

# UUTC UPDATE

MARCH 24th, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## BREAK-THROUGH CONSCIOUSNESS

by Rev. Dr. Rob Field

**Sunday, March 26th at 9:30am and 11:00am**

Awakening and enlightenment come in a variety of "packages." For some, it happens in a moment. Others recognize a slow evolution, with subtle changes over time. Rob Field will address the topic from his personal experience and the wisdom that comes from some of our greatest spiritual teachers. He also will ask those in attendance about their experience with break-through consciousness and allow time for dialogue.

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

## NEXT WEEK— AN EARLIER EARLY SERVICE

**Starting April 2nd**, our early service will begin at **9:15am**. This will allow us a bit more time for coffee and for the coming and going of folks to ease the pressures on our available parking.

Remember that your  
perception of the  
world is a reflection  
of your state of  
consciousness.

*-Eckhart Tolle*

## COMING UP at UUTC

- Brevard Cares Cleanup** — Sat @ Police Dept
- Growing Younger** — Mon 3/27 @ 11:00am
- Christians in Exile** — Mon 3/27 @ 3:30pm
- Men's Group** — Tues 3/28 @ 9:00am
- Eclectics Jam** — Wed 3/29 @ 9:30am
- Choir Rehearsal** — Wed 3/29 @ 4:00pm
- Membership Class** — Sat 4/1 @ 9:00am
- Lusty Horn Concert** — Mon 4/3 @ 7:30pm
- Work Day** — Sat 4/8 @ 10:00am



## OUR HEARTS CAN HEAR

We are the recipients of a very generous gift. UUTC was founded by people with a vision; people who were committed to the establishment of a faith community dedicated to acceptance and inclusion.

Because of their generosity of spirit and resources, we enjoy this place of worship and refuge, a place in which to recharge and prepare to serve the world. May we extend welcome, hope and love to all those who, like us, are in search of a spiritual home.

The Stewardship Team asks you to consider our mission of transforming lives as you decide this year's pledge amount. Together we can do great things.

## MEMBERSHIP MAIN COURSE & DESSERT 2017 • LAST CALL!



The new name for our prospective member class is **The Main Course: UUTC Connections Class**. If you are thinking of becoming a Member or Friend of UUTC this spring, attend and share this day with Ian, staff and congregational leaders. Childcare is available by request. Other details, including lunch break details and your preparations for the class, will follow.

For those who choose membership, the spring Signing and Welcoming Ceremony is scheduled for **April 16th**. Sign up on the office counter or email [membership@uutc.org](mailto:membership@uutc.org).

"You, Me, and UUTC" grads who are interested in Signing and being part of the Welcoming Ceremony on April 16th should email [membership@uutc.org](mailto:membership@uutc.org).

Fall dates are October 7th and 15th for the class and welcoming ceremony.

## WOMEN'S GROUP • THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

All UU Women and friends are invited to the Women;s Group Meeting on Thursday April 6th from 12:30 to 2:00pm in the social hall. Bring your bag lunch and a treat to share if you like. Discussion of current events will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue with a sharing of "Crossing Thresholds" as inspired by Brigid's Fox's recent homily.

Any women or visitors new to UU are welcome to join the group. For additional information call JoAnn Crawford at 877-5344.



## LARRY HUNTLEY RETURNS TO UUTC **APRIL 3RD** — **THE LUSTY HORN: A DEVIL TO PLAY**

This “Lusty Horn” concert will celebrate the **music of Broadway!** Hornists **Lawrence Huntley** and **Carol Weinhofer**, accompanied by **John Austin** at the piano, will present a performance of timeless show tunes that

have thrilled audiences throughout the past century. Attendees will be invited to participate in this hour-long songfest of Broadway highlights, including that perennial favorite, “The Sound of Music”!

Suggested Donation: \$10. The musicians are donating the proceeds to UUTC's Varsity Extension Project Fund. [Reserve preferred seating HERE](#). Doors open at 7:00pm!

## **GEMS OF GOODNESS IN CRE!**

Children’s Religious Exploration “Moral Tales” have been taking place in the small classroom on Sunday mornings. Every week, they have been adding to their Gems of Goodness jar, which is now nearly full. Each gem in this jar represents something good and just. It represents a story shared in a safe and spiritual space. We have shared stories of recycling, helping pets, helping parents, helping the environment, taking personal responsibility, persevering and having courage when facing a personal challenge...all points on our growing Moral Compass.



