

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 lhjh@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

Kirtan— Sun 9/30 @ 3:00pm

Men's Group — Tues 10/2 @ 9am

Stewardship — Tues 10/2 @ 10am

Dream Group — Tues 10/2 @ 2:30pm

Aging Wisely — Tues 10/2 @ 3:00pm

SMART Recovery — Tues 10/2 @ 6pm

Eclectics — Wed 10/3 @ 9:30am

Choir Rehearsal—Wed 10/3 @ 4:00pm

Team Mtg Night — Wed 10/3 @ 5:00pm

Creativity — Thurs 10/4 @ 10am

Living Life Fully — Thurs 10/4 @ 3pm

Property Comm — Thurs 10/4 @ 6pm

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Sunday

Sunday, September 30th

OPENING OUR HEARTS

Rev. Ilene Kaur Tompkins-Gillispie

As Unitarian Universalists, it is our moral imperative to open our hearts, and to keep them open, to our beautiful, complex, broken, and suffering world. Our connection to the Source of all that is, and to each and every piece of the interdependent web of life, compels us to keep our hearts open even in times of fear and strife. But how? In this service, we will reflect together on the gift and the challenge of our calling-- remaining openhearted in a world which is so often heartbreaking. Special music in the Indian tradition of Kirtan will be offered in this service-- a powerful tool for opening our hearts and keeping them open to the sacredness of life.

Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

Love is a choice — not simply, or necessarily, a rational choice, but rather a willingness to be present to others without pretense or guide. Love is a conversion to humanity — a willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives.

— *Carter Heyward*

Coming Up at UUTC, cont.

Rev. Ilene will be on vacation October 7th through the 13th. The office will be closed on Monday, October 8th.

5th Sunday Collection

Contribute food and other essentials to Sharing House this Sunday. These intermediate collections are a great help in keeping their pantry stocked—all donations are welcome, but especially essentials like canned soups and vegetables, peanut butter, spaghetti, rice and beans! Use the baskets just inside the front entrance.

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



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. **This Sunday is your last opportunity to give to Pisgah Legal through UUTC's Social Action Giving this fiscal year.**



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 a western style of the traditional Indian folk music called Kirtan. ***Kirtan is a call and response practice of singing and meditation.*** All songs are healing mantras designed to lift spirits, clear energy and open the heart. Sacred songs from Sikhism, Hinduism, and beyond will be shared.

One Voice engages in a spiritual practice of Bhakti yoga, which is a spiritual path within Hinduism focused on loving devotion towards a personal god. Sydney Lenoir Roberts and Rev. Ilene will play harmonium, Joey Dukes will be on percussion and Michael Orlin will be playing mandolin.

UU HISTORY: FIRST CLASS STARTS OCT 15TH

New to Unitarian Universalism? Need a refresher on the history of our progressive faith tradition? Have questions about how we got to be the way we are? Rev. Ilene will be teaching a course this fall on the history of Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism. This course is free for members and costs \$30 for non-members. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Sign-up by phone or [email](#), or drop by and put your name on the sign-up list at the front desk. Both daytime and evening courses will be offered, to accommodate differing needs. This will be a three-session course.

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 set up properly. Be sure to bring all your OTHER passwords with you (email, Apple Id, etc), so we can complete the installation process.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR AUGUST, 2018

Thank you for your online giving, for your gifts of stock, trusts, cash and checks in the offering baskets, attending concerts at UUTC and giving to our monthly charity and other funds! You and UUTC benefit from your practice of generosity.

Operating Fund 1

Reserve Cash: \$10,416.34

Total Cash: \$51,746.34

| Aug-18 | This month | Fiscal YTD 18-19 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income | \$ 18,936.71 | \$ 40,336.92 |
| Expenses | \$26,778.71 | \$ 47,152.75 |
| NET | (\$7,842.00) | (\$6,815.83) |
| Unrestricted Cash on Hand | \$ 41,348.13 | |

July income was higher than expenses by over \$1000. August expenses were much higher, one time or at other intervals. Pledges were up, but other variable interval income was down. Unrestricted Cash on Hand: Very Healthy! See above and below.

