

UUTC UPDATE

JULY 22nd, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF SERVICE by Peg Hall

Sunday, July 24th at 9:30 and 11:00am— *coffee time between services at 10:30am*

All of the world's great religions agree that it's important for followers to serve others. Many of them command obedience and many followers serve others for that reason, gradually deepening the spiritual gifts that come with the practice. Other people are raised in a family that nurtures the service of members to each other. Volunteerism may be widely practiced and fostered by a particular culture and people develop in this way. In the widespread culture of 'individualism' that has existed in our country for generations, there are very likely many individual stories of people's spiritual paths to lives of service and compassion. In her reflections on Sunday, Peg Hall will describe her own journey and the window that opens to compassion, gratitude, and a better awareness of herself.

THIS WEEK: THE OFFICE WILL BE STAFFED BY VOLUNTEERS ONLY FROM 9:00-12:00 M-F.

THE SPIRITUAL PATH
IS NOT STREWN
WITH ROSES.

HARIDAS CHAUDHURI



NEXT WEEK at UUTC

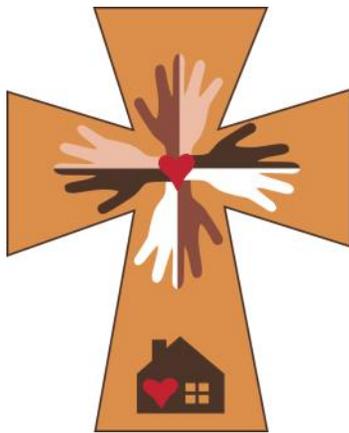
- Chair Yoga** — Mon 7/25 @ 11:00am
- Women's Potluck** — Mon 7/25 @ 6:15pm
- Morning Meditation** — Tues 7/26 @ 7:00am
- Men's Group** — Tues 7/26 @ 9:00am
- Dream Group** — Tues 7/26 @ 2:30pm
- BMC @ UUTC** — Tues 7/26 @ 7:30pm
- Eclectics Jam** — Wed 7/27 @ 9:30am
- Being Group** — Wed 7/27 @ 1:00pm
- Wisdom of Faith** — Wed 7/27 @ 6:00pm
- Morning Meditation** — Thurs 7/28 @ 7:00am
- Living the Tao** — Fri 7/29 @ 10:30am
- Vitality Yoga** — Fri 7/29 @ 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!



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.

TIME FOR A CAMPUS CLEAN-UP! (AND —ARE THESE THINGS YOURS?)

In the short term, we have accumulated a number of jackets, hats and other things in our closet and in our Lost & Found. Please take a look and see if you are missing anything! These items will be donated to SAFE if we cannot locate owners soon, as they have been here for more than a couple of months, already.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 27th**. We need to clean/paint the walls of the Social Hall and Kitchen and a few other tasks, such as cleaning our folding chairs. Come lend a hand for a general sprucing up before our new minister arrives!



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



The Brevard Jewish Community and UUTC Friends, in cooperation with the Brevard Music Center, will present an evening of Chamber Music at UUTC on Tuesday night, July 26 at 7:30pm.

The Concert is free and open to the general public. It will feature performances by some of the Music Center's most advanced students. Those who attended last year's

performance will remember that it was a memorable evening of outstanding music. Come and bring your friends!

WOMEN'S SHARING/POTLUCK GROUP

Monday, July 25th at 6:25pm is the monthly meeting of the Women's Sharing Group. Bring something to share and join us! Contact Joan Lemire for more information at 828-231-9259.

