

UUTC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 24th, 2017

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

FREEDOM AS A MORAL CHOICE

by Rev. Jean Rowe

Sunday, November 26th at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

Freedom and equality lie at the heart of our identity as a country. In fact, freedom is seen as a God-given right. We find it stated clearly in Thomas Jefferson's preamble to the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." But that kind of radical freedom has not happened in fact. That is why athletes kneel, and the LGBTQ community and friends campaign for equal rights, and parents of children with some disability lobby for good public education.

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

For to be free is not
merely to cast off one's
chains, but to live in a
way that respects and
enhances the freedom
of others.

—Nelson Mandela

COMING UP at UUTC

Muffins with Minister — Mon 11/27 @ 11:00am

Growing Younger — Mon 11/27 @ 11:00am

Men's Group — Tues 11/28 @ 9:00am

Board Meeting — Tues 11/28 5:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 11/28 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics — Wed 11/29 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 11/29 @ 4:00pm

OWL Parent Mtg — Wed 11/29 @ 5:30pm

Souper Sunday — Sun 12/03 @ noon

WARM UP WITH SOUPER SUNDAY!

NEXT Sunday is SOUPer Sunday! Given the season, we'll provide some SOUP to get things moving! Connect with Members, friends and visitors after the 11:00 service. Bring bread, fruit, veggies, chips, dip or other finger foods to share. Donations appreciated to offset the cost. Meets in the UUTC Social Hall. Questions? Call Victoria Kerr!



SANTA'S WORKSHOP — ELF-LIKE BEINGS SOUGHT

Do you like crafts? Do you like being artistic? Do you like making children smile? Do you have holiday spirit, or need some?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then I have the service opportunity for you! The 3rd Annual UUTC Santa's Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, December 9 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

We are in need of Lead Elves. Each Lead Elf will work a craft station. The Youth Elves will rotate between these stations. Lead Elves will assist the Youth in creating a gift for their family or friends. Lead Elves are encouraged to present a craft idea to Heather, or, be willing to lead a craft station assigned to them.

If you are willing and able to be a Lead Elf or would enjoy providing Nursery Care supervision that day, please contact Heather AKA Mrs. Claus.

Thanks in advance for your contemplation.

With Peace, Heather Layton creutc@gmail.com 828-553-3810



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.*

MEET THE ELMORES

Jack & Barbara Elmore moved to Brevard in 1998. Jack had retired after 30 years of working for the University of Wisconsin, and Barbara retired as Library Director from Lake Villa District Library, Illinois. Jack worked in Student Services and Academic Advising. Although he's a big sports fan, he says that he doesn't follow the Wisconsin teams.* They had been members of Unitarian Churches for many years, and so joined the UU Fellowship of Hendersonville. When we found out that there were UU meetings in Brevard College, we started attending.



Over the years Jack has volunteered at agencies in our area, including Pisgah National Forest Visitor's Center and Schenck Job Corps. Barbara has done literacy tutoring and worked on the History Committee at Connestee Falls. They have four sons and five amazing grandchildren. We are extremely grateful to have found Brevard in our retirement search for the perfect place, and for being members of UUTC.

The Elmore's love to travel, and have been in New Zealand 8 times, one time to the North Island and the rest of their visits to the South Island. They have stayed in Bed and Breakfasts and farm stays, and their hosts have become their friends.

#GIVING
TUESDAY™
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GIVING— NO WRAPPING NECESSARY

If your pledging is caught up, consider a [gift](#) to either UUTC's **Endowment Fund**, or to the **Varsity Expansion Project Fund**. In the shorter term, the Varsity Expansion Project fund will be used to continue the re-habilitation of these properties. Our Oxford House still needs one window repaired/replaced, and the whole building is in need of a good paint job.

For a longer-term gift, consider the Endowment Fund. These funds are accumulating towards the \$100,000 mark, at which point the interest from the account can be used to fund social justice work. No gift too small—the [secure donation site](#) will walk you through the process!

People

People



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



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Dick Tucker



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.



TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY? PHOTO & INFO

With a crop of new Members and Friends, and many old members and friends with new "digits," it may be time for new Directories at your house!

Photo Directories will be printed soon, but you'll need to order in advance from the [Membership Team](#). Email them and ask them to put you on the list! The cost per hard copy is \$7.00. The cost for a hard copy of the address & phone directory is \$3.00 You may sign up for these at the front counter.

For digital copies of either of these directories (free of charge), [email the office](#).

MEN FOR CHANGE • REPRESENT! @ THE CHRISTMAS PARADE



Please join SAFE Inc. of Transylvania County on Saturday, December 2, 2017 for the 46th Annual Downtown Brevard Christmas Parade. The Chamber of Commerce announced that Rodney Locks, SAFE Board Member, has agreed to be the Grand Marshal of the Parade. SAFE will be the Parade Marshal.

Men of all ages are encouraged to walk as a part of the “Men For Change” initiative. Join us at 2:00 pm at the front of Brevard High School OR meet us on the parade route at the SAFE Attic, located

next to Cardinal Drive Inn at 370 South Broad Street in Brevard.

It is important that men come together to collectively say that sexual and domestic violence is unacceptable.

