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Adult Enrichment Hour at UUMAN

The Adult Enrichment Committee will be initiating a series of educational courses that will kickoff Sunday, September 9. Each course will be four, one-hour sessions

that will run from 12 Noon – 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary most Sundays. Childcare will be available in the nursery and various activities (think summer religious education) will be prepared for the younger ones who've aged out of the nursery.

The schedule for the fall courses will be as follows:

The Epic of Unitarianism

Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30

Facilitated By: Dave Dunn

Course Description: Rediscover our UU and liberal religious roots through a literary survey of the writings of prominent Unitarian and Universalists from the 16th – 21st centuries. How did we first part ways with the Catholic Church and the Protestant reformers? What is significant about the year 1805 for Unitarians? Who were Channing and Emerson? What was Theodore Parker's heresy? How did Humanism shape 20th century Unitarianism? What's next for UUism. This survey is based on the writings contained in the book "The Epic of Unitarianism" edited by David Parke.

An Introduction to Islam

Dates: October 7, 21, 28; November 4

Facilitated By: Roswell Community Masjid

Course Description: An introduction to Islam that will begin with the proper use of terminology relating to the religion. It will then introduce Muslim demographics and the universality of the faith. It will finally cover the basic values and beliefs of the religion and how these are reflected in daily life and practice.

Life's Excellent Adventure: Naming and Claiming Your Whole Person Health

Dates: November 18; December 2, 9, 16

Facilitated By: Dwana Bush

Course Description: TBA

Additional courses will resume for the spring semester following the New Year's holiday. The courses currently in the planning stages include:

Faith Forward (8 classes) – The deeper meaning of membership in a Unitarian Universalist congregation

Earth Ministry Course (exact course title as yet to be decided)

Five Smooth Stones – A summarization of the core foundations of the Unitarian Universalist faith as stated by UU theologian James Luther Adams.

Parable of the Sower & Parable of the Talents – The thematic and theological significance of these dystopian science fiction novels authored by Octavia Butler.

I hope you will get a chance to attend some of these courses. I think you will find them rewarding!

—Dave



UUMAN Sharing the Plate--50/50

Once each month, half of our undesignated plate offering is given to a non-profit organization. The other half goes for the work of our congregation. Please consider giving even more generously than usual on these Sundays.

Our next 50/50 Sunday is August 19th. The recipient is **Pianos For Peace**, a not for profit organization that aims to achieve peace and promote philanthropy through art, music and education. They are Ambassadors for Peace and will be bringing beautifully painted pianos to public parks in metro Atlanta Sept 1-22, 2018. They donate the pianos afterwards to nursing homes, healthcare facilities, schools, etc.

—Michelle Liebergesell



Notes from the Board of Trustees

SUUSI RETREAT

July 15-21 Western Carolina University

by Todd Callen, UUMAN Vice President

What happens when hundreds of UUs from around the country converge in one beautiful location? Peace, Love, Coffee, and White Water Rafting, of course! Welcome to SUUSI (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute) 2018!

Over 1,000 UUs gathered at Western Carolina's beautiful campus and had an opportunity to mingle, meet, and in many cases reunite. UUMAN was well represented with Dave and Tammy Dunn, as well as the Callen, Patanian, and Heller-Fajardo families. Participants had an opportunity to partake in dozens of activities, including many outdoors activities such as river tubing, white water rafting, canoeing, and even taking in an Asheville Tourist baseball game! What was most impressive was the



youth programs, organized by age, allowing children age-appropriate activities and social interactions. One of the highlights of the week was the final performance put on by the teen youth in the campus theatre – a very moving and humorous look at being a UU youth.

If you have ever longed to meet UUs from other churches and socialize in a very relaxed and open setting, please consider joining next year's SUUSI event. Some of these participants have been coming for over 30 years, and the vibe is very much that of a family reunion.

Here is a link to the SUUSI website for more information if you are interested: <https://www.suusi.org/>

Next year's SUUSI will once again be at Western Carolina University, July 14-20, 2019.

Until next year!



Helpful Hints from the Janitorial Services Committee

UUMAN has a new janitorial service, ProSquared, that started cleaning our building July 1st. So far things have gone well with their services. To help us oversee these services, UUMAN formed a committee, the Janitorial Services Committee. Two committee members will act as liaisons between the congregation, Premo, and ProSquared. All members will work to develop policy concerning care of our buildings. In addition, the committee will be doing special projects around the campus, projects that ProSquared does not do, such as clean out the Lost and Found and periodically clean out the refrigerators.

