

UUTC UPDATE

OCTOBER 20th, 2017



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

TRANSFORMING RACISM

by Rev. Ilene Tompkins-Gillispie

Sunday, October 22nd at **9:15am** and **11:00am**

This Sunday, we will join a large and growing group of Unitarian Universalist congregations in participation in a “teach-in” worship service on the theme of racism and white supremacy. We will join thousands of UUs across the country in this large-scale historic action—answering the call from a network of UUs of color and white UUs working together (called “Black Lives of UU,” or BLUU for short) to dismantle systemic racism in our congregations and our world. Rev. Ilene will preach on the theme of racial justice, and we will reflect, together, on the concept of white supremacy. BLUU has stated that “White supremacy is a provocative phrase, as it conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Yet in 2017, actual white supremacists are not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand this key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times.” If watching the news as of late has made you feel hopeless and helpless, come and learn more about how we can act out our faith as Unitarian Universalists.

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

COMING UP at UUTC

Muffins with the Minister—Mon 10/23 @ 10am

Growing Younger — Mon 10/23 @ 11:00am

Men’s Group — Tues 10/24 @ 9:00am

Board Mtg — 10/24 @ 5:00pm off campus

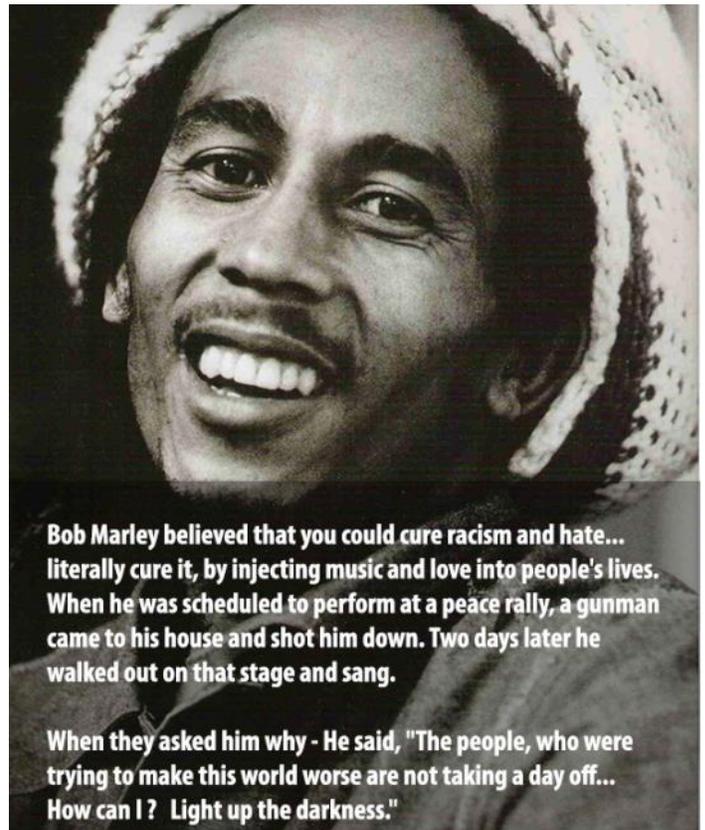
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War on Drugs — Tues 10/24 @ 7:00pm

Eclectics — Wed 10/25 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal — Wed 10/25 @ 4:00pm

Sierra Club — Thurs 10/26 @ 5:00pm



Bob Marley believed that you could cure racism and hate... literally cure it, by injecting music and love into people's lives. When he was scheduled to perform at a peace rally, a gunman came to his house and shot him down. Two days later he walked out on that stage and sang.

When they asked him why - He said, "The people, who were trying to make this world worse are not taking a day off... How can I? Light up the darkness."



NAME THAT HOUSE, SPREAD OUR HERITAGE!

Carol Moore

What do Thomas Jefferson, Clara Barton, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Olympia Brown have in common?

