

UUTC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

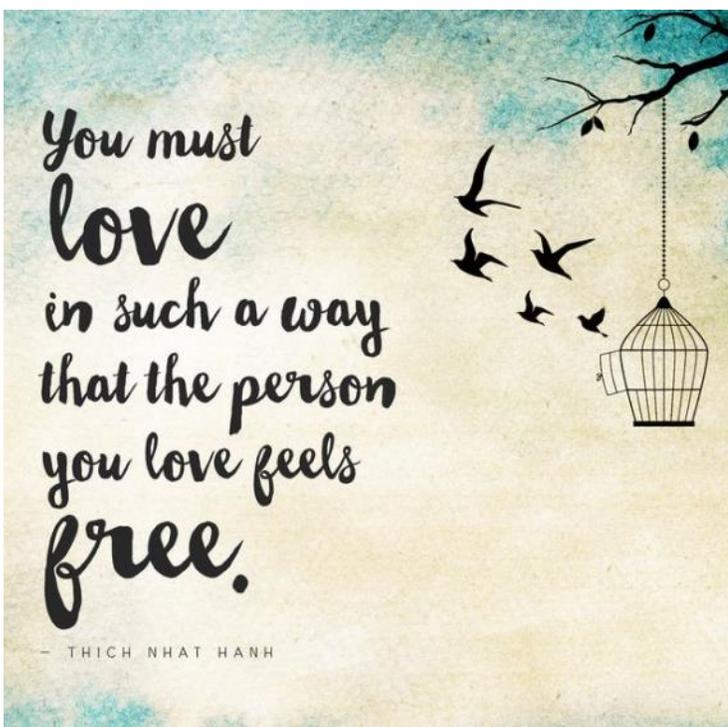
WHAT THEY CARRY

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, November 5th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

In this service, we will reflect together on the issues that face veterans of war, the gifts that veterans bring, and the challenges they face. As a former VA Chaplain, Rev. Ilene will share from her own experiences working with veterans and their families. How can we as Unitarian Universalists better honor the inherent worth and dignity of veterans? Our monthly worship theme is "Freedom," and this service will explore the freedoms we receive from those who serve in our military, and the freedoms that veterans, and all people, need, deserve, and so often lack.

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



COMING UP at UUTC

Growing Younger — Mon 11/06 @ 11:00am

Men's Group — Tues 11/07 @ 9:00am

SMART Recovery — Tues 11/07 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics — Wed 11/08 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 11/08 @ 4:00pm

Wonderful Wed. — Wed 11/08 @ 5:30pm

ACA Enrollment — Sat 11/11 @ 9:00am

Grounds Cleanup — Sat 11/11 @ 9:00am



SHRED THOSE RECORDS, DITCH THOSE DRUGS

Take advantage of this **free event** at Entegra Bank on **Tuesday, November 7th, between 11:00am and 2:00pm**. Get rid of those old financial records! Turn in your unused prescriptions and other old drugs! Protect yourself and others by emptying that medicine cabinet of the things you no longer need/use.



CHARITABLE GIVING FOR OCTOBER: UUSC

UUSC, the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**, is our Social Justice agency for November and is our only monthly agency which supports people outside Transylvania County and NC. UUSC is a leading voice for human rights and social justice in the United States and in 21 countries around the world. UUSC focuses on [Environmental Justice](#), [Economic Justice](#), and [Rights At Risk](#). UUSC also responds to disasters, defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations who are often left out of recovery efforts.

Individual or family contributions of \$125 or more are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, N.Y.--**doubling the impact of your gift**. Write checks to UUTC with UUSC in the memo line. *This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*



TIME'S A WASTING: NAME THAT HOUSE

Carol Moore

We are accepting written entry forms for the NAME THAT HOUSE, SPREAD OUR HERITAGE CONTEST between October 15 and November 15. **YOUTH may submit names for the yellow house** now occupied by Rev. Ilene. **Members and Friends may submit names for the gray residence now occupied by the women of Oxford House.**



Who or what in our UU history inspires you? Put on your thinking caps, do your research, and submit a name. See full details and entry form in this newsletter and on the counter at UUTC.

Contest rules & entry forms can be accessed [HERE](#), or you may pick one up from the front counter. Email your entry form or place in the wooden box on the front counter.

Don't know where to start? Try [HERE!](#)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 8TH • THE ECLECTICS



Next week's Wonderful Wednesday is special for a number of reasons. First, it will be the last Wonderful Wednesday of 2017 (that statement alone is astonishing. Where did the year go?). Second, the program will be an evening of toe-tapping, rollicking fun with **The Eclectics & Friends**, and Rev. Ernie Mills will be a part of it. And third, it will be the "retirement dinner" of Ann and Earle Rabb from their commitment to this wonderful, fellowship-building, delicious-tasting and brain-stimulating programming. The success of Wonderful Wednesdays over the many years it has been going is a testament to the ongoing investment of time, talent and love that these two have brought to UUTC. We owe them huge hugs!

