

UUTC UPDATE

JULY 8th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

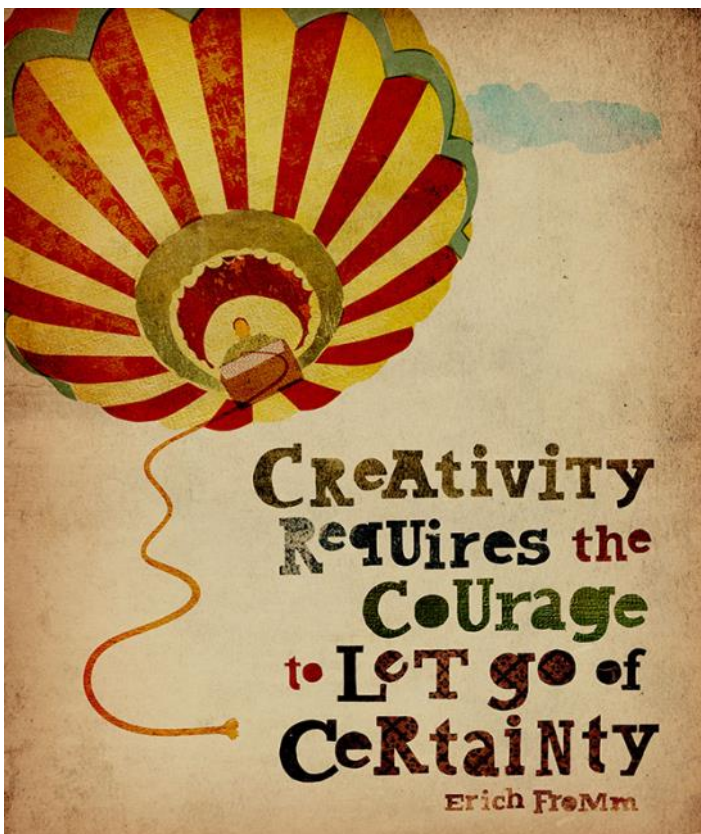
MAKE MORE ART by Meg & Todd Hoke

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

Sharing one's creative work is akin to leaping off the high dive. Naked. In public. So why pursue a creative life? Why take the risk of making art? Because it can save your soul and heal the world in the process. This Sunday we will reflect on taking the risk and inviting the butterflies into your gut. —Learn more about Meg & Todd on [our website](#).

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR!

Knew you'd be excited about that. Using Vanco for online pledging? Your pledge **will not automatically renew**, so visit Vanco today to renew your pledge!



NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Chair Yoga — Mon 7/11 @ 11:00am

Morning Meditation — Tues 7/12 @ 7:00am

Men's Group – Tues 7/12 @ 9:00am

Chair Yoga — **Tues 7/12** @ 12:00pm (makeup)

Dream Group – Tues 7/12 @ 2:30pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 7/13 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 7/13 @ 1:00pm

Wonderful Wed — Wed 7/13 @ 5:30pm

Morning Meditation—Thurs 7/14 @ 7:00am

Drum Circle—Thurs 7/14 @ 7:00pm

Living the Tao — Fri 7/15 @ 10:30am

Vitality Yoga — Fri 7/15 @ 1:30pm

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

SOCIAL ACTION FOR JULY— MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



The Minister's Discretionary Fund assists people who are facing an emergency or crisis but are not eligible for other community services. During the transition between ministers, our Pastoral Care fill-ins, Dick Tucker, Jean Rowe and Earle Rabb, may request these funds on behalf of an individual in distress. The President of the Board signs the checks until a minister is "in the house." Once a minister is in place, only the minister knows to whom these funds are gifted. Checks are written to utilities or other agencies on behalf of the supplicant. As always, the needs in our community are great, and our Pastoral Care Team will make good use of your contributions. Thank you for considering a gift to this vital fund!

SHARING HOUSE GETS BIG CHECK—NO JOKE!

Your gifts to our Social Action outreach for June—which happened to be Sharing House—came to a whopping \$2566.00!

Shelly Webb, gracious as always, confessed that this is a greater amount than the normal monthly collection from churches and was most thankful. She wanted us to know that Sharing House has also updated [their website](#)...you might find the new design familiar!

As you know, Shelly has been playing softball with us recently, which she greatly enjoys. She will be our speaker this month on the 31st.