We are accepting written entry forms for the NAME THAT HOUSE, SPREAD OUR HERITAGE CONTEST between October 15 and November 15. **YOUTH may submit names for the yellow house** now occupied by Rev. Ilene. **Members and Friends may submit names for the gray residence now occupied by Oxford House.**

Who or what in our UU history inspires you? Put on your thinking caps, do your research, and submit a name. See full details and entry form in this newsletter and on the counter at UUTC.

Contest rules & entry forms can be accessed [HERE](#), or you may pick one up from the front counter. Email your entry form or place in the wooden box on the front counter. **Don't know where to start? Try [HERE!](#)**



PISGAH LEGAL AND.... IS THAT CHECK WRITTEN CORRECTLY?

Last month's social justice giving was to Pisgah Legal Services, and your donations, made out to UUTC, came to \$927.00. The actual donations to Pisgah Legal were over \$1000, but a few folks made out their checks directly to Pisgah Legal— so are not included in this total, as they were mailed separately to the agency.

Please remember that for our monthly giving initiatives, checks should now be **made out to UUTC with the agency's name on the memo line.** This month, that is **Backpack Buddies.** Thanks!

SEEING STARS?

The Membership Team has been adding stars to visitors' laminated nametags since March. Please continue to recognize and extend a special welcome to these still new visitors. Any other visitor that would like a star is invited to contact Sue Null at membership@uutc.org. Visitors, Members and Friends wishing to add a rainbow sticker in support of our LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation will find them near the nametag storage boxes.



NURSERY RENOVATIONS: MORE SPACE FOR KIDS!

The old “split” door is gone, and in its place is recessed shelving to store toys and childcare backpacks. Also gone is the ancient carpet that made the room feel so dark. The new flooring (the same that has been installed in the classrooms) is a composite flooring with greater noise suppression, lower maintenance costs and greater sanitation. While it performs very like a hard surface, this product contains compressed rubber and cork that provides a bit of springiness and the additional benefit of being 100% waterproof.

Beyond the paint job, nursery improvements originally began when the Board approved a Safe Congregation Policy. This policy requires that no child be alone with any non-parent adult (among other things). This is why a changing table was installed in the nursery, so that neither the person changing the diaper nor the person remaining with other children is left alone. This policy protects both kids and childcare professionals.

The new flooring will not require contracted carpet cleaning, either, which will have a small (but positive) impact on the budget. Thanks again to all those who have, and who continue, to make donations earmarked for these capital improvements!



WOMEN'S GROUP REACHING ACROSS THE AISLE



The November Women's Group meeting is a special one—men are welcome to swim in the same pond this month! Thursday, November 2nd, bring a brown bag lunch at 12:30 and stay for a poetry reading by Alexandra Burroughs.

“In *A Light Beyond*, Alexandra Burroughs takes us on a journey that does indeed go beyond the New York farmland and Florida palm trees she describes with love and gentleness to a mysterious moment capturing a tone and atmosphere that is at once disturbing and breathtakingly beautiful....” Darlene O'Dell

THE DIGNITY PROJECT • SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

UUTC's Social Justice Task Force would like to set up a "Dignity Pantry" to provide items that are NOT eligible for purchase through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) upon which many of our country's residents depend. What, you might ask, is not included under SNAP? Some "luxury" items such as paper products (toilet paper), personal grooming products (tampons and pads, toothpaste and dental floss), vitamins, condoms and basic clothes (bras and underwear). And yet, SNAP will pay for potato chips and ice cream!

Working with other local churches and groups such as Sharing House, SAFE, Bread of Life and El Centro, we want to offer these items so that our friends and neighbors can live with dignity. This would be an ongoing UUTC initiative and program. *What better way to show our commitment to the first principle of "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" than to show respect for the real needs of others?* Your fiscal contribution to this cause can be leveraged by enabling us to purchase supplies in bulk—one dollar can buy one condom regularly, but 10 in bulk quantities, for example.

There is a clear, unmet need for these items. Join us in filling this gap—[tell us](#) we have your support!

