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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

UUTC A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

SUNDAY SERMON

**September 5 • Let Your Life Speak
with Rev. Ernest L. Mills, Jr.**

This talk is part of the launching of our Covenant Circles. We all have a story to tell and our story forms our identity and purpose of being. The Covenant Circle is one more way to learn how to *speak your life* and tell your life story.

Children's Programs for 11:00 Sunday Service:

Spirit Play (ages 4-2nd grade) and *Wise Phoenix* (3rd-5th grade): Lauren Agrella-Sevilla will lead a joint class for these groups, using the story *Lady Bear*.

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COVENANT CIRCLE MINISTRY

The Covenant Circle Ministry begins its third year in October. In the intimacy of a small group, within the trust of a covenant, gain insights and inspiration from listening to others, offer the experience and lessons of your own life path, join together in service to our community and congregation. Registration forms and more information are available on the bulletin board at UUTC, on the UUTC website Covenant Circle page by clicking on CovenantCircleForm or by contacting the Covenant Circle Group facilitators: Joan Lemire (tjbindre@yahoo.com) or Carol Flake (cflake@comporium.net).

September 12, Sunday, 12:30 – 2:30 pm: UUTC Annual Picnic at Lake Atagahi

Bring a dish and join us for UUTC's annual picnic! We will convene in the covered pavilion on Lake Atagahi in Connestee Falls. All are welcome! Plan on swimming, playing volley ball or just relaxing. Ham, hot dogs, sloppy joes and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable, dessert or munchies to share. The Eclectics will be playing. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED! Connestee Falls Security now requires an advance list of everyone to permit entry. Either sign up at the front counter (with the food you are bringing), or call 877-6121, or email uutcadmin@citcom.net. Driving directions are available at the church or by email request.

September 12 & 19, October 3 & 10, Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am: UU 101 Classes

UU 101 will be offered on four Sundays during the first service in the conference room. If you are interested in learning the history of Unitarian Universalism, have questions and/or wish to share ideas and learn about our church, please sign up at front counter, or email to uutcadmin@citcom.net, and include your name, email and phone number. For questions, contact Alice Hardy at jhardy1@citcom.net.

NEW WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

September 15, 22, 29, & October 6, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for a four-week program presented by our own Ken Chamlee . . . details to follow. Dinner begins at 5:30; program from 6:30 to 7:30. Child care is available.

September 15 – 19, Wednesday – Sunday: UUWomenspirit Conference at The Mountain

For over 20 years, UUWomenspirit has been holding two events per year at The Mountain Camp and Conference Center. The theme for the fall UUWomenspirit is *Embracing Gaia: Reclaiming Our Heritage of Peace!* During the Institute portion of the event, we will study the recently-revised *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* curriculum, facilitated and specially adapted by long-time Womenspirit members Barbara and Geneva Green. This program seeks to raise awareness of the stories and symbols of the ancient world where females were respected and celebrated. Through worship services and the Gathering workshops, we will continue our exploration of Gaia and other goddesses whose myths of strength, perseverance and peace continue to empower us today. For details go to www.UUWomenspirit.org or contact Alice Carnes at 704-453-4175, or Margaret Schmidt at 864-342-1642.

September 22, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm: Workshop, *Realities of the Low-Wage Worker*

Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA) is hosting a workshop *Realities of the Low-Wage Worker*, subtitled *Building Justice in the Workplace and in Our Customer Relationships*. The workshop will be held at the Flat Rock campus of BRCC, and will include the exercise facilitated by Just Economics called *Testing Your Low-Wage Survival Skills: A Simulation*. Great reviews have been heard of this exercise as an eye-opening experience. Registration is just \$15 and includes lunch. Here is the link to the workshop information and registration:

<http://www.wcca.net/realities/index.html>

September 24 – 26, Friday – Sunday: UUTC Retreat at The Mountain

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE! Registration forms are available on the front counter and online at mountaincenters.org. The Mountain staff can also answer your questions about special arrangements for housing, food, etc. at 828-526-5838. Registration forms should be sent directly to The Mountain, along with your check. Anyone who will be receiving a family scholarship should pay the full fee, and will be reimbursed by our CRE fund.

