

# UUTC UPDATE

JULY 14TH, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## YOU MIGHT (NOT) BE A UU IF...

by Rev. Erika Hewitt

Sunday, July 16th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

As a religion, Unitarian Universalists have no creed. In fact, we're so diverse that it's risky to make generalizations about ourselves – but in this sermon, Rev. Erika suggests ten core beliefs that hold us together, as well as reasons that some people might not feel comfortable in a UU congregation.

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

Pastoral Care for the remainder of July will be provided by Rev. Earle Rabb. Please use the phone number on the last page of this newsletter to contact him.

*“Focus not on  
doing less or  
doing more,  
but on  
doing what  
you value”*

*Gretchen Rubin*

## COMING UP at UUTC

**Heartfulness Meditation — Sun @ 4:30pm**

**Growing Younger — Mon 7/17 @ 11:00am**

**Men's Group — Tues 7/18 @ 9:00am**

**Eclectics Jam — Wed 7/19 @ 9:30am**

**Choir Rehearsal — Wed 7/19 @ 3:30pm**

**Dinner @ Quixote's — Wed 7/19 @ 6:30**

**Office Closed — Fri 7/21 & Mon 7/24**

**SUUSI — July 16-22**

**Hogwarts Camp — July 31-Aug 4**

**SUULE — August 6-11**

**Pre-School Chalice Camp — Aug 8-10**

## DINNER AT QUIXOTE'S • JULY 19

Join Heather Williams and the rest of the crowd Wednesday, June 21st, for food, beverages and fellowship at Quixote's! While construction is well underway at the location they will soon occupy, they are currently still across from Ingles on McLean Road.

Please [email the office](#), so that we can give Quixote's an approximate number to expect.



## CHARITABLE GIVING & SOCIAL JUSTICE — WHAT'S COMING UP

Early in August, Rev. Ilene will be meeting with a Social Justice Task Force. People selected to serve for this were recommended by Membership and Rev. Ian White Maher and then later, approved for the “ask” by Rev. Ilene Tompkins Gillispie. A Task Force is a group that works until completion on ... a single task. When the task is complete, the group is either dissolved or can be transformed by the minister (in this case, since it is a ministerial task force) into a ministry Team.

Agencies to receive charitable giving from UUTC Members and Friends during the 2017-2018 year are the Ministerial Discretionary Fund (July), Augustine Literacy Project (Aug.), Pisgah Legal Services (Sept.), Backpack Buddies (Oct.), UUSC (Nov.), “in kind” giving to Sharing House and the Community Christmas Dinner in December, The Haven (Jan.), Bread of Life (Feb.), S.A.F.E. (March), the Children’s Center of Transylvania County (April), Muddy Sneakers (May) and Sharing House (June).

Our Congregation supports many other organizations through space use or donations of the “in kind” variety. UUTC Members & Friends volunteer with a number of different agencies, though our efforts are not coordinated in any formal way.

The Social Justice Task Force will be working on finding a new path forward for UUTC on Social Justice work that means more than charitable giving alone. The second half of our Mission statement—*To promote social, economic and environmental justice*— will be used by the Task Force as an intentional direction in considering its recommendations for how we might all better participate in the work of Social Justice in our community.

## CHARITABLE GIVING FOR JULY: MINISTERIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND

### A Change in Execution

Starting this month, all Charitable Giving contributions will go into a separate fund prior to dispersal. **Therefore, checks should be written TO UUTC**, with the agency designation on the memo line.

This will allow your checks to clear almost immediately, making balancing your checkbook less of an issue. It also guarantees that you can deduct your contribution to the designated cause. UUTC will then write one check to the agency, or in this case, fund, and we will not have dozens of checks sitting around waiting for an agency to collect.

### Ministerial Discretionary Fund

In the past year, our minister has given funds to help purchase medications, pay for



overnight housing, assist with utility bills and a few other needs. Sometimes these gifts support those at UUTC, and sometimes they support others in the community. Your gifts this month will refill this reservoir for Rev. Ilene to use in ministering to the needs of our personal and connected community.

*This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

July is a month with FIVE Sundays, so UUTC will be collecting food for Sharing House at the end of the month. Baskets will be available in the lobby for your donations on July 23 and 30. Please take with you a list of most needed items from the basket on the counter.

The non-food items most needed by Sharing House are diapers, (sizes 5 and 6), laundry detergent, tampons (super), toilet paper, and paper towels. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

## THE HAVEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Haven, Transylvania County's shelter for the homeless, is in great need for volunteers. This is an easy opportunity where you can enjoy a conversation with a resident or catch up on your reading. If you are interested in volunteering, you will receive an orientation so you can understand what is expected.

Here is a list of the shifts available in July. (Some of them are as soon as next week!)

Overnight Shifts: July 19th, 23rd, 30th.

Please call the shelter if you are available at 828.877.2040.



## SINGING IMPROVES HEALTH (AND IT'S FUN!)

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Did you sing in a choir in an earlier life—either with your high school chorus or in another church? Are you looking for a way to more fully immerse yourself in Sunday mornings at UUTC?

