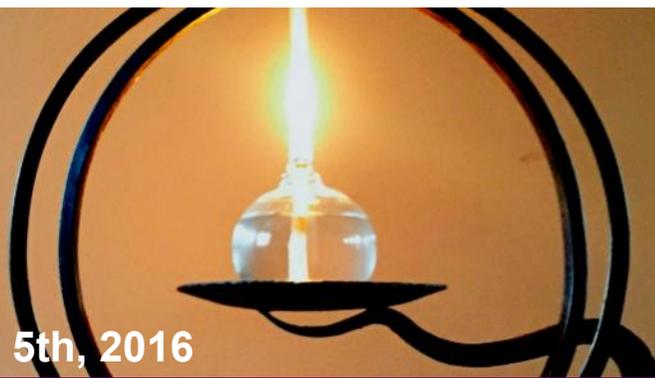


# UUTC UPDATE

AUGUST 5th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## **LIBERATION & RECONCILIATION: THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL** by Rev. Jean Rowe

Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 and 11:00am *Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am*

The heart of the gospel, the good news, is not right belief. The heart of the good news that Jesus came to proclaim is liberation from injustice and poverty, from racism and chauvinism and imperialism, from domination and persecution. Jesus was the Liberator whose whole life and message is aimed at getting the rich and powerful to act with justice and mercy, to give sight to the blind, liberty to the captives, and help to widows and children, the elderly and downtrodden. Truth is not found in some eternal doctrine, handed down by those in control. Truth cannot be got by the most powerful nor the most authoritative (though they'd like you to think so). What we can know on this side of death is always partial. It takes many voices, many authentic, lived viewpoints, to begin to piece it together-- and even then we'll not have the whole enormity of Truth. And so we must come together and listen to many voices. We need a reunion of the scattered parts of humanity and life.

**If you are coming to  
HELP ME  
you are WASTING  
YOUR TIME.  
But if you are coming  
because YOUR  
LIBERATION  
is bound up with mine  
then let us work  
TOGETHER.**

**Lila Watson**  
Australian Indigenous

## **NEXT WEEK at UUTC**

### **CHALICE CAMP! UNTIL NOON, T-TH**

**Usher Training** — Mon 8/8 @ 10:00am

**Chair Yoga** — Mon 8/8 @ 11:00am

**Morning Meditation** — Tues 8/9 @ 7:00am

**Men's Group** — CANCELLED

**Eclectics Jam** — CANCELLED

**Being Group** — Wed 8/10 @ 1:00pm

**Ageless Grace** — Wed 8/10 @ 2:00pm

**Wisdom of Faith** — **Wed 8/10 @ 6:00pm**

**Morning Meditation** — Thurs 8/11 @ 7:00am

**Usher Training** — Thurs 8/11 @ 1:30pm

**Living the Tao** — Fri 8/12 @ 10:30am

**Vitality Yoga** — Fri 8/12 @ 1:30pm

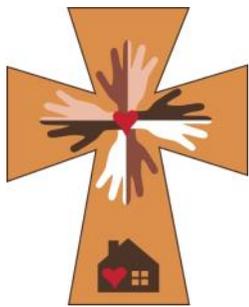
# SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS

## SOCIAL ACTION FOR AUGUST— MUDDY SNEAKERS



Muddy Sneakers is an experiential science education program that works in partnership with public schools in Western North Carolina to educate and engage fifth graders. Teaching to the state-mandated science curriculum requirements, experienced naturalists lead six to ten outdoor expeditions per school year on local, public lands, providing hands-on learning experiences that allow children to deeply engage with the natural sciences and enjoy the learning process. Our mission is

to awaken in children a deeply felt connection with the natural world, one that inspires curiosity, stimulates learning, and brings new life to classroom performance.



UUTC contributed 106.2 pounds of food and household items for July to Sharing House. Thanks for your generosity of spirit!!



Total contributions to the Minister's Discretionary Fund for July were \$1383.00. This gives the minister just over \$100/month with which to work.