Pledge Performance

Fiscal Year to Date: \$26,999.74 for 14.52% of \$186,000. We also received \$38,730.00 in pledges prior to July which helps to account for our healthy cash on hand.

| <u>Pledge Income FY 18-19</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Pledged | \$ 14,237.76 | \$ 13,645.37 |
| Actual | \$ 12,876.87 | \$ 14,122.87 |

Endowment Fund #2: \$160,036.68

August Charitable Giving to El Centro: \$1772.00

Other Funds with Available Balances: Please refer to the Treasurer's Report to the Board on the Bulletin Board. Let me know if you would like to see this in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Slocum • treasurer@uutc.org



2018 WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

This year our Winter Solstice Celebration will be *A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual* created by Julie Forest Middleton and Stasa Morgan-Appel. It will be held on Friday, December 21st at 5:30 PM. Joanna Bliss will be the Narrator and Teri Sandoval the Music Leader.

This ritual, lasting about an hour, is composed of stories and music. Those in attendance are led on an inner journey that explores the nature and benefits of the dark. The ritual helps to renew us and leads us back to resume our outward journey through the darkest time of the year.

We are looking for 4 readers (ideally one teen and three adults) and approximately ten additional singers (all voice parts welcome) to participate in the ritual. The songs are mostly rounds and chants and should be accessible to anyone who can carry a tune. Those for whom their spiritual path is an Earth Based religion and don't usually sing in the choir are especially encouraged to participate. (It is possible for a person to be both be a reader and to sing in the choir.)

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings November 29, December 6, and 13th from 7 to 8:30. The dress rehearsal will be Thursday evening December 20th time TBA. Readers are expected to attend only the dress rehearsal. If you are interested in participating but don't drive at night please let us know when you respond and we will arrange a ride for you.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email solstice@uutc.org.

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



Find Your Spiritual Home at UUTC! If you are pondering membership, Rev. Ilene will lead this class on what membership means at UUTC. 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.

TEAM MEETING NIGHT — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 5:00PM

In which we make modifications!

Teams last month voted to accept some time off to make Team service easier on everyone! With our deficit of appropriate and private meeting spaces, and no one liking being stuck in the last time slot, Teams voted to rotate through a month off. Each Team will have two months off during the year, in addition to the month of July when Rev.

| October | | Facilities: Month Off | |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| TIME | TEAMS | LOCATION | FACILITATOR |
| 5:30-5:50 | Membership | small classroom | Tim |
| 5:50-6:10 | Social Action | social hall | Susan Z. |
| 6:10-6:30 | CRE | large classroom | Heather |
| 6:30-6:50 | ARE | Foyer | David |
| 6:50-7:10 | Facilities | large classroom | Kay |

Ilene is on leave. “Time off” is a loose term, defined by the teams themselves—but most assuredly, Rev. Ilene will not meet with the “off” team. This month, Facilities is in the final time slot and is therefore “off” from their business meeting, but has elected to show up and do some tasks that need doing and then vamoose when they choose. Likewise, it is likely that the Social Action Team will always meet—if only to handle the allocation of supplies for the Dignity Project.

Team Leaders, or the designated convener, should send their monthly Agenda, Evaluations and a pizza count to RK no later than Monday (for agendas & evaluations), and Tuesday afternoon (for pizza). Parents, be sure to tell your Team Leader the number of children who would like pizza, as well! As always for Team Meeting night, childcare is provided.

A GOOD READ: *EVERY MAN AN ARTIST*, B. Keeble & S. H. Nasr

“Pointing the way to art as a primary means through which we enter into a relationship with the spiritual nature of reality, this anthology by many of the philosophers and artists reconnects us to the fundamental truths which give value to our thoughts and actions, as well as to art.” Title is taken from a quote by Joseph Beuys, a German conceptual artist. Beuys also said “Creativity is not limited to people practising one of the traditional forms of art Each one of us has a creative potential, which is hidden by competitiveness and success-aggression.”

The image (above, right) is from Beuys project **7000 Oaks**. With the help of volunteers, Beuys planted 7,000 oak trees over several years in Kassel, Germany, each with an accompanying basalt stone. In response to the extensive urbanization of the setting the work was a long and large-scale artistic and ecological intervention with the goal of enduringly altering the living space of the city. The project, though at first controversial, has become an important part of Kassel's cityscape. *(from Wikipedia)*



THE “YOU” IN UUTC SOCIAL ACTION

FORWARD TOGETHER

Want to keep up with the statewide justice arm of Unitarian Universalism? “Forward Together” is the UU Justice Ministry of NC—a progressive, faith-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to “give life the shape of justice” by:

- Coordinating and supporting the social justice work of individual UUs and UU congregations ,
- Building relationships with other groups who are working for social justice, and
- Giving voice to our Unitarian Universalist values with respect to important social, economic, environmental and political issues in NC.

Right now, you can visit their website to see what other UU congregations in NC, impacted by Hurricane Florence, could use in terms of support. Lots of other information, as well!

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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