



UU UPDATE

DECEMBER 4th, 2015

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

CREATING HOME

by Rev. Dr. Paula Gable — Sunday, December 6th, 9:30am and 11:00am

There are many parallels between a family home and a “faith home” or congregation. Both offer their members certain joys, protections, and responsibilities and may provide a space to explore the deep sense of sacredness, the beauty of hospitality, and the gift of loving relationships. We will explore what it means to be a member of our faith community, and how our UU heritage, including rituals, songs, traditions and stories help shape the faith we love and share.

SOUper SUNDAY! Stay after the 11:00 service for a meal with friends!

OUR CALENDARS — Below are events that are **not** Team or Committee meetings. Access the **complete** calendar of events [HERE](#).

WHY UUTC IS HOME

I chose UUTC not only for myself but also for my children. It is a place that introduces religions, beliefs, and wisdom from the world to our youngest and most impressionable congregants. Nurture and respect are at the root of the lessons for our children, opening their hearts and minds to ideas that may not otherwise have a voice in their young lives. I feel this community truly values and respects the youth and fully supports their efforts in finding an individual and unique path.

—Brigid Fox

NEXT WEEK at UUTC

SOUper Sunday! — Sun 12/6 @ 12:00pm

Mindfulness — **CANCELLED**

Morning Meditation — Tues 12/8 @ 7:00am

Men's Group — Tue 12/8 @ 9:00am

Dream Group — Tue 12/8 @ 2:30pm

SMART Recovery — Tue 12/8 @ 6:00pm

Eclectics Jam — Wed 12/9 @ 9:00am

Being Group — Wed 12/9 @ 1:00pm

Morning Mediation — Thurs 12/10 @ 7:00am

Living Wage Coalition — Thurs 12/10 @ 12:30pm

Knitting Circle — Fri 12/11 @ 10:30

SANTA'S WORKSHOP—RSVP TODAY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 9:30AM-12:00PM



Send us your youngest elves to work alongside UUTC Volunteer Elves on secret gifts for family members of their choice—while you use the time for a Parents' Morning Out! This event is the CRE's holiday gift to our families. However, we do ask you to bring a donation for our Mitten Tree (hat, mittens, scarf, etc.).

This event is geared towards children 3 years old and up.

However, we will have the Nursery OPEN for children under 3 so we may offer a complete Parents' Morning Out.

You must RSVP for this event no later than December 10th to Heather Layton—[email](#) or call [553-3810](#). We are planning some really neat gift-creation stations and need to plan for materials and snack foods.

BMS ANGEL TREE

Every year at the middle school we have an Angel Tree, where students in need are sponsored and given gifts of clothing and shoes. Generally sponsoring a child costs about fifty dollars. Donors remain anonymous and get information about sizing, interests/favorite colors, and particular areas of need. We are still in need of a few sponsors this year so I thought I would pass this on to the generous folks at UUTC. I know there are so many opportunities for giving during this time of year, but this is one that is really close to my heart and does so much good for our kids at BMS.

—Emily Atkinson

MORE COWBELL!

OK, not all will get that reference, and it's not entirely accurate. What we really need are some bells appropriate for the accompaniment of tunes like "Jingle Bells" and "Silverbells." If you have any small bells that fit this need, we'd love to borrow them for our youth to use on Christmas Eve. Please contact [Heather](#) or call the office, and thank you!



THEY DID WHAT??!!?

Well, if you really want to know the scoop...the best thing to do is go to The Source.

Board Meeting Minutes are on the Board's Board in the Foyer/Social Hall . . . because everything else is hearsay. ☺

Copies may be requested anytime, from your [Administrator](#).



OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF 9 TO 5

In collecting data for the Building Use Task Force, graphs make it quite apparent (and a surprise to no one) that most programs and groups meet between the hours of 9 and 5. Here is a list of current exceptions to that rule:

First Thursdays @ 7:00pm — Drum Circle

Nearly Every Monday @ 7:00pm — Mindfulness

Tues/Thurs @ 7:00am — Meditation

Third Thursdays @ 6:15pm — Women's Sharing*

First Sundays @ noon — Sandwich Sunday*

One Friday, monthly @ 5:30 — Game Night*

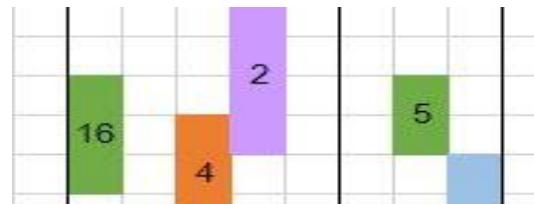
Of these, those with an asterisk (*) also include a meal. Game Night also includes childcare, and

BUILDING USE DATA COLLECTION

Building Use forms on every door ask for date & time of occupation of the space, along with the hours occupied **and the number of people in attendance for the meeting**.

Your help in collecting this data is very important. Please look to see that someone is adding this information every time you are in attendance at any meeting.

Thanks for your help!



parents wishing childcare for other events may request it if they wish to attend.

None of our working Teams meet outside of the standard work day except the Technology Team. A couple of our policy Committees, however, do. The Property Committee meets as needed in the evenings—usually around 6:00pm, when necessary. Our Finance Committee adjusted its schedule to accommodate working member Bart Renner—they meet precisely at noon until 1:00pm once a month on the third Wednesday so that Bart can come on his lunch hour.

Finally, our Board of Trustees meets monthly in the evening, usually at 6:30pm, on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

New photos were done on November 7th. If you would like a printed issue of the updated Members and Friends Photo Directory, please sign up on the office counter, call 828-877-6121 or email admin@uutc.org. The cost is \$5 payable upon delivery. Notice will be given when the free PDF is available.



DID YOU KNOW?

In childcare facilities, the State of North Carolina requires a minimum of 25 square feet of usable space per child. Under those guidelines, we can accommodate only five children in our Nursery space. "Higher Voluntary Program Standards" would require 30 square feet per child. UUTC is not required to be licensed —facilities that provide services for more than 4 hours a day do require licensing.



SEND SOME HOLIDAY JOY!

This is the season when folks really miss having family and friends close.

Consider amplifying the good work of our Loving Hearts, Helping Hands Team by sending a card or note to one of the people listed on the bulletin board next to the front counter or to others that they might recommend.

One of those people is Janet Benway, who is doing well but will remain at Tore's Home for awhile longer. Her address is:



Janet Benway
Tore's Home
43 Tore's Drive
East Flat Rock, NC 28726

UUSC GIVING TOTALS

UUTC's donations to U.U.S.C. (the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) in November totaled \$2,298. But because 13 donors gave \$125 or more, (with contributions matched by another UU congregation), U.U.S.C. will receive \$1675 more, totaling \$3973. Thanks to all who contributed!



SOCIAL ACTION TEAM NEWS



WARM & FUZZY CHRISTMAS?

As always, early in December our UUTC Mitten Tree will be set up in the lobby. For many years, new or gently used hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves have decorated our tree. Warm socks are needed as well.

A week before Christmas we take our donations to Bread of Life, El Centro, and The Haven. Let's top last year's total of well over 115 items and really warm up our community! Questions? Call Susan Bir at 884-9387.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING DONATIONS

UUTC will be collecting items for Sharing House's *Christmas Blessing*. This event is in place of the "adopt a family" program, and families will have the opportunity to choose the items most needed.

Items donated should be for children from birth to age 18. Baskets will be in the lobby for your donations from December 6th-20th.



5TH SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION—276 POUNDS! ENORMOUS THANKS!

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER • SACRED HEART

The 17th annual **Community Christmas Dinner** will be held at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** on Asheville Highway on December 25 from noon until 4:00 p.m. (at no charge). 500-600 people attend each year, and Sacred Heart is asking for your help with this event.

1. You can donate **FOOD**, which is cooked at your home or purchased and brought to Sacred Heart on Christmas Day morning between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Pans and covers for cooked food are provided and can be picked up at UUTC Dec. 19-22.
2. Please sign up at the UUTC counter by **December 9** if you can help with listed items or to **VOLUNTEER** to serve for an hour or two on Christmas Day. Even three volunteers would be a **HUGE HELP**.
3. You can donate **MONEY** for turkey, ham, or paper products. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Catholic Church; in the memo, put Christmas Dinner.

