



# UU UPDATE

OCTOBER 9th, 2015

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## I KNOW YOU BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU THINK I SAID

by Rev. Joan-Kahn Schneider— Sunday, October 11th

If I were to put the cure to all of the world's ills in one simple sentence, I would say, "People don't listen to each other." History shows that it has always been thus, and with the constant chatter of the media it isn't getting any better. Let's talk about it. Better yet, let's listen to one another.

*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.*

## USHERS NEEDED 2ND SERVICE SUNDAY— ALL ASSISTANCE WELCOME!



*The Loving Hearts and Helping Hands Team invites one and all to a fall luncheon on October 22nd at UUTC from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm. Please sign up on the clipboard at the front desk if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!*

### NEXT WEEK at UUTC

**CRE Meeting** – Sun 10/11 @ 12:00pm

**Membership Meeting** – Sun 10/11 @ 12:00pm

**A Fearless Heart Study Group** - Mon 10/12 @ 3:30pm

**Mindfulness Community** – Mon 10/12 @ 7:00pm

**Men's Group** – Tue 10/13 @ 9:00am

**Staff Mtg** — Tue 10/13 @ 10:30am

**Dream Group** – Tue 10/13 @ 2:30pm

**SMART Recovery** – Tue 10/13 @ 6:00pm

**Eclectics Jam** – Wed 10/14 @ 9:00am

**Being Group** – Wed 10/14 @ 1:00pm

**End of Life Conversation** — Thurs 10/15 @ 2:00pm

**LHHH** – Thurs 10/15 @ 4:00pm

**Women's Sharing Group Potluck**—Thurs 10/15 @ 6:15pm

## RESULTS OF THE RETREAT ON SEPTEMBER 25TH —CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the UU Update, we reported that the Rev. Roger Comstock served UUTC as a consulting minister—this was incorrect. The Rev. Gary Hyndman was, in fact, the first minister to serve UUTC. The Update regrets the error.

## WHAT IS AMAZON SMILE?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When Prime members shop at smile.amazon.com, they find the exact same prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to a favorite charitable organization. UUTC is a registered charity and participates in this program.



## OFFICE BACKUP REQUESTED

This past week was the first when the staff meeting was moved to a time that sits within official office hours. The earlier time makes it easier for Heather to attend, as she has other work she also needs to do. However, this left a couple of people who were expecting the service of “open office hours” unattended. If you would be willing to answer the phone and open the door for an hour here or there, please [email RK](#)—we would greatly appreciate your help!

## AUGUST BOARD MINUTES REVEALED

Everything you ever wanted to know about the inner workings of your UUTC governance! Check The Board's Board in the foyer for the minutes from their August meeting, or you may request them from the [Administrator](#).

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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 [uutc.org](#) and follow the simple directions. Dave Roberts, the UUTC Treasurer, will be happy to assist you.

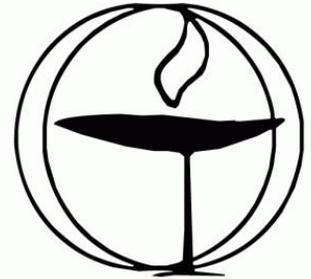
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# SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

## SOCIAL ACTION FOR OCTOBER: MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Minister's Discretionary Fund helps people in our community who are in need. Needs can be as serious and immediate as a co-payment for life-saving medicine or as joyful as helping a young couple pay for a marriage license – and everything in between. Since most of us are embarrassed to ask for help, the Minister is the only one who knows who received what. The Board is notified only on the type of expenditure and cost, but not the individual (s) involved, without their explicit permission.

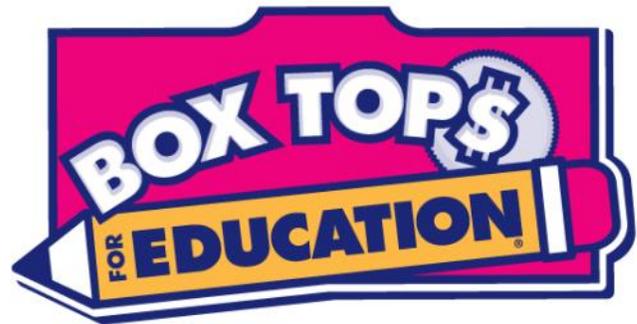


## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please save your BOX TOPS for Education and bring them to UUTC. Emily and Heather will split up the collection and donate to our county schools. Schools earn cash rewards for educational programs. See this website for more information:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

A collection box is on the left side of the front counter. Thanks!



## THANKS FROM PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

Informed that UUTC Members and Friends had contributed \$1331 in September to support the work of Pisgah Legal Services, Attorney Ginny Thompson replied: "That's FABULOUS! A mere 'thank you!' does not cover our appreciation for the opportunity to present our programs to your [congregation]."

## SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER — VOLUNTEER AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH!

"Revenge of the White Squirrels" and the Lighted Pumpkin Patch Trails at Silvermont Park need helpers. Cashiers, Gate & Parking, Storytelling, Trail Monitors, Kids' Games Supervisors, Security, "Floaters" and Breakdown volunteers are all needed. If you have a little time you can contribute, call 885-7286, or 885-8201, or email [pinkieby@gmail.com](mailto:pinkieby@gmail.com). See more on Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/pumpkinpatchrevenge>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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!



