

UUTC UPDATE

MAY 18TH, 2018



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

SHARED ABUNDANCE

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, May 20th at 9:15am and 11:00am

In this special worship service, we will celebrate together the uniquely Unitarian Universalist sacrament of Flower Communion. All are invited to bring flowers to add to our common altar, and all will take home a flower different from the one they brought. Come to feast your eyes and fill your heart with the abundance of gifts contained in our beloved UUTC community.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

“The purpose of democracy is not wealth, or even equality; it is the full flowering of individuals. By dispersing responsibility to all adults, democracy supplies a training school for making first class men. It forges freedom’s athletes—strong and equal women, courageous men, deep-souled people capable of governing themselves.” — Walt Whitman, in Democratic Vistas

See you at the Annual Meeting Sunday as we practice our 5th Principle!

COMING UP at UUTC

Annual Meeting — Sun 5/20 @ 12:15pm

Muffins w/ Minister — Mon 5/21 10-12

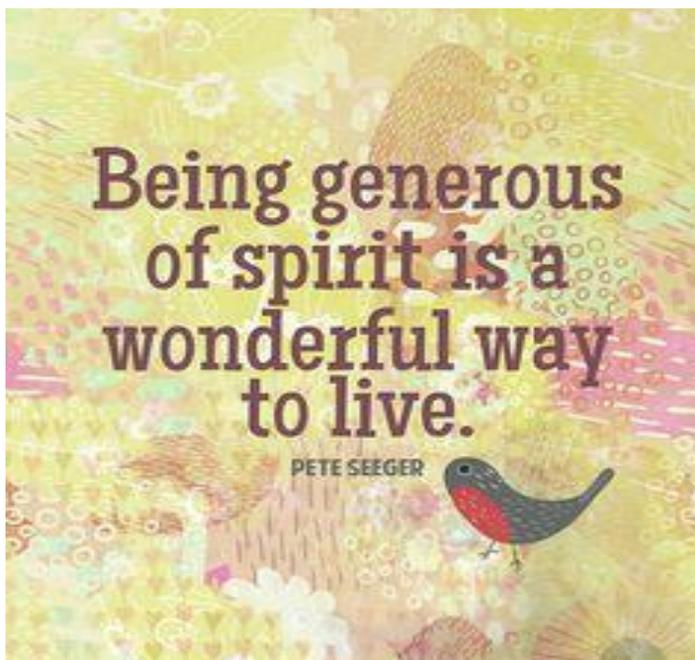
Men’s Group — Tues 5/22 @ 9am

Board Mtg — Tues 5/22 @ 5pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 5/22 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 5/23 @ 9:30am

Sierra Club — Thurs 5/24 @ 6:30pm





MUSICKE ANTIQUA

MONDAY, MAY 21st, 2018 7:00PM

Proceeds to benefit the Children's Center of Transylvania County which Advocates for & Supports Abused Children.

[Click Here to Register!](#)



24 Varsity Street at Broad,
across from The Cardinal
Brevard, NC 828-877-6121

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20

UU CULTURAL ECO-TOUR

to San Ramón, Nicaragua, Feb. 17 – 24, 2019

Travel with Rev. John Saxon (UU Justice Ministry of NC) and fellow UUs to the mountains of rural Nicaragua to meet local farmers and artisans, learn about Nicaraguan history and culture, visit coffee and chocolate farms, go bird (and monkey and flower) watching in the jungle, and relax and eat great food in an eco-lodge on a cultural immersion and eco-tour that benefits the lives and welfare of rural Nicaraguans.

For more information, check [here](#) or contact [John](#) (919-656-2824).

JOIN US IN JUNE! NEW MEMBER CLASS: SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

Why become a Member? How? Beginning with this morning, Rev. Ilene will guide you to the Why and How of opening yourself to UUTC membership. The Membership Team will help you start the day off with beverages and treats before 9:00am and top it off with lunch from 12:30-1:30pm.