Yard signs are HERE. Pick yours up during office hours!

CHARITABLE GIVING FOR OCTOBER: BACKPACK BUDDIES

The Backpack Buddies program provides food packs on Friday afternoons to students who are in extreme need and are likely to have inadequate food over the weekend. Children are nominated by school administrators, counselors, and teachers. Food packs are delivered each week by members of Rotary International.

Due to high demand, the amount of funding Manna spends on their packs has dropped from \$5 per bag to less than \$2 a bag.

Therefore, if enough funds are received, your local sponsorship dollars will also provide a supplement to the now smaller Manna packs. \$150 sponsors one child for the year. *This is an opportunity to give, not an obligation.*



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On Sunday, October 29th, small goblins will be "trick or treating" for your non-perishable donations to Sharing House. Older goblins will be on hand with baked goods—all monies from your purchases will go to Backpack Buddies as Dumbledore's Army works to defeat the Hunger Horcrux.

CHALICE CHILDREN & DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY HARD AT WORK/PLAY



“Do unto **Otters** as you would have **Otters** do unto you” was the theme of craft work completed during a recent Sunday’s Chalice Children. No one had any fun at all (joke!).

More donations came in to Dumbledore’s Army, who were quite excited to send the Naples UU \$646.00 along with letters of love... and an origami helping hand!



UPDATE THAT PHOTO! • OCTOBER 28TH

Members, Friends and Staff Photo Session

Mark Allison and Barbi Smith will be taking new photos and doing updates for our website and photo directory. **Sign up on the office counter or email membership@uutc.org with your phone number.** Barbi Smith will call you to reserve a time for you and yours!



TREASURER'S REPORT • FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Beginning Balance Cash-On-Hand	\$ 35,700.46	\$ 32,944.14
Income through September 30th, 2017	\$ 11,417.16	\$ 58,556.24
Reserve Funds balance	\$ 40,161.37	\$ 40,161.37
Endowment Funds received/(transferred)	-----	\$ (-----)
Total Funds available through Sept 30th	\$ 87,278.99	\$ 131,646.97

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Ministry	\$ 15,008.62	\$ 33,724.08
Programming	\$ 6,644.93	\$ 22,339.06
Facility	\$ 4,337.31	\$ 12,436.20
Misc.	\$ 943.68	\$ 2,817.96
Total Expenditures through Sept. 30th	\$ 26,934.53	\$ 71,317.30

Dear Friends and Members,

The information presented at left provides a snapshot of our fiscal standing as of the end of September. Our fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 30th.

Our expenditures for September break out as shown in the pie chart below.

Electronic online pledges

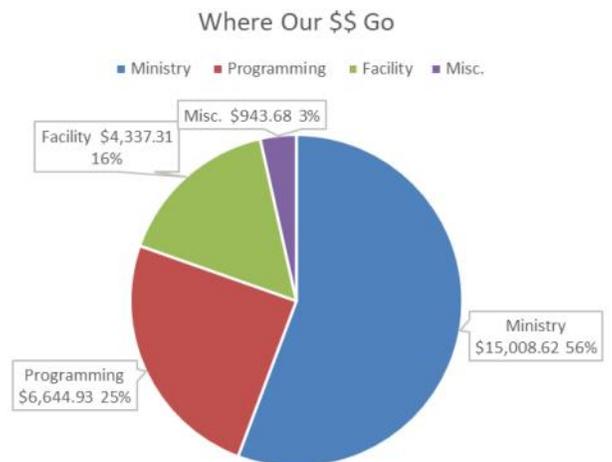
through our secure payment handler VANCO may be made or updated at [this link](#). Please contact me or any Board member for assistance.

Please remember that checks for the charitable giving institution of the month need to be made out to UUTC, with the name of the charitable cause on the memo line.

Respectfully,

Dave Roberts, Treasurer

treasurer@uutc.org • 610-751-6309



NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY • OUT & ABOUT!

