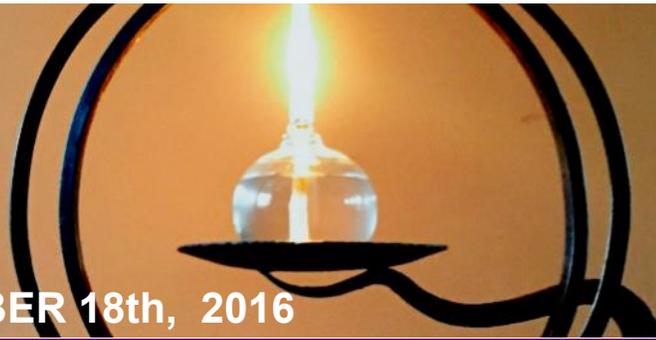


# UUTC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 18th, 2016



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## LEAN ON ME

by Rev. Ian White Maher

Sunday, November 20th at 9:30 and 11:00am

Our culture elevates the individual who perseveres, who pushes through conflict, who stands on their own. One of the great American archetypes is the lone wolf who doesn't need anyone. But this is a fantasy. We all need someone. And we're better people when we open ourselves to the possibility of being helped.

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

## WANT TO AVOID BLACK FRIDAY?

Several people have said they would like to see the blue tape in the Social Hall disappear. This is your opportunity! We need a few good people to help complete the paint job. Please [email the Admin](#) if you are game to spend an hour or two on Friday the 25th putting this job to bed!

find your  
tribe.  
love them  
hard.

## NEXT WEEK at UUTC

**Growing Younger** — Mon 11/21 @ 11:00am

**Ian out of office** — Tue 11/22—Wed 11/30

**Men's Group** — Tues 11/22 @ 9:00am

**Eclectics Jam** — Wed 11/23 @ 9:30am

**Being Group** — Wed 11/23 @ 1:00pm

**OFFICE CLOSED** — Thurs 11/24

**Living the Tao** — Fri 11/25 @ 10:30am

**Vitality Yoga** — Fri 11/25 @ 1:30pm

## YOUTH CONS KICK OFF!

CON season at The Mountain begins this weekend (Friday the 18th-Sunday the 20th) and we are sending record numbers of UUTC youth! The Elementary CON attendees left Friday evening for The Mountain and will be returning Sunday. We have six youth attending, the most ever, 5 of which are first time attendees. So, please send positive thoughts to Liam Galvagni, Nora

Felty, Patience Pandolfo, Leah Austin, Joey Burgess and Maddie Cochran, as they experience a real UU youth tradition. Thanks so much to parents Katherine Galvagni and Cheri Miller and grandparent Jim Null for volunteering to be adult advisors. Without them, our youth would not be able to attend. Be on the look out for pictures in next week's newsletter.



## YOUTH CON REGISTRATION IS LIVE!

Youth CON registration is **LIVE** on The Mountain website! Contact [Heather](#) for more information!

### Intermediate CON Dec 2-4 • High School CON Dec 9-11

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Youth CON fundraiser Bake Sale last Sunday. We earned just under \$350, which is enough to send 3 youth and two adult chaperones to The Mountain. Speaking of adult chaperones, we are in need of UUTC male supervisors to attend both the Elementary CON and the High School CON. If you would be interested in spending the weekend at The Mountain with some pretty awesome youth, please contact Heather. Our youth are unable to attend without supervisors from our congregation and each year we struggle to find male supervision. The time commitment is from Friday evening through Sunday early afternoon. It is **FUN** and you are helping to truly enrich the lives of UU youth.

## WHERE DID ALL THE SERMONS GO?

Our website has to serve many needs. One of those needs is to provide a warehouse of information for Members and Friends. But the other really important need is to provide information about UUTC to those who want to know if we might “fit” for them.

So, to avoid overwhelming new people with two year's worth of sermons, our [Sermons](#) page is being trimmed down to just a handful of “representative” sermons. All our sermons can be found in the [archive](#) in the Member Portal.



## 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

## USHERS NEEDED: CHECK THE SIGN UP SHEET!

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).