Those who choose to become members will sign the Membership Book, be welcomed before the congregation and celebrate with each other at the Welcoming Ceremony and Reception on the morning and afternoon of Sunday, July 1st. See the sign up sheet on the office counter or email admin@uutc.org and let us know if you would like childcare.

New Member, Alice Wellborn, said of the experience: *"The membership class was great; good food, good fellowship, lots of information, great orientation to building and grounds. The experience was greatly enhanced by the homework. I especially liked the drawing we made of our spiritual journeys."*

Those who have previously taken a membership class can speak with Membership about joining on July 1st.



CRE End of the RE Year Celebration & Summer Kick Off

Sunday, June 3rd 12:30-3:00pm @ Lake Atagahi in Connestee Falls

The 2017-2018 RE Year has been quite full from Harry and UU fighting awful horcruxes, to the second graduating OWL class and the sweet exploration of our 7 Rainbow Promises in Chalice Children and even hanging out with our awesome childcare staff in the Nursery.

Each of you has contributed in your own special way, so the CRE Team would like for you to join us for some good-old fashioned fun and play on Sunday, June 3rd.

The Children's RE classes will meet in their classrooms for the last time this RE year, and then after the service we will all head up to the lake, yeah!

Bring a picnic lunch for your family, including all your own plates and utensils, swim gear, towel, etc. Sand and water toys are welcome.

Please RSVP so that we ensure that your names are on the list at the Connestee gate. This is important. You can email Heather at creu@uutc.org or call 553-3810. Thanks!



With Peace- Heather

RESULTS OF SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY SELECTION VOTE

Thanks to all who participated in the selection vote for Social Action! There was incredible participation, and we feel that the final tally is a true representation of the Congregation's wishes because of the level of participation.

Four selections were not presented for vote—the Minister's Discretionary Fund, UUSC, the Varsity Fund (repair and maintenance of Oxford House), and the Dignity Project. The Social Action Team debated very intentionally over the 10 agencies to present. The 8 which made the cut from your vote were: Bread of Life, the Children's Center, El Centro, The Haven, Pisgah Legal, SAFE, Sharing House and the UU Justice Ministry of NC. Giving for these selections will begin in the next fiscal year, starting with the Minister's Discretionary Fund in July. Thanks again for your participation.

COURAGE TO SERVE — MEET THE SLATE *(REPEAT)*

At the Annual Meeting on May 20th, the Congregation will vote (if a quorum is present!) to elect new members to the Board of Trustees and to the only congregationally elected committee, the Nominations Committee.



Candidates for the Nominations Committee (or NomCom, amongst those of us who like to abbreviate) are Virginia MacDonald, returning for a third and final year, Wayne Smith (pictured at left with Barbi) and Jim Hardy.



Returning to service on the Board this year (with your vote) are Members-at-Large Cantey Carpenter and Brigid Fox, and, for the office of President, Peter Mockridge. Your other candidates are President-Elect Joyce Henneberry, Secretary Gypsy Richardson, and At Large member Linda Young. There was no candidate for Treasurer at the time of the Board meeting on the 24th, so nominations for this office will have to be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. **Those nominated must be in attendance and willing to accept the nomination.**



Linda Young has been a regular in the choir's tenor section for many years. Gypsy Richardson joined in 2016 and has been an active part of the Worship Team. Joyce Henneberry has been a UU since 1999 and joined UUTC in 2016 around the same time as Gypsy. Joyce owned and operated her own business as a graphic artist for 20 years. With younger daughter Aly soon off to college, she is excited about this time to be able to share her skills with UUTC.

Pictured at right from top to bottom: Peter Mockridge, Joyce Henneberry, Gypsy Richardson, Cantey Carpenter, Brigid Fox and Linda Young. Above left: Wayne (and Barbi) Smith, Virginia MacDonald and Jim Hardy.



WHERE IN THE WORLD WAS REV. ILENE?

Rev. Ilene

Ever wonder what I do on my Sundays out of the pulpit?

Some Sundays are my regular, once-monthly Sunday off. This is required by the UUA and is standard in the contracts of all UU ministers to prevent clergy burnout. On my monthly Sundays off, I sometimes rest, I am sometimes traveling (often so that I can worship at a Sikh temple), and I sometimes sneak into services at UUTC to enjoy worship led by our guest speakers.