ProSquared's services will be done overnight on Friday nights between the hours of 10:00 pm Friday and 9:00 am Saturday. We are doing this so that our janitorial services do not disrupt the events and classes at UUMAN.

We are going to need everyone's help adjusting to our new janitorial service. We have hired ProSquared to do weekly cleaning/scrubbing, dusting, mopping, and restocking of bathrooms. We do not pay ProSquared to do dishes or to tidy up. Here are some helpful tips:

1. Please remember to clean up after yourself, your children, and your group. If you bring food and it is not all eaten, take it home. If you bring craft supplies and they are not all used, take them home. UUMAN does not have room to store left over food and supplies.

2. In both kitchens, please WASH, DRY, and PUT AWAY your dishes each day. If you have a large event, please learn to use the dishwasher. For small groups, just wash by hand. It only takes a minute. Please put dishes back where you found them. Remember not leave food or water in the sink.

3. The janitors cannot clean if items are left on the counter or in the sink. They will skip it, and then we are paying for services they can't do.

4. Check lost and found for your items. One of our worst looking part of the campus is the Lost and Found shelf by the men's room. We hate to get rid of your nice things, but we can't let this get so messy. Please get in the habit of looking for that umbrella, water bottle, sweatshirt on a regular basis.

5. The campus is off limits to events and meetings Friday 10:00 pm-Saturday 9:00 am. (For your convenience, this is noted on UUMAN's calendar.) Your event or meeting MUST be finished and cleaned up no later than 10:00 pm Fridays and cannot start before 9:00 Saturdays. Exceptions may be granted for special events, but they must be cleared with the Janitorial Services Committee first.

Please contact the Janitorial Services Committee at janitorialservices@uuman.org if you have questions or concerns. THANK YOU!!!!

Rosie Popp

Red Care Circle Potluck

The Red Care Circle potluck was so much fun!! Laurie Wheeler helped us all feel like kids again with her fun games like moving M&M's with a straw, racing with an orange between your legs, etc. The food was wonderful, we have some really good cooks. Thanks to all of you who attended and participated.

We are looking forward to our next gathering and hope even more of you will be there to share the laughs, conversation, food and community. — Jan Wilson



Earth Ministry Tubing Trip

Earth Ministry is sponsoring a tubing trip on September 2 on the Chestatee River outside Dahlonega, GA. This is a fun event for the entire family – young and older. The river is absolutely beautiful; about knee deep in most places and lined with tall trees that provide shade most of the trip. We had a large group in 2016 (picture below).



The cost is \$6.00/person and includes a tube and the shuttle to the starting point on the river. For those energetic folks you can float down the river multiple times just by walking back to the start along a path beside the river each time you finish.

Plan to meet at UUMAN after service on Sunday, September 2. We will try to leave no later than 12pm and carpool as much as possible. If you want to meet everyone there the location in Dahlonega is 2084 S CHESTATEE/HWY 60, DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA, 30533 (706-864-7117). The URL is <http://canoegeorgia.com/tubing/>. Please let Gus Hadorn gushadorn@gmail.com or Bob Popp bpopp@att.net know if you are planning to go.

—Bob Popp

Operations News



Have you ever wondered how UUMAN is able to keep everything looking so beautiful and well maintained all of the time?? Well wonder no more!

It is due to a dedicated group of volunteers that do everything from cutting the grass, cleaning the gutters, changing light bulbs, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, planting flowers, washing laundry, etc., etc., etc. We also have a few individuals that take on larger projects like fixing the kitchen floor after some water damage (Mike Liebergesell), replacing the attic door which fell

off the side of the building (Don Groce), replacing an outside motion sensor light (Adam Fajardo) and replacing the rotted molding around a door (Brad Achille), to name a few. These are all true gifts to UUMAN, making a huge difference, saving us significant amounts of money and allowing us to use those financial resources toward fulfilling our mission.

If you have some time on your hands, from time to time, an hour here or there and would like to give a gift of your time and talent to UUMAN please contact Susan Wilson susan.ste.marie@gmail.com or Mike Liebergesell miebergesell@yahoo.com

They have many small, medium and larger projects where you could help and make a difference.

