



UU UPDATE

OCTOBER 16th, 2015

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

WHY ME, GOD?

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable— Sunday, October 18th

An age-old question that has perplexed many is, "Why does a loving God allow bad things to happen to good people?" Or, for the atheist, how do I handle all the trials in my life? We'll consider some of the possible answers, which might well lead to new questions.

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 AT BOTH SERVICES— CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP!



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

- Choir Rehearsal** – Sun 10/18 @ 8:45am
- Mindfulness Community** – Mon 10/19 @ 7:00pm
- Morning Meditation** — Tues 10/20 @ 7:00am
- Men's Group** – Tue 10/20 @ 9:00am
- Dream Group** – Tue 10/20 @ 2:30pm
- Staff Mtg** — Tue 10/20 @ 4:00pm
- SMART Recovery** – Tue 10/20 @ 6:00pm
- Eclectics Jam** – Wed 10/21 @ 9:00am
- Music Team** — Wed 10/21 @ 10:30am
- Being Group** – Wed 10/21 @ 1:00pm
- Morning Meditation** — Thurs 10/22 @ 7:00am
- LHHH** – Thurs 10/22 @ 12:00pm LUNCHEON!
- End of Life Conversation** — Thurs 10/22 @ 2:00pm
- Sierra Club Meeting**—Thurs 10/22 @ 7:00pm

YUM, YUM, YUM, YUM...

BAKE SALE BY OUR YOUTH, FOR OUR YOUTH THIS SUNDAY!

Mini apple pies, carrot cake, key lime pie, banana bread, lemon-blueberry scones, spanakopita, buttermilk-chocolate cake, cookies, gluten free treats, savory items...available at 10:30am. Support our Youth in their efforts to get to Youth CONs at The Mountain. Free coffee with your purchase! :)

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS— JOYS & SORROWS

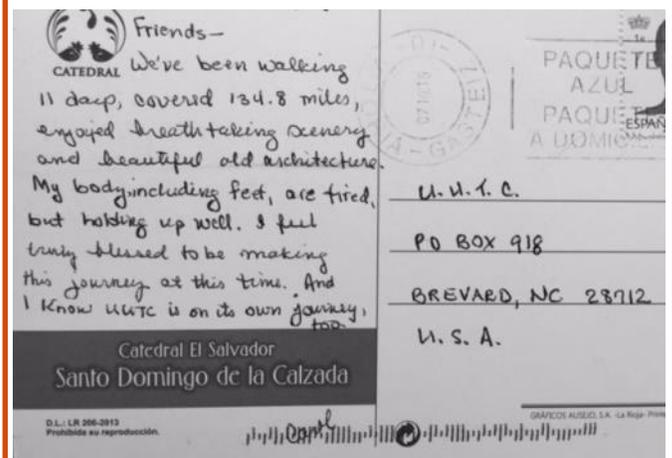
To improve and strengthen our services, the Worship Team has been investigating how other churches handle Joys and Sorrows. The team feels that is an important part of the service and wants to insure that everyone is heard and understood. It is also important for the Loving Hearts, Helping Hands team to receive an accurate record of the joys and sorrows expressed for follow up.

In response to these objectives and meaningful practices of other UU churches, a journal will be available (beginning Oct. 18) before each service in which each member can write their specific joy and/or sorrow. The member will have the option to sign their entry or have their listing be anonymous. During the service, the minister will read these entries to the congregation. While this is a change in our service, it has proven successful in other Unitarian Universalists congregations.

You can find the Journal on the front counter, with a pen, on Sunday mornings.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

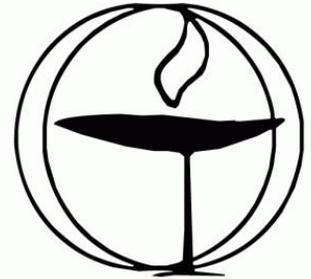
Many of you know that Member Carol Moore is traveling the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. She sent us this postcard, written after 11 days on the trail, having covered 134.8 miles. The trail leads to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many use the trail as a form of spiritual retreat.



