

UUTC UPDATE

JUNE 30th, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

THE POWER OF PRESENCE

by Rev. Dick Tucker

Sunday, July 2nd at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

Finishing up the last Sunday of the theme "Incarnation," Rev. Dick Tucker will invite us to explore how we play a role in making connections with that which is greater than ourselves and is beyond our comprehension.

Join us for coffee between services at 10:30am!

Pastoral Care for the first week of July will be provided by Rev. Jean Rowe. Please use the phone number on the last page of this newsletter to contact her.

connect to something
BIGGER

When we practice spirituality or religion we recognize that life is bigger than us. We surrender the silly idea that we are the mightiest thing ever.

—Steven Covey, author
THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY
EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

COMING UP at UUTC

- Sandwich Sunday** — Sunday @ Noon
- Heartfulness Meditation** — Sun @ 4:30pm
- Growing Younger** — Mon 7/3 @ 11:00am
- Office Holiday** — Tues 7/4 All Day
- Men's Group** – Tues 7/4 @ 9:00am
- Eclectics Jam** — Wed 7/5 @ 9:30am
- Choir Rehearsal** — Wed 7/5 @ 4:00pm
- Team Mtg Night** — Wed 7/5 @ 5:00pm
- CRE Family Potluck** — Fri 7/7 (rain option)
- SUUSI** — July 16-22
- Hogwarts Camp** — July 31-Aug 4
- Pre-School Chalice Camp** — Aug 8-10

TIME TO PICK UP YOUR NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Are you a visual learner? Do pictures help you remember names? Did you order a printed Photo Directory? See Barbi Smith on Sundays or RK during the week.

New Members and Friends who ordered a copy for will receive them free. For other orders, please have \$7 in exact change or a check made out to UUTC. A free pdf version is available by emailing the Admin.

Members and Friends can request a .pdf version of the Address Directory via email. Printed Address Directories are \$2 and can be ordered by emailing the Admin.

DIRECTORIES ARE READY for SUNDAY — Meet Barbi Smith in the Foyer to collect yours!



UUTC SANDWICH SUNDAY • THIS SUNDAY @ NOON

LaDonna Huffaker

Who's ready for a picnic? **Members, Friends, Children, Visitors and Guests** of all ages are invited to gather around the UUTC picnic table after second service. No childcare provided.

Please Bring:

A sandwich for yourself and your family members, a finger food to share: chips, sliced veggies, sliced or whole fruit, cookies, or bars, and camp chairs or blanket.



Membership Team provides:

Lemonade and water, napkins, plastic cups, plates, spare breads, and sandwich fillings.

Come prepared to picnic rain or shine. We will set up in the Social Hall if necessary. Look for Signs on our doors that morning if in doubt.

Questions? Contact LaDonna Huffaker at huffaklr@gmail.com or call 828-577-1329.

CHARITABLE GIVING FOR JULY: MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A Change in Execution

Starting this month, all Charitable Giving contributions will go into a separate fund prior to dispersal. **Therefore, checks should be written TO UUTC**, with the agency designation on the memo line.

This will allow your checks to clear almost immediately, making balancing your checkbook less of an issue. It also guarantees that you can deduct your contribution to the designated cause. UUTC will then write one check to the agency, or in this case, fund, and we will not have dozens of checks sitting around waiting for an agency to collect.

Minister's Discretionary Fund



In the past year, our minister has given funds to help purchase medications, pay for overnight housing, assist with utility bills and a few other needs. Sometimes these gifts support those at UUTC, and sometimes they support others in the community. Your gifts this month will refill this reservoir for Rev. Ilene to use in ministering to the needs of our personal and connected community.

This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.

HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

Nancy Thompson

Heartfulness Meditation is a simple, practical technique that you can use with any other form of yoga, meditation or spiritual practice. You don't need to know how to meditate or to believe in a particular system or philosophy.

Please join us on Sundays from 4:30-6:00PM in the sanctuary for Heartfulness Meditation (Adult Religious Exploration). Questions? – please contact Jim or Nancy Thompson eshopnat@gmail.com. Free. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!



