

# UUTC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 11th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## YA GOTTA KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM

by Rev. Ian White Maher

Sunday, November 13th at 9:30 and 11:00am

Sometimes you need to know to surrender. And sometimes you need to know to push through.

*Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am*

## HOLD THAT DONATION?

Many charitable organizations request donations at the end of the calendar year. The scheduled Social Action offerings for the first half of next year are: January: **The Haven**; February: **Bread of Life**; March: **S.A.F.E.**; April: **The Children's Center**; May: **Rise and Shine**, and June: **Sharing House**. You may wish to **make your donation through UUTC** in 2017.

## NEXT WEEK at UUTC

**Growing Younger** — Mon 11/14 @ 11:00am

**Christians In Exile** — Mon 11/14 @ 3:30pm

**Men's Group** — Tues 11/15 @ 9:00am

**Board Meeting** — Tues 11/15 @ 6:00pm

**First Degree Film** — Tues 11/15 @ 7:00pm

**Eclectics Jam** — Wed 11/16 @ 9:30am

**Being Group** — Wed 11/16 @ 1:00pm

**Choir Rehearsal**—Wed 11/16 @ 4:00pm

**Living Wage Coalition**— Thurs 11/17 @ 10:30am

**Living the Tao** — Fri 11/18 @ 10:30am

**Vitality Yoga** — Fri 11/18 @ 1:30pm



## HEARING LOSS INFORMATIONAL MEETING • SATURDAY, 1:00-3:00PM

“What Everyone with Hearing Loss Should Know About Hearing Aids and Hearing Loops” is the name of this informational community meeting being held at the Transylvania County Library tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Juliette Sterkens, Audiologist, will discuss why hearing loops work to help people hear better in large public spaces and how to get your favorite venue interested in a loop. Since the Library is looped, this discussion can be illustrated “first hand.”

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Rosemary Tuite at 828-505-1275.

## FIRST DEGREE • TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 7:00PM @ UUTC



The expression “sent up the river” was coined by convicts who were sent up the Hudson River to do their time at the infamous Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, NY.

FIRST DEGREE finds hope in this seemingly hopeless place by investigating an unusual college behind bars that is successfully preventing Sing Sing inmates from

being sent **back** up the river after their release. Nationwide, over half of released inmates return to prison within 5 years, but for the past 14 years, fewer than 1% of the inmates that received a college degree at Sing Sing returned to prison. Come see this film to see how they make it happen.



## NEW CABINETS IS IN!

Thanks to donations to the **Sponsored Projects Fund**, installation of our new classroom cabinets was completed Thursday morning. Two full-depth utility cabinets flank base cabinets and bookshelves to help CRE better organize instructional materials so that we can reclaim other closet space. The countertop will support a new TV and DVD player with cabling for laptops to support RE groups.



## SOCIAL ACTION FOR NOVEMBER— UUSC

UUSC, the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**, is Social Action's agency for November and is our only monthly agency which supports people outside Transylvania County and NC. UUSC is a leading voice for human rights and social justice in the United States and in 21 countries around the world. UUSC focuses on [Environmental Justice](#), [Economic Justice](#), and [Rights At Risk](#). UUSC also responds to disasters, defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations who are often left out of recovery efforts.

Cash or checks written to UUSC are most welcome. **Individual or family contributions of \$125 or more are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar** by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, N.Y.-- **doubling the impact of your gift**. If you wish your donation to be devoted to the recent hurricane disaster in Haiti, write "Haiti Relief" on the memo line.

## THE LARAMIE PROJECT • BREVARD COLLEGE, MORRISON PLAYHOUSE

In October 1998, a young man was kidnapped, tied to a fence and left to die on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. Brevard College Theatre's 2016-2017 season continues with its upcoming production of "The Laramie Project," the true story of a community responding to the murder of Matthew Shepard, gay student at the University of Wyoming who was brutally beaten and killed because he was different.

Five weeks after Shepard's murder, Moisés Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Wyoming and conducted over 200 interviews with the people of the town. Transcribing and editing these interviews, the Tectonic Theater members

constructed a deeply stirring and potent piece of theatrical work. Eight actors play over 60 characters whose words are verbatim transcripts of conversations with real people in Laramie. This thought-provoking, surprisingly humorous, and deeply moving production at Brevard College is not to be missed!

**The production runs Nov. 17-19 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Morrison Playhouse** at The Porter Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, available now at [etix.com](http://etix.com), Southern Comfort Records on Main Street, and at The Porter Center box office one hour before each show.

