



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## ¡GRACIAS POR LA VIDA! THANKS FOR LIFE!

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable — Sunday, September 27th 9:30 and 11:00am

### Sunday Message

Even when times are tough, we can still cultivate gratitude for the myriad gifts of Life we may overlook. Research has shown that cultivating an “attitude of gratitude” can help us feel joy in the midst of difficult circumstances. And, somehow, practicing gratitude within community amplifies the positive effects for all involved. Come, let us experiment together – and see if your mood is elevated simply by being together with others who cherish and celebrate Life’s simple pleasures.

*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.*

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

### NEXT WEEK at UUTC

- Mindfulness Community** – Mon 9/28 @ 7:00pm
- Men’s Group** – Tue 9/29 @ 9:00am
- Staff Mtg** — Tue 9/29 @ 12:00 noon
- Dream Group** – Tue 9/29 @ 2:30pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 9/29 @ 6:00pm
- Eclectics Jam** – Wed 9/30 @ 9:00am
- Being Group** – Wed 9/30 @ 1:00pm
- Women’s Group** – Thurs 10/1 @ 12:30pm
- End of Life Conversation**—Thurs 10/1 @ 2:00pm
- Drum Circle** — Thurs 10/1 @ 7:00pm

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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. They are the only free legal resource for these folks in Western North Carolina.



*Thank You*

*Peg, Paula and the Staff of UUTC would like to thank all those who so generously contributed their time and talents to make the picnic a success. You are greatly appreciated!*

### CROP WALK

The 2015 Brevard Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th, 2-4:30 pm. Please see the table in the foyer for more information. This is a county-wide, annual event. Many churches choose to participate. Walkers raise money through sponsorship. The funds raised go towards feeding the hungry in our county and beyond. Sue Null has walked in the past and can be a helpful resource for any new "want-to-be" walkers. Click the image below for more information.



### PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

You may be aware that there have been MANY programs lately, requiring LOTS of administrative help. This is what happens as we move to a program-size congregation. Your Board voted to raise the Administrator position to 40 hrs/week, beginning as soon as possible.

We anticipate lots to share after our Startup Retreat on Saturday, so your minister and your president want to give you a chance to hear first hand about it all. Paula and Peg will be in the sanctuary between services this Sunday for a short Q&A. If we run out of time, we will have an evening Forum to discuss all that is going on. We hope to be hearing from you!

### REFUGEE CRISIS

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) are gravely concerned about the 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.



*Photos from the Fall Picnic courtesy of Board Member Karla Maar— Thanks, Karla!*

## THE CONVENIENCE OF [ONLINE ACCESS](#)

Some of us are already walking around with smartphones which now hold the “**Church Life**” app. Dialing up a member of UUTC has never been easier! There is a bit of setup to do, first. To use the mobile app **Church Life**, you must first set up a login and password for Access ACS, the congregation-facing portion of our church management software. The same login and password are used for **Church Life**.

Access ACS is available to church members and regular attendees. In order to log onto to Access ACS, you must use the same email address that is in our church database. If there is a question about what information we have and how you are listed, please contact [RK Young](#).

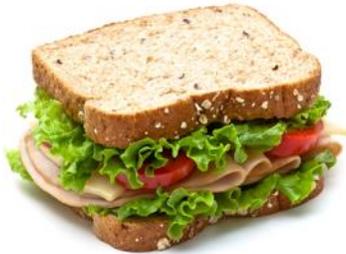
Within 24 business hours you will get a message indicating that we have successfully set up a member account for you. A user name and password will be e-mailed to the e-mail address on record.

You will need to remember your user name but don't worry about trying to memorize the obscure password ACS provides because you will be required to change it the first time you log in. Once you have received the user name and password, click the LOGIN tab at the top of the page to log in. You might find it useful to print a copy of this page for reference.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER 4TH IS SANDWICH SUNDAY!

Get to know Members, Friends and visitors at **Sandwich Sunday on October 4th** 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](mailto:etville@gmail.com) or **384-0778** for more information.



## OCTOBER 4TH — BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Both services, for all ages—Bring your well-behaved companions on leashes, in baskets, crates, tanks or whatever they call home, for a special blessing in our sanctuary. This service for all species marks the traditional feast of St. Francis of Assisi, renowned for his love of all creatures.



You might choose to bring a framed photo of your pet, as we will have a special *Time of Remembrance* to mourn the loss of “furry, feathered and scaled family members.”

## DO YOU DRINK COFFEE?

So do lots of others! Consequently, **Sunday morning coffee makers are needed for November, December and January.** Providing coffee service is a great way to meet and greet Members, Friends and visitors between the Sunday services. Help facilitate togetherness! We will help you get started. No investment required other than a small amount of your time! Please contact Vicki Held at [Vicki.held1@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.held1@gmail.com) or Jean Bullivant at [wbullivant@gmail.com](mailto:wbullivant@gmail.com) if you would like to serve our church family in this way.



## STARTUP RETREAT • TONIGHT, 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.



## 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!

**You, Me, and UUTC** is a great way to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, in particular. Contact [Elizabeth Thompson](#) or [Susan Slocum](#) or sign up at the front counter!



## DATE CHANGE! UUTC RETREAT @ THE MOUNTAIN

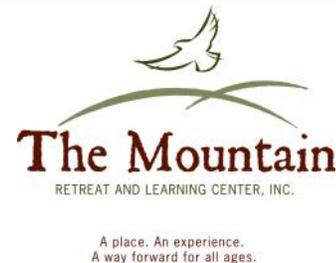
Due to the exhaustive schedule we've all been on of late, the Board voted Wednesday night to reschedule the Mountain Retreat until spring. There will be no penalty for UUTC to make the change and full refunds for Members and Friends who had already registered for the October date.

**THE NEW WEEKEND is April 29th, 2016, so**

## SAVE THE DATE!

Once The Mountain has finished updating their website to reflect the change, we can begin early registrations. Since we will be the first group registering for that weekend, early registrations are likely to be able to secure rooms at the lodge, for those interested.

Plan to spend time with your UUTC family—it is bound to be a great time!





*"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.

### **PHOTO SHOOT FOR THE DIRECTORY—NOVEMBER 7TH**



You, too can look this great— but you must contact [Barbi Smith](#) and let her know that **you want to be scheduled for the Photo Shoot on Saturday, November 7th.** And don't forget—children grow. It may be time to update that photo!

Members and Friends may request the PDF of the most recent Members and Friends Photo Directory by email —click here! [admin@uutc.org](mailto:admin@uutc.org).

### **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).