## PARENTS DAY OUT! • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Parents Day Out is a YouthCON Fundraiser, helping our Youth collect the funds to attend the CONS at The Mountain in November. Drop off your children at UUTC between 3 and 6:00pm for a fulfilled few hours with CRE staff and Youth Group teenagers . . . Then take some time for yourself on a gorgeous autumn afternoon! Take a moment at drop off or pickup to meet other UUTC parents with young children, talk about what family activities you would like to see UUTC offer, or just plain

socialize. Parents Day Out is for ages 9 months to 10 years. You must register your child prior to October 18th so that we have sufficient time to plan for the variety of ages we anticipate. Please contact [Heather Layton via email](#), or call 550-3810. Thanks!



## INTERGEN GAME NIGHT! • FRIDAY, OCT 23

UUTC will be hosting a game night on October 23rd. **Sandwiches, childcare and tea or water will be provided.** Feel free to bring something to share or the beverage of your choice! Just a time to have some fun and get to know each other better. Have a favorite game? Bring that, too! Register [HERE](#) to help us know how many sandwiches to have on hand. If you (or your child) has food allergies, please bring something you know is safe to eat! When you register, if you are bringing a child, please be sure to include them in your reservations. This will be the first of a series of monthly game nights— [let us know](#) if you can't come but WANT to, so we can include that information in planning.



## END OF LIFE CONVERSATION • CONTINUING OCTOBER 15TH

Adult Religious Exploration is sponsoring a series of three sessions on end of life planning to be held on Thursday afternoons, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. This week's session will deal with planning memorial services, communicating with the dying person and his/her loved ones, what to say and what not to say, remembering your church in your will, etc. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paula Gable. The second session on October 22nd will deal with legal issues, including advance directives. Elder care attorney Caroline Knox of the Van Winkle Law Firm will lead this discussion. Betty Kendrick will lead the final session on October 29th and will demonstrate how to have conversations with parents, children, siblings, etc. about your wishes for end of life care. Betty has just completed training in a new program entitled The Conversation Project. If you have questions, contact Jim Null at 877-2550 or [jnull69@citcom.net](mailto:jnull69@citcom.net).



## YOUTH COSTUME PARTY IN HENDERSONVILLE!

The UUFH Youth are hosting a costume party on **Sunday, October 25** and have invited our UUTC Youth to join them. We are excited about gathering with Hendersonville and expanding our UU relationships. We hope to have them visit our UU very soon!

## CANTARIA CONCERT AT UUFH • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

*Doors open at 6:30pm, music begins at 7:00 pm*

This performance is to take place at the UUFH (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville.) Contact information is listed at the end of this article.

Organized in 1997, Cantaria is a community chorus of gay and gay-supportive men who come from a broad range of careers and musical experiences. The chorus has distinguished itself with outstanding performances in the area and beyond. Cantaria presents a broad range of music including classical, popular, and show tunes. Suggested donation \$15; delicious refreshments available. For information, see the October *Beacon* or contact the UUFH office at [office@uufhnc.org](mailto:office@uufhnc.org) or 828-693-3157.



## TECH SUPPORT AWESOMENESS

Hello Mark,

Thank you for the set up and assistance today. You had everything configured and ready to go. I also appreciate your willingness to explain it all to me. You are super and UUTC is fortunate to have you on board.

Thanks, Betty K.



## MORNING MEDITATION STARTING OCTOBER 20TH, 7:00AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 am (ish)

On October 20, Paula Gable will begin an informal morning meditation program in the sanctuary. Although you may come and go as your schedule permits, participants are encouraged to be seated before each meditation period begins. Wearing loose-fitting, comfortable clothing is recommended, and you may bring your own mats and cushions, or simply sit in a chair.

The exact format may vary daily based on the needs and requests of those in attendance. We anticipate that the program will be comprised primarily of 20 to 40 minute silent meditation periods, and perhaps some chanting, guided meditation, walking meditation, reading and discussion of meditation-related topics. The details are up to you.

There is no fee for this program. Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted.

If you are interested, please register for Tuesdays [HERE](#) and Thursdays [HERE](#) so we have your contact information in case we need to cancel some mornings, etc. For questions, comments, requests or suggestions, please contact Paula at 553-9410 or [revpaula@uutc.org](mailto:revpaula@uutc.org).



## GROWING PAINS

As UUTC grows, with more programs being offered, many groups are being asked for increased flexibility to be shuffled to spaces they may not have originally booked. In addition, we have groups meeting in the sanctuary on a regular basis. We will be creating signs for notification, and ask that those who might ordinarily enter or exit through the sanctuary respect these groups and use the front doors to avoid disturbing those in attendance. Thanks!

## 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 Friends only. *(Last week we included “regular visitors” in this article—the Update regrets the error.)* 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.

When you log in, you will be able to enter or select a phone number that is “preferred.” This becomes the phone number that other Members and Friends will be presented with as the “number to call” inside Church Life. The same can be said of your “preferred” email address.

Finally, there is the picture you present to the world— and on November 7th, we will have another Photo Directory Shoot. **This time, we will be taking pictures of not only families, but individual members of those families**, so that when a family or individual is looked up in either ACS or Church Life, an appropriate image is displayed. Individual listings are displayed in Church Life, unless only a family group image is available. However, the Family Directory will show primarily family group images in ACS itself. This is a really good reason to get your individual and family pictures updated, so please give Barbi Smith a call about scheduling an updated picture on November 7th.

Please be patient with membership and the office—information entered into our old software was done by different hands, and the importing of this data into ACS has created some weird listings. Sue N., for instance, was listed as a “child” after the import. We are working diligently to make records accurate. You can help by logging in and verifying your own information.



*"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**

*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.*

**Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.**

## **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).