

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 lhhh@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

Cassie Dreier Service — Sat @ 11:00
 Heartful Meditation — Sat @ 5:30
 Spiritual Explorations — Mon @ 3:30
 Men's Group — Tues @ 9:00
 Worship Team — Tues @ 1:30
 Dream Group — Tues @ 2:30
 Board Meeting — Tues @ 5:00
 SMART Recovery — Tues @ 6:00
Eclectics — Wed @ 10:30
 Parent Mtg — Thurs @ 5:00
 Sierra Club — Thurs @ 7:00

Romania Presentation — July 1 @ 7



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.



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

“...these things become the norm: that some homeless people die of cold on the streets is not news. In contrast, a ten point drop on the stock markets of some cities, is a tragedy. A person dying is not news, but if the stock markets drop ten points it is a tragedy! Thus people are disposed of, as if they were trash.”

— *Pope Francis*



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

Moral Politics in an Immoral World: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War

Speaker: Dan Carter

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

A native of South Carolina, Dan Carter attended the University of South Carolina and received graduate degrees in history from the University of Wisconsin and the University of North Carolina. From 1967 until his retirement in 2009, he taught at the University of Maryland, Emory University and the University of South Carolina with visiting appointments at the University of Wisconsin, London's Westminster University, the University of Genoa in Italy, England's Cambridge University and the University of Richmond. The author and editor of seven books on American history, he has worked with more than a dozen documentary film-makers beginning in the early 1980s. He and his wife, Jane, became summer residents of Brevard, North Carolina in 1991 and full-time residents in 2007. They have attended UUTC for more than fifteen years.

PACK THE PANTRY FOR SHARING HOUSE!



SATURDAY, June 29, volunteers are needed to help Sharing House collect Food Pantry donations. **This year we have again been asked to cover the single entrances 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!

WHY RAINBOWS = PRIDE

Susan Bir

Four years ago, UUTC's congregation debated the pros and cons of flying the Pride flag outside our building. After much thought and discussion, we decided to paint a rainbow symbol, but not a flag, on our church sign where it remains still. A small Pride flag stands near the name tag boxes. Nearby, there are rainbow stickers for anyone who would like to put one on their name tag to show support for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

But why rainbows? Where did the Pride flag originate?

In 1978, to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred in June 1969, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official in California, commissioned Gilbert Baker, an artist, to design a symbol for the LGBTQ community. Baker used the American flag and nature as his inspiration. His first Pride flag flew over San Francisco's UN Plaza for Gay Pride Day on June 25, 1978. That first flag had 8 stripes, 2 more than today's Pride flag, and it measured 30 by 60 feet. Baker sewed it all by hand. Because it was relatively difficult to obtain pink and turquoise fabric, those two colors were soon removed, an action that made it easier to mass produce the flags. Each color has a meaning. Red means life, orange means healing, yellow means sunshine, green means nature, blue means harmony, and purple means spirit. The two other original colors that were taken out were turquoise for magic and pink for sex.

According to a 2015 CNN interview two years before he died, Baker said, "We needed something to express our joy, our beauty, our power. And the rainbow did that. We're an ancient, wonderful tribe of people. We picked something from nature. We picked something beautiful."

For 41 years, the Pride flag has symbolized pride, liberation and hope.

AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING, JUNE 25, 2019; 5:00PM

Welcome, Check-In, Opening Words

Approval of Board Packets

Standing Updates

Treasurer's Report • Administration Committee Report • Finance Committee Report
Property Committee Report • Council Report • Operations Report

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMENTS DELIVERED SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

Peter Mockridge

One of the joys of being President of UUTC is that I get to make public comments, from time to time, about how important UUTC is for me and, equally as much I suspect, for all of you in attendance today.

The metaphor that I started to use for today was “island” – but we are NOT an island. We work diligently and intentionally to be a part of the City of Brevard, a part of Transylvania County, a part of North Carolina, a part of the United States and a part of the world. These may seem like high blown claims, but they are not. Look around and you will find our fingerprints on the late Free Clinic, on the Haven, on Bread For Life, on SAFE, on the Library, on various County Committees and Boards, on political activities at local, state and national levels seeking justice in these communities, and on international activities seeking to resolve issues that result in abrogation of human rights everywhere.

In addition, we are a part of the Southern Region of the Unitarian Universalism, of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and, by extension, world-wide Unitarian Universalism.

We are a healthy and thriving congregation. After thoughtful discernment, we became a Welcoming Congregation. We provide a safe religious or spiritual home for folks whose lives would be marginalized by society at large or who would not be comfortable attending services in congregations of various orthodox faith traditions.

And who are we to thank for our being what we have become? Those charter members whose wildest vision may not have presaged that, in 2019, UUTC would enfold nearly 250 members and friends, that we would have a welcoming physical plant with room for expansion, that we would have an attractive outdoor gathering space, that we would have a home used by women in recovery for their transformation, that we would have engaging services, and spectacular music!

When I actually asked a Charter Member how this all began, her first response, was “I think we had no idea that this venture would be so successful!”

And she went to say that the initial idea arose when Margaret Baucus and Nilsa Lobdell started a list of folks whom they believed would be good starter material for a Unitarian Universalist congregation.

So, here’s to Margaret Baucus. And here’s to Joanna Bliss, Lois Conley, Donna Johnston, Leslie Keir, and Sally & Chris MacMillan.

