

UUTC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

THE GIFTS WE BRING

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

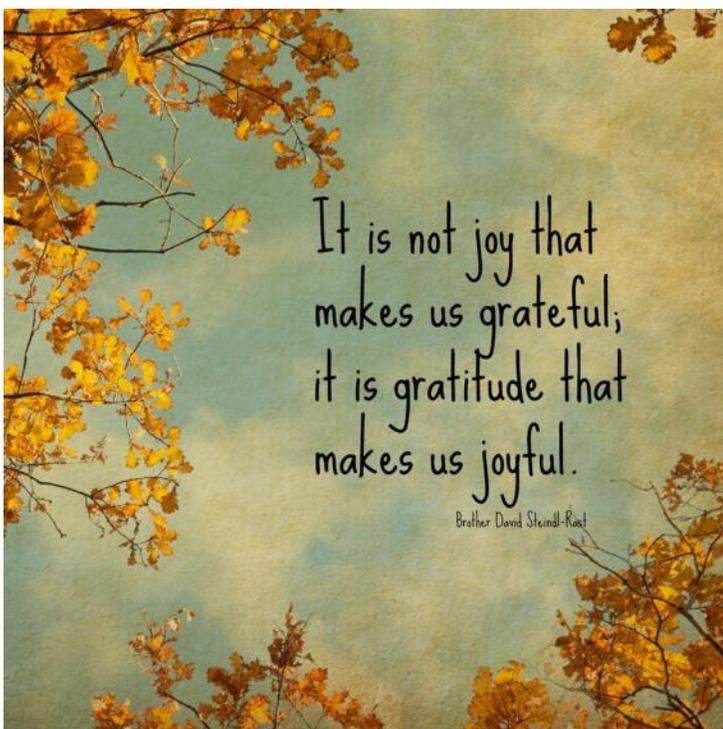
Sunday, November 19th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

In this special Thanksgiving service, we will reflect together on the myriad of gifts we both give and receive in life. What is it that we deserve? What have we given and what have we received, and what has meant the most? We will come together to sing, pray, give thanks, and reflect on our gritudes, wishes, gifts, and hopes in the warmth of beloved community. All are welcome.

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



This enormous pile of brush brought to you by the Facilities Team & Friends... more pictures next week!



COMING UP at UUTC

Growing Younger — Mon 11/20 @ 11:00am

Men's Group — Tues 11/21 @ 9:00am

SMART Recovery — Tues 11/21 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics — Wed 11/22 @ 9:30am

OFFICE CLOSED — Wed 11/22 @ 12:00pm

The Office will be closed beginning Wed 11/22
at noon, through the rest of the week.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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.*



BOARD SUMMARY, OCTOBER • CAROL MOORE

Your delinquent President is just now getting around to summarizing the October 2017 Board meeting. Forgive her, please.

In October, **Rev. Ilene** highlighted her many meetings with staff members, ministry teams, individual congregants, and those in the wider community. She shared plans to attend the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee in late November, plans for our December Christmas Eve services, and developing ideas for her formal installation in April.

Dave Roberts, Treasurer, reported that he has an appointment with Terry Andersen on November 7 to discuss the scope and timing of an outside financial review of UUTC's finances. He also reported that pledge giving was down in September and advised that we watch the trend for the next few months.

The **Administration Committee** was commended for its work on clarifying policy statements in our Policy Manual; developing policy suggestions related to our website environment; and looking ahead to the need for a strategic planning initiative.

Highlights from the **Finance Committee** report included suggestions for introducing the "Wake Now Our Vision Legacy Challenge"; temporarily putting Chalice Lighter recruitment on hold; recommendations concerning the underpayment of pledges, should the trend continue; a proposal to fund "Muffins with the Minister"; and recommendations regarding #52 Varsity house. (A generous donor offered to fund "Muffins with the Minister" for the next 12 months, so that item was not added to our operational budget.)

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There was no report from the **Property Committee**. Brigid, Board liaison to the Committee, Property, reported that it is working on parking issues and memorial garden policy recommendations.



THEY DID WHAT? Read Board minutes [HERE](#).

Rev. Ilene reported that **Advisory Council** member Susan Slocum is investigating leadership recruitment and training materials for the Council. She also reported that the Council is discussing the continued need for a Hospitality/Fellowship Team to coordinate various fellowship activities at UUTC.