Other Sundays when I am out of the pulpit are used for what is called "Denominational Leave." These are approved yearly by the board, up to 4 Sundays per year to be used for attending UU activities locally, nationally, or internationally. A notable use for this type of leave each year is the two Sundays that bookend General Assembly (GA), North America's yearly gathering of UU ministers and laypeople. This time also includes Ministry Days for UU clergy, held before the General Assembly. Travel to GA, wherever it might be held, might take one or two Sundays away from UUTC. This year, as it is being held in Kansas City, MO, I will be away for two Sundays at the end of June, and then will preach my final sermon before I go on leave for 6 weeks on July 1. During this time, I will have some time for vacation, seeing friends and family and enjoying rest and renewal. I will also have some time for study leave, in which I read, write, study, brainstorm, and plan for the upcoming church year.

Last week, I used Denominational Leave for a very special reason! I traveled to Boston to attend the First Year Ministers' Seminar, in which I spent the week connecting with colleagues who are also finishing up their first year of parish ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive counsel and support from colleagues, UUA staff, and senior UU ministers who specialize in working with those of us early in our careers. Programming was led by UUA staff and included workshops, reflection, sabbath time, music, and small group discussion.

I am deeply grateful to serve you and to journey alongside you all in this very special way. Thank you for calling me to be yours and for supporting me in so many ways.

In faith and love, Rev. Ilene



Top: Worship in the UUA Chapel, Rev. Hank Peirse preaching. Bottom: Kings Chapel historic UU congregation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE • JUNE 2ND, 1:00PM

Please join Gerry Azzata, Peg's beloved partner of 34 years, in celebrating the rich life of our dear Peg Hall, who died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Peg's involvement in the community of Brevard reached far and wide. Here at UUTC she served in CRE and on the Board of Trustees—first as a Member at Large and then President-Elect and President. Her generosity of spirit has been boundless. She shared richly with those of the Being Group, and blessed all of us with her homilies in 2016.

Gifts made in memory of Peg will go to the Endowment Fund, as per Gerry's wishes, where they will grow to support UUTC's Mission in social justice work. (Above, Peg at the Women's March.)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR — SUMMER CRE CAMP DATES

Chalice Children Camp (ages 4,5 & 6)
June 18, 19 and 20th, 9:00am-12:00pm

Chalice Camp, A Return to Hogwarts (ages 7 and up)
August 6-10th, 9:00am-1:00pm

WEAR ORANGE • MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE • JUNE 2ND

Every day, more than 96 Americans are shot and killed and hundreds more are wounded by gun violence. Moms Demand Action is a non-partisan, grassroots movement of Americans demanding common-sense solutions to the gun violence that endangers our children, families, and communities. **Please join us on June 2nd, 10:00 AM till 12 Noon at the Brevard Courthouse Gazebo for National Gun Violence Awareness Day (Wear Orange).** Our members include gun owners, as well as non-gun owners; veterans; survivors; students; educators; and other concerned citizens. Learn how gun violence - from suicide to mass shootings, to other homicides, to unintentional shootings - affects us all. Receive information about our state and federal laws and how you can use your voice to reduce gun violence. And don't forget to WEAR ORANGE!

SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR MAY — MUDDY SNEAKERS



Muddy Sneakers is an experiential science education program that works in partnership with public schools in Western North Carolina to educate and engage fifth graders. Teaching to the state-mandated science curriculum requirements, experienced naturalists lead six to ten outdoor expeditions per school year on local, public lands, providing hands-on learning experiences that allow children to deeply engage with the natural sciences and enjoy the learning process. Our mission is to awaken in children a deeply felt connection with the natural world, one that inspires curiosity, stimulates learning, and brings new life to classroom performance.



You may scan the image above with your phone camera and make a donation today.

MEET PERI & ED SOLDER!

