

# UUTC UPDATE

June 1st 2018



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

## SAYING YES TO LIFE

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, June 3rd at 9:15am and 11:00am

Though we are steeped in trauma from sun-up to sun-down in the form of news media, internet, and constant communication around the globe, when a trauma hits close to home our responses can be different. In the wake of the accident at this week's White Squirrel Derby, our service will honor the variety of feelings and reactions that arise when loss and trauma affect us intimately. This will be a time for us to process, a time to rest in the respite of our beloved community when so much around us is painful. Bring your heart to be soothed and your mind to be calmed. Most importantly, bring your love to share with those around you-- as we so often do here at UUTC.

*Join us for coffee at 10:30am!*

***Celebrating the Life of Peg Hall • Saturday, June 2nd, 1:00pm***

“Where there  
are no words...  
know the silences  
are carrying the  
thoughts and prayers  
of all who love you.”

-Dawn Dais

## COMING UP at UUTC

***Memorial Service: Peg Hall — Sat 6/2 @ 1:00pm***

CRE Family Outing — Sun 6/03 @ 12:30pm

Men's Group — Tues 6/05 @ 9am

SMART Recovery — Tues 6/05 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 6/06 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 6/06 @ 4:00pm

***Team Meeting Night — Wed 6/06 @ 5:00pm***

***Sandwich Sunday — Sun 6/10 @ noon***

## 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!

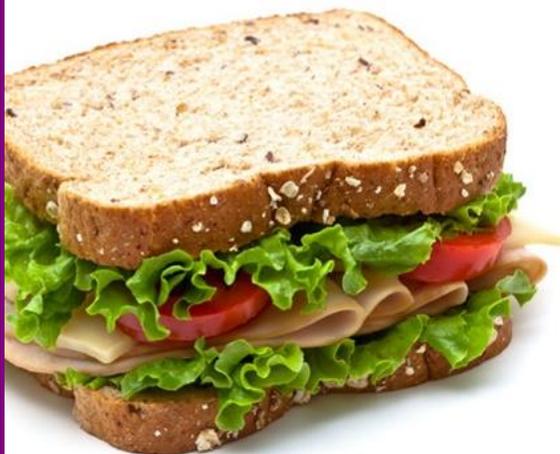
Bring a picnic lunch for your family, including all your own plates and utensils, swim gear, towel, etc. Sand and water toys are welcome.

**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](mailto:creu@uutc.org) or call 553-3810 **TODAY**. Thanks!

With Peace- Heather



## SANDWICH SUNDAY! NEXT WEEK, JUNE 10TH!



**Next week** is Sandwich Sunday! Membership moved the date so that families could participate in the Lake Atagahi event AND Sandwich Sunday.

Bring a sandwich and something to share and stay after the second service for lunch with the crew. Added benefit—spending time with terrific people! Bring fruit, veggies, chips, dip or other finger foods to share. Donations appreciated to offset the cost.

Sandwich Sunday meets in the Social Hall (or outside if the weather is delightful) and is a true highlight of the month for many. Come enjoy!

## LAST CALL FOR JUNE 16TH NEW MEMBER CLASS

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](mailto: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 Rev. Ilene about joining on July 1st.

## TUESDAY TREE REMOVAL — ABNORMAL PARKING

This Tuesday, June 5th, Treez will be on site to remove the 19 white pines at the southern border of our property, adjacent to the sanctuary. He has large equipment, and while the Men's Group and other activities can happen **INSide** the building without modification, we must make some accommodations **OUTside** the building. Please follow instructions below—parking across the street is OK.



## YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES—THE BUSINESS SIDE OF UUTC

One of the privileges of the Unitarian Universalist faith is our full exercise of our 5th Principle — the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. Rev. Ilene has referred to our Congregational Polity — one piece of which is that the Congregation directly votes to call a minister, as opposed to having one appointed to them by, in our case, the UUA.

Our governance model is an excellent example of this Principle in action. We elect, each year, a Board of Trustees to represent the Congregation in matters that impact the budget and other essential functions of UUTC. We also elect the Nominations Committee to represent us in selecting a new slate for Board representation each year. These votes matter. These people matter.

The Board then forms the Committees which assist with the Board's work: Administration, Finance and Property. These Committees assist the Board by examining policy and, through careful evaluation, impacting the potential for strategic planning—focused on Mission—within these areas. This is Policy Governance— whatever the procedures of Teams may be, they must adhere to the policies which are adopted by our Congregationally-elected Board.

The Minister forms Teams which meet ministry needs and execute the hands-on work of Mission. Rev. Ilene can dissolve and form Teams as our needs change. This model of governance was adopted in 2013-2014 by the Board led, at that time, by President Virginia MacDonald, to help us better prepare for the transition from a family-sized to a program-sized congregation.

*2018-2019 Board: President Peter Mockridge, President-Elect Joyce Henneberry, Secretary Gypsy Richardson, Treasurer Susan Slocum, Members At Large Cantey Carpenter, Brigid Fox and Linda Young.*





## LAST SCHEDULED CIRCLE DINNER THIS FISCAL YEAR

The last scheduled Circle Dinner is Friday, June 15th. The mission of Circle Dinners is to create greater connections among Members, Friends and Newcomers. Circle Dinners are potluck with a single, couple or couple with children hosting in their home. If you do host, it's for one time and then you are a participant for the other nights. Participants are assigned in a way that there are at least two people they've met from the previous dinner. The more you participate, the more folks you meet! Contact Elizabeth Thompson (828-384-0778) for more information.