In celebration of our full Gem Jar, we are going to take a Sunday field trip to the Crystal Mountain Gem Mine in downtown Brevard on Sunday, April 9th. We will start in the sanctuary at the 11:00 service as usual, and go to our classroom as usual. We will have a short ceremony, a hearty snack, a discussion of safety rules and then head out, starting our walk to the Gem Mine by 11:45am.

Heather is sharing this information with everyone so that we can see what our families with young children are up to. Their field trip will complete at about 2:00pm that day and parents can pick up their children then.

## UUTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA • MARCH 28, 2017 @ 6:00PM

Welcome & Check-In	Gary
Opening Words	Cantey
Approval of February Minutes	Kay
Email Votes since February Meeting	Kay
Standing Updates	
Minister's Report	Ian
Treasurer's Report	Dave
Finance Committee	
Administration Committee	
Property Committee	
Board Calendar Review	Kay
Old Business	
Facilities Team Policy Proposal	Kay
Budget Update	
Varsity Extension Update	Gary
Stewardship Update	Carol
<b>GA/SUULE (see articles on pages 5 and 6)</b>	
New Business	
Review of Board Operating Guidelines	Kay
Jewish Community Support	Cantey
Method of Donations to Social Action Selections	Cantey
Arcadia Power Initiative	
Upcoming Dates:	April 24 @3pm – Bd members meet with Dawn Cooley
	April 30 – May 7 – Candidate Week
Next Board Meeting:	April 25 @ 6:00pm
Adjourn	

## SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR MARCH— S.A.F.E.

SAFE's mission in Transylvania County is to lead our community in eliminating domestic violence and sexual violence through prevention, advocacy, education and healing. For more than twenty years, SAFE has provided services with the vision that all victims of domestic and sexual assault will be shown dignity and respect and given the opportunity to create lasting changes that result in a life free of violence and abuse. SAFE operates Stacey's House, a shelter where women and their children can go to escape crisis situations and receive counseling and support for an improved future.



## BREVARD JEWISH COMMUNITY INVITATION

Passover dinner will be April 10th, 2017 at 6pm. We must receive RSVP's by April 3rd so we can order the right amount of food which will be supplied by Blue Ridge Bakery.

We are opening up the Passover Dinner reservations to outside guests from the Faith Communities of Brevard. Space is limited, so register quickly!

The location is the Sacred Heart Church social hall. Your paid reservation is your ticket and can be reserved by mailing a check by 4/03 to the Brevard Jewish Community care of Retha and Ross Lynch at 421 Fox Tower Rd. Brevard, NC 28712. The cost is \$35/adult and \$20/child under 13 years of age.

If you have ANY questions, please call Henry Felt, 828-515-1836 or e-mail me, [henryfelt@gmail.com](mailto:henryfelt@gmail.com)

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## 2017 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's GA will be a Justice Assembly, and New Orleans was selected strategically. New Orleans is known as a place of re-birth following the devastation of Katrina in 2005. Many Unitarian Universalists have contributed time and funds in the effort to rebuild both the city and the congregations in the area. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community. Register by clicking the title link above.



Susan Slocum intends to go and could use a roommate. Call Susan if you'd like to join her!



## SUUSI 2017 • SUMMER CAMP FOR UUs!

Registration begins April 15th for this year's Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute! The on-line catalog is available soon. **SUUSIship** applications are due by April 30th (scholarships). It is a fabulous week of worship, fellowship, activity, music, dance and more. SUUSI is truly for all ages. Heather is available to answer questions, as are Elizabeth Thompson and Lynn Halsey. Susan Sklar is also a fan!

Visit the website by clicking on the logo above—the pictures alone will give you a hint about the diversity of activities available. [Western Carolina University](#) (WCU) is the campus for activities— so close! Award yourself some time surrounded by other UUs—SUUSI starts July 16th!

## SUULE: SOUTHERN REGION UU LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

*“Sending a team to a Leadership Experience is an investment in the future of the congregation and in the future of Unitarian Universalism.”*

Perhaps no more compelling statement can be made in support of this premise from the UUA website than to look at the work of Susan Slocum, Carol Moore and Gary Kendrick over the last year—all of who attended SUULE. With their leadership, UUTC has experienced positive growth—both in membership and in revenues. Positive revenues in church communities are always indicative of faith in the leadership of the congregation, and UUTC is no exception.

Attendees of SUULE must be nominated by the Board to attend. This year, nominations are due by June first. SUULE will take place in August, on the week of the 6th. It will be held in Wirtz, VA.

