

UUTC UPDATE

June 15th 2018



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

PRIDE & PREJUDICES: HOW LITTLE WE KNOW

Dave Hunter

Sunday, June 17th at 9:15am and 11:00am

All too often our perceptions of the world around us are shaped by a series of flawed assumptions about ourselves. If we are mistaken about ourselves, how likely is it that we are also mistaken about other people sharing our journey? And, if we are living our lives based on erroneous assumptions, can we adjust our course accordingly? How do these mid-course corrections change how we relate to others and the greater world of creation that surrounds us?

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

AAUW BOOK SALE SATURDAY —This year is the 49th year of the Book Sale—AAUW has contributed over **\$400,000 in scholarship funding to local women and girls**. Help make this the best sale yet! (Brevard College Gym) Help stop poverty before it starts with *education*.

Knowing yourself
is the beginning
of all wisdom.

- Aristotle

COMING UP at UUTC

**General Assembly, Kansas City, All Week
Office Hours ONLY 9-12—Bring your key!**

Men's Group — Tues 6/19 @ 9am

SMART Recovery — Tues 6/19 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 6/20 @ 9:30am

Board Meeting — Tues 6/26 @ 5pm

Sierra Club — Thurs 6/28 @ 6:30pm

Photo Shoot — Sat 6/30 starting @ 9am

Sandwich Sunday — Sun 7/01 @ noon

FROM THE DESK OF REV. ILENE

Dear Ones,

How quickly this first church year together has flown! I have had such an amazing time being your minister this year. Thank you to all of you who have supported me, and UUTC, in so many important ways. I am proud of all that we have accomplished together in this last year.

These last weeks have been deeply challenging, full of grief and loss for all in our community, some even more than others. I have been touched and encouraged by how thoughtfully and holistically you all have cared for one another and for me. I hope that you all are taking as good care of yourselves as you are of one another. And, thank you for the many folks who have checked in with me to remind me to do the same. It has been a challenging time but we have each other, and that is such a blessing.

As I write this, our Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly is very much on my mind. In the coming days, RK and I will depart for our respective Professional Days before the broader General Assembly Gathering. RK will gather with other congregational administrators and I will gather with ministers and seminarians for several days of collegiality, sharing resources, and training. Then, four members of UUTC will join us in Kansas City for the full General Assembly (GA), which is the largest gathering of Unitarian Universalists in this country. The GA meets yearly and its location rotates through a list of convention centers large enough to accommodate such a gathering. General Assembly includes worship services, workshops, plenary sessions to conduct associational business, trainings, actions of social witness, and many other UU experiences. RK and I are looking forward to sharing this experience with Brigid Fox, Allison Marlett, Carol Moore, and Susan Slocum!

I look forward to sharing with you all about our experience at GA when I preach on Sunday, July 1. I will also be sharing some special music with you all on that day as part of our worship service. Then, I will be away from UUTC until August 12. Some of my leave time this summer will be spent traveling to visit family and working in my garden (vacation) and some time will be spent reading and planning for the coming year (study leave). I look forward to returning refreshed on August 12, ready to tackle another wonderful year full of all of the gifts and challenges that our ministry together brings.

I want to remind you all to please seek pastoral support in my absence if you need a listening ear or a supportive presence to accompany you through whatever challenges you might be experiencing. Please reach out to any member of our Loving Hearts, Helping Hands (LHHH) team to seek this care. David Parker is the chair of this team but all members are open to receiving phone calls or emails.

I'm also excited for you to experience the talented lay preachers who have honed their craft in this year's Shared Pulpit course, facilitated by Carol Flake. What a gift to have much of the summer's worship led by members and friends of UUTC who will get to share their stories from our pulpit!

I also want to thank all of you, for you each have given to our UUTC community this year—the gifts of your time, presence, talent, energy, ingenuity, financial support, and love. Together we make up an incredibly warm, welcoming, and diverse congregation that I am proud to serve as minister. Thank you for all you do and all that each of you are. I will miss you this summer and will look forward to spending time together before I begin summer leave on July 2!

Faithfully yours, Rev. Ilene

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. creuutc@gmail.com or 553-3810.

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



SOCIAL ACTION AGENCY FOR JUNE — SHARING HOUSE

Our June giving outreach is Sharing House. No agency in Brevard meets the needs of more people than Sharing House. Besides proving 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.



MEET ALICE WELLBORN ... IN HER OWN WORDS

I've been in Brevard since 1978, when I moved here from Durham to take a school psychology job, so I've essentially spent my adult life here. I retired from Transylvania County Schools in 2013 and was elected to the Board of Education in 2016.