TEAM MEETING NIGHT • JULY 5TH



How does your Team “dream” that Rev. Ilene will be involved? She has asked that you provide

feedback on this question in your meetings this month. Team Leaders, don't forget to notify the office with a head count for pizza! Teams will be met in this order: Membership/ ARE / CRE / Worship / Facilities, and we will progress as efficiently as possible, but you will certainly have the standard 20 minutes if you need it. Please have your evaluation ready to be sent to Rev. Ilene. Thanks!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY • JULY 12TH

The Strange Marriage of Birth Control and Politics in America



Although women even from ancient cultures were interested in regulating their fertility, the public discussion of birth control began with the public lives of women in the 1840s. There are a lot of odd twists to the story. Victoria Woodhull, the first woman to run for President in 1872, believed in birth control and free love. Some of the early twentieth century feminists advocated birth control for purposes of guaranteeing race purity. Throughout most of American history, doctors were against birth control, because of its potential impact on the virtue of young women. This lecture will take the long view, the social historian's view, with the hope of stimulating discussion about why a topic so central to adult women's lives remains so controversial.

Margaret Lynn Brown is an Associate Professor of American history at Brevard College, where she teaches a course in U.S. Women's history. The program will begin at 6:30pm.

Make your reservations for 5:30pm dinner at the front desk—childcare is provided! While there is no charge for the meal, your donations to help cover the cost are greatly appreciated.

TIME TO BEAUTIFY!

Very shortly, both the #74 Varsity Oxford House and #46 Varsity will be occupied properties. Before Rev. Ilene gets here, we want to do some sprucing of "the little yellow house." Howie Friedman is working on a washing machine repair, and some painting has begun to cover the dark interior trim with a lighter color—others have expressed interest in adding some color to the grounds. Ian also recommended that a bit more hedge be put into place between the house and the church for privacy.



If you can help with some painting at any time the week of July 10-14th, the house will be open and painting supplies will be in place. The Facilities Team has been working very hard this spring, and is open to outside help! They will get their final plans in place on Team Meeting Night, so a list of desired outcomes will be available. If you have colorful bedding plants (of the easy to maintain variety) that you would like to share/plant, please email facilities@uutc.org and let them know, so they can include your offerings in the plan.

2016-2017 — THE YEAR OF GETTING OUR (PHYSICAL) HOUSE IN ORDER

In 2015-2016, we got our Organizational Structure really rolling. In this last fiscal year, we dug into the physical plant...and then some—adding the ability to grow on site with our acquisition of the Varsity Street properties.

Let's review. With the purchase of the Varsity Street plots, we added .59 acres and a value more than the sum of its parts by virtue of the creation of one large plot (should we ever wish to sell). Through our Sponsored Projects and the over \$42,000 of contributions to that fund, we upgraded our alarm system, repaired our sidewalks, updated our kitchen appliances (just last September!), added more insulation in the roof, installed a bike rack (now code compliant on this issue), restored the emergency lighting to working order, updated our parking lot lighting to working order with LED fixtures, installed new, sanitary flooring in the two classroom spaces, installed cabinetry in the foyer and the classroom, updated our instructional technology fixtures for the classroom, improved the wifi network security and strength, painted the sanctuary wall, uninstalled gas stubs protruding into the foyer, repaired our oldest water cooler, repaired our sign lighting, updated the sign, completed other plumbing repairs, increased the size of our network attached storage, installed new furnishings in the minister's office...and bought 28 "Singing the Journey" hymnals.



During the last Board meeting, another large contribution was allocated to address the vestibule—when that project is complete, it will sport a tongue and groove ceiling with LED recessed fixtures, a live edge black walnut full-width shelf and new, safer flooring.

On the grounds, we have done \$1200 worth of tree work between the main campus and Varsity.

At #46 Varsity, we gutted and updated the bathroom, repaired HVAC ductwork, dressed her in a fresh interior coat of paint, repaired the ceiling of the front bedroom and installed new, weather-tight exterior doors. At #74 Varsity, we replaced an ancient water heater, replaced the washer and dryer, repaired gutters and a roof leak, repaired damaged sheetrock, did extensive cleaning, replaced carpet in the living/dining areas, cleaned the remaining carpets, and are in the process of adding a fourth bedroom and brighter, updated lighting.