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.

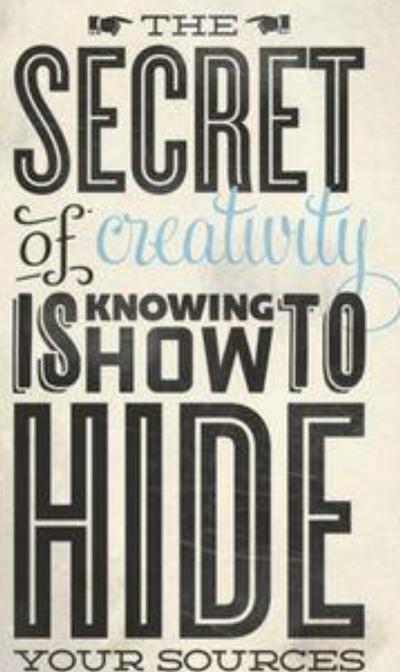
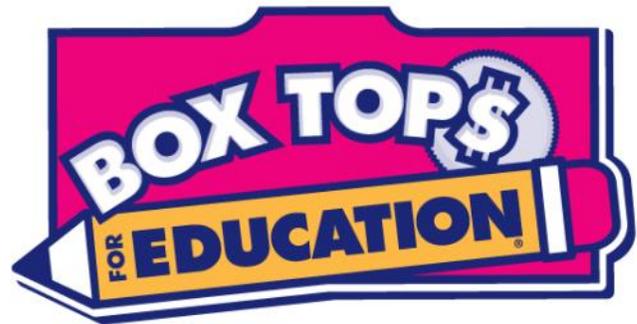


BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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!



WHY UUTC IS HOME

UUTC is a Welcoming Congregation, by designation. What that means to me is that a burden is lifted when I come through the door. This congregation is a safe haven where I feel love and respect—a dynamic I haven't experienced anywhere else, other than my own home here in Brevard. We probably all have secrets—mine wasn't really a secret, but it was "cause for dismissal" if I behaved like, well, myself, as a teacher in the public schools of south Georgia. This congregation has given me something I'd never felt before—the freedom to be myself. And for that I will be forever grateful.

— RK (Becky) Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU, ME, AND UUTC TOMORROW, 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 fun-filled 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. **We DO need an extra adult** who is Halloween-friendly to help. Please email [Heather Layton](#), 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 22nd

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 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.



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!

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 from the website [Calendar](#) 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.

ARE YOU “THE MAN?”

The UUTC youth are fundraising and preparing to attend the fall CONs at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, for the third year in row. The Youth CON this year will *"explore how we bring our UU faith with us in our personal relationships, in our congregations and in the larger community. Workshops and activities will bring together our Unitarian Universalist youth in discussions, projects and actions to reinforce our UU values."* It is truly a special time for our youth.

In order for our youth to participate, they must be accompanied by an adult supervisor, usually a parent volunteer. We have had three generous adult females volunteer to drive youth to the CON and act as the supervisor, but we are struggling to find an available adult to be the UUTC male supervisor for the Intermediate CON, November 20-22 and we are looking for a male volunteer.

The adult supervisor's main responsibility is to be a monitor during cabin times, and obviously be the overnight supervisor. Supervisors attend meals with the campers and provide support as needed. They DO NOT have to plan or implement any activities. Supervisors will have plenty of relaxation time and the food is delicious and the Youth are awesome! I would be heartbroken if our young males could not attend, which right now is just one young person, but could be up to 3 male youth.

If you have a desire to help out our family in need, please contact Heather, creuutc@gmail.com, 553-3810. Per The Mountain Youth Protection Policy, all adult supervisors will need to have background checks, which UUTC will provide. Thanks so much.