Then come join our choir! We practice on Wednesday afternoons (usually 4-5:15pm) and sing usually two Sundays a month for our services. [Group singing has been scientifically proven to lower stress, relieve anxiety and elevate endorphins.](#)

We can always use a few more singers, especially — but not only— of the male variety. We also need more sopranos. The ability to read music is a plus but not a prerequisite.

[Contact John Austin](#) if you have any questions—he would love to hear from you!

### *In Memoriam*

*Sympathy of the Minister and the Congregation is extended to Jill Roberts and the family and friends of Bob Thompson, who “crossed the bar” to his next life June 29th.*

*A Celebration of Life is being planned for September.*

## A STAR PAINTER FROM THE FACILITIES TEAM: LINDA DARNELL

It has come to the attention of the Membership Team that Linda was inadvertently left out of our



most recent Photo Directory, an error for which we are deeply sorry. Linda has been a huge help during the preparation of the Varsity Street properties, doing cleanup, organization... and painting!

You'll learn more about Linda and our other newest members in future issues of the newsletter. Keep your eyes peeled!

## CATCH A GAME WITH US!

We are rescheduling for Sunday July 30th. Game starts at 2:05. We will meet at church to carpool. All are welcome! [Contact Heather](#) to reserve a ticket. \$7 for adults, \$5 youth. Our



seats are reserved for the shady part of the stadium!

## WANTED: THEATRICAL SETTINGS AND CRAFTY STUFF!

Small Plastic soda/juice bottles, preferably clear

Lava Lamp (we will take good care of it and return it to you)

Smallish bookcase, no more than 4' tall (we will take good care of it and return it to you)

Felt

Magazines and calendars with pictures of animals or creatures

## WANTED: CHEFS TO MAKE HOGWARTS-CENTRIC SNACKS!

Please visit [this page](#) and select from multiple recipes of snacks that are featured in the Harry Potter book series. [Pop off an email to Heather](#) so she'll know what you intend to bring, and can help avoid too much of any one culinary delight.

## WANTED: MORE "SETTINGS!"

Please see page 7 for the many props needed to give our kids a fully-immersed experience of being at Hogwarts Chalice Camp. Dig out your inner artist!



### *In Memorium*

*Sympathy of the Minister and the Congregation is extended to Evelyn Erb and the family and friends of Fred Erb, who we lost on July 10th.*

## HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

### Nancy Thompson

Heartfulness Meditation is a simple, practical technique that you can use alongside any other form of yoga, meditation or spiritual practice. You don't need to know how to meditate or to believe in a particular system or philosophy.

**Please join us on Sundays from 4:30-6:00PM** in the sanctuary for Heartfulness Meditation (Adult Religious Exploration). Questions? – please contact Jim or Nancy Thompson [eshopnat@gmail.com](mailto:eshopnat@gmail.com). Free. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!



Heartfulness

THROUGH MEDITATION, JOY

Join us at UUTC for  
**Pre-School Chalice Camp**

August 8-10th, 2017, 8:30am-12:00pm @ UUTC  
For ages 3 years-to rising Kindergarten



Explore the 7 Rainbow Promises through  
music, dance, games, arts & crafts,  
fellowship & friendship!

For more information, to volunteer or to register your child please  
contact Heather Layton, [creuutc@gmail.com](mailto:creuutc@gmail.com) or call 553-3810.  
Cost of camp: \$30 for UUTC members, \$40 for non-members

- \$20 for each additional sibling.

**LAST CALL!**



“Harry Potter is about  
confronting fears, finding  
inner strength and doing  
what is right in the face of  
adversity.”

—Stephen King



## CALLING ALL ARTSY/CRAFTY PEOPLE!

I am listing craft ideas and needs for the Hogwarts Chalice Camp. Some of you mentioned perhaps working on something of your own leading up to the big week. You can Google/Pinterest the idea and see what comes up. I have done this and get overwhelmed a bit, but I am kind of scared of crafting. 😊 I'm more of a Quidditch girl, the actual playing—not making the gear.

If you are feeling motivated and think you can take something on, just let me know so I can mark it off my personal list. Thanks!

- Felt Scarves and Ties for the Houses
- House Banners
- Password Portraits (the portraits that talk and line the walls of the house halls)
- Ideas for making wizard and witch hats (I want this to be an activity on the first day)
- Book Covers in the names of the Hogwarts classes
- Mirror of Erised
- Pin the glasses on Harry Potter Poster
- Broomsticks for Quidditch (I have pool noodles and have borrowed a Quidditch set from Campus Adventures)
- Platform 9 and 3/4 Poster to hang outside

The Houses, mascots, colors and themes are:

**Windhorse-** Pegasus- Green- Love

**Waverider-** Dolphin- Blue- Peace

**Stonedragon-** Dragon- Yellow- Faith

**Phoenixfire-** Phoenix- Red- Hope

You will be reimbursed for any materials that you purchase if you do take on a craft. I am also open to ideas about other crafting/decorating ideas for camp. I am happy to meet and work on things together as well. Mornings of the week of July 24-28th are great! I will be planning a camp staff meeting for teens and tweens that week, too. Our deadline is fast approaching!

Thanks ya'!!!

Heather



## 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

Need Pastoral Care? While we await our settled minister, call (877) 510-5603 to reach the minister on call.

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).