When I'm not volunteering, walking my dog, going to concerts, or doing yoga, I enjoy reading, handcrafts, crossword puzzles, and traveling to visit family. I've volunteered for many organizations and served on many community boards; currently I volunteer for the Friends of the Library, the NAACP, the WCU School Psychology Advisory Board, the Falls Creek Property Owners Association, and the local Democratic Party. I rake in the big bucks as a member of the Board of Education and as an adjunct faculty member at Brevard College (once a year). I have three grown sons, one beautiful stepdaughter (by former marriage), one grandchild - a fabulous 4 year old named Eliza, and one daughter-in-law (soon to be two!). My youngest son's in-laws affectionately call me a "hippie do-gooder," and that's exactly what I am!

Thanks to Jean Rowe for inviting me to come to UUTC. When I walked in the door, I knew it was where I belonged.



PHOTO DAY — SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

Mark Allison will be set up in the Sanctuary with his delicious backdrop and fancy lights in his pursuit of UUTC portrait perfection. Help him in his quest!

If you have not already gotten scheduled for an update, call the office this week between 9 and noon and one of the friendly crew will add you to the list.

Some of you may be thinking you no longer look your best and wish to avoid documentation of that perception. PUT THIS THOUGHT ASIDE. Your loved ones deserve to have something frame-worthy when you leave this celestial sphere, if nothing else. In the past, we would take images of couples and fail to take individual shots— we would like to have those individual shots of everybody we can. You're going to look great in the ChurchLife app!

Don't make me come after you... Fondly, RK



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW _____ ?

Most of us love coffee time between services. It's a chance to connect, however briefly, with others with whom we share so many values. But can we say that coffee time really gives us an opportunity to "know" those we're standing around with?

This is one of the wonderful things about Fellowship on Tap. There is time for a bit more sharing. We have even better options available to us, though, and I would encourage you to take advantage of them. One is service on a UUTC Committee or Team—in these settings, doing work we care about, we have many more hours to learn about each other and ourselves. This is how I grew to love Ben Potter, Peg Hall, Susan Slocum and so many others—through service on the Board. A week in the close company of Gary Kendrick and Carol Moore at SUULE—that experience was irreplaceable.

Here in WNC, we have the exquisite opportunity of being CLOSE to the Summer Institute. Follow the link the article below and check out some of the fun to be had in Cullowhee. Wine tasting? Hiking? Studies on chocolate? Can you imagine how much fun you and a friend or two could have?

Dare to branch out a bit—invest a week connecting with yourself and others at SUUSI. Or join a UUTC Team, if you like to stay close to home. But allow yourself the enrichment of new relationships. You won't be sorry. — RK

THE LIGHT I CARRY • SUUSI 2018 • WCU

This year's Southeast Unitarian-Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI) catalog has been released and is ready for download at suusi.org.

SUUSI will be held from July 15-21 on the Western Carolina University campus in Cullowhee, NC, in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. The catalog lists hundreds of workshops, nature trips, and sports & games activities available, as well as this year's lineup of worship leaders and concert hour musicians.

Many people prefer the electronic version of the catalog, but if you'd prefer a Kindle version or paper copy, [you can order one through Amazon for \\$3 or \\$11](#). Both the electronic and the paper catalog are full of glorious color pictures of SUUSI at its best.

Questions about registration? Contact our registrar, Connie Moore, at registration@suusi.org. Coming to SUUSI for the first time? Our newcomer coordinator, Dianna MacPherson, would love to hear from you and answer your questions. Contact her at newcomers@suusi.org.



THE "YOU" IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

DIGNITY PROJECT SORTERS NEEDED

Thursday, July 5th @ 4:30

There is no Team Meeting Night this month, but sorters are needed for the Dignity Project. Let Social Action Team Lead, Susan Zelle know if you can help for about an hour. Email swzelle@yahoo.com.

INTERESTED IN SOCIAL ACTION?

Visit the Team at the August Team Meeting Night, August 1st. Just come for the meeting at 5:30pm or call the office if you want to come for pizza at 5:00pm. 828-577-6121.

FIX IT: HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT

September 20th, 2018 — 6:30-8:00pm at UUTC

The powerful documentary, FIX IT: Healthcare at the Tipping Point will be shown, comments given by Marsha Fretwell MD, and a discussion facilitated by Kyra Moore and Dr. Fretwell. The documentary reaches across the political and ideological divide and makes the case for business leaders to support major healthcare reform. The system, as is, is inefficient, has limited accessibility and is cost prohibitive to business and families. Is Medicare for all as a single payer system the solution? This event is sponsored by Healthcare for All, Physicians for a National Health Program and the Transylvania Branch of the NAACP.

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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.*



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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.