As always, dinner is at 5:30pm. For this event, **RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL**. We will put tables in every available room, but will not be able to seat more than 80. Based on the attendance of the last Eclectics event, there will be no empty seats. If you have not already signed up at the front counter, be sure to call or email the office **no later than noon on Monday** to get on the list. [Also, just to let them know how much these programs have meant to you, consider an extra-generous gift in the table baskets, or a card to the Rabbs, or both!. — ed.]

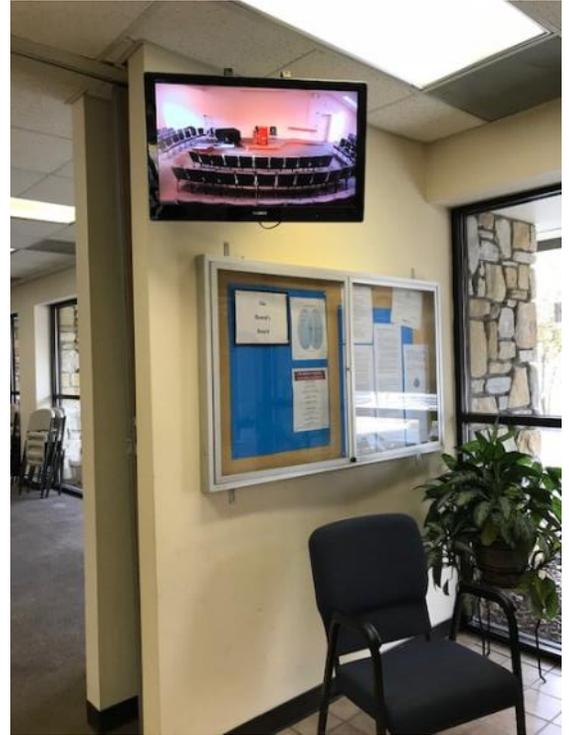
The photo above is from our last big Eclectics event. Pictures from this year will look a little different, but the joy the evening will bring is timeless. Plan to be here!

**Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the
imagination and life to everything.**

CHANGES IN THE FOYER

What seems like ages ago but was really only a year or so, we installed a monitor in the office that could be viewed from inside the nursery for those who felt they needed to leave the sanctuary for whatever reason. Folks could sit in the nursery or sit in the office, but it was a quiet space to keep up with what was going on in the sanctuary.

Well. Then we installed shelving for the nursery, and the “viewing station” in the office started feeling like banishment. So the monitor has been moved! It is now in the foyer, mounted above the Board’s Board, but angled towards the larger space. When the sound system is turned on for the sanctuary, the signal from the video camera is sent out via HDMI cable... all that is left is for the monitor to be turned on. The remote will be on a small table in the foyer—give the power button a tap and you should be good to go.



NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY • OUT & ABOUT!

Do you find yourself reluctant to take advantage of interesting and fun events in Brevard because it is no fun to go alone? Do you enjoy events more in the company of others?

If so, please [contact Joanna Bliss](#) to have your name added to a list of those notified of opportunities to be Out & About with old and new friends!
(photo is from a Tap Night, but concerts, plays, etc. will be target of group)

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR OBAMACARE — HEALTHCARE EVENT AT UUTC

If you or someone you know is in need of help in finding a healthcare solution, have them come to UUTC on Saturday, November 11th between 9:00am and 4:00pm. For the best use of time, call ahead for an appointment — 855-733-3711—but it is OK to walk in, as well.

The enrollment period has been cut in half, so DO NOT DELAY.



2018 Open Enrollment Kick-Off!

Meet with a Health Insurance Navigator to Review Your Options

Saturday, November 11
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Unitarian Universalists
Congregation
24 Varsity St., Brevard



Call for an appointment: 855-733-3711
Or go online to
connector.getcoveredamerica.org
Walk-ins Also Welcome!

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, THE BEST DIRECTORY IS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

People

People



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Partner

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Brevard, NC 28712



Contact Directories are really important for us all to stay connected. But did you know that the **ChurchLife** app is available to Members? It is easy to use and is the most up-to-date resource for reaching other Members and Friends of UUTC.

You can download and install the app from either Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Before you can use it, however, you will need a password from our ACS database.

To get that password, go to our Member page on the website: <http://uutc.org/member/>, scroll down to the red “ACS” logo, and follow the instructions. After logging in to the ACS database, they will email you with a password to use with the **ChurchLife** app.

Depending on Member or Friend information, you will be able to get directions to their home, call, email or text directly from within the app.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9:00 –12:00PM

Our Facilities Team could use some help! Just like pledging, grounds maintenance is something we need to do every year. This fall, we have more “grounds” than we used to, and few of this Team’s members will be unavailable for medical reasons.

Picking up dead branches, pruning, the beginning of invasive plant removal—these are some of the tasks that need doing. Lynn Halsey will be setting up refreshments on the porch of #52, as our main building will be in use for a Healthcare Navigator event. Bring your favorite implements of destruction and come join the fun!



