

UUTC UPDATE

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Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon and by appointment. Time with the Minister can be scheduled on Mondays from 2-5:00pm, Tuesdays from 9:30am-2:00pm & Wednesday from 12-4:30pm.

Pastoral Care

Going through a rough spot? Have surgery coming up? Call (877) 510-5603 or email lhkh@uutc.org.

Nursery Care

Our Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:00am to noon for children ages 0-3. Take advantage of either service at your convenience—our childcare staff would love to welcome your child.

Coming Up at UUTC

PICNIC! — Sun 9/16 12:30pm until!
 Trip Interest Mtg — **Sun 9/23** 12:15pm
 Men's Group — Tues 9/18 @ 9am
 Finance Com — Tues 9/18 @ 10am
 Dream Group — Tues 9/18 @ 2:30pm
 Aging Wisely — Tues 9/18 @ 3:00pm
 Healing Your Life — Tues 9/18 @ 5:30pm
 SMART Recovery — Tues 9/18 @ 6pm
 Eclectics — Wed 9/19 @ 9:30am
 Council — Wed 9/19 @ 4pm
 Choir Rehearsal — Wed 9/19 @ 4:00pm
 Living w/ Intention — Wed 9/19 @ 5:30pm

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Sunday, September 16th

THE MYSTERY OF THE CALL

Luanne Allgood

One of the greatest philosophical questions of all time is what is the meaning of life. Some people believe that we are here to be happy, while others believe that a well-lived life must have purpose. This Sunday, Luanne Allgood will be discussing how philosophers and psychologists throughout the ages have viewed the mystery of the call. If we are to be the heroes of our own lives, we have to be willing to show up for our unique calling and that means we have to forge the way through the unknown and step into our power. Each of us has a unique calling, and we often have to work through the challenges of failure, ridicule and rejection for our purpose to be revealed. What is your destiny calling you to do? Revealing your true gifts to the world will bring you satisfaction, purpose and happiness.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

“When you follow your heart’s calling, you wind up becoming your most powerful self. You don’t need to take power from others if you can tap into your own inner power.”

—Karen Salmansohn

Coming Up at UUTC, cont

Creativity — Thurs 9/20 @ 10am
 Living Life Fully — Thurs 9/20 @ 3pm
 LHHH — Thurs 9/20 @ 3:30pm
 Circle Dinners — Friday, as assigned

Annual Picnic

Come join the fun on Sunday, September 16th at Atagahi Park in Connestee Falls after the second service! Full-family fun--bring those swimsuits, bring something delicious to share--total potluck delight—and a light jacket, just in case!

Call the office or sign up at the front counter—a list of attendees must be given to the gate keepers. Thanks!

Muffins with the Minister

Our next “Muffins” date is **October 22nd**. Come have coffee, talk with Rev. Ilene and others who join the fun! This is a laid back, easy way to learn something new about others in the congregation, including Rev. Ilene. Runs from 10:00am to noon.

Social Action Giving



PISGAH
LEGAL SERVICES



This month we are extending support to Pisgah Legal Services. Pisgah Legal Services is a community-based non-profit law firm providing free civil legal help to our communities' most vulnerable. They are the only

free legal resource in Western North Carolina.



TRIP TO TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA?

Sunday, September 23rd @ 12:15pm

If you are interested in taking a pilgrimage to the homeland of the Unitarian Faith in the late spring of 2019, plan to attend one of these two meetings with Rev. Ilene.

From the Partner Church Council: *In recent years, we have expanded our pilgrimage opportunities to meet the needs of individual UUs of all ages. Experience our faith in action in different cultures. Every pilgrimage includes personal contact with local congregations where you will have the opportunity to worship in the local tradition. Local guides provide historic insights to each country's religious history. Your journey includes cultural highlights along with many personal connections. Pilgrimages are well-structured to include all ground transportation, airport pick-up and drop-off, hotels/guest houses, meals, admission fees, guides, and translators.*



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL

BREVARD JEWISH COMMUNITY



All are welcome to attend Shabbat and Oneg services with the Brevard

Jewish Community on **Friday, Sept. 21**, when Rev. Ilene will be presenting a talk on the spiritual implications of the High Holy Days. What are the reminders of these days for how we ought to live? Rev. Ilene, who grew up in an multifaith family with a Jewish mother, will reflect on the Days of Awe through her particular lens: as a scholar of the Shoah and of Holocaust theology, and as an interfaith clergy person.

The service will be held at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday, September 21st.

THE BEST DIRECTORY IS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Contact Directories are really important for us all to stay connected. But did you know that the **ChurchLife** app is available to **Members AND Friends**? It is easy to use and is the most up-to-date resource for reaching other members 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.

Sometimes this email ends up in your spam folder. If you have any trouble getting your password, come in to see RK and we’ll get you setup properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.



WHY THE DESIGN CHANGE?

Your weekly UPDATE is continuing to be tweaked. Why?

UUTC had some very important information that was buried on the last page. It’s not nice to make people dig! So most announcements have been moved into the left column on the first two pages. A third column on page three may be necessary as we continue to grow.

Second, we were occasionally reaching a frightening number of pages to print. So the font has been changed to a smaller size and different typeface to save us approximately one and a half column inches per page—more information in less space. Here’s hoping that the change does not inhibit readability! To lighten the feel, the borders of boxes have been slightly slimmed.

New headers and footers re-calculate page numbers automatically, saving time and error. The date can be changed on one page and they all update. Also, the column that flows from page one to two (and likely three) is linked so that text moves along as added, saving time and “padding” in creating different spaces for each announcement. These are strategic changes to reduce time spent in communications preparation, allowing your administrator to spend more time on the books or other tasks.