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 \$7. 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR JUNE 2016

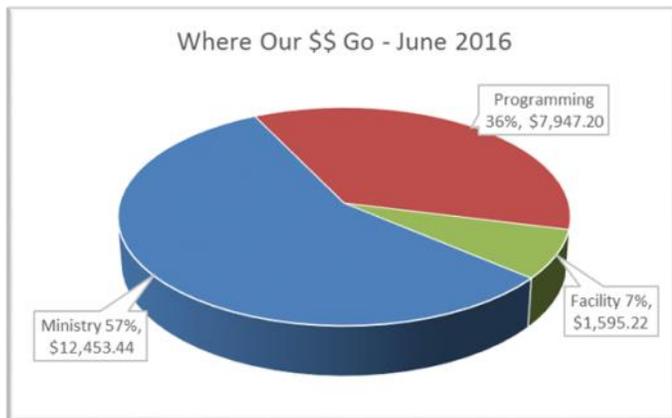
Dear Friends and Members,

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

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 49,775.08	\$ 49,847.05
Income through June 30th, 2016	\$ 13,111.55	\$ 211,534.13
Sponsored Projects Fund	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 23,400.00
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,026.26	\$ 40,026.26
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (22,370.04)
Total Funds available through June 30th	\$123,512.89	\$ 302,437.40

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 12,453.44	\$ 128,085.98
Programming	\$ 7,947.20	\$ 73,419.22
Facility	\$ 1,595.22	\$ 33,548.26
Misc.	\$ 1,647.61	\$ 2,862.28
Total Expenditures through June 30th	\$ 23,643.46	\$ 237,915.74

Our total assets are \$761,070.31 and our total liabilities are \$56,353.84 Our UUA Endowment Fund has a balance of \$39,838.89. Our expenditures for the month of May break out as shown below.



Through June 30th, we have received donations of \$23,400.00 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.

Our Fiscal Year 2016-2017 pledge campaign has reached \$183,434.00 in promised support of our new budget. Keep in mind you may make a new pledge or increase an existing pledge at any 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

YOUR WORSHIP TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The UUTC Worship Team is always interested in getting feedback from congregants about anything and everything related to our Sunday services. Our mission is to make UUTC services as meaningful and enjoyable as possible.



While we have always been open to input, until now there was no specific way in which comments could be sent directly to our attention. Our feedback, therefore, often came in the form of on the fly verbal observations and suggestions on Sunday, informal conversations at other church functions, or inputs to the minister, administrator, etc.

Recently Joanna Bliss set up an internet address - worshipteamuutc@googlegroups.com - to which you can send your thoughts with confidence that our whole team will see them. We will always acknowledge receipt of your emails so that you know we have read them.

Obviously we won't implement every suggestion, but there will no doubt be some issues about which we receive a substantial amount of commentary and those issues will go to the top of our team discussion list. It is our hope that some of your ideas will be instrumental in making our services the best they can be by optimally meeting the needs of the congregation.

Thanks in advance for letting us know what's on your mind.

Alice Hardy, Joanna Bliss, John Dreier, Gypsy Richardson

FIRST SUNDAY SANDWICH SUNDAY — AUGUST 7TH

BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND INVITE A VISITOR TO STAY!



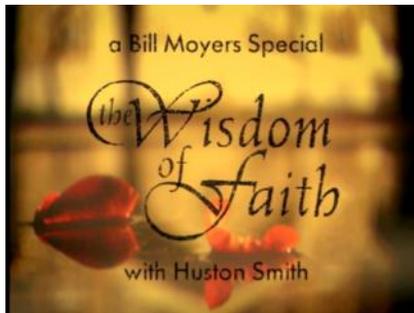
The Membership Team offers a monthly opportunity to break bread, connect more with friends and to welcome newcomers. Join us on August 7th, after our 11:00am service that morning.

Please bring a **sandwich** for yourself, a finger food **munchie** to share (such as fruit, pretzels, raw veggies, popcorn, cheese cubes) and a folding **chair** or blanket for seating, and a ball, Frisbee or other simple toy if activity is desired.

The Membership Team will set up tables in the park (weather permitting) and provide lemonade (and some extra sandwich makings for those who forget or were not informed). Come prepared to picnic rain or shine! We will remain indoors if necessary.

BILL MOYERS SERIES "WISDOM OF FAITH" STARTS JULY 27TH

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 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/31 and 9/7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

CHALICE CAMP!