## FIRST SUNDAY SANDWICH SUNDAY — AUGUST 7TH

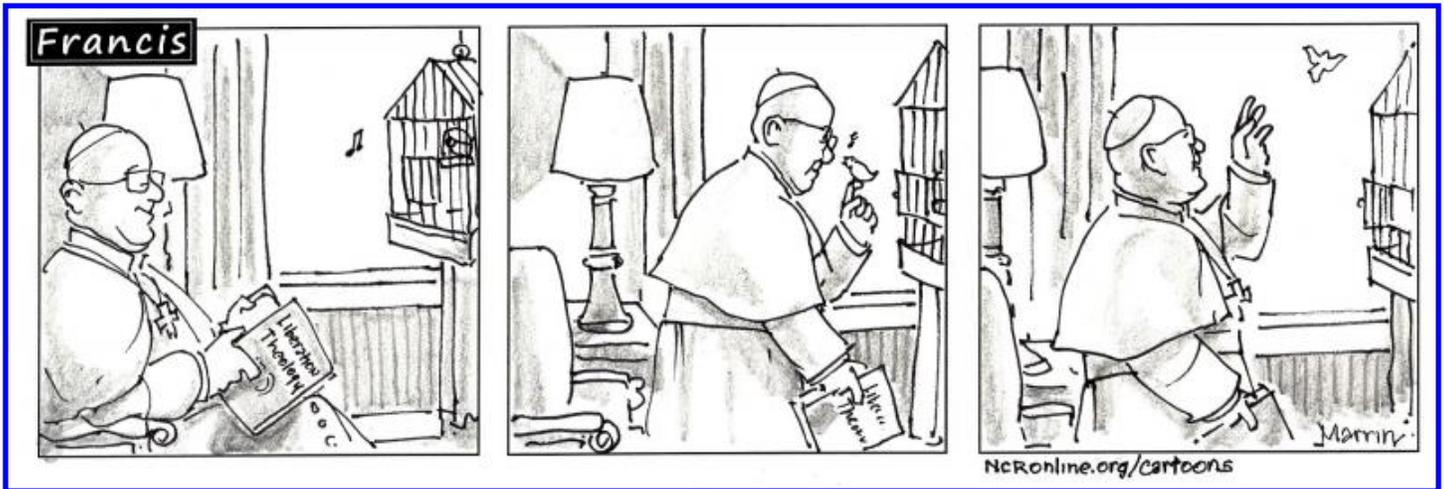
### BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND INVITE A VISITOR TO STAY!



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.



## MODELING COVENANT AND SPORTSMANSHIP



**Back row team members:** Marcus Webb, Stephen Houseworth, Anthony Dill, Marc Campbell, Drew Maciula. **Front Row:** Julie Bowman, Callie Horwath, Shannon Draegen, Arawen Layton, Chanley Layton. **Other regulars:** Heather Layton, Brad Toms, Elly Andujar, Bill Edmonds, Margaret Kimble, Shelly Webb, Mark Lane, Cheri Miller, Amy Pointer, Matthew Agrella-Sevilla and RK Young.



What's the first rule of a covenantal community? Showing up for each other. This year's UUTC Church League Softball team never forfeited a game. This means they didn't let their opponents down, either—UUTC may not have been the most challenging opponent every day, but you could at least count on **HAVING** an opponent and being able to play a game.

UUTC showed up, consistently. Pair that with the fact that UUTC had 4 wins (one in post season) *by forfeit*—the other team didn't show up—and you get a glimpse of why this rowdy troop came home with a mammoth sportsmanship trophy. This award is voted on by all other teams in the league. As reported to Drew Maciula, our Team Captain, "UUTC was the best example of sportsmanship and fellowship." **\*mic drop\***

## I LEFT SOME BAGGAGE AT SUULE . . . GARY KENDRICK



Last week I spent an intense and fulfilling week on the campus of The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA., along with RK Young and Carol Moore, attending SUULE (Southern Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience).

The days were long (from 7am to 8:30 pm), and included classes in leadership training, conflict resolution and spiritual development. We were given the opportunity to share how we came to be

Unitarian Universalists. The majority of participants expressed a dissatisfaction with some other religion. I personally disclosed how my experience with the Methodist church (which included ordination as a Methodist minister) left me less than satisfied spiritually. I labeled myself an anti-Methodist. This feeling is what initially caused me to seek out UUTC.

But somewhere during the week, I experienced a sort of conversion. I quit being an anti-Methodist and became a true Unitarian Universalist. I met so many participants and leaders who have taken on the role of social justice and social reform as a spiritual practice, that I was encouraged to try and bring that enthusiasm back to UUTC. I also dedicated myself to assist in helping articulate what we believe, so that when Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Catholics, etc. ask what we believe, we are ready to answer. In the coming year, I hope we can all engage in developing a voice of how to tell others what we believe. I am convinced that it will be a true spiritual process.



### LIMBERING UP FOR THE NEXT ROUND

Congregational Foundations was one of the daily sessions for applied theory. Attendees from similarly-sized congregations discussed case studies of church dynamics to better understand how to negotiate the complexities of congregational relationships.

## COTTAGE MEETINGS DRAWING GREAT INTEREST



In order to receive as much information as possible from our congregation in the search for our next settled minister, your Ministerial Search Team is hosting a number of Cottage Meetings through the summer. It is important to know your thoughts regarding the qualities you are looking for in our next minister, as well as your ideas about the future you want for the congregation we all love.

