

UUTC UPDATE

JULY 21st, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

ON EMPATHY

by Pedro Sandin

Sunday, July 23rd at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

What is empathy? What are the triggers of empathy? What are its obstacles? What is the difference between empathy and pity? What is the importance of empathy to our lives in community?

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.

Opinion is really the lowest form of human knowledge. It requires no accountability, no understanding. The highest form of knowledge is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another's world.

Bill Bullard

COMING UP at UUTC

Heartfulness Meditation — Sun @ 4:30pm

Office Closed — Mon 7/24

Growing Younger — Mon 7/24 @ 11:00am

Christians in Exile — Mon 7/24 @ 3:30pm

Men's Group — Tues 7/25 @ 9:00am

Eclectics Jam — Wed 7/26 @ 9:30am

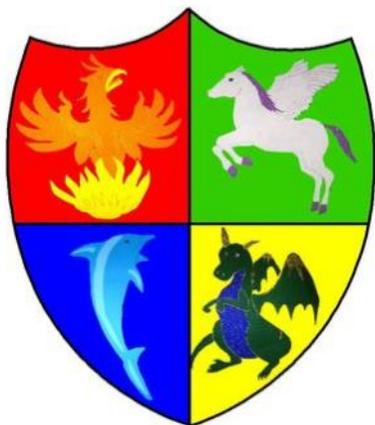
Hogwarts Camp — July 31-Aug 4

REV. ILENE ARRIVES!

Team Mtg. Night — Aug 6, 5:00pm

SUULE — August 6-11

Pre-School Chalice Camp — Aug 8-10



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

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 23rd, 30th.

Please call the shelter if you are available at 828.877.2040.



SING WITH THE CHOIR!

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!

SEEING STARS?

The Membership Team has been adding stars to visitors' laminated nametags since March. Please continue to recognize and extend a special welcome to these still new visitors. Any other visitor that would like a star is invited to contact Sue Null at membership@uutc.org. Visitors, Members and Friends wishing to add a rainbow sticker in support of our LBGTQI Welcoming Congregation may find them near the nametag storage boxes.

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. Free. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!



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

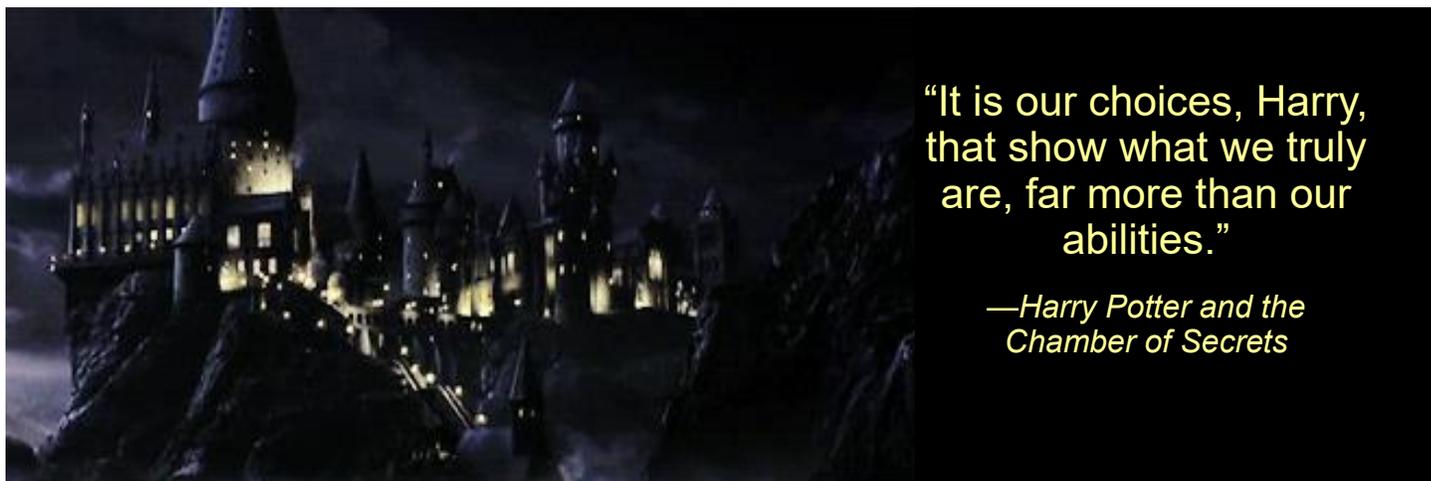


WANTED: CHEFS TO MAKE HOGWARTS-CENTRIC SNACKS!