END OF YEAR GIVING —LOWERING YOUR TAX BURDENS • PART I

By donating appreciated stock, you can provide support for UUTC, either through our UUTC Endowment or the General Fund, while also lowering your taxes even more than a cash gift allows. When you donate stock or other securities to UUTC, you can take an income tax charitable deduction for the entire current value of the stock on the date it is donated (if you itemize, and subject to current IRS regulations). You can deduct the full current value of the stock that you donate, not the amount you originally paid for it. As an added bonus, when you donate appreciated securities, you will not have to pay any capital gains tax on those assets (if they have been held for more than one year). In effect, you can make a larger gift at a lower cost.

For these reasons, a gift of appreciated securities may be one of the best ways for you to support Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. If you have publicly traded securities held electronically in a brokerage account, you can transfer them by wire through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to our brokerage account. This electronic transfer is the most popular and most efficient way to donate securities, and it is fairly easily to implement. To arrange this transaction, notify your broker of your intention to make a gift of securities to Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Be sure to tell them the name of the stock that you want to transfer and the number of shares. Also, please inform your broker of the following information about where to send the donated securities:

Brokerage: Ty Hendrix, LPL Financial • Phone: 828-884-4929
30 Green Acres Avenue • Brevard, NC 28712

DTC #: 0075 Account Name: Unitarian Universalists of
Transylvania County

Account #: 2038-6982 Tax ID #: 56-2159071



Prior to your transaction, please let us know of your intention to donate stock, so that we may alert our broker and ensure that your generosity is acknowledged accurately and promptly. Please include your name, complete mailing address, and the name and number of shares of the stock that you are donating. Upon the sale of the asset, we will provide you with a formal tax receipt of your contribution. If you would like to donate securities held in certificate form or other financial assets, or if you have any other questions, please contact Dave Roberts, Treasurer, 828-553-4461 or treasurer@uutc.org. Each inquiry will be handled discreetly and will place you under no obligation. Also, we encourage you to consult with your tax or financial advisor before making a gift of securities. Thank you for considering UUTC in your giving plans.

END OF YEAR GIVING —LOWERING YOUR TAX BURDENS • PART II

Planning your Required Minimum Distribution for 2017?

Please consider UUTC!

The core requirements for making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from an IRA to a charity are contained in [IRC Section 408\(d\)\(8\)](#) (as created under Section 1201 of the [Pension Protection Act of 2006](#)).

Under the QCD rules, the IRA owner must be at least age 70 ½ to do the QCD to the charity (and notably, the IRA owner must be age 70 ½ or older on the date of distribution, not merely turning 70 ½ sometime that year). Under [IRS Notice 2007-7, Q&A-36](#), even a beneficiary of an inherited IRA can be eligible for a QCD, so long as the beneficiary themselves is at least age 70 ½ on the date of the distribution.

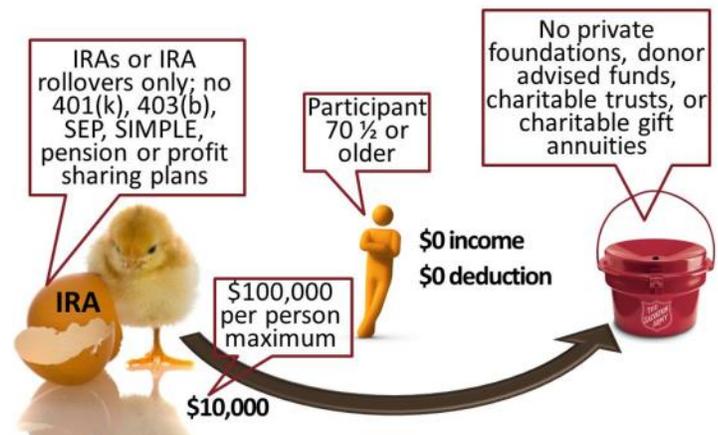
The maximum dollar amount of a QCD for any individual from his/her IRAs is limited to \$100,000 per year. For QCDs, this annual limitation is done on a “per-taxpayer” basis (across any or all of the individual’s IRAs, regardless of how many accounts are used to generate the charitable distribution), though as a per-taxpayer limitation a married couple can *each* do up to \$100,000 (as long as each taxpayer’s QCDs come from his/her respective IRA).

Making a charitable donation to UUTC of all or part of your RMD may have significant tax advantages for you. Please consult your accountant or lawyer for additional information as it may pertain to your tax situation.

Dave Roberts, Treasurer

treasurer@uutc.org (828) 553-4461

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)



GIVING TO BACKPACK BUDDIES

In the month of October, your gifts, written to UUTC and designated for Anchor Baptist’s Backpack Buddies program, totaled \$2415.00. Thank you for your continued support of hungry children in Transylvania County.



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!



New Design— 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? Call Rev. Ilene at (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.