

UUTC UPDATE

JUNE 17th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

FUNDAMENTALISM & DOUBT by Rev. Michael J. Carter

Sunday, June 19th at 9:30 and 11:00am— *coffee time between services at 10:30am*

Writer Anne Lamott states that “doubts are the ants in the pants of faith.” We, as UUs, are encouraged to cherish our doubts. With that said, the challenge is co-existing with others who are not only more theologically certain than we are about the nature of the universe, they may also be none too shy about forcing those beliefs onto others in sometimes annoying and violent ways. Yet, perhaps, attempting to understand the fear that the fundamentalist has and how he or she has come about those fears will enable us to move past our own fears about them, to a place of not tolerance, but acceptance. This does not mean acquiescing or failing to set our own personal boundaries. What it does mean is remembering that, as UUs, we say that we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of each person (our first principle) whether we agree with the individual’s choices or not. They are people and not just ideologies. When we lose sight of the humanity of others, we lose sight of our own. After all is said and done, we do not have to think alike to love alike.

IN MEMORIUM: LILLIAN HUDSON, October 6th, 1916 — June 1st, 2016

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assume that
you’ve created
God in your own
image when it
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people you do.
~ Anne Lamott

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Chair Yoga — Mon 6/20 @ 11:00am

Morning Meditation — Tues 6/21 @ 7:00am

Men’s Group – Tues 6/21 @ 9:00am

Dream Group – Tues 6/21 @ 2:30pm

Musicke Antiqua — Tues 6/21 @ 7:00pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 6/22 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 6/22 @ 1:00pm

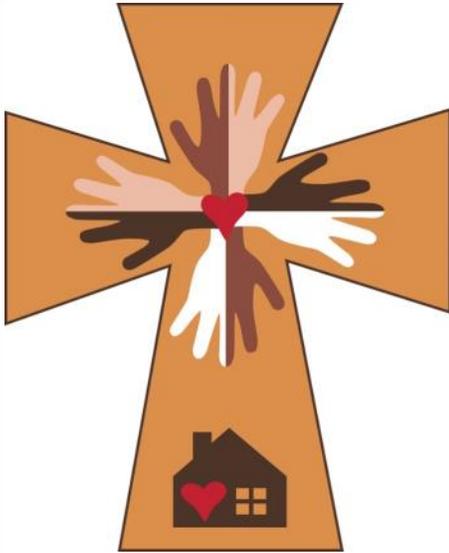
Morning Meditation—Thurs 6/23 @ 7:00am

Living the Tao — Fri 6/24 @ 10:30am

Vitality Yoga — Fri 6/24 @ 1:30pm

Sarah Siskind & Julie Lee — Fri 6/24 @ 7:00pm

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS



SOCIAL ACTION FOR JUNE — SHARING HOUSE

Imagine 1 out of 5 residents living today in Transylvania County now being assisted through the ministry of Sharing House. Numbers tell the story of increasing hardship for people to just get by with basic daily needs. It is harder today to keep food on the table, heat the home, pay monthly bills, find affordable child care and healthcare and to pay rising food and utility costs.

Sharing House provides food, clothing and many other necessities for these folks, until they can get back on their feet and live independently. Your donations help Sharing House continue to assist those in need in our county. Go to www.sharinghouse.org for more details. Thank you!

SERVICE HERE AT HOME: UUTC NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!

There are two parts to our Organizational Structure—the “thinking” side and the “doing” side. The thinking side is the Board’s side of the picture: policy-making and decision-making. Under the Board are the Board’s Committees, which serve the Board in specific areas: Administration and Finance, primarily. On the Ministry side of the Structure are our doers: all of the Teams that actually make things happen. This is everything from Aesthetics to Worship, with a few other letters in between, like Grounds, Membership and Social Action.

It takes all of us to make things work their best.