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!



“It is our choices, Harry,
that show what we truly
are, far more than our
abilities.”

—*Harry Potter and the
Chamber of Secrets*

SPONSORED PROJECTS 2017-2018

Great things happened (and are still happening!) in 2016-2017 with your generous donations. Estimates are in for some serious wishes for our new fiscal year. Scheduling will be determined as donations are turned in to the Treasurer or placed in the donations box on the office counter. While the list below is not complete, it should provide a clue to the projects that are of high priority this year. Bold print items are particularly high priority.

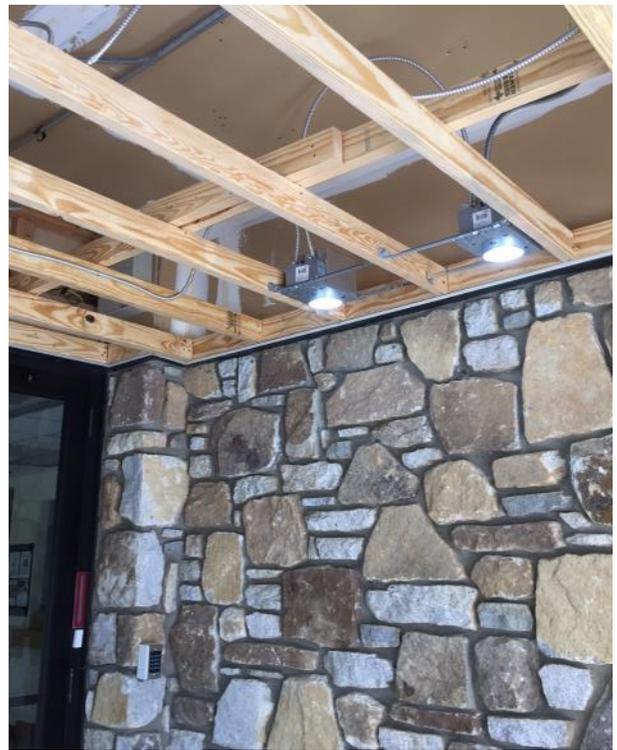
Nursery—1. Recessed shelving - \$1,625.00 2. Flooring—\$1386.70. Space creation and easy to clean flooring for our little ones and nursery staff.

Small Classroom—Magnetic White Board—\$1400.00 Wall-size whiteboard to allow easy display of creations by children, and the flexibility to quickly remove artwork in favor of some other use when necessary. Full-wall curtain to cover the whiteboard when a covenant circle meets—undetermined cost at this time.

A big emphasis for this year is to begin dealing with the failing florescent fixtures that we inherited. Replacing ballasts costs as much (or more) that replacing fixtures, and where it currently appears we have “dead bulbs” is actually the result of dying ballasts. LED fixtures provide us with the flexibility of dimmable fixtures, and the light from LED fixtures is much healthier for those who work in the building (like our new minister!). They also, of course, cost less to operate. LED Lighting for Classrooms & Nursery—\$1718. LED Lighting for **Minister’s Office, CRE Office + Men’s Room Sensor**— \$1236. Social Hall & Foyer—TBD.

An audio professional will be coming to UUTC next week to consult with us on how to add microphones over the choir area—we hope to have this cost available soon.

Other projects: Replacement of 3 Hearing Assist Devices—\$360.00, removal of 22 White Pines—\$1925.00, mulch for Varsity, 20 yards delivered—\$656.51. Choir chairs with book racks —\$1200. Pressure-washing of sidewalks & soffits — \$500.



The old florescent fixture is gone, replaced with recessed LED lighting. The suspension ceiling is gone, too. What will be in place on Sunday?

FUN TIMES AT QUIXOTE'S—>

UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda

July 25, 2017 @ 6:00pm

June Member Count: 169 Friends: 88

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| Welcome | Carol |
| Opening Words | Cantey |
| Approval of June Minutes | Kay |
| Standing Updates | |
| Settled Minister Update | Carol |
| Treasurer's Report | Dave |
| Administration Committee | |
| Finance Committee | |
| Property Committee | |
| Old Business | |
| Varsity Oxford House Update | Kay |
| New Business | |
| Board Calendar Review | Kay |
| Adjourn | |





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