—Bob Popp

UUMAN Architectural and Landscape Design Team

On July 26, 2018, the UUMAN Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the creation of a new UUMAN committee, the Architectural and Landscape Design Team (ALDT) as a standing committee of the BOT. The ALDT will work closely with the Long Range Planning Committee and will report directly to the BOT. The purpose or mission of the ALDT is as follows: “The ALDT will work: (1) to make educated, informed design recommendations as to space usage and the design and aesthetic quality of UUMAN’s property and interiors in an orderly and democratic way in order to reflect the needs of the community as a whole; and (2) to develop recommendations to the Long Range Planning Committee and Board of Trustees for the creation of a UUMAN master plan of the campus that will provide a conceptual layout to guide UUMAN’s future physical growth and development after consultation with as many and as diverse stake holders as possible.”

At present, there are many great ideas for the use of the UUMAN property and interiors and there is no way to resolve conflicts or to determine the best use of same to reflect the needs of the entire community, not just individual or small group interests. This committee will serve that purpose as well as to help develop a much needed comprehensive master plan of the campus.

Current members of the ALDT are: Heather Moll-Dunn, Chair; Kelly Callen, Linda Ethridge, and Bev Jordan. The ideal number of members is thought to be between 5 and 7. So if you are good at finding common ground, enjoy solving problems, have a design background, feel that you are able to represent a diversity of users, and would like to join the team please contact Bev Jordan:

Text: 770-853-5070

Phone: 770-993-5070

Email: btjordan@mindspring.com

We look forward to working (and having a good time!) with you.

~ Bev Jordan

UUMAN Legacy Fund Happenings

FIRST a few SAVE THE DATE announcements:

For help with creating or amending a will or any other legal documents, Noel Lemen (noel713@gmail.com), has arranged for a Legal Paperwork Day to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 10:00 to 4:00 in Discovery Hall. Several attorneys, including our own Kevin King, will be there volunteering their time and talents to help you with any legal documents that you may need.

AND please SAVE THE DATE to be with us the evening of Saturday, September 22, 2018, for our Legacy Giving Celebration: a fun, mysterious party to celebrate the beginning of the UUMAN Legacy Fund campaign and to honor our very first Charter Members of the UUMAN Legacy Society.

NOW THE NEWS:

Thanks to all of you who have picked up your Legacy Fund/WNOV informational packets! Now that it is almost in-gathering time, I'm sure many of you who have been away from church during the summer will check the table in the foyer before or after church to find yours. And for those of you who haven't heard of this at all and for those of us who need more than one reminder, a few brief excerpts from the packets follow:

From the introductory letter from the Endowment Committee:

"It's difficult to take the long view when everyday needs are pressing, yet this is exactly what future generations are calling on us to do..... The UUMAN Legacy Fund is a way to invest in the future and to demonstrate our UU Principles and Purposes worldwide and here at UUMAN....Our initial campaign to receive and recognize gifts to UUMAN begins now and will run through October 31."

Those people donating \$1000 or more, either with a cash gift to the Life Events Gifting Program or through a bequest in their wills pledged before October 31 will be honored as Charter Members of the UUMAN Legacy Society and will be given special recognition on the UUMAN Legacy Fund plaque and those who have done so before September 16, will be honored at our fun, mysterious Legacy Giving Celebration the evening of Saturday, September 22.

From the Legacy Giving Brochure:

"People have found the spiritual home (at UUMAN) they never had and they've found a place to share their gifts. Families trying to answer those hard existential questions for themselves and their children have found inclusive, expansive teachings for all ages and stages of their lives....In March of 2017, with a legacy gift from Rev. Cynthia Prescott, the UUMAN Legacy Fund was created to support future generations making the same journey."

"Not only will our legacy fund be good for UUMAN, our gifts will be deposited with the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund (UUCEF) which is invested in socially responsible mutual funds.....that only represent UU values."

Also within the packet is information about how to immediately help the UUMAN Legacy Fund grow:

The UUA and six other UU Organizations are sponsoring the Wake Now Our Vision Challenge. The UU Congregation at Shelter Rock (because of having a very large and growing endowment fund!) has offered a \$5 million grant to incentivize new planned legacy gifts. New legacy gift intentions (gifts pledged in wills and other planned gifts) designating one or more of the partner institutions OR a UU congregation may be

eligible for a 10% matching cash gift, up to \$10,000 on a first come, first serve basis, until the \$5 million is dispersed.

The WNOV pledge forms are included in the packets together with an addressed envelope for sending it on to the Legacy Campaign Director at the UUA. Several of us have filled out the form and it's very simple to do.