Right now, we need some more thinkers, especially on Finance. This role is getting better defined, thanks to work by this year’s Finance Committee’s work on their Operating Procedures—those same “how to do it” lists that Teams are in the midst of creating. John Held, Tara McDonald and Bart Renner will be returning, and we need at least two new faces to join this committee—preferably one of each gender. Members of Committees must be UUTC Members or Friends.

This is not balancing of checkbooks—it is planning, based on assessed needs and goals. Members of Finance will get information from bookkeeping, GMAC, the Board and Teams. Meetings are monthly—currently held at noon. Meeting times could be changed to better match new member needs. For more information, contact [Bart Renner](#).



YOUR NEXT STEP IN HELPING THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT SETTLED MINISTER STARTS SUNDAY!

We are a congregation on the move: a congregation in transition. We are in that interim period between a past that we cherish and a future that is unknown and exciting.

Along with 58 other Unitarian Universalist congregations, we are searching for the minister who is the best fit to lead us into that unknown and exciting future. All congregations in the search process are asked to complete a Congregational Record for posting on a section of the UUA website available only to ministers who are seeking a church to serve.

You are an important part of this process. Therefore, we are asking you to complete a brief survey so we can post the combined data on the appropriate website for ministerial candidates to peruse. We want to provide a complete and positive church profile on the website. ***We can't do that without your participation in the survey.***

You may pick up your survey this Sunday morning at the church. An envelope with your name on it will be set up in the Fellowship Area. Inside will be the survey for you to complete at your leisure. It should take you only a few minutes to complete the survey.

Please return the survey no later than July 17th. You may return your survey by mail to the church or place it in the box on the counter of the church office. There is also an online version available to you, if you prefer, that will be emailed to Members and Friends on Monday.

Remember—every potential ministerial candidate will be reading the combined results of our survey. Your input through the survey is very important in the search for our next settled minister.

Thank you for your vital participation in this endeavor to find the best ministerial fit for the future of our beloved congregation.

Your Ministerial Search Task Force

SHAMELESS PLUG TO PROMOTE THE ARTS—NOW THROUGH JUNE 19TH

UUTC Member Elizabeth Thompson is performing in *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* playing at the [Brevard Little Theater](#). The show has earned two thumbs up from multiple members! Show times are on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 3:00pm through June 19th.

COMING TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST @ 7: MUSICKE ANTIQUA BENEFIT CONCERT!



An “Early Music Configurations” program will be presented at UUTC at 7:00pm, Tuesday, June 21. Come and hear music from the 12th to 21st centuries!

Musicke Antiqua seeks to enrich cultural life through exciting, historically informed live

performances and educational programs that will inspire a new appreciation of early music and enable and support recorder and early instrument playing as a shared social experience. **This particular concert reaches out further to directly benefit music education programs in the Transylvania County public schools by partnering with the Brevard Philharmonic’s Donate Your Instrument Program.** Proceeds from the event will help to rehabilitate donated instruments in preparation for deployment to young students. Suggested Donation is \$15.

Musicke Antiqua performs music primarily from the Medieval and Renaissance periods, in costume, on replicas of a wide variety of early music instruments, including recorders, double reed instruments, viola da gambas, other strings and percussion. This type of early instrumental group (before 1600) is called a broken consort.

Beginning as a recorder trio in Brevard in 2001, Musicke Antiqua now has 13 members from Asheville, Brevard, Columbus, Hendersonville, Pisgah Forest, Tryon and Weaverville. Most members play modern as well early instruments.

Musicke Antiqua received rave reviews after a performance at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Asheville. In the review by Ted McIrvine, he states, “In Western North Carolina, we are blessed with our very own, very professional, early music consort, Musicke Antiqua.”

For more information and the list of Christmas concerts, visit the website; musickeantiqua.org.

COMING FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH: SARAH SISKIND & JULIE LEE!