Finally, there is no point wasting space on a page that is unread. Continue to check the last page!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS : OCTOBER 27th, 8:30AM to 1:30PM



Find Your Spiritual Home @ UUTC! 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 at 8:30am and top it off with lunch from 12:30-1:30pm. Childcare will be provided upon request.

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." Sign up at the front counter of the office!

Those who choose to become members will sign the Membership Book and be welcomed before the congregation on a Sunday morning to be announced. Those who have previously taken a membership class can speak with Membership about joining on that date. Email the Team at membership@uutc.org.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 3:00PM

Mark your calendar for this Kirtan concert, featuring Rev. Ilene and **One Voice**, an ensemble of Sydney Lenoir Roberts, Joey Dukes and Michael Orlin.

At this special musical event, Rev. Ilene's classical style of Sikh music will be joined by One Voice, whose kirtan (devotional music) offerings are Western in style. Sacred songs from Sikhism, Hinduism, and beyond will be shared.



THE CRIPPLING IMPACT OF PERFECT

How long did you wait to write your book? How many times have you “held your tongue” because there might have been a “flaw” in your thoughts? When did you start saying no to invitations to do this or that because you were afraid you would fail—or give others the opportunity to judge you? When was the last time you held up the work (especially shared work) because you wanted the product to be perfect?

Too often we are afraid to “do the work” because we want to make all the edits, first. We want to make sure it’s perfect, and ready for prime time. Sometimes that’s ok. Unless it keeps you from getting your work out there in the first place, whatever it is.

The standard of perfect is a target of privilege. Usually, it’s more important to get the work done. And doing the work imperfectly is perfectly human.

“Just because you haven’t found your talent yet, doesn’t mean you don’t have one.”
— *Kermit the Frog*

BREVARD’S ANNUAL CWS/CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday afternoon OCTOBER 16, 2016

Sponsored by Church World Service and supported locally by 12 churches, this 3.1 mile walk seeks to “end hunger one step at a time”. Twenty-five percent of funds raised are kept in Transylvania County and administered by Sharing House, a community service agency sponsored by local churches. Seventy-five percent of funds raised help communities in about 70 countries worldwide address root causes of hunger and deal with disaster relief and recovery needs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Walk with others on Sunday, October 14, leaving the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 22 Fisher Rd., at 2:00 pm. for a 3.1 mile walk. Walking is a symbolic joining with those who must walk many miles for survival - to access food and water in a disadvantaged country.

Make a **financial donation** to the walkers (tax-deductible checks should be written to CWS/CROP).

Learn more about Crop Hunger Walk at crophungerwalk.org. Then you can sign up to walk, sponsor your favorite walker or donate directly to the **UUTC Brevard NC team**. Families are welcome.

Questions? Contact [Sue Null](#) (828-877-2550) is the UUTC recruiter for our UUTC team. **More information is available on the church bulletin board.**



GROUNDS WORK DAY — SEPTEMBER 22ND, 9:00AM ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Your Facilities Team has requested assistance from any and all able-bodied individuals on Saturday, September 22nd. UUTC has far more “grounds” than we used to, and the rate at which things grow...well, all of us are aware!

The focus of the work on the 22nd will be the line behind the sanctuary which once held 21 white pines. If only the Facilities Team members show up, that will be all that is accomplished. If you want to see work done around the Oxford House, or along Jumping Branch, or along the shrub border between our parking lot and the varsity properties, please join us!

Below, Bob Bennett looking with murderous intent upon the pokeweed and grapevines...



NEW FEATURE — POETRY!

Every month, we will feature one or more poems related to the worship theme for the month. This month's Theme is “Calling.” Our introductory poem, curated by Pedro Sandin, appears on the next page of your newsletter. Poems selected will be another means of pondering the spiritual condition. Let us know if you enjoy this feature!

LIVING with INTENTION PARENT CIRCLE

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
@ 5:30PM**

Want some time to complete an entire conversation without getting interrupted by your kids? Looking to meet other parents who share your values?

Join us for our monthly group of parents to listen, reflect and connect with each other. **Childcare and dinner provided.** RSVP to Rabbit at keliirabbitkrueger@gmail.com!



To a Friend with a Religious Vocation

By Elizabeth Jennings

Thinking of your vocation, I am filled
With thoughts of my own lack of one. I see
Within myself no wish to breed or build
Or take the three vows ringed by poverty.
And yet I have a sense,
Vague and inchoate, with no symmetry,
Of purpose. Is it merely a pretense,

A kind of scaffolding which I erect—
Half out of fear, half out of laziness?
The fitful poems come but I can't protect
The empty areas of loneliness.
You know what you must do,
So that mere breathing is a way to bless.
Dark nights, perhaps, but no grey days ahead for you.

Your vows enfold you. I must make my own;
Now this, now that, each one empirical.
My poems move from feelings not yet known,
And when the poem is written I can feel
A flash, a moment's peace.
The curtain will be drawn across the grill.
My silences are always enemies.

Yet with the same convictions that you have
(It is but your vocation that I lack),
I must, like you, believe in perfect love.

THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING

What about those “big checks?”

In July, your donations to the Minister’s Discretionary Fund totaled \$3,351.00. In August, your donations to El Centro totaled \$1772.00. This is the first year that El Centro has been on our charitable giving list. You have given them a great boost!

In other news, UUTC has 3 more graduates of the Augustine Literacy Tutor training! Carol Moore, Bobby King & Heather Layton have joined Pedro Sandin in providing extremely skilled instruction



in the teaching of reading to students recommended by their teachers as in need of this one-on-one assistance. Thanks, Carol, Bobby & Heather!

FIX IT: HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT

October 18th, 2018 — 6:30-8:00pm at UUTC

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.*

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

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