

PRIDE MONTH

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Office Hours

The office is open Mon-Fri from 9 to noon and by appointment.

Pastoral Care

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

Nursery Care

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

Coming Up at UUTC

Heartful Meditation — Sat @ 5:30

20th Anniversary Celebration — Sun

Sandwich Sunday — Sun @ Noon

Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30

Board Mtg — Tues @ 8:30am

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30

Living Wage Coalition — Thurs @ 10

Joy of Being — Thurs @ 10:45

Rainbow Alliance — Thurs @ 5:00

Parent Chat — Sun 16th @ 5:00

Sunday
@UUTC



SO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Rev. Phillip Thomason

... Start with kindness! Words that heal, words that hurt....

Services at 9:15am and 11:00am. Join us for coffee at 10:30am!

ALL CALL FOR NEWSPAPERS

You delivered, big time, for cardboard. Now the Facilities Team needs your newspapers! The soil of the Fellowship Green is very poor, with little organic matter to help it retain moisture. Mulching between the new plants is a necessity. Please bring in your old newspapers for this effort — they can be left at the front office. Thank you!

"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

— *Proverbs 12:18*



Social Justice Giving

Our Vision

Every person in Transylvania County has enough food and resources to thrive.

Our Mission

Sharing House connects residents of Transylvania County to provide crisis assistance and programs that cultivate lasting solutions to hunger and poverty.

Our Core Values

Hope We believe our community can be a place where every person can thrive in body, mind and spirit. We hope for a community where everyone has enough resources to reach their full potential.

Compassion We believe that it is our calling to share one another's burdens and joys.

Integrity *We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.* We honor each individual's desire and search for future good.

Teamwork We foster a culture of teamwork where the contributions of staff, volunteers and neighbors are valued.

Empowerment We create a culture where neighbors can gain control of their circumstances and achieve their own goals, thereby being able to work towards helping themselves and others to maximize the quality of their lives.



SUNDAY, A WEEK FROM NOW

Becoming Ourselves

James Mack

One man's journey from the Southern Baptist Church to self-realization and happiness.

James Mack was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised Southern Baptist. In high school, he was president of the Bible Club. He went to a Southern Baptist University to become a preacher, but when he came out in his early 20's, he moved to New York City and began a career in men's fashion. Several years later he moved to Cape Cod, opened a bed and breakfast and discovered Unitarian Universalism. He met his future husband, Jon Arterton, in the UU choir there, and the two have been singing together ever since. For a decade he served as a chaplain with the UU Meeting House of Provincetown, performing weddings and commitment ceremonies. He and his husband now divide their time between St. Petersburg, Florida, and Brevard.

As a Welcoming Congregation, it is important for us to hear messages from our LGBTQ friends, and it is also important for these friends to be heard. Thank you in advance for your attendance on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CASSIE DREIER

Cassie Dreier's Memorial Service will be held at UUTC on Saturday, June 22nd from 11:00 – 12:00 am. Rev. Ernest Mills will be officiating. John Dreier is planning a very special service for Cassie. All are invited to attend.

An hors d'oeuvres and beverage reception will be held at the Connestee Clubhouse beginning at 1:00 PM. John requests that all who plan to attend the reception (Connestee needs names and reservations prior) ***please notify Alice Hardy via email (hardy542@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, June 12th.*** Please specify by name those who will be attending.

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Originally, Sunday was to include a Dedication of the Fellowship Green. Mother Nature has other ideas, and so that part of our celebration will be put off until Sandwich Sunday, July 7th. However, since we so desperately need the rain, we are not complaining!

This Sunday, all available Charter Members (those who signed the Charter to create UUTC) will be in attendance so we may thank them for their work in creating this liberal religious community. These Members and Friends are Margaret Baucus, Joanna Bliss, Lois Conley, Donna Johnston, Leslie Keir and Chris & Sally MacMillan.

Since the outdoor fun will not be happening, we are postponing Kiwi Gelato for a warmer, drier day, as well—Kiwi Gelato will join the fun on July 7th. However, we will have lots of warm coffee, cake and smiles to go around, and that's just between services! In the pulpit we have Rev. Phillip Thomason, the choir will sing, and our guest musician Phyllis Miner will play piano — and harp. (!!)

Following the second service, Sandwich Sunday will kick off —and Mark Allison will simultaneously begin setting up for photos. Any and all who have old photos, photos with children who are embarrassingly older than the pictures on file, those who have NO photo— come let Mark make you gorgeous. No sign up required—just stay for Sandwich Sunday and come see us in the sanctuary! We will update your ChurchLife profile as soon as Mark processes the images. As we grow, it is essential that we aid our memories with the visual cues provided by current photographs.