Social Action Team member Nancy Davis presents Shelly Webb with big bucks.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FEATURES “A TOURIST’S VIEW OF NORTH KOREA”

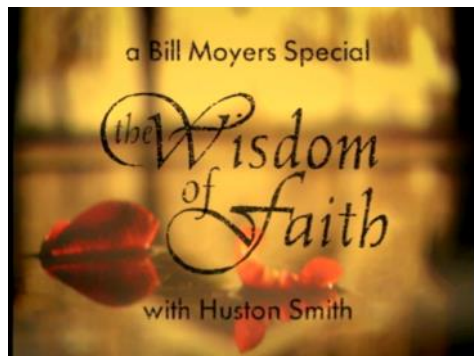


Last September Lelia Graham and her husband, Alan, experienced a unique 10 day tour of North Korea. Very few Americans have had the opportunity to visit this mysterious and hidden country. Although the trip was carefully monitored, Lelia was able to bring out a surprising number of pictures and impression of this most repressive, yet beautiful, country. She will be sharing her experiences and insights regarding North Korea at our **July 13th Wonderful Wednesday** dinner and program.

Lelia’s love of travel was ingrained as a Navy brat and continued through her career in banking and insurance. Twelve years ago she and Alan moved to Brevard from Atlanta and always breathe a sigh of relief when they return from a trip and see our mountains—particularly after the trip to North Korea!

The serving line for dinner opens at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:30. There is no charge for the dinner, but **donations are gratefully received**. **Reservations for the dinner are a must**, and can be made by calling the church office, or [using online registration](#).

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



UUTC Adult Religious Exploration is offering a 5-session viewing and discussion of “Bill Moyers: The Wisdom of Faith with Huston Smith.” This series is **similar in format** to the video series “Bill Moyers and Joseph Campbell: The Power of Myth” presented last year at UUTC. **In this program, Moyers discusses the world’s great faith traditions with Huston Smith**, viewed as the world’s foremost scholar on that subject. Smith is also the

author of “The World’s Religions”, an introductory study that has sold over 2 million copies worldwide. **We will hold sessions on July 27, August 3, August 10, August 31 and September 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**



ARRIVING AT A HOME NEAR YOU: MINISTERIAL SEARCH COTTAGE MEETINGS

Your Ministerial Search Task Force wants to receive as much feedback as possible from our UUTC family. In addition to the survey to provide important data about our church to prospective ministerial candidates, we are arranging a series of **Cottage Meetings** during July and August—some have already met!

The Cottage Meetings will be held in a host home, where you and a few of your UUTC friends will be able to express your thoughts regarding the future of our church, as well as the qualities you are looking for in our next settled minister. A member of our Search Task Force will be present at each Cottage Meeting to hear from you.

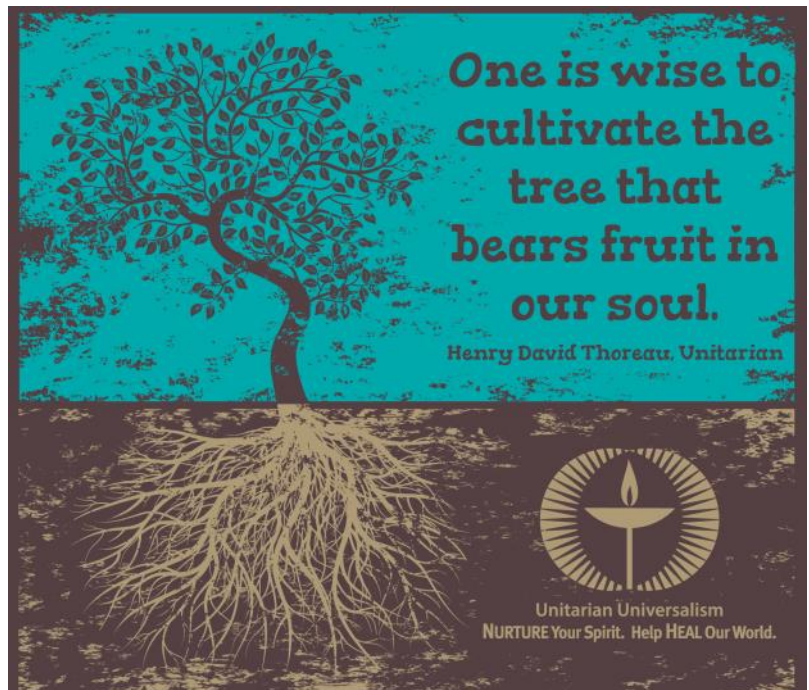
Over the next two months, each Member and Friend of UUTC will be invited to a host home. If you are unable to attend on that particular date, you will be invited to attend on another date. Your Search Task Force wants to hear from you. Your ideas and thoughts will be considered in the search for the settled minister who is best suited for our congregation. We want your input on this important endeavor and hope you will make every effort to attend one of these **Cottage Meetings**.

Your Ministerial Search Task Force

Lauren Agrella-Sevilla, Joanna Bliss, Ben Browning, Betty Kendrick, Bruce Kirkman, Earle Rabb

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH INFORMATION SURVEY BY JULY 17TH, EITHER BY MAIL, OR THE BOX ON THE COUNTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, OR ONLINE. YOUR SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS.

