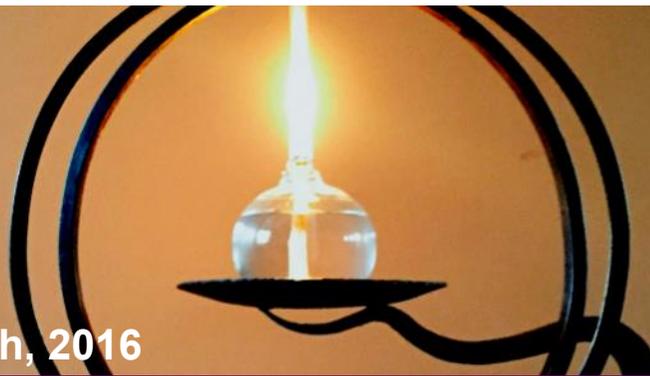


UUTC UPDATE

JULY 15th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

IS THERE A PLACE FOR ME? IS THERE A PLACE FOR US? by Ben Potter

Sunday, July 17th at 9:30 and 11:00am— *coffee time between services at 10:30am*

This sermon will address the role of special or sacred places over the human life span. This could be from womb to tomb, places as large as a country or as small as a spot on a hike where we stopped to contemplate something. Even places which are important because they were painful may get consideration. The sermon will conclude with a look at UUTC as a special place for many, how it attracts and what we may do to contribute to that appeal.

YOUR EMAIL MAY NOT BE REACHING THE OFFICE

If your email address ends with @comporium.net, there is a high probability that it is not reaching the Administrator. No reply is a dead giveaway! Please use the email address brevarduutc@gmail.com, and contact your ISP about fixing the issue.

*Your sacred space is
where you can find
yourself again and
again.*

—Joseph Campbell

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

Chair Yoga — Mon 7/18 @ 11:00am

Morning Meditation — Tues 7/19 @ 7:00am

Men's Group — Tues 7/19 @ 9:00am

Board Meeting — **Tues 7/19** @ 6:30pm

Dream Group — Tues 7/19 @ 2:30pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 7/20 @ 9:30am

Being Group — Wed 7/20 @ 1:00pm

Hometown Habitat — Wed 7/20 @ 6:30pm

Morning Meditation — Thurs 7/21 @ 7:00am

Living the Tao — Fri 7/22 @ 10:30am

Vitality Yoga — Fri 7/22 @ 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!

HOMETOWN HABITAT: WED, 6:30PM @ UUTC—MAKE A LOCAL IMPACT



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. ***Donations from this screening will support a larger screening targeted for developers, land use and government leaders in Transylvania County.***

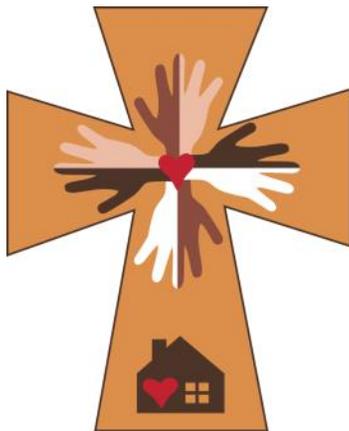
Come learn how Transylvania County might protect itself from the impacts of invasive species and climate change by seeing how others have met these challenges. [Registration is limited to 90.](#)

UPDATE FROM WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA REFUGEE CHALLENGE (WNCRC)

WNCRC facilitated a community meeting in Asheville for the IRC (International Rescue Committee) which is considering Asheville as a resettlement center for refugees. Last week was IRC's site visit where they met with city officials, the school system, housing officials, law enforcement, employment folks and others. WNCRC arranged for community groups to meet with IRC to learn about resettlement and answer questions.

We had hoped for a few dozen people and were thrilled when over 90 people showed. There was much discussion and support. The IRC was very impressed with Asheville and the welcome they received. Although the housing shortage is a major concern, things look somewhat positive and IRC will be making a decision soon as to whether it will approve Asheville and then make a formal request to the State Department for Asheville to become a resettlement center.

A recent article in the New York Times highlighted the tremendous response from our neighbors to the north on the refugee crisis. Read more [HERE](#).



July is a month with FIVE Sundays, so UUTC will be **collecting food for Sharing House at the end of the month**. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your donations on July 24 and 31. Please take with you a list of most needed items from the basket on the counter.

The non-food items most needed by Sharing House are diapers, (sizes 5 and 6), laundry detergent, tampons (super), toilet paper, and paper towels. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE!](#) 😊

Here's what brain research says will make you happy: (summary)

Ask "What am I grateful for?" No answers? Doesn't matter. Just searching helps.

Label those negative emotions. Give it a name and your brain isn't so bothered by it.