Sarah Siskind and Julie Lee are two of Americana's most unique and beloved Singer-Songwriters. Both pull from Blues, Gospel, Jazz, Country and Roots influences and sing with distinctive voices. When blended, their harmony sounds as if they were sisters and have sung together their whole lives. Between them, they've had multiple songs recorded by Alison Krauss, songs on ABC's "Nashville," as well as songs covered by Wynonna, Randy Travis and more.

The two met in Nashville, TN, when Siskind's father was playing violin in Lee's band and he told her about his daughter's music. Week's

later, Lee heard Siskind on the radio and immediately made contact with her. The two were singing together within days and soon thereafter started the band "Old Black Kettle." Playing only on special occasions, the band always sells out the famed Station Inn in Nashville and among some of their regular fans and audience members are Alison Krauss, Ricky Skaggs, Sharon White, John Prine, Marty Stuart, and Connie Smith (whose daughter, Jodi Seyfried, also sings in the group.) Their album OLD BLACK KETTLE LIVE, which is a compilation of songs recorded over 2 years of live shows, was released in 2008.

Sarah Siskind continues to be one of today's most respected and covered songwriters as well as a stand-out independent artist, who Spin Magazine calls "an artist you must hear now". Armed with a striking vocal style and solid guitar and piano work, Sarah is a regular NPR performer, with features on NPR's *Tiny Desk Concerts*, *World Cafe with David Dye*, *All Songs Considered*, *Song Of The Day* and, most recently, NPR's *Mountain Stage*. She has toured with Bonnie Raitt, Paul Brady, Grammy winner Bon Iver (who also famously covered her "Lovin's For Fools") and The Swell Season and had songs recorded by Alison Krauss (the GRAMMY nominated "Simple Love"), Randy Travis, Madi Diaz and many more. Siskind has released numerous highly acclaimed albums and has had eighteen songs featured on the ABC show "Nashville" (one of which she wrote with Julie.) Siskind built her career in Nashville, TN but now resides in Brevard, NC.

Just when you think you can label Julie Lee into one category or genre, you hear something different. Lee is a collage, a real scrapbook of various traditional American styles. In her songwriting, as well as her work as a visual artist, Julie takes bits and pieces from each of her myriad influences to make something of her own that is both old and new. Though a Maryland native, Lee has lived in Nashville, TN for over 20 years and travelled and performed extensively across the US and Europe. She has had her songs recorded by Country, Bluegrass, and Contemporary Folk artists, most notably and recently by Alison Krauss, who included Julie's songs "Jacob's Dream" and "Away Down The River" on her most Platinum-selling collection "A Hundred Miles Or More." Lee has a soft place in her heart for Brevard, NC and performs here regularly. **Reserve your seat early!**

**UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda
June 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

Current UUTC Member Count:	154	Current Friend Count:	102
1/24/2015 Certification:	166	1/24/2015:	93
2/01/2014 Certification:	183		

Opening Words Peg

Misson and Vision update David Warriner

Approval of May Minutes Susan

Welcome Carol, Kay, and Cantey

Check in

Standing Updates

New Interim Update	Peg
Treasurer's Report	emailed
Administration	No
Finance	Ed?
Property	No
Stewardship Team	Gary

Old Business

New Business

Explanation of Membership Book Susan

DISCUSS: Board Operating Guidelines

VOTE: Blanket approval for donations for designated sponsored projects

Adjourn

INTERIM SEARCH UPDATE

Following the death of Cynthia Prescott-- the interim minister we expected for the coming year-- the Interim Search Team is continuing the search. Because we thought we were all set, we missed round two of the search process, and re-entered the process late. So far we don't have a candidate.

Keith Kron, Director of Transitions at the UUA, the staff person we are working with, assures us he will find us a good person. Keith has visited UUTC, back in 2009, and knows what a fine congregation and lovely place Brevard is. Also, he was very close friends with Cynthia Prescott, and we are high on his "find them a good minister" list.