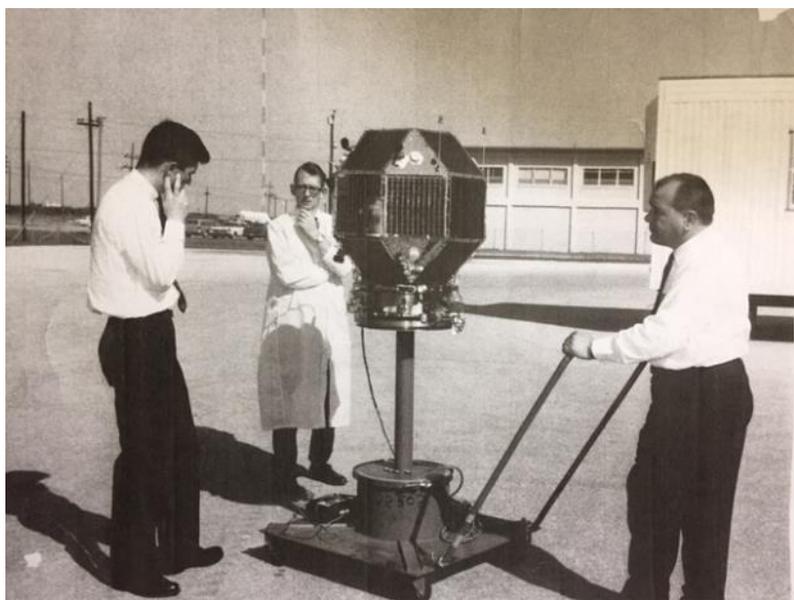
“The core pedagogy of the Southern Region Leadership Experiences rests on the philosophy that **leadership is about discernment, presence, and functioning of the self**. Each individual brings their own gifts and talents to the experience, and over the course of the week, each individual gets an opportunity to see how those gifts can manifest as a leader in a spiritual community. To augment this individual discovery and growth, knowledge of systems and group dynamics are taught to shed light on how each individual can play a unique and important role in creating a vibrant religious community.”

Your Board would like to send a willing Team. If you are interested in being part, contact [Gary](#). The Board did budget some supporting funds to assist with costs. Be part of UUTC's future by committing to this Leadership Experience — it is a real joy.

## STRANGER THAN FICTION DEPARTMENT

Once upon a time, back in 1965, a US satellite was launched. It weighed 68 pounds and went by the name of LES1. LES1 never reached its intended destination, and the military stopped receiving signals from it only two years later. Poor LES1 was written off as space junk. (Can you imagine the humiliation?) Recently, however, a British amateur astronomer by the name of Phil Williams began picking up “ghostly” signals that were later identified as having come from LES1. The theory is that more intense sunlight started hitting LES1’s solar panels and kicked its transmitters back into gear. This story appeared in the March 2017 AARP Bulletin.

But what, you ask, is this bit of news doing in the UUTC newsletter? Well, it happens that a certain 32 year old electrical engineer worked on this very project back in 1965. He was delighted to read the story, primarily because the solar power supply was his primary responsibility. He explained, in his letter to AARP, that solar panels surrounded the LES1 satellite because “in those archaic days,



rotational stabilization was still being developed.” In the image below, taken at what is now called Cape Canaveral, you can see this shroud of panels all around little LES1.

The electrical engineer is the dashing fellow on the left side of the image. While he is no longer 32, he’s still in fine form—you know him as Lloyd Slocum.

## VULNERABILITY AND BELONGING

“Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage aren’t always comfortable, but they’re never weakness.” (Dr. Brene Brown) On the last page, we always feature a link to the most current newsletter from the UUA Southern Region’s newsletter. This week there is an outstanding column from **Christine Purcell** about how we build our strength through the work of being Unitarian Universalists, a faith community founded on the right to adjust our spiritual understanding as we grow. Follow the link on the next page to read this great column.



## Inclusive. Intentional. INVOLVED.

*Our Mission, as a welcoming, inclusive community acting from love, compassion and respect is:*

*To support individual spiritual journeys and To promote social, economic and environmental justice.*

## KEEP UP WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Like us on Facebook and keep up with events during the week—get early notification on sermons! Great posts from our Children's Religious Exploration program and more. Click the logo to be taken to the page!



Read the latest UUA Southern Region Newsletter [HERE!](#)



## SOUTHERN REGION

## KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our "insider" [church calendar](#). For previous issues of the UUTC 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 [ianuutc@gmail.com](mailto:ianuutc@gmail.com) 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 the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is [admin@uutc.org](mailto:admin@uutc.org).