Through June and July we have held eleven Cottage Meetings in host homes. Over one hundred Members and Friends have attended these Cottage Meetings. We have had lively discussions regarding our next settled minister and the future of our beloved congregation. The Search Team is collating your thoughts and ideas on these important matters. This information is very helpful to the Search Team as we continue our work on the decisions that lie ahead of us.

Every Member and Friend of our congregation will be invited to a Cottage Meeting. If through a clerical error you do not receive an invitation by the middle of August, please contact the church office. We will make sure you get an invitation to one of the remaining August Cottage Meetings.

Thanks to our hosts who have opened their homes for these Cottage Meetings. Thank you, also, to each one who has participated in a Cottage Meeting. You have made these gatherings such happy and helpful occasions. —Your Ministerial Search Team

## YOUR WORSHIP TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

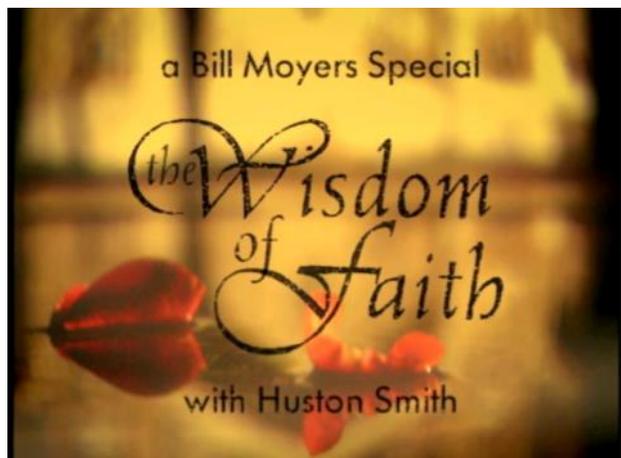


Until now, there was no specific way in which comments could be sent directly to our attention. This has been remedied! **Send your thoughts with confidence that our whole team will see them to—[worshipteamuutc@googlegroups.com](mailto:worshipteamuutc@googlegroups.com).** We will always acknowledge receipt 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. Thanks in advance for letting us know what's on your mind.

Alice Hardy, Joanna Bliss, John Dreier, Gypsy Richardson

## BILL MOYERS SERIES “WISDOM OF FAITH” CONTINUES THIS WEEK



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. **The remaining sessions are on Aug. 10, Aug. 31 and Sept. 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

### USHER TRAINING!

How important are ushers? Pretty important! Ushers are the ones to document attendance, facilitate the handling of microphones and record contributions. **Even the Search Team** needs the contributions of ushers. Get training this week on Mon. at 10 or Thurs at 1:30!

### WEEKEND FOOD FOR THE HAVEN

UUTC will provide weekend food for the residents of The Haven, our county’s homeless shelter, on Friday, August 19th.

A sign-up sheet on the front counter helps guide donations—please join the crew!

### COMING SOON: GAME NIGHT!

Friday, Aug. 19th, 5:30pm, Game Night returns! An online sign-up will be available soon. Mark your calendars now—childcare provided!



### COMING SOON: TAP NIGHT!



Our next Fellowship On Tap will be on **MONDAY, August 22nd, at 5:30**. We will return to Ecusta Brewing— you can order in from Wine Down, if you’d like something delectable to go with your lovely brew (or if you didn’t have time to eat before arriving!). Parking is available off Jordan Street beside the salon and Brevard Insurance.

## ORDER A PHOTO DIRECTORY



Who are these people, anyway? 😊

UUTC is continuing to grow and we have new faces all the time. It can be very helpful to have an image you can refer to

when you need to remember names of people you just met. New photo directories are about to be printed—does your copy need updating? Sign up at the front counter—the price is \$7.00, payable on delivery.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY RETURNS AUGUST 24TH

Mark your calendar for Wednesday the 24th for our next Wonderful Wednesday!

The WNC Refugee group will lead our program for the night.

Online registration will open next week, but mark your calendars now!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW: JASON DECRISTOFARO LIVE @ UUTC!

Coming August 26th— come enjoy this incredible jazz player/composer, accompanied by Cameron Austin on bass. Read more on [our website!](#)

## FUNCTIONAL FITNESS: AGELESS GRACE



**Wednesday, August 10th from 2:00-3:00pm**, Certified Ageless Grace Educator/Trainer Carol Gerson will lead weekly Ageless Grace classes in the social hall. Based on the science of neuroplasticity, this fitness program stimulates all 5 areas of the brain, re-opening neural pathways and creating new ones. A fun class for everyone!

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.)



*"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](http://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](mailto:admin@uutc.org).