Discussion about Stewardship: There was consensus that a year-round Stewardship Team needs to replace the annual pledge drive Task Force. The Board's President-Elect will serve as Board liaison to the Stewardship Team, and the Team should include the UUTC Treasurer and a member from the Finance Committee.

The **Board Calendar Review** included reports that: Treasurer Dave Roberts has obtained the Application for Tax-Exempt Status Form, due before the end of January; the Board Secretary has filed our annual application to the County Commission for use of parking lots; a Facilities Team leader will update our snow removal contract; and the Board Secretary will update our Cancellation Notification Plan.

A memo from the **Facilities Team** made some recommendations regarding #52 Varsity (blue) and #46 Varsity (yellow) properties. Because Board members and others were scheduled to watch a the UU MidAmerica Region Webinar on Stewardship, discussion of the Varsity properties was tabled until November and the meeting adjourned.



COMING DECEMBER 10TH

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 10th at 5:00pm: the Opal String Quartet will be LIVE @ UUTC! Franklin Keel, on cello, will be our guest musician Sunday the 26th. Get a taste of what's to come throughout the morning's service.

MEET JOYCE & TOM STANWOOD

Joyce and Tom moved to Brevard in September 2017 after residing in Clayton, Georgia (Rabun County) for the previous 23 years. In selecting Brevard for their “next great post-retirement adventure,” they checked all the boxes in their search template. They were: (1) college town, (2) music & arts, (3) proximity to Asheville, (4) nearby airport, (5) a beautiful small town, but with more amenities, and, (6) an in-town UU presence.



Pre-retirement, Tom’s professional career was totally centered in the Broadcasting industry – beginning in Philadelphia and extending to the U.S. Virgin Islands; Naples, Florida; and Northeast Georgia. Joyce’s career path led her to Interior Design, Property Management, and the Hospitality field in Miami and Fort Myers, Florida.

Joyce and Tom were married in Naples in 1990 and moved to the mountains of Georgia’s Rabun County in 1994. Their extended family is scattered across the country - Philadelphia, Houston, Orlando, Tallahassee, and Port Charlotte.

Joyce’s interests include gardening and studying world religions. She is an activist for animal rights. Tom enjoys playing tennis, brisk walking, and enjoying nature from their current residence in Connetsee Falls.

Joyce and Tom became familiar with UUTC through previous visits to Brevard and immediately concluded that this Fellowship was warm and welcoming. And, now that they are fortunate to be living here and experiencing UUTC on a regular basis, those feelings have been reinforced tenfold. They “truly feel at home and we are grateful.”

DOING ONLINE SHOPPING?

Make your holiday purchases at smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2159071 and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County. Thanks for your support!

NEED A DIRECTORY UPDATE?

If your contact directory (paper version) is out of date (and if it is dated prior to November of 2017 then it is), email office@uutc.org and request a .pdf of the latest and greatest. Available to all Members and Friends.

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

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People



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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.

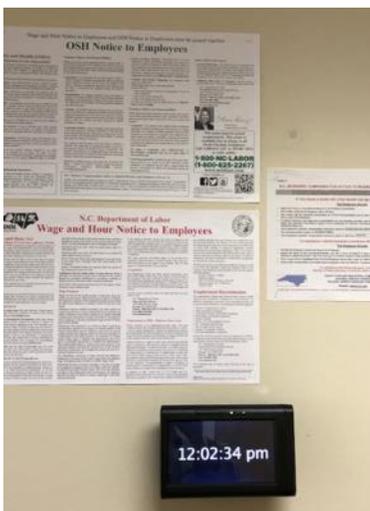
You can download and install the app from either Google Play or the Apple App Store. Before you can use it, however, you will need a password from our ACS database.

To get that password, go to our Member page on the website: <http://uutc.org/member/>, scroll down to the red "ACS" logo and click on it. It will direct you to the ACS login/get a password page. On that page, look below the login box for "Need a Password," and

enter your email there. This will connect you to ACS and they will email you with a way to select 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.

HELPING EMPLOYEES KEEP TIME... AND BOOKKEEPERS TO RECORD IT



At the Sept. Board meeting, the addition of a payroll time clock was discussed and approved. Currently, our 18 employees track time on paper time sheets, which our bookkeeper Sue Gervais uses to input time data before the accounting software can complete the payroll. Occasionally, time sheets are misplaced and RK makes calls until the necessary information is found.

Our new time clock, generously subsidized by a Member of the congregation, uses PIN numbers to allow employees to clock in and out, in addition to tracking their time. Use will go into full effect in January.



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.