This survey provides information to ministerial candidates about UUTC. The Cottage Meetings let UUTC Members & Friends be heard about what they would like to see in our Settled Minister.



AMY-JILL LEVINE TO SPEAK IN SEPTEMBER



Our responsibility is to love God and to love our neighbour which is what Jesus taught and it's also what Judaism taught - and that would make sense because Jesus was Jewish.

— Amy-Jill Levine —

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Amy-Jill Levine is E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Department of Religious Studies, and Graduate Department of Religion.

On Friday morning, 9/17, Professor Levine will talk on “Misunderstanding Judaism means Misunderstanding Jesus: Where Preaching and Teaching Go Wrong” from 10 am to noon at Good Shepherd in a session open to the public but geared toward practicing clergy, Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, etc. That afternoon she will talk to students and faculty at Brevard College on “How Jews and Christians read Scripture differently.” Later that evening, she will talk on that same topic at Good Shepherd starting about 7:45 pm after the Brevard Jewish Community holds a brief Sabbath service that will begin at 7 pm.

On Saturday, 9/17, there will be a conversation hour with Professor Levine in the Social Hall at Sacred Heart starting at 11 am that will be followed by an interpretive study of that Sabbath’s Torah reading beginning at 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Both of those activities will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. That afternoon, beginning at 4 pm at Brevard College’s Porter Center, Professor Levine will talk to the community-at-large on “David and Bathsheba: Politics, Sex, and Religion.” On Sunday morning (9/18), Professor Levine will give an adult education talk open to the public at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church on “Jesus in his Jewish Context,” and will preach on the Good Samaritan during the late worship service at St. Philips.

This event is sponsored in part by UUTC.

TIME TO SIGN UP! PHOTO DIRECTORY SHOOT, SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

Call Barbi Smith to get on the schedule—help everyone put names to faces. **You folks with kids—THEY GET BIGGER.** Update that family portrait! Reach Barbi at 828-384-9092.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

NOT A CRE VOLUNTEER? STILL WANT A GREAT BAG?

These cotton bags are super lightweight and ready to carry your needs around town. Only \$10—your purchase will fund more CRE programming!



SPORTS FANS, WE NEED YOU....

...to dig out those magazines! CRE needs images and stories for our kids to use during Chalice Camp in August. Sports Illustrated, USA Today sports sections and anything you can lay your hands on leading up to the Olympics would be great.

We also still need white sheets or towels that can be turned into flags. Other light, solid colors could also work, but not prints or patterns. Thanks for your help!

YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP—UU CONGREGATION OF ASHEVILLE

I attended the Youth Ministry workshop at the UU Asheville in June along with about 40 other enthusiastic participants from congregations as far away as Tallahassee, FL. I was among only a few DRE's, as most participants were considered "Youth Advisors" for youth groups and youth programs for their congregations; in other words, these folks were volunteers.

There were two representatives from the UU Southern Region and one DRE from TN leading the way as we learned about the shift in the UUA's approach to Youth programming. In a nutshell, what I walked away with is that **great YOUTH Ministry is just GREAT MINISTRY**, one and the same, not

separate, but the whole community. I heard stories of youth who completed the UU Coming of Age program turning around and teaching Coming of Age FOR adults. How about that! Youth teaching and adults learning FROM them. I left feeling really good about our "village" here at UUTC, our amazing youth and all the possibilities! — Heather



THIS WEEK IN SOFTBALL—ER, WE WEREN'T SCHEDULED

Only a few games left in the regular season—check the schedule below and come join the fun!

June 30 @ 6:30pm vs Cedar Mtn —rained out — makeup day either 7/11 or 7/18

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

July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside

NEW MEMBERS—CHARLIE & PAULA WILLIAMSON!

Charlie & Paula come to us from Hendersonville. Charlie has lived in the area for about 16 years—formerly of Michigan. Paula is a native Californian; the couple has been married just over a year! Charlie enjoys bridge, golf & fishing; Paula, a former RN, enjoys writing, photography and travel. Welcome!



NC PREMIERE SCREENING OF HOMETOWN HABITAT



Hometown Habitat features renowned entomologist [Dr. Douglas Tallamy](#), whose research, books and lectures on the use of non-native plants connect the dots on impacts to humans. Tallamy provides the narrative thread that challenges the notion that humans are here and nature is someplace else.

One of the featured stories is Million Trees NYC. **Million Trees NYC** started with studies that showed that the population of New York City would swell to one million more people by 2030. The Bloomberg administration took a very progressive, science-based approach to the issue and created PlaNYC a sustainability and resiliency blueprint for New York City.

Come learn how Transylvania County might protect itself from the impacts of invasive species and climate change by observing how others have met these challenges. [Registration is limited to 90.](#)

This screening is the NC Premiere of **Hometown Habitat**. Suggested donation: \$10.



"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.