

A Timeline History of UUTC

1998: Transylvania UUs initially gathered for potlucks and possibilities.

January 17, 1999: Organizing meeting in a local home with UUA's Thomas Jefferson District Director, Roger Comstock.

June 6, 1999: Initial charter adopted. Thirty-three charter members signed the Membership Book. A meeting room was rented at Brevard College for "Church in a Trunk." With UUA District help, Rev. Gary Hyndman was engaged for a service once a month. Services later moved to the auditorium. "More Church in a Trunk"

March 2000: UUTC became eligible to join the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

March 2001: First Adult Education monthly discussion offered.

June 2002: Contractual relationship with Rev. Gary Hyndman ended. Rev. Ernie Mills accepted the new position of part-time minister for two services a month.

2003: Building Search began.

January 2004: Minister's position was increased to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. In Feb., services first held every Sunday.

March 1, 2004: Purchase of property 24 Varsity Street by 78 members: \$238,000 mortgage with a total cost of \$648,400.

May 2004: Renovations needed for occupancy were completed with mostly volunteer labor.

June 6, 2004: First service in new home. Thirty-five people walked from Brevard College with the contents of the "Trunk." Bo Taylor, curator of the Cherokee Nation Museum, attended to bless the proceedings.

August 15, 2004: Building dedication featured UUA President, Rev. William Sinkford.

2004-2006: Discussion groups and Strategic Planning Cottage Meetings held.

2005: With Rev. Jean Rowe as his mentor, Rev. Mills began his path to full Fellowship as a UU Minister in 2014.

2005-2006: Generous gifts and volunteer labor added windows, wall and ceiling finishing, lighting, carpeting, sound system and grand piano.

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January 2006: Rev. Mills became full time minister.

June 3, 2007: Rev. Mills was ordained at UUTC.

2009: UUTC became a Welcoming Congregation.

June 6, 2009: Tenth Anniversary observed and celebrated.

2009: Congregational Covenant adopted for our Beloved Community.

September 2009: ¾ time Co-Directors of Religious Exploration hired.

2009-2010: Our wall hangings were salvaged from College Walk

May 13, 2011: Membership Task Force Final Report recommends a Prospective Member Class.

November 2011: First You, Me, and UUTC series. UU101 taught through 2007.
Resumed 2009-2011.

June 30, 2012: Co-DRE's retired.

2012: Warm and Dry Capital Campaign raised \$100,000 for new roof, HVAC and sound systems.

October 2012: CRE restart with Lead Teacher and Teacher.

2013: New Organizational Structure and By-Law changes proposed and approved.

October 26, 2014: First gay couple legally married at UUTC.

February 1, 2015: Rev. Mills voted Minister Emeritus at Special Congregational Meeting

April 26, 2015: Rev. Mills Last Service held in the Rogow Room, followed by a Celebration Lunch at UUTC. Last day was April 30, 2015.

August 1, 2015: Rev. Dr. Paula Gable began service as Interim Minister.

Sept 23, 2015: Board approved increase to 40 hours per week for Administrative Assistant, as well as name change to Administrator.

September 1, 2016: Rev. Ian White Maher began service as our second Interim Minister.

January 19, 2017: Varsity Extension Purchase.