

UUTC UPDATE

MAY 12th, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

ONE HAS IT, THE OTHER HAS NOT

by Rev. Ian White Maher

Sunday, May 14th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

It is time for us to raise the blinds and let the light shine in on our being by letting go of right and wrong, by letting go of the wall we use to divide us from others. This is not to say there is no injustice, there is. And the end of injustice begins with witnessing and praying and protesting for change without denying our unity. The experience is not loss, but joy when we experience the love of all creation.

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

SOFTBALL STARTING UP! COME CHEER ON THE TEAM!

If we look at the path, we do not see the sky. We are earth people on a spiritual journey to the stars. Our quest, our earth walk, is to look within, to know who we are, to see that we are connected to all things, that there is no separation, only in the mind.

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COMING UP at UUTC

Budget Forum — Fri 5/12 6:00pm

Rev. Ian out of office — Mon 5/15

Growing Younger — Mon 5/15 @ 11:00am

Softball! — Mon 5/15 @ 7:30pm Field 2

Men's Group — Tues 5/16 @ 9:00am

Eclectics Jam — Wed 5/17 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 5/17 @ 4:00pm

Fellowship on Tap — Wed 5/17, 6:30 @ Quixote's

Softball! — Thurs 5/18, 6:30pm Field 1

Photo Shoot — Sat 5/20 @ 8:30am

HISTORIC VOTE!

Sunday, May 7th, 110 Members of UUTC (and some Friends) stayed for the Congregational Meeting to Call Rev. Ilene Gillispie.

As things do, stuff happened that ended up confusing the final vote count. We made modifications to allow those less ambulatory to NOT have to come up to be checked off and receive their ballot (and then forgot to check one of them off). We accepted an Absentee ballot from another Member who had a home emergency she had to return to (and then, when she got back before the vote, almost threw out her vote). It is clear that a set of procedures based on these experiences would help us the next time, because there is no doubt that we as an institution will forget these lessons before the next time if we do not.



After all was said and done, however, the Call was clear. Adding the 13 Absentee Ballots to the 109 valid ballots, we had a total of 122 Yes or No ballots. Of these 122, 116 were Yes votes, indicating that 95% of us were in favor of calling Rev. Ilene Gillispie. Rev. Ilene joyfully accepted the results and signed her contract with us, to start in August. Huge thanks are due the Board for their continuing perseverance and transparency in what has been a truly exceptional year.



FACILITIES TEAM CONTINUES TO ROCK & ROLL

At left, John Huggins works to remove glazing from cracked window panes in the yellow house prior to replacement. Bob Bennett fought the good fight and won with the Bicycle Parking sign, and many other tasks have been marked off “the list.” At #74, the defunct hot water heater has been replaced, as have the washer and dryer. Still to come: flooring replacement, final touches on painting, re-hanging of the porch swing and updating some lighting, fixing a leak and repairing gutters!

A CELEBRATORY FAREWELL

Thank you to all who helped with or attended the Jack Williams concert. The occasion exceeded my wildest imagination in celebrating the spirit of my beloved Jim Avery. And I understand we raised over \$1700 to assist with the renovations of our Varsity Street properties.

Great work everyone!

Blessings, Carol Flake.



Above: Jack played to a packed house. At left, Karen, Jim's granddaughter, models the quilt made of Jim's old t-shirts.

FELLOWSHIP ON TAP

Wednesday! 6:30pm! Quixote's! If you can give the office a heads up by noon on Wednesday, we can make their lives easier in preparing for the crowd.

This is always a fun event and gives us time to talk to each other in a very relaxed environment. Come join the fun! Quixote's has not yet moved to their downtown location, so plan on coming to the "old" place.



A happy Rev. Ilene after the vote on Sunday!

**Annual Congregational Meeting
May 21, 2017 at 12:00pm @UUTC**

Agenda:

President's Address

Resolution to Approve 05/22/16 Annual Meeting Minutes

Resolution to Approve Nominees for Board of Trustees for 2017-2018

Resolution to Approve Nominees for Nominations Committee for 2017-2018

Resolution to Approve Proposed Budget for 2017-2018

Slate of Nominees for Board of Trustees for 2017-2018:

President - Carol Moore

President-Elect - Peter Mockridge

Secretary - Kay Webb (2nd year)

Treasurer - Dave Roberts (3rd year)

Member-at-Large - Wayne Smith (3rd year)

Member-at-Large - Cantey Carpenter (2nd year)

Member-at-Large - Brigid Fox (1st year)

Links to relevant
meeting documents
can be found

[HERE](#)

Slate of Nominees for Nominations Committee for 2017-2018:

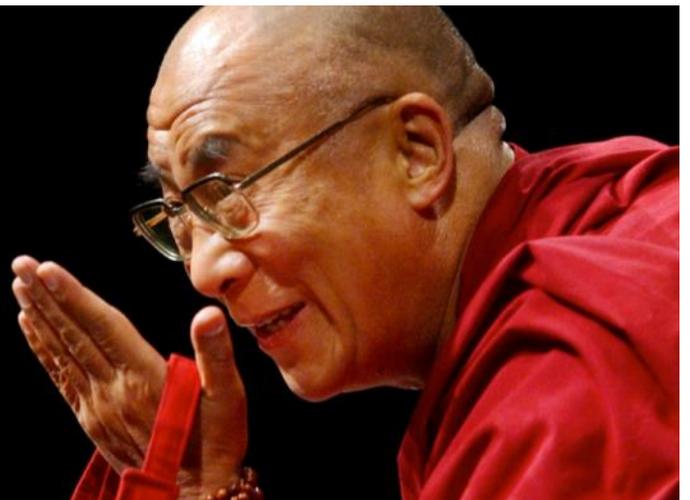
1. Carolyn Fredley (3rd year)

2. Virginia MacDonald (2nd year)

3. Peg Hall (1st year)

The intelligent way to
be selfish is to work
for the welfare of
others.

-The Dalai Lama





CHARITABLE GIVING AGENCY FOR MAY: RISE & SHINE

You matter. • We believe in you. • Dream big.

Our May social action community outreach is Rise and Shine/Neighbors in Ministry. Rise & Shine is dedicated to enriching children, empowering parents and encouraging community. Since 1996, when Rise and Shine was launched as a year round after school/summer program, the organization has been helping economically disadvantaged and racial minority children learn about the fundamental importance of education, about their community and culture, and about themselves.

Every contribution of support will be accepted with gratitude. Envelopes will be in the collection basket each Sunday in May for you to use. Please make your check out to "Rise and Shine."



One-on-one tutoring helps students get assistance

CHARITABLE GIVING • UPDATES — TIME IS RUNNING OUT

To date, **30** people have completed the Charitable Giving Survey. The survey provides flexibility in answering—there is no list to choose from and the fields allow for you to explain your choices.

To date, there is strong consensus around **Sharing House, The Haven, Bread of Life, Pisgah Legal, The Children's Center,** and **UUTC's Varsity property rehab project.** All other selections—not so much. Many other suggestions have received fewer than 3 votes, and seven have received only one. And, despite environmental justice appearing in our Mission Statement, only two votes have gone to anything connected with that distinct emphasis.

Rev. Ilene, besides appreciating the idea of making June or July the Minister's Discretionary Fund drive, indicated strong support for our new Varsity property rehabs as an appropriate charitable gift at this time.

Thirty is certainly not an adequate sample size from which to draw conclusions. Therefore, **the link is STILL here for you to participate—but time is running out. Please "weigh in" today!**

www.uutc.org/charitable-giving

FEELING JOYFUL? FEELING ANXIOUS? FEELING BOTH?

TRAIN TO LEAD IN ANXIOUS TIMES

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

Our theme for this month is Celebration. We are celebrating the work of our Search Team and more than the required votes cast approving our new settled minister.

But how do we love, support and celebrate those with doubts? The answer is listening without anxiety about change. I was trained in Leadership in Anxious Times at the Southern UU Leadership Experience in 2015. RK Young, Gary Kendrick and Carol Moore participated in 2016. We have written about it, preached about it and used it.

I was privileged to be able to listen and encourage a beloved member with doubts on the process and vote to speak to all during our discussion. I am proud of us. This is the proper dynamic.

To strengthen your UU faith, to understand why we need UUA and are needed by UUA, and to add to our corps of leaders trained in congregational systems and dynamics, I encourage you to ask a Board Member about nomination to **SUULE 2017**. The dates are Sunday August 6 to Friday August 11th. The location is the Skelton 4H Center in Wirtz, VA, near Roanoke. [Check out Center's website](#). I see a lake. Attendees will be staying in hotel-style lodging rooms. Registration deadline is June 1st.

You will share about and receive The Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion: Hope, Justice, Courage, Love and Joy. I have shared about courage with UUTC. I now want to share my Joy over this opportunity for you in this month of celebration.

RK Young wrote in an earlier article, “UU is bigger than UUTC and it is a beautiful thing.”

I could not say it better.

Susan Slocum, SUULE 2015

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.



Looking for some magic this summer?

Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County Presents

Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun

"Harry Potter and the 7 Principles"



July 31– August 4, 2017, 9:00am–1:00pm @ UUTC

This magical week will include:

- ★ A visit to Diagon Alley and the sorting ceremony
- ★ Working together as a team with one of our four fabulous houses to give service to our community based on Hope, Peace, Love & Faith
- ★ Learning healthy competition through Quidditch & the House Cup competition
- ★ Making magic supplies, like your own wand and magical hat
- ★ Exciting classes: Magical Creatures, Transfiguration, Defense Against the Dark Arts & Potions!

For more info, to register as a camper or Junior Counselor (ages 12 and up) or to volunteer, contact Heather Layton, creuutc@gmail.com or call 553-3810

Cost of Camp: \$70 for UUTC members, \$85 for non-members. \$40 for each additional sibling



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 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. Our church is located at the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.