And, finally to those whose spirit alone is here We owe you .

(comments abbreviated here for space.)

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY, UUTC!







Charter Members, in top photo, from left to right: *Lois Conley, Leslie Keir, Sally MacMillan, Chris MacMillan, Donna Johnston and Joanna Bliss*. Also *Margaret Baucus*, blowing out candles on the cake, above. Other still affiliated Founding Members who were instrumental in UUTC's beginnings but did not sign the Charter (in order of appearance in our Membership Book) are Chuck Stohr, Marcia Clark, Susan Stickle, Lois Kofler, Kevin Glenn, and Joseph Kofler, all of who signed in the year 2000—four years prior to UUTC's journey to its current home here on Varsity Street.

For more UUTC History, check out the Our Founders binder in the office, compiled by former member Carol MacAllister, which provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives and personalities of those who built UUTC. Thank you, Founders!

Dear Members and Friends,

We are at an important juncture in the life of our congregation: we must initiate a Search to locate a settled minister and consider the options available to identify and hire a transitional minister.

Fortunately, previous Boards have developed clear guidelines for the former process. In addition, the By-laws make clear that our settled minister must either be fellowshipped or willing to begin the fellowshipping process.



In compliance with the existing guidelines, the Board has asked the Council to identify a Search Team, with the intent that we identify and hire a settled minister, to arrive in August 2020. While this is a tight deadline (the UUA Search process is already underway), we believe that we can capitalize on the work of the previous Search Team to accomplish this goal. I'll repeat myself here: if you are interested in serving on the Search Team, please let any Board or Council member know. The Council will give careful consideration to all who express an interest in this important task.

Remember that members of a Search Team must be elected by the Congregation. So, know that there will be an important meeting of the Congregation to accomplish this task. In accord with the By-laws, the option to have nominations from the floor will be available. More on this process later.

UUTC does not have clear guidelines for recruiting a transitional minister. While UUA does have a mechanism to assist congregations in this task, this process is not available to us – the mechanism is annual and has closed for the 2019 year.

The Board concluded that we would form a Transitional Minister Task Force (TMTF) to identify and engage a transitional minister. We determined that this individual could not be considered to become the candidate for the settled minister's position – this is in accord with UUA's Interim Minister processes.

The Board appointed Joyce Henneberry (soon to be President), Peter Mockridge (soon to be Past President) and Cantey Carpenter (soon to have completed her third year as a Board member) as members of the TMTF; Betty Kendrick, who served on the last Search Team, has agreed to be an advisor/consultant to the TMTF. Our first meeting is scheduled in less than two weeks.

UUA will help us identify potential candidates. In addition, Reverend Ilene has identified several individuals who may be interested in serving as a Transitional Minister. You will hear from the TMTF on a regular basis.

In covenant,

Peter B Mockridge

PREPARING FOR THE FELLOWSHIP GREEN

One can only marvel at all the effort that has gone into creating the new Fellowship Green. Beside the original large monetary donations that made it possible for the Board to say “yes” to this project, we’ve had plant donations from Linda Cooper, Lynn Halsey, Joyce Pearsall, Bart & Kate Renner (more than a 100 coneflower seedlings!) and Kay Webb. We’ve had the labor of every member of the Facilities Team building raised beds, moving soil and mulch, tilling, planting, moving stones, painting. Our youth and their parents have helped paint the tables, along with DCRE Danny.

This past week or the week coming, you may see Bob and Mary Bennett planting the last tree (a Winter King Hawthorne donated by New Leaf Garden Market). Or you may see Chris Rogine building the bamboo trellis structures for the raised bed vegetables planting by women of the Oxford House. Or you may see Peter Mockridge rounding the corners of the posts to reduce the chance of splinters. Or you may see Kevin Glenn getting those posts into the ground to support our shade sails. But this great work of love is about to be realized, and Chalice Camp and Sandwich Sunday will never be the same. Prepare to enjoy!



Entrance to the Fellowship Green



Prayer

Wings fluttered in my ears
 As the priest planted the host on my tongue
 And branded my flesh.
 It was easy to pray then,
 A little boy talking to his Papa
 Our father
 Who art in heaven...
 Beautiful words uncoiled effortlessly
 Off my tongue
 Like tendrils stretching to the sun
 Reaching high.

And then,
 Much too soon,
 Sin began to nibble at my flesh
 —Venial, mortal, deadly—
 And prayer became a scapular
 That beat against my chest
 Mea culpa, mea culpa
 Mea maxima culpa...
 Muted thuds uttered in despair
 That fluttered helplessly
 Only to sink down below.

I reached the age of reason
 And doubt latched to my soul
 Like a leech
 Slowly sucking away all light
 Revealing, meticulously, a darkened landscape
 Bereft of gods
 Pocked with the bodies of
 Little children in red pullovers
 And navy-blue shorts
 Bobbing softly in the shallow waves
 Of an unwelcoming beach.

How could I possibly pray?

And yet,
 If only because your body
 Left stigmata of grace
 On my flesh
 Allowing me to cherish at dusk
 The melancholy coo of the mourning dove
 I beg prayer to come back
 And show me how to whisper

Lord, I believe;
Help thou mine unbelief.

Pedro Sandin

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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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