Participants in “Men For Change” believe that violence against women is wrong and that men are integral to stopping the violence and providing support to the victims.

“Men For Change” provides an opportunity for men in our community to take a stand and find ways to end the violence.

Since SAFE Inc. began working in Transylvania County in 1985, they have reached more than 15,125 victims of domestic or sexual violence and their children – through their shelter, 24 hour hotline, support groups, court advocacy, counseling, life skills training, job training, medical advocacy and children’s’ programs. In addition SAFE’s prevention programs provide Healthy Relationships classes at all the schools in Transylvania Schools.

Please call Carolyn Cronin, Director of Philanthropy, at 828-885-7233 or carolyn@safetransylvania.org to sign up or for more information.

DOING ONLINE SHOPPING?

Shop locally first, of course, but if you must go online, 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. These contributions go into the general operating fund. Thanks for your support!



CURRENT TAX LAW MAY CHANGE... ON JANUARY 1ST

If you are considering gifts of stock, now is the time. Changes being considered in the tax code could eliminate this charitable deduction. We hope this will not happen, but if such a gift is beneficial to you, it would be better to move quickly.

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

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.

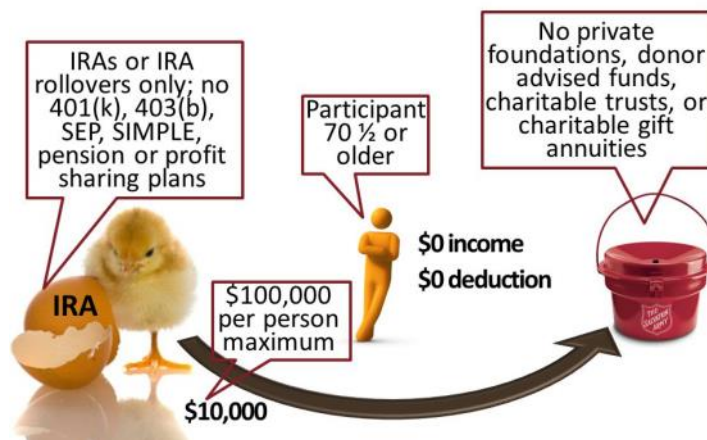
The maximum dollar amount of a QCD for any individual from his/her IRAs is limited to \$100,000 per year. For QCDs, this annual limitation is done on a “per-taxpayer” basis (across any or all of the individual’s IRAs, regardless of how many accounts are used to generate the charitable distribution),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

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Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)



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

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.

UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda

November 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

11/20/17 Member Count - 173; Friend Count - 90

Welcome	Carol
Opening Words	
Approval of October Minutes	Kay
Standing Updates	
Minister's Report	Rev. Ilene
Treasurer's Report	Dave
Administration Committee	
Finance Committee	
Property Committee	
Proposed Operating Guidelines	
Council	
Old Business	
Varsity Property Discussion & Decision	
Memorial Garden Discussion	
Name that House Contest	
Rental Agreement	
Board Calendar Review	Kay
New Business	
Stewardship Webinar Assessment	Peter
Team Assessment of Building Improvement Projects	
First Aid Training	
Charity Tracker	
Adjourn	

Next Board Meeting: December 19 at 5:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Members and Friends of UUTC participate along with other local church members each year in assisting Sacred Heart in their Community Christmas Dinner, which feeds all who come through the doors. Come be part of this 19th Annual Community Christmas

Dinner by serving, donating, or enjoying a wonderful dinner with other in our wonderful and diverse community. The dinner is served 12pm-4pm on Christmas Day. There is no charge. All are welcome.

This year our opportunity to be a part of this is to donate a total of 25 gallons of tea (commercial ready-made, in plastic jugs or bottles), sweet or unsweet. (We did a great job of this last year!) Donations of tea may be dropped off at Sacred Heart during office hours or Sunday morning. Contact Joan Lemire at tjbindire@yahoo.com or 231-9259 with amount of sweet or unsweet donated so we don't overwhelm their storage area (UUs can be really generous!). PS: Desserts are also always welcome.

There is also a need for volunteers to help during serving hours and with cleanup. Our volunteers from previous years were very much appreciated and enjoyed a great Christmas dinner in true community. If you are able to help in one of the time slots - usually 1 hour or so- with serving, seating, greeting, etc., you may sign up at the Gathering Table at Sacred Heart or contact Sandi Rogers directly at sandidougrogers@yahoo.com. For additional information, call Sandi Rogers at 883-2990.

MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR • EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEERS

In this season of thanks, your Administrator would like to thank those who work so tirelessly to make UUTC the "*Inclusive, Intentional & Involved*" place that it is. The Board of Trustees from the interim period into this year has done an incredible amount of work. John Austin and Carlene Ragan continue to create musical magic, rarely missing "an appearance," despite zero compensation. The Photo Team of Mark Allison and Barbi Smith continues to create great images of all of us, enriching our connections with one another. Office Volunteers Susan Bir and Susan Slocum have made the impossible, possible. All of the new leaders who have stepped up to guide us through this time from transition into settled ministry—amazing commitment to getting the work done, and done right. We have always been involved. We have always been inclusive. But these leaders have really helped us step towards intentionality in meeting our Mission, and their work does not go unnoticed. Thank you!



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.