Is anybody pooped, yet? It's been a lot of work, but these two years have brought us to "ready" to welcome our new minister. We are in good shape, and while we still have much to do, we've made an awful lot of progress. Kudos!

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR MAY 2017

Dear Friends and Members,

If you haven't updated your VANCO pledge, now is the time! Current VANCO pledges expire June 31st and do not automatically renew. You may set up or change a pledge at [this link](#). Please contact me or any Board member for assistance.

The information presented here provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of May. Our fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 31st.

Now, I know some of those figures look odd – bear with me as I explain: Back in January, the Board made a decision to move monies not

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 11,618.15	\$ 15,602.74
Income through May 31st, 2017	\$ (574.06)	\$ 235,357.47
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,121.42	\$ 40,121.42
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (-----)
Total Funds available through May 31st	\$ 51,165.61	\$ 291,081.63
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 8,319.29	\$ 106,117.39
Programming	\$ 5,446.81	\$ 72,721.03
Facility	\$ 8,665.42	\$ 44,513.43
Misc.	\$ (37,887.35)	\$ 1,108.45
Total Expenditures through May 31st	\$ (15,445.83)	\$ 224,460.29

associated with the Operating Fund into their own funds so as to not complicate the accounting related to the budget, similar to what was already done with the **Endowment** account and the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. This meant setting up separate accounting entities, called funds, for the revenue and expenses associated with the **Varsity Street Properties, Sponsored Projects, Charitable Giving** and the **Scholarship Fund**.

All of these funds exist due to your specified donations, and in the case of the Varsity Street properties, the rental income they [will] generate. Setting up those funds meant removing the specific income for them, and the associated expenses, from the Operating Fund. The setup of the additional funds was completed in May, and those accounting transfers caused the monthly Operating Fund figures to look, well, pretty awful. So let me show you what really happened in May (next page).

This table more accurately reflects the financials in May. Looking at this chart gives us a net total for the month of \$(3,753.08). Maintenance was a large expense due to almost \$4,000 in emergency repairs to the HVAC system. Programming and Professional Expenses show a negative due to designated income in those areas.

Treasurer's Report, continued...

Revenue		Expenses	
ID Contribution	\$1,336.09	Total Salary & Wages	\$ 13,925.82
Anonymous Cash	\$1,022.75	Total Administration	\$ 161.67
Trust Contributions	\$0.00	Total Utilities	\$ 708.24
Previous Year Pledge	\$0.00	Total Maintenance	\$ 5,135.93
Current Year Pledge	\$13,793.99	Total Mortgage	\$ 1,821.25
Next Year Pledge	\$0.00	Total Programming	\$ (360.94)
Stock contribution	\$0.00	Total UU Connections	\$ 982.92
Total Regular Revenue	\$16,152.83	Total Member Services	\$ 67.64
Music Donations	\$300.00	Total Events	\$ 725.01
Amazon Smile	\$32.92	Total Professional Exp.	\$ (241.44)
UUTC Logo Merchandise	\$78.24		
Space Usage Donation	\$90.40		
Event Registration Income	\$614.09		
Events - Game Night	\$0.00		
Events - Wonderful Wedn.	\$283.00		
Event Donations Revenue	\$1,621.54		
Total Other Revenue	\$3,020.19		
Total Revenue	\$19,173.02	Total Expenses	\$22,926.10