Peri is originally from Washington, DC, but lived in cold areas 42 years with the last 27 years in Leadville, Colorado. She worked her way to lower mountains with four seasons. Ed was from a small ski town in Colorado and left to find a world without snow—in Hendersonville!

Currently, Peri is involved with projects for YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs. Past service includes another UU church board, RE work, Victorian Home Tours, Chamber of Commerce, and many types of school projects. Ed has done all sorts of volunteering, enjoys work with boys 6-17 yrs old.



The Solders have two sons—one is a hydro geologist in Salt Lake City, and the second plays professional football. This son formerly played for the New England Patriots and is now a NY Giant. His 3 year old son is winning a battle with kidney cancer—his 1 year old daughter is healthy.

Peri's interests are reading, hiking, exercising at the YMCA, and she loves working with kids. Ed enjoys fishing, traveling and defending progressive socialism. Peri found UUTC through trial and error – their 3rd UU and 4th church in this area. They felt welcomed and Ed was asked to join the choir. They have attended for over a year and participated in the most recent membership class. Ed describes choosing membership as “by evolution” with a desire to find people with energy and willingness to face real world dilemmas.

HELP OTHERS ON THEIR JOURNEY—FACILITATE!

Are you potential “UUTC Faculty?”

Opportunities to facilitate abound! Our congregational survey (conducted in December) revealed that ***Ethics for UU*** and ***Building the World We Dream About*** (focuses on building a multicultural world related to race, ethnicity and cultural identity) are both areas of interest for programming. Both topics are completely developed curricula available for our use. Check the links below to see if you are interested in facilitation. ARE’s suggestion is that they can be adjusted significantly, reduced or even adapted as standalone sessions. The main intent is to have the conversation.



Learn More: [UUA Ethics for UU](#) • [Building the World We Dream About](#)

The next need for a facilitator is to host ***Congregational Conversations Project***, a once a month gathering at UUTC to view TED Talks and then engage in a guided conversation. The intent of this program offering is for our congregation participants to be active listeners, deep sharers, to get informed and to have meaningful conversations around topics such as art, science, metaphysics, etc .

Contact [Jeanie Bernard](#) if you have interest in facilitating any of these sessions.

Our Teens need their own programming. Rev Ilene is willing to facilitate bi-monthly Sunday afternoon sessions and **needs a willing co-facilitator/chaperone to be present for each session**. The same person does not need to co-facilitate EVERY session. Our Safe Congregation Policies require that we always have a minimum of two adults working with youth, so she may not do this on her own. If you have an interest in working with our teen population, please contact Rev Ilene for more information.

Finally, Virginia McDonald is interested in starting up a beginner dulcimer class. Please contact her for information. Thank you from the [ARE Team](#) for your active participation!

SCAMS & FRAUDS — SILVERMONT, MAY 24TH

Chief Deputy Eddie Gunter will be at Silvermont on Thursday May 24, at 10am for a presentation on “**Scams and Frauds**.” Although there are many different scams going on across our region, he will cite examples of known scams and fraud in our local area. You can protect yourself or your loved ones from financial elder abuse by becoming familiar with the most common scams and learning what to do if you suspect foul play.

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

AAUW BOOK DRIVE

The AAUW Book Drive raises funds for scholarships for women who attend our local colleges. Declutter your bookcases and bring your finds to the yellow box in the foyer! If you have lots of books and need them picked up, call Penny Davies at 828-966-9393. **Help defeat poverty at its source by providing for lower-debt education opportunities for women.**

DIGNITY PROJECT —WE NEED SORTERS!

Our next sorting of materials is June 6th at 4:00pm

DUMBLEDORE’S ARMY FIGHTING ILLITERACY—CAN YOU HELP?

We are hosting a NEW book drive here at UUTC. **Books will be sent to Boys & Girls Club's in Puerto Rico that continue to be challenged by the devastation of Hurricane Maria.**

We will have Donation Boxes located in the UUTC foyer. We are in need of CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULT books in both English and Spanish. Paperback books are easier to ship because they are lighter, but we will take hardcover books, as well.

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.*



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? 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.