INTERIM SEARCH, CONTINUED

In the meantime, the Worship Team has planned services through July and part of August; and the pastoral care team is active.

If you need to talk to a minister, call **553-9410-- our pastoral care cell phone**—or RK at the UUTC office and she can contact the pastoral care person. Dick Tucker is on call in June, and Jean Rowe is on call for July.

Jean Rowe —for the Interim Search Team and the Governance and Ministry Advisory Council

THIS WEEK IN SOFTBALL

This week's game for Thursday was rained out, so we will take on Brevard Community Church (Team 1 of 2) on Monday. In the meantime, enjoy these pictures, taken by UUTC team member Callie Horwath. Cheri made sure our t-shirts looked great—Bill is working on his game face. 😊

Check the schedule below and see when you can catch a game!

June 20 @ 7:30pm vs BC #1

June 21 @ 6:30pm vs BC #2

June 30 @ 6:30pm vs Cedar Mtn

July 12 @ 7:30pm vs Carson's Creek

July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside



MANNING THE OFFICE, LATE JULY

The final week of July, Gary Kendrick, Carol Moore and RK Young will be attending SUULE in Virginia. This will be the last week before our next minister arrives, (hopefully) and it may be a time of significant activity. We hope to have a friendly face to greet people and answer the phone during our office hours of 9:00-noon.

If you could help to fill this role for one or more days, please contact the office. Tasks like the order of service will already be complete, but we would like to maintain our office hours for the benefit of Members, Friends and others gracing our threshold. Thanks in advance!