The sooner we make our pledge, the sooner we will benefit from the 10% cash gifts and be assured that the matching gift money hasn't been depleted. Cash distributions will begin in 2019.

With questions about the packet material and/or the WNOV pledge form, please contact Bev Jordan at

Text: 770-853-5070

Phone: 770-993-5070

Email: btjordan@mindspring.com

So now would be a wonderful time to have that long put-off will finally completed with your gift to UUMAN included or by amending an existing will with a codicil adding your gift to the UUMAN Legacy Fund and then making a pledge to the Wake Now Our Vision Campaign.

~ Bev Jordan



Life Celebrations

We want to commemorate the happy occasions in the lives of our UUMAN members and other friends of UUMAN. We are looking for

Naming Ceremonies, Graduations, Marriages, Anniversaries, Retirements, and Birthdays. Please submit the information about your special day, in the month prior to the event, to Phillip at

communications-chair@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
8/2	Ian G. of our MCY program is celebrating his 11th birthday
8/5	Dave and Tammy Dunn are celebrating their 28th anniversary!
8/7	Sue Hagood is celebrating a birthday
8/12	Rick Irwin is celebrating a birthday Bev & Steve Jordan are celebrating their 61st anniversary!
8/17	Kelly Callen is celebrating a birthday
8/22	Lilyan G. of our MCY program is celebrating her 15th birthday
8/26	Rebecca Ben-David is celebrating a birthday
8/27	Claire K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
8/5	<p>From Now On</p> <p>How can tragedy change us? How do we react in the moment, and how do we make sense of tragic event over time? This sermon explores these questions, including promises we make to ourselves about how we want to live "from now on."</p>	Elizabeth Rohan
8/12	<p>I So Appreciate...</p> <p>Organized religion faces many daunting obstacles in the 21st century. The fact that we have a vibrant UU community here at UUMAN is a testament to our resolve and determination. How can we show appreciation and gratitude to this blessing?</p>	Rev . Dave Dunn
8/19	<p>Water Communion Ingathering Service</p> <p>Join us as we celebrate our annual ingathering with our traditional water communion service. Please bring a sample of your sacred waters gathered from the summer. (If you forgot to collect water this summer; no worries, we will have some symbolic water for you to share.)</p>	Rev. Dave Dunn and Toniann Read
8/26	<p>Expanding Sanctuary</p> <p>What is sanctuary? Is it something specific or might it be a continuum of activities and initiatives? El Refugio is a ministry of hospitality and visitation serving immigrants at Stewart Detention Center and their families and friends. The leaders of El Refugio will be with us this morning.</p>	Rev. Dave Dunn JoAnn Weiss Katherine Narvaez

August Connections

Date	Event
<p>Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.</p>	<p>UUMAN's Painting Group</p> <p>Learn to paint in a relaxed atmosphere (with a glass of red wine if desired). We have easels and tray tables; just bring your paints and a canvas. A portion of the fee goes to UUMAN. Contact: Annette Pate painting@uuman.org</p>
<p>Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15. Location of meetings vary.</p>	<p>Daytimers</p> <p>The Daytimers group discusses contemporary, thought-provoking topics such as current political issues or social trends that may affect everyone at some level. All are invited to attend. For information, contact Dan Ben-David. dan@uuman.org</p>
<p>Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary</p>	<p>Centering at UUMAN</p> <p>Silent meditation Saturday mornings at UUMAN. Please come at 9:00 for some basic instruction if it is your first time. The meditation itself begins promptly at 9:30. Please be in your seats on time. Those who wish to may stay after for 30 to 45 minutes of discussion about our experiences. For more information, contact Carolyn Bommarito at campoften@aol.com</p>
<p>2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 in Discovery Hall</p>	<p>Circle of Women</p> <p>We aim to develop a warm nurturing circle of trust where we can share ourselves and our lives. Contact Linda Etheridge lletheridge1@gmail.com</p>
<p>Saturdays , 1-2:30 in the Sanctuary, or Discovery Hall if the Sanctuary is not available. Childcare is available .</p>	<p>Mindfulness Meditation</p> <p>Whether you have been meditating for years or are curious about possibly starting a practice, we offer a peaceful space to sit as well as a time to share and learn in a community of fellow meditators. Contact J. Kevin King at jkevinking@yahoo.com (470) 723-4070</p>

For more information about other offerings at UUMAN, go to www.uuman.org.

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