## POST-ELECTION FORUM FOR THE BROKENHEARTED • SUNDAY, NOV 20TH



Community members are invited to attend "A Gathering for the Dispossessed & Brokenhearted," a forum to reflect on the spiritual, social, and communal impact of the recent General Election.

The event is intended especially for those who feel angry, sad, distraught, dispossessed, despairing, or simply deeply troubled following the election.

The event is free and will be held in the sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 24 Varsity Street (at South Broad St., opposite Cardinal Drive-In), in Brevard on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 5:00 p.m. The event will end no later than 6:30 p.m.

Local ministers, including the Rev. Ian Maher of UUTC, the Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward, the Rev. Sheila Mooney and the Rev. Rob Field, will offer reflections about the implications of the election results. A generous amount of time will be reserved for those in attendance to share their perspectives.

At the end of the evening, suggestions will be made on how we might embody confidently our commitments to social justice and community healing. Members of the Rainbow Alliance, the NAACP, the Center for Spiritual Wisdom and other groups committed to diversity, non-violence and social justice will be present.

*(The flaming chalice, historically, was a symbol of safety for groups persecuted by the Nazis. —Ed.)*

## LEVERAGE YOUR GIFT AND REDUCE YOUR TAXES!

By donating appreciated stock, you can provide support for UUTC, either through our UUTC Endowment or the General Fund, **while also lowering your taxes more than a cash gift allows.**

When you donate stock or other securities to UUTC, you can take an income tax charitable deduction **for the entire current value of the stock** on the date it is donated (if you itemize, and subject to current IRS regulations). As an added bonus, when you donate appreciated securities, you will not have to pay any capital gains tax on those assets (if they have been held for more than one year). In effect, you can make a larger gift at a lower cost. For these reasons, a gift of appreciated securities may be one of the best ways for you to support Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County.

If you have publicly traded securities held electronically in a brokerage account, you can transfer them by wire through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to our brokerage account. This electronic transfer is the most popular and most efficient way to donate securities, and it is easy to implement.

To arrange this transaction, notify your broker of your intention to make a gift of securities to Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Be sure to tell them the name of the stock that you want to transfer and the number of shares. Also, please inform your broker of the following information about where to send the donated securities:

Brokerage: Ty Hendrix  
LPL Financial  
30 Green Acres Avenue  
Brevard, NC 28712  
Phone: 828-884-4929



DTC #: 0075  
Account Name: Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County  
Account #: 2038-6982  
Tax ID #: 56-2159071

Prior to your action please let us know of your intention to donate stock, and we will alert our broker to ensure that your generosity is acknowledged accurately and promptly. Please include your name, complete mailing address, and the name and number of shares of the stock that you are donating. Upon the sale of the asset, we will provide you with a formal tax receipt of your contribution. If you would like to donate securities held in certificate form or other financial assets, or if you have any other questions, contact Dave Roberts at 828-553-4461 or <mailto:treasurer@uutc.org>. Each inquiry will be handled discreetly and will place you under no obligation. Also, we encourage you to consult with your tax or financial advisor before making a gift of securities. Thank you for considering UUTC in your giving plans.

## TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION • OCTOBER 2016

Dear Friends and Members,  
The information presented here provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of October. Our fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 30th.

As of the end of October, our total assets were \$742,243.50 and our total liabilities were \$54,704.10.

Miscellaneous expenditures are usually capital improvement items such as

Sponsored Projects expenditures. The Sponsored Projects balance is down to \$8,180.58, and we have many more projects to complete than we can fund. **Please consider a donation of any size to these projects.** They are not funded through the normal budget process.

**During the month of October, we received a sizable donation through the iDonate program.** Please consider using this very easy program to make donations to UUTC of anything from electronics and jewelry to real property such as cars, boats and real estate. As always your donation of material goods and property remains tax-deductible and you will receive documentation of the value for tax purposes.

Our expenditures for the month of October break out as shown (*Facility, Green; Programming, Red; Ministry, Blue*):

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!]. Other donations, one-time or recurring, may be made through Vanco to the operating fund, the endowment fund, Sponsored Projects, or the Minister's Discretionary Fund. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#).