UUTC TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION — MAY, 2016

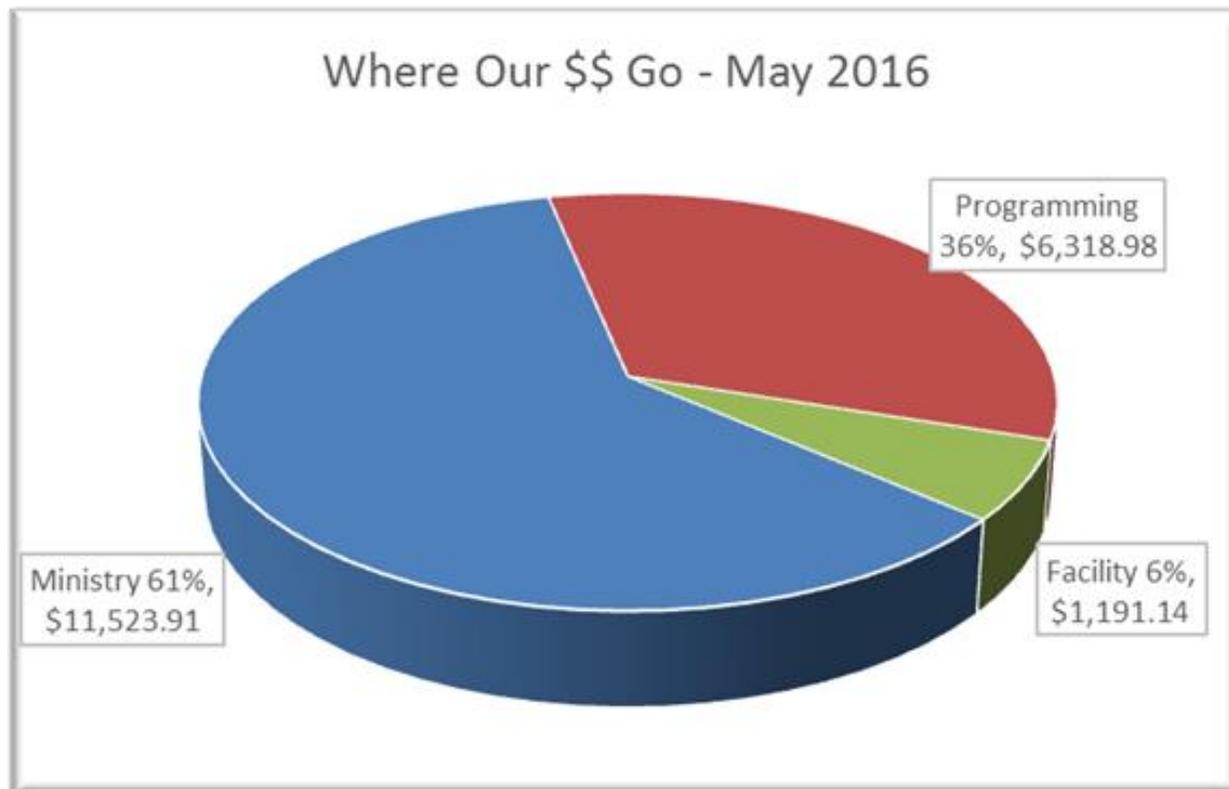
Dear Friends and Members,

The information presented below provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of May.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 40,639.20	\$ 49,847.05
Income through May 31st, 2016	\$ 25,972.36	\$ 198,422.58
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,012.33	\$ 40,012.33
Endowment Funds received / transferred	-----	\$ (22,370.04)
Total Funds available through March 31st	\$106,623.89	\$ 265,911.92

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 10,898.55	\$ 105,832.11
Programming	\$ 7,409.49	\$ 75,366.59
Facility	\$ 1,086.14	\$ 31,425.98
Misc.	-----	\$ 13,959.02
Total Expenditures through May 31st	\$ 19,034.02	\$ 212,772.28

Our total assets are \$749,500.84 and our total liabilities are \$53,407.32. Our UUA Endowment Fund has a balance of \$39,838.66. Our expenditures for the month of May break out as shown:



TREASURER'S REPORT, CONTINUED

Through May 31st, we have received donations of \$2,800.00 towards **Sponsored Projects**. These are capital expenditures which are needed for the maintenance of our building and for upgrading the facilities we already have, in order to better serve our fellowship.

To further reduce operating costs, anyone requesting an expense reimbursement will receive their funds via our bank's Bill Pay program. If you receive frequent reimbursements, you may opt for Direct Deposit of your reimbursement. Please see our Administrator RK Young for details. This new procedure will save UUTC approximately \$600.00 per year in paper checks, envelopes, stamps, and employee time.

I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that fulfilling pledge obligations through Vanco is easy and convenient to setup by debiting your bank account or charging to a credit card [and collecting points!]. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#). **Vanco is ready to accept your Fiscal Year 2016-2017 pledge. Please remember you must renew your pledge every year with Vanco.**

Respectfully,

Dave Roberts treasurer@uutc.org



JUST WHAT IS A SPONSORED PROJECT?

When the Finance Committee was preparing their budget for the Board, a number of needs had to be cut in order to produce a balanced budget. Nearly all of these needs are capital expenses—repairs and renovations that would protect and enhance the use of our building for all of us.

On the maintenance side of our needs are repairs to the entry sidewalk, the alarm system, and some of our plumbing and lighting. In addition, installation of additional insulation was a request that was not included in the final budget, as was the request to purchase a proper desk for the minister's office.

Some of our biggest needs are storage space to properly organize and store programming materials for social events and religious exploration. These projects include cabinetry for the classroom and the front lobby (to include more space for our library), updates to the vestibule and **a much-needed rehab of the kitchen space. As mentioned in the Treasurer's Report above, some have already contributed towards these projects.** Won't you join them? Help UUTC serve all of us, safely and beautifully! Contact your [Administrator](#) or your [Treasurer](#) for more details.



"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.



Read the latest UUA Southern Region Newsletter [HERE!](#)



SOUTHERN REGION

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, click [HERE](#).

SEND news for this newsletter by 10:00am on Wednesdays.

CONTACT US

For Pastoral Care, call **828-553-9410**.

Church office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon and by appointment. 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.