Brevard College Theatre Presents:

### THE LARAMIE PROJECT

by Moisés Kaufman and the Members  
of the Tectonic Theatre Project

Directed by: Catherine Barricklow

Thursday, November 17 at 7 PM

Friday, November 18 at 7 PM

Saturday, November 19 at 7 PM

Sunday, November 20 at 2:30 PM

## SMILE! YOU CAN HELP UUTC!

### Thanks for choosing to make a difference!

Your purchases here at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will support **Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County**.

You've placed **9 orders** supporting charity at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) so far.

Amazon Smile is one of the ways that supporters of UUTC can contribute painlessly to our operating funds. Prices do not change on Amazon when you make use of AmazonSmile—but a portion of your purchase is given to your selected charity. If you shop on Amazon, please consider signing up as an AmazonSmile user—**click the box to the right** and it will take you where you need to go!

### Support Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County.

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Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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Another way you can support UUTC and its mission is to use **iDonate**. iDonate creates a way for you to donate older electronics, gift cards, jewelry or real property like boats, cars and real estate. They do the work, you receive the tax write-off, and UUTC receives a check after the sale goes through. UUTC recently received a gift of over \$800 through iDonate. To give iDonate a try, go to the **GIVE** page on our website and use the online tool about mid-way down the page.

## BEING WELCOMING, HOSPITABLE AND OTHERWISE AWESOME

No doubt you have noticed signage to indicate to visitors where to find the sanctuary and other offices. This is part of making sure people feel welcome when they enter the space. For the same purpose, when stacking chairs, please keep them out of the “visual path.” Placing them behind the short wall keeps our space looking as open and inviting as possible. Thanks!



## USHERS NEEDED: CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY!

The Worship Team is asking members and friends who are not traveling and able to do so to please sign up as ushers for the Christmas Eve Service (takes place at 5 PM, Saturday, December 24) and the Christmas Day Service (there will be one service only Sunday the 25th at 11 AM). Three (3) ushers are still needed for the Christmas Eve Service and two (2) for the December 25th Service. If you are able to serve, please sign up at the front desk or email Gypsy Richardson at [gypkim60@yahoo.com](mailto:gypkim60@yahoo.com).

## DO NOT LOSE HEART

"My friends, do not lose heart. We were made for these times.

I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. We were made for these times.

In any troubled time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unmended in the world. There is a tendency, too, to fall into being weakened by dwelling on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be.

We are needed, that is all we can know.

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely.

What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul.

Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

My friends, take heart. We were made for these times..."

By Clarissa Pinkola Estes (shortened version)

American poet, post-trauma specialist and Jungian psychoanalyst, author of *Women Who Run With the Wolves*.

## UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda

November 15, 2016 at 6:00pm

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| Welcome & Check-In                       | Gary      |
| Opening                                  | Cantey    |
| Approval of October Minutes              | Kay       |
| November Email Votes                     | Kay       |
| Standing Updates                         |           |
| Minister's Report                        | Ian       |
| Treasurer's Report                       | Dave      |
| Finance Committee                        | No Report |
| Administration Committee Report          | No Report |
| Property Committee                       | No Report |
| Old Business                             |           |
| Review of Sponsored Projects             | Gary      |
| Physical Plant Update                    | Gary      |
| New Business                             |           |
| Property Opportunity Update              | Gary      |
| Congregational Meeting – Dec 11          | Gary      |
| Next Board Meeting: December 20th at 6pm |           |
| Adjourn                                  |           |



### THE BOARD DID **WHAT?!?**

Find out by reviewing their minutes on the Board's Board in the foyer or [on the website!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE • SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This notice serves as official notification of an intended Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the second service, 30 days from this publication, as required by our Bylaws (page 6).

The Board has been approached about the sale of property adjoining our parking lot. Members must vote to authorize the Board of Trustees to exercise special powers on its (the Congregation's) behalf with an Enabling Resolution (Bylaws, page 2) to accomplish such a task.

More information will be provided as it becomes available prior to the meeting. **Please mark your calendar to attend this Special Congregational Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE MOUNTAIN

Many members enjoy spending time at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center at Thanksgiving. While all rooms are booked for that week, there is plenty of space for commuters throughout the program, including Thanksgiving Day. Give them a call at 828-526-5838 and plan to relax for the holiday!



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A way forward for all ages.



## BIZHUB IS IN

Last Friday our BizHub was installed, and it is printing our Sunday Order of Service this morning. Our black and white laser printers did not allow for easy two-sided printing, so the vast majority of those jobs were either contracted out or accomplished on our color ink jet printer. Now they will be done in house. Codes are required to make any copies or to authorize printing—these codes will generate a report that allow us to better budget per Team and not lump all copy/printing costs under “Administration.”



*"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**

Our Minister is Rev. Ian White Maher. Reach him at [ian@uutc.org](mailto:ian@uutc.org) or by calling (877) 510-5603.

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).