Respectfully, Dave Roberts [treasurer@uutc.org](mailto:treasurer@uutc.org)

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 19,661.74	\$ 15,602.74
Income through Oct 31th, 2016	\$ 22,654.45	\$ 85,214.02
Sponsored Projects Fund	\$ 8,180.58	\$ 8,180.58
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,046.50	\$ 40,046.50
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (-----)
Total Funds available through Oct 31th	\$ 90,543.27	\$ 149,043.84

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 9,326.54	\$ 38,041.80
Programming	\$ 5,668.75	\$ 24,055.49
Facility	\$ 1,670.91	\$ 7,569.16
Misc.	\$ 9,765.73	\$ 15,266.04
Total Expenditures through Oct 31th	\$ 26,431.92	\$ 84,932.49



## 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.

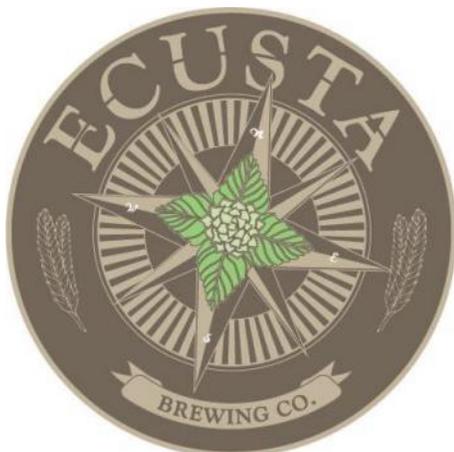
***NEW— In addition to the question of property, we will also be conducting a Forum on the issue of erecting a flag pole with both a United States flag and a Pride Flag.***

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.**

### WOW. JUST WOW!

HUGE thanks in order for your contributions to Backpack Buddies, ***which totaled an unprecedented \$3075.00!***

Your gifts are bound to make Thanksgiving more thankful for everyone!



### FELLOWSHIP ON TAP • MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 7:00PM

Interested in knowing more about UUTC? Just want to hang out with your friends? Join members, friends and others associated with UUTC at **7:00pm at Ecusta Brewing on Main** for some local brew (or wine, or soft drinks) and some refreshing conversation!

## STANDING ON PRINCIPLE

Ian spoke this past Sunday on the need to hold on to our Principles in light of the political climate. He spoke on the need to support those most vulnerable to the hateful actions of some in our communities.

This type of action is the action of a people who are willing to stand on their Principles and be Allies to the LGBTQ community. The bullets below describe what “allies” are—taken from PFLAG (formerly known as Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays):

- Allies want to learn. Allies are people who recognize they don't know all that can be known on LGBT issues or about all the experiences of people who are LGBT, but they want to understand more.
- Allies address their barriers. They may have to grapple with some roadblocks to being openly and actively supportive of people who are LGBT, and they're willing to take on the challenge.
- Allies are people who know that support comes in many forms. It can mean something super-public (think covering yourself in rainbow glitter and heading to a Pride celebration with a sign reading, “PROUD ALLY”). But it can also mean expressing support in more personal ways through the language we use, conversations we choose to have, and signals that we send.
- Allies are diverse. Allies are people who know that there's no one way to be an ally, and that everyone gets to adopt the term in a different way...and that's ok.

Some voices from our Congregation:

*“Being an ally is easy for me because my mother and father were allies without knowing it. They valued everyone and I watched. So far in Brevard, years of being an advocate for LGBTQ folks of all ages has not been scary or even difficult. If we are living in different times now, the work may be harder, but I cannot imagine stopping or taking an easier, but less powerful direction. People need our help. Not with canned food or money or clothing. But with our courage.*

*NOW is my time to be brave...if there ever was a time in my lifespan. I didn't march on Washington in 1963, I didn't walk in Selma, I didn't speak out many times when I knew I should and wished I had.”*