Do you find yourself reluctant to take advantage of interesting and fun events in Brevard because it is no fun to go alone? Do you enjoy events more in the company of others?

If so, please [contact Joanna Bliss](#) to have your name added to a list of those notified of opportunities to be Out & About with old and new friends!
(photo is from a Tap Night, but concerts, plays, etc. will be target of group)

UUTC Board of Trustees Agenda

October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

(at home of Dave Roberts, 133 Ashworth)

10/24/17 Member Count - 172; Friend Count - 89

Welcome

Carol

Opening

Cantey

Approval of September Minutes

Kay

Standing Updates

Minister's Report

Rev. Ilene

Treasurer's Report

Dave

Administration Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

Property Committee Report

Advisory Council Report

Old Business

Stewardship Team Discussion

Board Calendar Review

Kay

New Business

Membership Team Request for Funds

Facilities Team Recommendations for Property Use

Memorial Garden Discussion

Adjourn

Tune in to UUA Webinar on Stewardship at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: November 28 at 5:00 p.m.

NEW GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE! • [CLICK HERE](#)



Once upon a time, the internet had Chat Rooms. Today, the equivalent is a group page on Facebook. Unlike UUTC's public page, where only a handful of people can post to the "newsfeed," members of a Group page all have equal authority to post content.

Share photos, share links, share videos or files— this page will give you the freedom to contribute all of those things in a setting that only other Members, Friends and community friends of UUTC will see.

The page was created by Rev. Ilene, and only she and RK can add new people to the group. However, many of you have already been invited because you are Facebook Friends with either Rev. Ilene or RK. If you are not, you can still request to join the group page and one of them will work to make that happen.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?

A couple members of our church family have only one good hand between them (after being hit head on by a car that crossed the median), and our Loving Hearts Helping Hands Team would love your assistance.

Check the front counter for a packet on providing a meal or other help to this much-loved couple. They need the occasional driver and help with nearly everything where two hands are required. Filling birdfeeders, helping in the garden— the possibilities are endless!



CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

A new, color-coded spreadsheet is now helping track Team feedback and Board approvals for the projects we've been calling "sponsored." These capital improvements have greatly improved the safety and security of our building, keeping us in line with our own [policies!](#)

2017-2018 Sponsored Projects		9/20/2017
Starting Balance, August 2017		\$6,069.62
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 2017-2018		\$7,106.62
	Expenditures	Estimated Actual
Nursery - Recessed shelving		
Nursery Flooring		
Chairs for Choir w/racks		
Banners for Sanctuary		
microphone for choir		
Vestibule: electrical/lighting		
Vestibule: flooring		
Teal Hymnal, 14 copies		
Magnetic whiteboard for small classroom		
Peace Pole + lighting		
LED lighting for classrooms/nursery		
LED lighting for back offices + men's room sensor		
LED lighting for social hall & foyer		
LED lighting -- additional row in Choir area		
Window & door maintenance/weather stripping, etc.		
Table closet in social hall w/sliding door		
Complete sanctuary paint job (includes all drywall repair)		
security cameras		
Removal of 21 white pines		
replacement PPA hearing assists (1)		
mulch for Varsity 20 yards delivered		
fireproof file cabinets 4 drawer & 2 drawer		
larger capacity cabinets for hymnals		
Current Balance		\$4,111.41
<p>Completed Board approved Team Consensus </p>		
bold print indicates "in the running" by Teams		

At their last meeting, the Board approved the nursery investments you read about on page three. While we have not yet received the bill for the flooring installation, it should be very close to the original estimate.

Also approved at the meeting was the item in red, the Table Closet. This project will move forward as soon as it can be scheduled.

At that point, we will have used up nearly all of the available funds for capital improvements. Team feedback indicated strong consensus in moving to more efficient and flexible LED lighting, so when funds become available, the Board will give that recommendation strong consideration.

Teams will get an updated feedback form at the November Team Meeting Night.



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? 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.