BUILDING USE TASK FORCE

The last time Building Use was assessed was in 2009. Part of the 2009 assessment resulted in the hiring of an architect to produce plans for a new “wing” of the current building. The potential for this wing played a role in choosing to move forward with the partnership with the city to re-route stormwater and sewer drains out from under the projected structure.

An update of the data from this assessment is now underway, and if you are interested in thinking about how to best use our space and visioning how we can make it more effective for our needs, please contact [the office](#) so we can get you into the loop. The Task Force is currently comprised of Paula Gable, Jim Hardy, Meighan Browning and RK Young. We will be quantifying current use, considering various renovation scenarios, considering “timeliness” of renovations and getting concrete numbers for what these scenarios might cost. Information from the updated assessment will be shared with the Board for use in determining the best fit for the Congregation's Vision. Join us!

UUTC TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION • SEPT SUMMARY

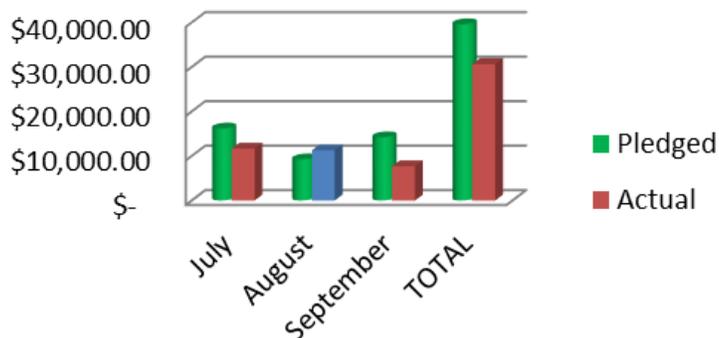
Dear Friends and Members,

We entered this fiscal year in a strong financial position, having an ample cash reserve in the bank and pledges accounting for 85% of our planned budget. It is my intention as your Treasurer, and the intention of the UUTC Board, to operate as transparently as possible. To that point, I shall share an overview of our financial position with you on a monthly basis.

	Sept 2015	Fiscal YTD 2015	Sept 2014	Fiscal YTD 2014
Income	\$11,676.43	\$39,021.35	\$10,333.25	\$48,999.83
Expenses	\$18,858.05	\$46,433.07	\$10,639.48	\$41,221.31
NET	(\$7,181.62)	(\$7,411.72)	(\$306.23)	\$7,778.52
Unrestricted Cash on Hand		\$98,884.10		

We continue to operate in a healthy fiscal environment though there were a number of extraordinary expenses in August and September that temporarily skewed the budget figures. The most worrisome aspect of our finances is that we have only received 66% of the pledged income this first quarter.

Pledged vs. Actual Income

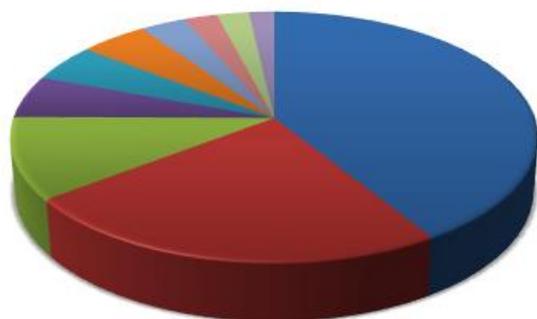


Fulfilling pledge obligations through Vanco is easy to set up by debiting your bank account or charging to a credit card. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#).

Respectfully,

[Dave Roberts](#)

September Expense Summary



- Cost of Ministry \$7,580
- Employees \$4,326
- Maintenance \$1,933
- Events \$1,008
- UU Connections \$901
- Administration \$885
- Other Payroll \$1,013
- Utilities \$433
- Mortgage \$429
- Payroll Expense \$331



"About my loaves and fishes . . . could I get a receipt for tax purposes?"



"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.

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.