IN CONCERT • SEPTEMBER 22ND

**UUTC Member and CRE Teacher Emily Atkinson has known about Champion Fulton for years**—her dad is an enormous fan! Because of Emily, we were able to secure a spot on Champion's concert calendar this coming week. 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.**



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



SOUTHERN REGION



## 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 worship service.



## UUTC RETREAT @ THE MOUNTAIN

Let's face it: some of us aren't comfortable talking about spirituality. Some of us feel most "in tune" with ourselves when we are involved in service. **To that end, this year's Retreat at The Mountain will provide opportunities for spirituality and service and creativity and exploration and recreation.**

Interested in helping Paula and others make this happen? Email the [office](#)—your name will be shared with other leaders of the retreat who wish to build a closer community.

The first night of the retreat is Friday, October 30th. We will be using the cabins and bunkhouses, which will give us all the opportunity to expand our friendships. Good food, as usual, is a given. Register Today!

## GIVING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

UUTC offers an electronic donation service through the secure payment processor Vanco. You may make a one-time donation, or recurring donations on a schedule of your choosing. Vanco can process your donation through your bank account, or use a credit card for convenience and points!

Over a third of the congregation has chosen to donate through Vanco - you can also, click GIVE on [our website](#) and follow the simple directions. Dave Roberts, the UUTC Treasurer, will be happy to assist you.

We are also using Vanco to process event registrations and payments, such as registration for the Day of Mindfulness and the jazz singer. RK Young, the church administrator, can handle credit card payments for event registration at the front desk.



*"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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@uutc.org).