Coincidentally, photo directories will be available (only \$10!), if you need a new one!

Come celebrate together a most successful religious community!

PROGRAM ORGANIZER NEEDED

For several years, UUTC has participated, along with other churches in the community, in the CWS (Church World Services) CROP Walk to help raise funds to assist



communities in about 70 countries worldwide. Funds are used to address root causes of hunger and deal with disaster relief and recovery needs. 25% of the money raised goes to **our local Sharing House**, which is a giant blessing according to Shelly Webb, Director of Sharing House: "We are fortunate to have a community who cares deeply for the well-being of all. It is hard living in Transylvania County with low-wage and seasonal jobs and less than reliable transportation. Winter months are unpredictable for living expenses. It is not unusual for our neighbors to wait until it is absolutely necessary to ask for help when the oil tank is low, the pantry is bare, or the electricity is about to be cut off."

UUTC is in need of an organizer of volunteers for this fall's walk of 3.1 miles on Sunday, October 13. Local experts are available to help with details. Please contact Sue Null suenull@rice.edu, 828-877-2550.

UUTC FALL RETREAT AT THE MOUNTAIN — TIME TO REGISTER!

Our fall Retreat at The Mountain RLC in Highlands is October 4-6th, and it is going to be great! Minister Emeritus Ernie Mills will be our leader— and he has talked Mark Twain into entertaining us Saturday night before the bonfire marshmallow roast!

Opportunities you might enjoy are the Many Hands Peace Farm Tour, a guided labyrinth tour, or hiking. There are [three trailheads](#) at The Mountain, of varying difficulty.



For the retreat, you can register for one night or two. Registration starts at \$95/night per person for adults— children to the age of 7 are free but must lodge with a parent. Meals on site are always good (accommodating all), but if you prefer to venture into Highlands, you will find plenty of offerings.

So far, 14 people are signed up. Since we are sharing the facility with the Columbia, SC UUs, it's good to get registered early. Even better is if you can get with friends to share a cabin for double the fun! Register at [this link](#) (preferred) or call 828-526-5838. This is an especially beautiful time of year at The Mountain, and we will have a great program. Questions? Call Bruce Kirkman at 828-507-1207.

PACK THE PANTRY FOR SHARING HOUSE!



SATURDAY, June 29, volunteers are needed to help Sharing House collect Food Pantry donations. This year we have been asked to cover the single entrances at Dollar General, Hwy 64 (Hendersonville Road) and Dollar Tree (next to Walgreens) 10:00am to 3:30pm.

This is an easy, fun and rewarding activity. This year's Pack the Pantry drive to feed our neighbors is more appreciated than ever—the number of people in need in our county continues to rise.

We need one person for each time slot, but if you would like to do it with a friend, please include both names on the signup sheet at the front counter—if you have any questions, please call or text Joan Lemire at 828-231-9259. Your help makes a difference to our community!

SOCIAL ACTION ON (SACRED) FIRE: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

With Susan Zelle heading for Board service on July 1st (truth be told, she is already attending meetings), she is no longer able to chair our Social Action Team. Stalwart members Lisa McHenry and Sharon Moya have stepped up and will serve as Co-Chairs of the Team.

With new programming and good procedures now in place, now is a great time for those who carry the flame for social justice to join the Team. This is a team with Action in its name—you will not be bored, and you will be proud of your contributions. Contact any member if you'd like to join!

Dear Members and Friends,

We rejoice in the good news that Reverend Ilene's surgery proceeded as expected. Recovery never goes as rapidly as one hopes, but we can hold her and her family close in our hearts on this part of her journey to wellness.



This Sunday's service (June 9th) will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the founding of UUTC and recognize with much appreciation those among us who were present and played key roles in that auspicious moment. Look forward to a joyful occasion.

Turning to the next steps for UUTC (most of which will occur under the able leadership of Joyce Henneberry), the Board, at its specially called meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, will consider the various options available to fill the role of Minister to UUTC.

We are too late, in the UUA schedule, to use UUA's process to locate an Interim Minister to arrive this August. We are informed by the UUA Transitions group that the route to follow is the location of a contract minister. The contract process can proceed locally, but we have contacted UUA for their guidance and assistance. We understand that a contract minister can be called as a settled minister.

I hope that the Board chooses, as well, to enter into the UUA Search Process in a manner that will result in the Identification of a Settled Minister to arrive in August 2020. UUA Transitions Team will have to agree to this in order that we achieve this goal.

If the Board agrees to this dual track approach, then you will be hearing from the Advisory Council, consistent with the Organizational Structure, the document guiding our organizational activities. (This document is available at our website: from the main page, select Board at the very bottom: you will find the link to this document at the top of the page.)