For additional information, call Joan Lemire at 828-231-9259.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUPER SUNDAY! (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “SANDWICH” SUNDAY)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

This Sunday is SOUPer Sunday! Given the colder temperatures, we'll provide some SOUP to get things moving! Connect with Members, friends and visitors after the 11:00 service. Bring bread, fruit, veggies, chips, dip or other finger foods to share. To simplify cleanup, bring your own dishes—however, don't let that keep you from coming! Donations appreciated to offset the cost. Meets in the UUTC Social Hall.



SPECIAL COFFEE CELEBRATION!

Board Member Karla Maar gained her Citizenship yesterday, Thursday, December 3rd. Help her celebrate during the social time between services! Special brownies and other delectable items will be available.

Congratulations, Karla!



MONDAY MINDFULNESS CANCELLATION • MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Monday's Mindfulness group that meets at 7:00pm each Monday is taking a day off on the 7th of December. If you attend this group, please mark your calendar—a different group will be using the space that particular day.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!



Performance Dates:

Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30pm

Sunday, December 20th at 10:30am

Mark your calendars for THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, yes EVER, at UUTC anyway! Rehearsals have begun, and we are off to a great start! This story will make you laugh, and it may even make you cry. Our UUTC youth are taking the main stage, and, believe me, we have some talent amongst us. Sofie Pandolfo, an 8th grader at Brevard Academy, stars as Imogene Herdman, the oldest sister of this rough and tough family of 6. You will see Imogene transform before your eyes as she realizes that she and her family have quite a bit in common with Mary and Joseph, poor refugees in a strange land with a baby on the way and very few resources. Gladys Herdman, "the youngest and meanest Herdman," is being played by Leah Austin, and it will take some serious acting to make our sweet Leah seem mean.

Our own Rev Paula plays the play director who takes on the task of taming the wild Herdman crew and directing The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Don't miss it! Wednesday the 16th at 6:30 following the UUTC holiday dinner and then again Sunday the 20th at 10:30am (one service that day).

As always, Thanks for your support! — Heather

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

On December 24th, we will have TWO services. The first, at 4:30pm, will be Intergenerational. This service will be followed by refreshments at 5:15-6:00pm—essentially our social time between services. This time **will** be followed by the 6:00pm service, which will be our more traditional service.

The following Sunday, December 27th, we will have only one service, at 10:30am.





"We are the certain and the seeking, the lifers and the newcomers, the beloved and the brokenhearted, the insiders and the rejected, all of whom have found a home in the extraordinary, yet intimate, communities of Unitarian Universalism."

Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC Host

Our mission is to create a community that encourages free spiritual discovery and growth, celebrates personal and religious diversity, and promotes active, responsible involvement in the larger community.

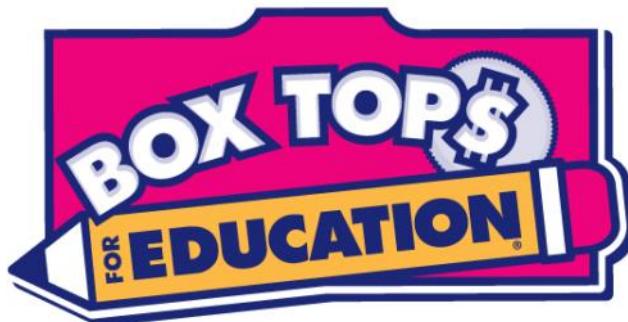
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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please save your BOX TOPS for Education and bring them to UUTC. Emily and Heather will split up the collection and donate to our county schools. Schools earn cash rewards for educational programs. See this website for more information:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

A collection box is on the left side of the front counter. Thanks!



KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

VIEW our [church calendar](#). This is the calendar which has ALL events.

For previous issues of the UU Update, contact the office at admin@uutc.org.

SEND news for this newsletter by 10:00am on Wednesdays.

CONTACT US

Our Minister is the **Rev. Dr. Paula R. Gable**. To reach her out of the office, call **828-553-9410**.

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 24 Varsity Street, at the corner of South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is admin@uutc.org.