

# PRIDE MONTH

**Inclusive. Intentional. *Involved.***

## 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 [lhh@uutc.org](mailto:lhh@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

Parent Chat — Sun 16th @ 5:00

Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00

Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30

SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00

**Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30**

LHHH — Wed @ 2:00pm

**Cassie Dreier Memorial — Sat @ 11**

**JULY 1st:**

**Romania Presentation, 7pm**



## BECOMING OURSELVES

**James Mack**

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

James and his husband Jon will be providing special music for this service.

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

June is a month with FIVE Sundays, so UUTC will be collecting food and household items for Sharing House at the end of the month. Baskets are available in the lobby for your donations. The items most desperately needed by Sharing House currently are toilet paper and paper towels.

“Make the most of yourself—for that is all there is of you.”

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## 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

### Homeless: A Look Inside

*Emily Lowery*

Homeless is a topic that you may or may not be familiar with. It can happen to anyone, at any point in their life. Take a look inside and hear personal stories of the topic that most do not want to admit is closer than you think.

Emily Lowery projects the calm assurance of someone who has dealt with greater adversity than today is likely to bring. She speaks reflectively about the path that brought her through a period of darkness that included homelessness to a successful career, an invitation to join The Haven Board, and now a calling to serve on its staff. She joined the staff in January 2012. Starting in administration and making her way up to the role of Executive Director "has been humbling," she states. "To know where I've come from and where I'm at now is only through a Power greater than me."

## ROMANIA — TRACING UNITARIAN ROOTS

Mark your calendar for 7:00pm on July 1st to view a PowerPoint Presentation and hear from Carol Moore and others from the congregation who traveled to Romania in May. See where they went, whom they met, and what the other Transylvania looks like. Ask those burning questions which are on your mind!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CASSIE DREIER

Cassie Dreier's Memorial Service will be held at UUTC on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00 am. Rev. Ernest Mills will be officiating. *The service will be filled with music beloved by 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](mailto:hardy542@gmail.com)) no later than Wednesday, June 12th.* Please specify by name those who will be attending.

## DOING THE WORK: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH THROUGH SERVICE

### PACK THE PANTRY FOR SHARING HOUSE!



Saturday, June 29th, volunteers are needed to help Sharing House collect Food Pantry donations at Food Lion from 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!

### 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](mailto:suenull@rice.edu), 828-877-2550.



## LOOK WHO'S COOKING!



The Bread of Life is a community food kitchen that serves an average of 160 lunches a day, five days a week (and on Sunday in the winter), 52 weeks a year, for a grand total of approximately 42,000 lunches a year. These lunches are provided, no questions asked, to anyone who walks in the door of the Bread of Life, and people are allowed to eat in the dining room or carry lunches out (or both).

With the exception of one part-time person (Michael Collins, who manages the entire operation), all “employees” are volunteers, and money and food donations provide its only funding. It is an incredible organization that UUTC supports financially and now supports through group volunteering on a regular basis.

The Social Action team is seeking to build personal relationships with the organizations UUTC supports financially, so it has committed to **supplying a crew of volunteers to the Bread of Life every 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday** for months that have one (**only four or five occasions per year**). Members of the team have already volunteered as a group there twice, and we would now like to open up this opportunity to the rest of the UUTC community so that others may also have this experience.

The only skills needed to be a volunteer are a good attitude and knowing how to chop fruit and vegetables, serve food, and/or wash dishes. **There are two more 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays this year: August 29 and October 31.** Volunteers work from 9:00AM to approximately 1:00PM, but there can also be 9:00-11:00 and 11:00-1:00 shifts if enough people are interested.

Believe it or not, it is also possible to have too many volunteers, so the available slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the team through email ([socialjustice@uutc.org](mailto:socialjustice@uutc.org)) to let us know if you are interested in volunteering on one of these dates. We'd love to see you cooking there, too!



## GETTING CONNECTED

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 free of charge? 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 Login? Click Here,”** 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.

If you successfully receive the email from UUTC that allows you to set a password, terrific! Follow the link (which will open your web browser), set up a password—right that down—and then close the browser. This is a little confusing because the browser will have UUTC and ACS all over it, but this is NOT the tidy little ChurchLife app, but the full-on database.

Now return to the ChurchLife app you previously downloaded. Use your email and your new password and login. Presto! Your church directory is in your pocket!

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IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SMARTPHONE: Drop by the office and request a printed copy of the contact directory, available to Members and Friends. While it has no images, it will give you current information for all the lovely people in our UUTC family.

## 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!



## JUSTICE COMES OUT OF THE CLOSET



Lisa McHenry (above and right) and Sarah Rogine hauled the latest shipment of boxes out of the bowels of the maintenance room and into the social hall to sort our Dignity Project items for SAFE, Rise & Shine, El Centro, Sharing House, The Haven, and The Children's Center. Your donations are transformed into diapers, razors, condoms, tampons and other essential hygiene products to help our neediest neighbors.

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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

Our mailing address is UUTC, PO Box 918, Brevard, NC 28712. Our church is located at the corner of Varsity Street and South Broad Street in Brevard. Our email address is [admin@uutc.org](mailto:admin@uutc.org).