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING THE SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH TASK FORCE

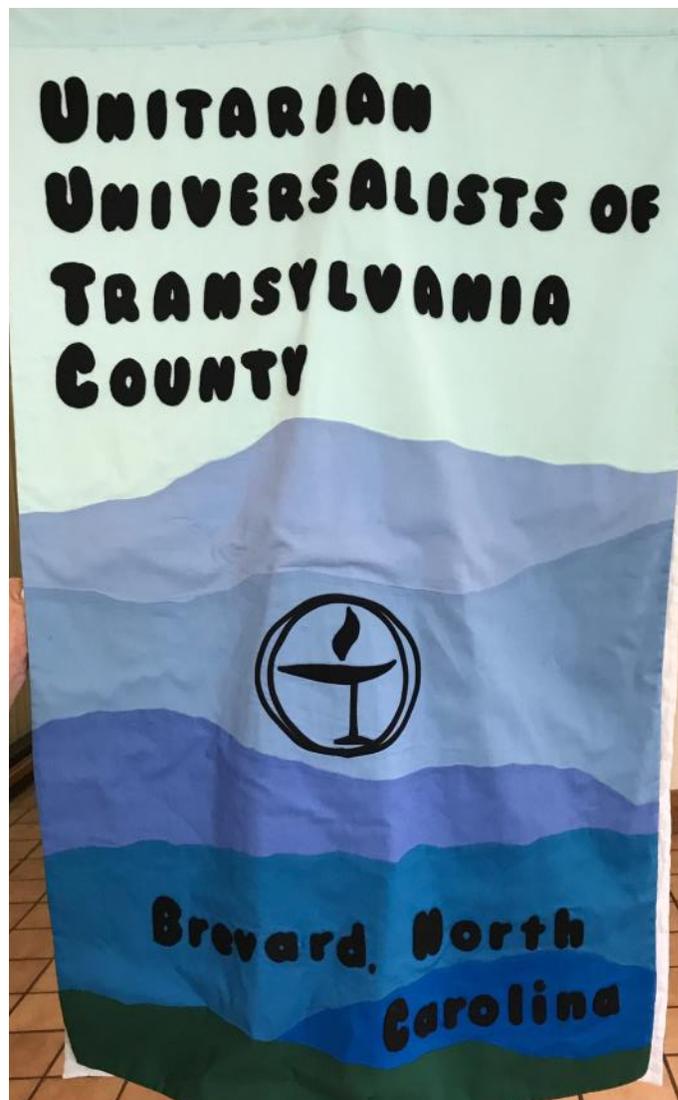
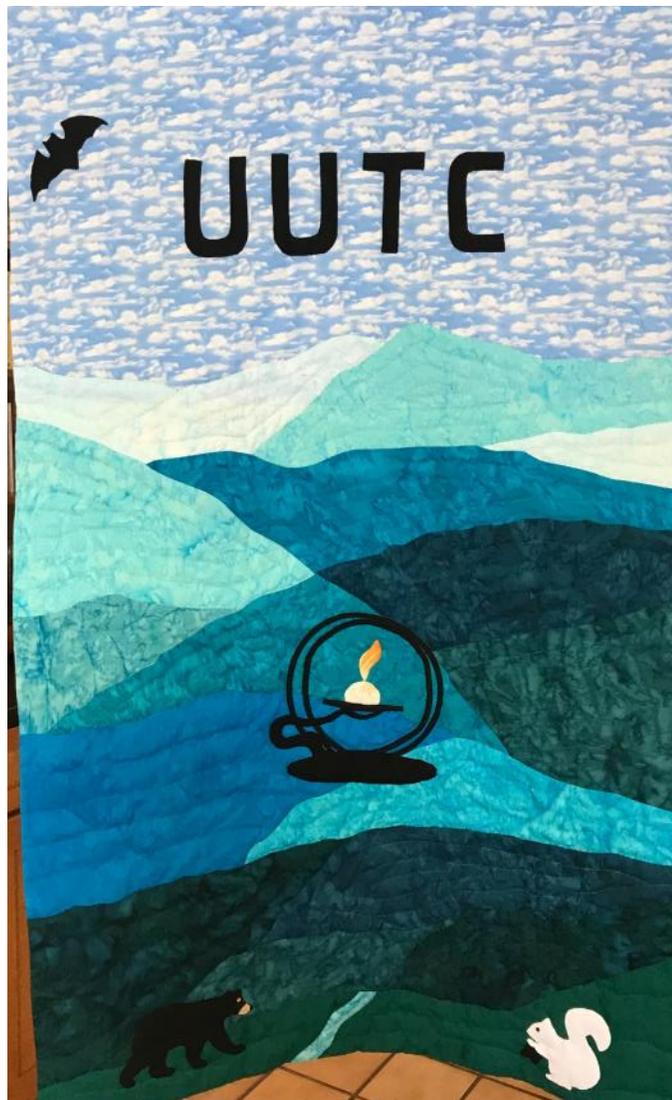
... Six weeks prior to the Congregational Meeting to select a slate, the Council shall, through the newsletter, mailings, the Sunday bulletin, and/or speaking during Sunday service, call for names of Members to be submitted from the Congregation, either one's own or someone else's. This call will be made for two weeks." If you are interested in serving on this Task Force, please let any Board Member know. We will pass this information on to the Council for consideration.