October 3, Sunday, 10:30 am: Special Congregational Meeting

Immediately following the first service, a special Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary to discuss a Board recommendation to approve the cost of completing storm damage and sewer improvements in concert with the City of Brevard. We will be voting on this issue only. This meeting is open to everyone; *only Members may vote*. If using the absentee ballot, please make sure it is handed in or mailed (UUTC, P. O. Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712) and *received* by UUTC by *October 2, 12:00 noon*. Please circle your vote and sign the bottom of the ballot.

November 6, Saturday, 2:30 – 5:30 pm: UUTC Auction 2010

Visit *Auction Info Table* in church foyer each Sunday to get tickets and donation forms! UUTC Members, Friends and Neighbors - - Come to UUTC for our Annual Auction! Fabulous Finds, Food and Fun! Doors open at 2:30 pm, followed by Silent Auction at 3:00, Entertainment at 4:00 and Live Auction at 4:30. Refreshments will be served. Checks and cash only. Tickets purchased prior to Nov. 1 are \$5; after Nov. 1 tickets are \$10. Children 14 and younger free. Auction categories include Fine Dining, Art & Artifacts, Services, Fun & Games, Something for Everyone. Go online to donate and check out the catalog, <http://www.togetherauction.com/uutc>.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Social Action Funding Plan

It is SAC's pleasure to announce UUTC's donations to *Sharing House* totaled \$2511 in August.

The six social justice agencies that were most favored in our UUTC survey were Bread of Life, the Children's Center, Free Clinic, The Haven, SAFE, and Sharing House. Each of them will have a month in which to raise money and to encourage volunteers; Sharing House's month was August and *Bread of Life* is featured in September. From its inception in 1997, Bread of Life has received broad support from Transylvania County churches, which provide volunteer help in addition to financial support. Free, well-balanced meals and emergency pantry boxes are made available to any in need in our county. Open Monday through Friday, they provide approximately 900 lunches weekly – 40,000 meals each year. The Social Action Committee has always supported Bread of Life generously, and we hope that tradition will continue with your contributions. Cash or checks made payable to Bread of life, should be put in the envelopes provided in September.

October 10, Sunday, 10:30 am: Social Action Awareness Fair

The Social Action Committee will host a Social Action Educational Fair in the social hall between the Sunday services. Information about local, regional, national and international agencies and organizations will be available. If you have an organization you want to represent, please call Lory Whitehead at 883-8153, or Joan Lemire at 231-9259.

LET'S HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

Send news items for this publication to news@uutc.org with the date(s), description and contact person by close of business on Wednesdays.

Schedule events on the UUTC calendar by sending email to calendar@uutc.org with the date, start and end times, and space to be used.

From Our Minister

What is Leadership?

There are probably as many answers to that question as there are egos. I would like to share with you a few of my reflections on the connections between "ego and leadership".

Ego is central to leadership and the different styles of leadership reflect the health or lack thereof of the ego. For example, a dictator or a tyrant is a leader with an ego that would best be described as neurotic or perhaps even psychotic. Such an ego has an overpowering need to control and dominate. Dictators rarely, if ever, listen to helpful, critical advice but only to the praises heaped upon them that bolster their egos.

In contrast, a healthy leader is one who can listen and receive advice from others. The strength of humility in healthy forms of leadership can recognize wounds and imperfections and other dynamics in need of healing. Thus individuals may become aware of the need to be more sensitive and receptive to one another, resulting in working more effectively and enthusiastically together.

Healthy leadership begins with good listening. Listening empowers and encourages others by developing a sense of security in an environment of emotional maturity.

A healthy ego is reflected in team work and being a team player. By sharing the "ball", everyone participates in *scoring*, and therefore everyone wins at both an individual and group level.

I am both proud and humbled to be part of the UUTC team. I look forward to you sharing your comments with me and one another in our efforts to bring out the best in each one of us as team players.