Decide. Go for "good enough" instead of "*best decision ever made on Earth.*"

Hugs, hugs, hugs. Don't text — touch. Want the full article? [Go HERE!](#)

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

The excellent team of Mark Allison and Barbi Smith will be producing Great Works on Saturday, July 30th. Images from the photo shoot are used in our online database, accessible from the fantastic *Church Life* app on your smartphone or tablet. They also are used in our Photo Directory, given to new Members and Friends and available for purchase by others (hard copy) for \$5. If you are content with a digital version, the Administrator will be happy to email a copy to you upon request.



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.

UPDATE ON SPONSORED PROJECTS: MORE PROGRESS!



A new faucet has increased functionality in the kitchen, much to the delight of our Wonderful Wednesday hosts. Thanks, Virginia! The coffee urns actually fit under the faucet!

On the maintenance side of our needs are repairs to the entry sidewalk (pictured left), 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. Thanks to contributions already received, the alarm system will be replaced next week. The insulation is scheduled for late August, after Chalice Camp.

Other 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. Currently, \$23,634.00 has been donated to help UUTC move forward on these much needed investments.**

Won't you join those who have stepped up? You can make a donation immediately, or a pledge to fall at a later time during the budget year that is more convenient for you, but allows the Board to plan for the funding of these projects. Help UUTC serve all of us, safely and beautifully! Contact your [Treasurer](#) for more details. You can always send a check—put "Sponsored Projects" on the memo line so we know this is where you want your gift to go. You may drop it in the offering basket any Sunday.

UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda • July 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Current Member Count: 155 Friends: 100

Welcome

Approval of June Minutes

Kay

Standing Updates

New Interim Status

Gary

Treasurer's Report (including UBIT info)

Dave

Administration

Yes

Finance

No

Property

No

Old Business

Safe Congregation Plan

New Business

"Big Check" email vote

Letter of Support for Asheville refugee opportunity

Finance Committee Operating Guidelines

Get Out The Vote Grant from UUA

Authorization for Line of Credit

Prioritization of Sponsored Projects

Board Calendar

Adjourn

CHAMBER MUSIC — BMC @ UUTC — TUES, JULY 26, 7:30PM

Sponsored by the Brevard Jewish Community and UUTC Friends, advanced students from Brevard Music Center will perform several Chamber Music works in a repeat of last year's outstanding event. **This concert is free and open to the public.** Get out your pencils and mark your calendar now!

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!



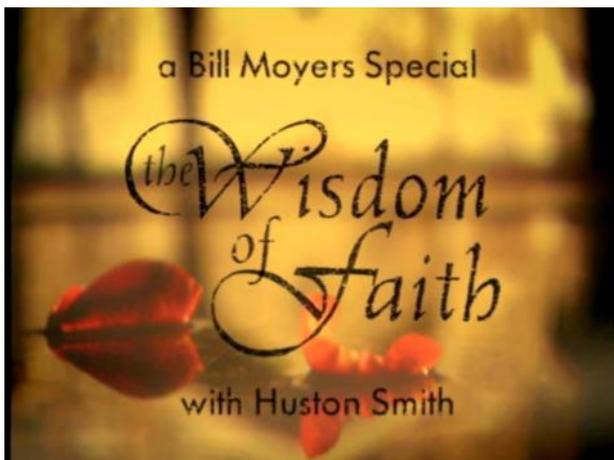
SPORTS FANS, WE NEED YOU....

...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!

CHALICE CAMP! August 9th-11th is preschool (ages 3-5) and the following week is full-on regular Chalice Camp. Still room for a few kids—and DEFINITELY room for volunteers. [Email Heather now!](#)

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.**



NEWEST NEW MEMBER: LEIGH JOHNSON

A Friend of UUTC since May of 2015, Leigh Johnson (pronounced “Lee”) signed the Membership Book Wednesday night and enjoyed Wonderful Wednesday as our newest new Member. Her signing was witnessed by 2016-2017 Board President Gary Kendrick. Leigh is already serving UUTC as a

Sunday morning Greeter and as a member of the Loving Hearts and Helping Hands Team.

Welcome to New Member Leigh!

THIS WEEK IN SOFTBALL—ANOTHER WIN! (BY FORFEIT)



*Rion and Braydn cooperating on Bat Boy duties.
Photo by Julie Bowman.*

Despite a lack of real opponents, we had a great scrimmage this week thanks to Morningside Baptist, who we will face “for real” next Tuesday. It was a gracious, fun game, up until past time to quit, when the sun got low, and we had an injury.

Elly Andujar, our feisty 73-year-old, was running the bases when one of our opponents attempted to turn a double play (Elly was coming in to second base). The thrown ball struck Elly on the hand. Fortunately, our first aid kit was equipped with cold packs, and Elly was able to control the swelling, and may even be able to play next week! Also fortunately, the opposing player was extremely apologetic. Church League Softball: not for the faint of heart!

TUES July 19 @ 6:30pm vs Morningside **THURS July 21 @ 6:30pm vs Cedar Mtn**



"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.