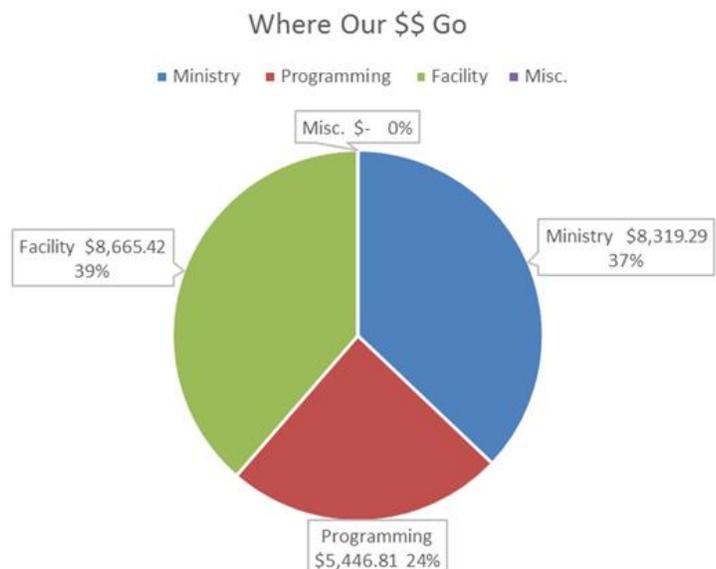
Our expenditures for May break out as shown:

As of the end of May, our total assets were \$1,121,041.95 and our total liabilities were \$424,779.86; our net assets are \$696,262.09. Our new Varsity Street purchases are now reflected in these numbers.

Our UUA Endowment Fund has a balance of \$40,996.16. Once this account reaches a principal amount of \$100,00.00, we may begin withdrawing the interest, for use in supporting social action / outreach programs. Please consider a gift to the Endowment Fund of any size.

Respectfully, Dave Roberts

treasurer@uutc.org mobile: 610-751-6309



RISE & SHINE RECEIVES THEIR "BIG CHECK"

Your contributions to Rise & Shine from our May Charitable Giving came to \$1941.00. At right, Program Director William Mills, Rise & Shine Scholar Analisa and Executive Director Sheila Norman gratefully receive your monetary gifts.

Thank you for your generous support of this agency!



THERE WAS THIS WEDDING...



Congratulations, Ilene & Dustin!



THE HAVEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Haven, Transylvania County's shelter for the homeless, is in great need for volunteers. This is an easy opportunity where you can enjoy a conversation with a resident or catch up on your reading. If you are interested in volunteering, you will receive an orientation so you can understand what is expected.

Here is a list of the shifts available in July. (Some of them are as soon as next week!)

Overnight Shifts: July 4th, 6th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 24th & 30th.

Afternoon-evening shifts: 4pm - 8 pm : July 19th, 24th, 26th, & 31st

Sunday Afternoon (after church shift) 12-4: July 2nd & 23rd

Please call the shelter if you are available at 828.877.2040.



SPONSORED PROJECTS FOR 2017-2018

While we have addressed a number of our “aging building” needs, we still have some ground to cover. Also, we have changes to make that will make our spaces more multipurpose.

In the “aging building” area, we need upgrades to our old florescent lighting. Ballasts are beginning to fail all over the building, especially in the social hall and foyer where they have had the most use. The Aesthetics arm of the Facilities Team is looking at different ceiling panels to be used in conjunction with lighting upgrades to increase the feeling of warmth. New LED fixtures will reduce our overall consumption and improve the working environment for all spaces. For further energy savings, window/door weather-stripping or other improvements are being assessed.

In the sanctuary, Kevin has recommended dropping microphones from the ceiling over the choir area for both simplicity and safety. We need to add some shades in the eastern window to control sun, and we will need to replace the choir chairs with chairs that have racks beneath them to hold hymnals and music so that we do not need to build shelving to handle this storage issue.

In our small classroom, a wall-length magnetic whiteboard is on the list, and a “curtain wall” to cover the whiteboard to help make this space less antiseptic when it needs to be used by a Covenant Circle. For the convenience of all, a table closet will be added from the social hall into the existing office footprint to improve access and make stowing tables less egregious. These are just a few of the items on the list— a complete listing with estimates will be available soon.



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.*

KEEP UP WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Like us on Facebook and keep up with events during the week—get early notification on sermons! Great posts from our Children's Religious Exploration program and more. Click the logo to be taken to the page!



Read the 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? While we await our settled minister, call (877) 510-5603 to reach the minister on call.

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.