Heather still needs adult volunteers...she only has 3, and they are part time. Currently we have 24 children on the list and no co-instructor, just Heather, so all help is needed and welcome. Even if folks want to come in and just prepare snacks between 10am-11am, that would be very helpful.



The old Library will be the Olympic Village that week, so it will be filled up with some pretty cool creations. All are welcome to take a look at what's inside. Here is a quote about the Olympic Village:

An article in the Los Angeles Times after the 1932 games reveals the concern some had about the Village:

"Never," was the general opinion. "You can't pen men of all nations together; men from countries, perhaps, who believe they have age-old hatreds; young men whose races, beliefs and ideals conflict." But Los Angeles did it. They were not penned, these men from all over the world; they were offered a beautiful home that became more than home to them.

Besides the practical advantages in cost and transportation of having all the athletes housed together near the venues, the Olympic Village is seen as encouraging the Olympic Spirit, allowing athletes from around the world to spend time together away from the competition. At the closing ceremonies in Sochi 2014, IOC president Thomas Bach said to the athletes:

By living together under one roof in the Olympic Village you send a powerful message from Sochi to the world: that of a society of peace, tolerance and respect. I appeal to everybody implicated in confrontation, oppression, and violence to act on this Olympic message of dialogue and peace."

August 9th-11th is preschool (ages 3-5) and the following week is full-on regular Chalice Camp. [Email Heather now!](#)



MY PLACE

Last week's sermon by Ben Potter inspired **Jeanie Bernard** to create this work (in progress) titled "My Place."

Enjoy!

EMAIL CHANGE

Beginning July 20th, UUTC began phasing out it's Comporium-based email address.

Admin@uutc.org now goes to a gmail address instead of a Comporium address, which should eliminate the problem some have had with sending emails to the office. This appears to be our most cost effective solution to the problem. Thanks to John Dreier and Mark Allison for their efforts!



THEY DID WHAT?!? BOARD MINUTES

Approved Board Minutes from June are available for viewing on the website on the [Board's page](#) and on the Board's Board in the foyer.

FREE DEMO—FUNCTIONAL FITNESS: AGELESS GRACE

Wednesday, August 3rd from 2:00-3:00pm, Carol Gerson will lead an interactive Ageless Grace Demonstration in the social hall.

Practiced to up-beat age-appropriate music addressing primary aging skills Balance, Breathing, Coordination, Joint Mobility, Agility, Spinal Flexibility, Muscle Strength, Humor, Self-Confidence and more. The perfect way to engage our organs and systems in our bodies. (All movements in this seated class can be modified to accommodate your comfort level.)



FINAL WEEK IN REGULAR-SEASON SOFTBALL—

It's good thing we enjoy playing, or the game on Tuesday would have been painful! Morningside Baptist brought the heat with excellent hitters throughout the lineup. Our hitting Tuesday... not so effective. The slaughter rule applied to this game. But we played an extra inning, anyway!

The first games of post season will be played on Monday, July 25th. At press time, the schedule was unavailable— contact [Drew Maciula](#) for the scoop!

RENEWING OUR MISSION

The Mission/Vision Task Force was chartered after the March “Values Workshop” as part of the UUTC Congregation-wide strategic planning effort.

There is nothing “wrong” with the current Mission Statement (on display in the social hall), but we as a congregation have changed and grown since it was adopted 10 years ago. ***It is appropriate and necessary to renew our Mission and Vision as we grow as a Congregation.*** Our current transition to a new settled minister also indicates a need for a robust strategic planning effort.

Remember that a Mission Statement answers only the following questions:

1) Why are we here? 2) What is our reason for being?

After 3 months of hard work, the Mission/Vision Task Force finalized a new Mission statement for UUTC. **Our Mission, as a welcoming, inclusive community is:**

To act from love, compassion and respect

To support individual spiritual journey

To promote social, economic and environmental justice in the world.