—**Susan Bir**

*“During the height of the AIDS crisis, the rallying slogan was “Silence Is Death”. I lived as an out LGBT person then, and it was gut wrenching. In these times, we are not dealing with death by a devastating physical illness. But bigotry run amok is just as fatal.”* — **Gerry Azzata**

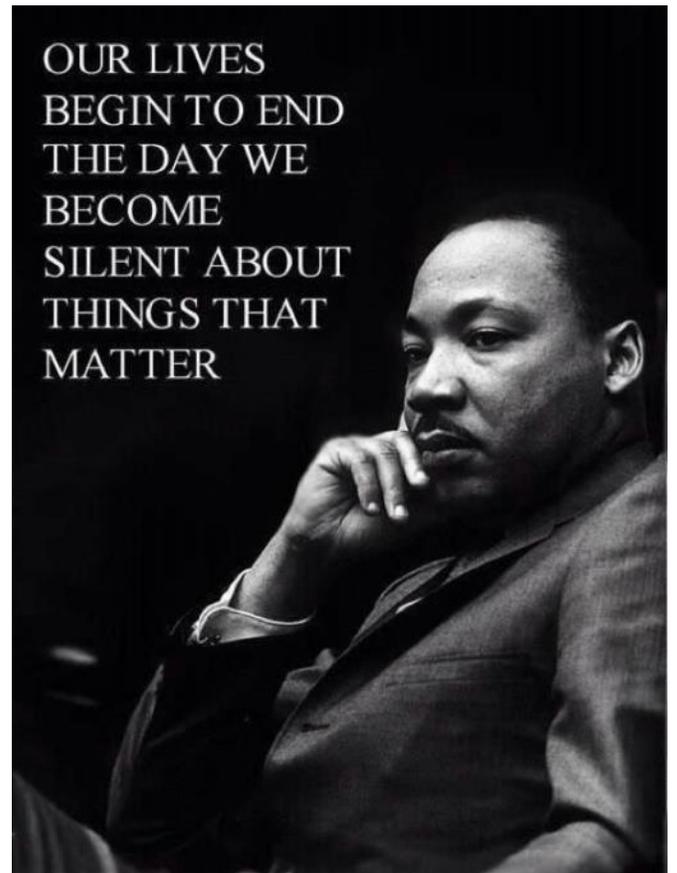
*“As a gay man, I look to find support and affirmation wherever I might. I look for support and affirmation for me, my partner, our friends and our way of being in the world. I found UU when I was in Charlotte, in my 50’s. I had searched for a church community much of my adult life. But it was not until I tapped into the UU community that I truly felt accepted.*

*Earlier in my life, I lost jobs just because of acknowledging I am gay and I was ostracized by family and friends. I was bullied and ridiculed in my youth and as an adult. I’ve known friends/acquaintances who were murdered just because of being gay. Coming out has been a life-long process. I am no longer afraid; or at least I haven’t been for years. Now, I feel that fear arising again. I learned long ago that accepting and being open about being gay is the best way of combating that fear. Know me, see me, accept me and acknowledge me.” — Will Sims*

*“It is one thing to love UUTC because our principles reflect my values, to respect those individuals in the congregation who walk the talk, and to get warm fuzzies reading about UU congregations who stand up as a community in the public square. None of that requires that I risk anything. How can I say these are my values if I am unwilling to risk? Isn’t that merely an empty intellectual exercise? I am late to the table on this, but I am willing to step up. Here among my intentional family, I can draw from the courage of others and practice speaking my truth. So I say, yes, I want to stand up and show our community who we are. Do I understand why this makes some of us uneasy? Yes, I do. But who are we if not this?” — Joanna Bliss*

*“People made safe places available for my lesbian daughter where she lives. People started a safe space with PFLAG when I was alone trying to support my newly out daughter. I want to make a safe place for LGBTQ and their parents & friends in Brevard. We are all in this together.” —Jane Hilliard*

In order to keep our Forum on December 11th as brief as possible, we would like to publish statements (fairly brief) from all who would be willing to contribute to the discussion ahead of time in the newsletter. Please [email the Administrator](#) to submit your thoughts.





*"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).