## RESILIENCE — THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS & THE SCIENCE OF HOPE: FILM

Your Board voted in May to Partner with the CARE Coalition in supporting our youth by providing safe, rich activities for youth. On Thursday, June 28th from 6-8:00pm in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library, come for Dinner & a Movie to learn more science-based solutions to tackling the drug problem in Transylvania County. More information on Transylvania Cares is on the bulletin board, which more completely describes the goals of their programming.

## HOGWARTS WANT ADS: HELP BRING THE MAGIC!

**Help Wanted for two hours one day of own choosing during the week of August 6-10**

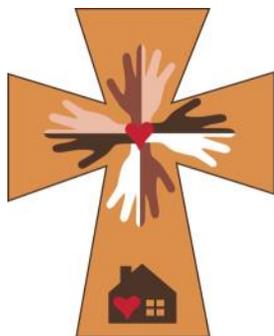
- A Magician, someone who loves to do magic and can perform for children one time during the week
- Potions Professors to either cook with children as part of a Potions class OR bring in a Harry Potter-themed treat for the campers to have for a snack
- Transfiguration Professor- someone who enjoys working with modeling clay and being crafty
- Care of Magical Creatures Professor- loves animals and can share a lesson revolving around care of animals
- Herbology Professor- loves gardening and herbs and can share one lesson
- A big fake rat and small figures of mythological creatures, like dragons and wizards

Contact Professor Layton, Headmistress of Hogwarts School of Magic and Fun if you would like to apply. [creuttc@gmail.com](mailto:creuttc@gmail.com) or 553-3810.

August may seem like a long way away—but knowledge beforehand enriches all!

## CREATING THE CAPACITY TO SERVE — A SOCIAL ACTION ARMY

Feeling the need for Justice? Join the **Social Action Corps of Engineers!** Sign the sheet at the front desk or email Susan Zelle ([swzelle@yahoo.com](mailto:swzelle@yahoo.com)). Your name will be put on an email list that our SA organizers can reach out to for help. If you prefer to be contacted by phone rather than email, we are glad to do that as well. *And, always be sure to check the last page of the newsletter for ways in which you can help to meet our community's needs.* Thank you!



### SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR MAY — SHARING HOUSE

Our June giving outreach is Sharing House. No agency in Brevard meets the needs of more people than Sharing House. Besides providing clothing, food, back to school and other “in kind” assistance, Sharing House provides financial, transportation and human welfare services like showers

for the homeless.

**Please give generously.** You may scan the image at right with your phone camera and make a donation today.



## PARENTING WITH INTENTION & RESPECT — NEW A.R.E. OFFERING

Shannon Zimmerman will lead this 2 session offering, which is not limited to UUTC Members and Friends. The class is scheduled for two Fridays, June 22nd and 29th, from 5:00-6:30pm (at the latest). **Childcare will be provided.**

In each one-hour session, Shannon, a Resources for Infant Educators and Parent Effectiveness Training devotee, will share the philosophy behind these parenting methods. In the first half hour, Shannon will discuss the broader aspects of the method. For the remaining half hour, she will share specific, situational techniques based in these methods that you can practice at home with your child (or children), as well as dedicated time for a Q and A. Both RIE and P.E.T. are based on respectful parenting, emotional intelligence, active listening, self-reliance, confidence, and self-regulation. The goal of intentional parenting is to create an authentic, respectful bond between parent and child and raise self-confident children and adults.

If you are interested, sign up at the front desk! For a bit more information, you can view a video at [this LINK](#).

## CHURCH PROBLEMS, PART I

*RK Young*

I belong to a UUA email listserve just for Administrators. Lots of topics get covered, and I have used many of the things I have learned there. Occasionally, something a little lighter comes through.

“In the category of You Never Know What Is Going to Come Next, a volunteer brought me a basket of condoms that she found in the accessible bathroom. Nobody knows where they came from or who brought them. Nice big basket. Fresh condoms.”

Response #1: “I swear vases pro-create in our kitchen. That’s where we should leave the condoms!”

Sound familiar? Only in a UU church...!

## ABOUT THE CHAIRS IN THE SANCTUARY... (CHURCH PROBLEMS, PART II)

With the moving of the choir to the western wall of the sanctuary, we have definitely improved the ability of all to hear the choir. But we did introduce the potential for a different problem.



The top picture shows the chairs in the middle portion of our seating—no hymnals are stored under these chairs. That means that the ushers put hymnals out on these rows every Sunday, and pick them up at the end of the service.



The bottom picture shows chairs in the choir section. These chairs DO have hymnals beneath them, *and need to stay where they are*, so that the ushers can disregard these chairs when they are passing out hymnals.

Several groups use the sanctuary, and it has been the routine to use the chairs on the western side to create circles. From now on, please select chairs from the center or from the eastern side of the sanctuary that do not have the book racks with hymnals—you will save your Admin many hours of putting hymnals back in the right place!

# 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!

4:30pm, Wednesday, June 6th. Let [Social Action](#) know you're coming!

## 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](http://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](mailto:admin@uutc.org).