This Mission has been endorsed by The Governance and Ministry Advisory Council (GMAC) and our Board of Directors. However, it needs to be endorsed and supported by all our Members and Friends. To this end, we are asking for your reaction. You can speak with members of the Task Force after Sunday services in the lobby. You can also e-mail any of us at any time. If you are a Comporium email user, you will have to email members individually; others may use mission@uutc.org to reach all members.

Members of the Mission/Vision Task Force

Mallory Carter • Susan Bir • Terry Davies • Bill Edmonds
Joan Lemire • Virginia MacDonald • David Warinner

OUT OF THE OFFICE—NEXT WEEK OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00am-NOON!

The week of July 25th, President Gary Kendrick, President-Elect Carol Moore and Administrator RK Young will all be at the SUULE Leadership Conference in Virginia. The office will be open during the hours of 9-12:00, thanks to splendid volunteers Carol MacAllister, Susan Bir, Pam Drellow, Susan Slocum and Leslie Keir. If you are coming to UUTC outside those hours, bring your key and the code!

PRESENTING... REV. IAN WHITE MAHER (pronounced "mar")

The UUA Transitions Office sent us his name on July 12; Jean Rowe, Ben Potter and Gary Kendrick interviewed him July 14, quickly checked references, and by Sunday afternoon, July 17, Gary and Ian were signing an 11-month contract. Rev. Ian will begin in early September.

Ian is a born UU from Portsmouth, NH (his family settled there in the 1600s and many descendents still live there). He is a hiker, biker and kayaker. During August, he is kayaking from Albany NY to Quebec City, then attending UU Interim Ministry training.

He's a graduate of McGill University in Montreal and Harvard Divinity School. He is single and in his forties. He has never been an interim minister before but is looking forward to it.

Ian served the UU congregation in Queens, NY for six years; he left to create a UU oriented congregation called Original Blessings, based on the creation spirituality teachings of Matthew Fox. For a short video that highlights that congregation, click [HERE](#). He also worked as a Jubilee One (introduction to anti-racism) trainer for the UUA for several years. He has traveled extensively in India and South and Central America.

He writes: "My biggest interest presently is the cultivation of my skills as a spiritual director. I am less invested in doing this as an outside role as I am in creating small circles of spiritual seekers within a congregation setting. I am a graduate of Shalem Institute's Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats Program. I have led numerous contemplative retreats and see this as an important aspect of my ministry".

In October 2010, he received a civil rights award from the MinKwon Center for Community Action for activism around immigration reform in New York and nationally.

Ian formerly published a magazine called *Birthrights: Confronting the Entitlements of White Skin*, an anti-racism journal written for white people interested in learning more about racism, how it works and how to get involved. Now he hosts a weekly podcast called Meditations by Ian White Maher, a 6-10 minute spiritual reflection.

He says, "I see myself as a preacher and as a spiritual leader. This is where I excel. I see my function as a leader to be a person that is constantly holding up the idea that a spiritual life is possible, that transformation can happen in our congregation, that the world can be made better through service and sacrifice, that children can be held and loved and educated in such a way that they will improve on our work....I feel comfortable calling myself a UU Evangelist."

"My theological orientation is to use the wonders of the natural world, to examine what science teaches us about the universe, the mind, our emotions and link it to the possibility of a spiritual path. We don't have to do this alone, is perhaps my most fundamental teaching. I use the word God, which to me means simply that ineffable Divine mystery, that experience of awe in the face of creation. Whether people believe in a significant higher force or simply that the energy created by coming together as a congregation is greater than the sum total of our individual efforts is irrelevant to me. There is something larger than our own lives, our own egos, our own desires and demands. This something larger can help relieve our suffering, it can help us be useful in the world, it can transform our lives where we feel forgiven and give us the space to forgive."

You can see more at Ian's website: www.ianwhitemaher.com including a link to his podcasts.

His references describe him as a powerful and excellent preacher; a very thoughtful person with a strong commitment to justice and making a difference in the world. He has a good pastoral sense about him, and he excels in communicating with people. He has a strong emphasis on spiritual development and community. He likes to be present in all aspects of community life. He regards music as essential.



"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.