As we enter into this new – and complex - phase of our congregation's life, I am made keenly aware of those attributes that have made us so successful: clear vision and strong commitment. These are the very same attributes our Founding members brought with them, when Margaret Baucus and Nilsa Lobdell started to accumulate names of folks they believed would be interested in creating a new progressive religious community in Transylvania County!

Thanks be!

Peter B Mockridge

A BANNER AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY!



The last time UUTC was represented in the Parade of Banners at General Assembly, Emily Atkinson carried it. She reported when she returned that our non-compliant banner (size, etc.) would not be able to be displayed with the others in the future. So a few years have gone by since we've been represented.

Confronted with our lack of an appropriate banner, Rev. Ilene asked who in our congregation might be able to create a new one. While UUTC has a number of skilled quilters, only one was able to take the ball and run with it — Mary Bennett. Mary completed the banner this week, and you will see it displayed in a very haphazard way in the foyer this Sunday. The PVC rod (which disassembles) and the banner itself will be put into Joyce and Mark Henneberry's luggage and flown to Spokane, WA for this year's General Assembly! Upon its return, we will more properly display this work of art.

Part of what makes the banner so rich is the use of batik dyed fabrics in the mountains. The visual texture of this fabric makes the mountains feel as rich as the forests that cover them. Our own Chalice is represented and symbols of Transylvania County. Thank you, Mary, for your hard work and generosity!

WHY PICTURES MATTER

At right are some of my favorite images from our Directory photos. Maybe my absolute favorite is the bottom right, where Lem Miller is clearly having to contain Maxwell—what courage! Bringing your cat in for a photograph!

Coming into a photo session run by Mark Allison and Barbi Smith, with people lined up (loosely), and dogs getting to know one another, and music playing... it's an experience. It's a time of *shared* experience, one that's rather unique to UUTC.

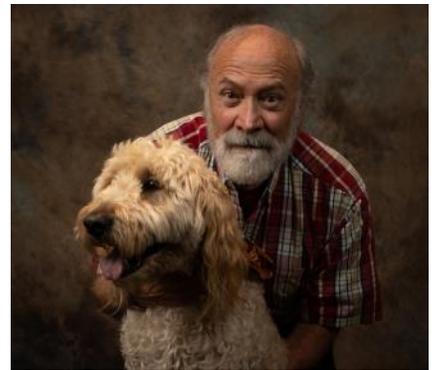
Most other congregations, UU or not, contract out this work to Lifetouch, or some such outfit. No music. No pets. Rigid time frames and aggressive promotion of sales. By contrast, Mark and Barbi provide this service as a gift of talent to this congregation, and the images are free to download from Mark's website. Yes, it's a bargain—but it's also a tremendous gift to receive such quality images to help us all tell our families' stories.

Look at the affection. Look at the joy.

On Sunday, you have the opportunity to renew your current image—or just get one, period, if you haven't yet.

Mark will begin setting up immediately after the second service and should be ready by 12:45 at the latest. Come have a sandwich and hang around.

Make memories worth sharing.



FRIDAY HIKING FRIENDS

Clearly this image was taken out of season, but we have a number of UUTC Members and Friends who participate in **Friday Hiking Friends**. Every non-inclement weather Friday, this group takes a different hike together in the morning. An email goes out on Thursdays, announcing the starting location, length and difficulty of the trail.

If you would like to be part of this group, contact [Susan Slocum](#), who is one of the email list managers, and she will get you on the list!



GOODBYE, YELLOW BOOK BOX!

Penny Davies

The American Association of University Women want to thank the many, many UUTC book lovers for donating hundreds of their books to our annual book sale. The yellow box is gone for a year. If you missed the opportunity of filling the box with books, remember that the Library has a book sale every October and would welcome your donations.

The 2019 AAUW BOOK SALE begins next week: Saturday, June 15th, and ends on Thursday, June 20th. The aim of the sale is to raise funds for college scholarships for local women. Come and visit the books you donated, and buy more to fill up those empty spaces in your bookshelves. Thank you again for your generosity.

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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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