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Bringing Our History to Life

When I entered the UUA’s ministerial search process in January of this year, I was given access to the congregational surveys of many different churches

that were in search. One question common to many of these surveys had to do with the sermon topics that the congregants found particularly interesting or stimulating. I found a pattern that was seemingly universal. When listing interesting sermon topics, consistently bringing up the rear, consistently showing up on the bottom of the list was the topic of Unitarian Universalist history. Apparently UUs haven’t been inspired by their high school history teachers! Often just bringing up the topic of history reminds one of duller than dirt narratives about seemingly irrelevant topics. (Yes, I experienced some of this too!)

As I moved through life beyond high school however, I grew an appreciation for history. In my early 20s, I lived with my sister in Colorado for a short while and came across “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee” by Dee Brown. I then turned to biographies about Crazy Horse and Custer. I then read “The Autobiography of Malcom X” and came away with a profound appreciation and respect for one who spoke so lovingly and grateful about his mentor Elijah Muhammad even after they had bitterly parted ways. As a music buff of sorts, “The Autobiography of Miles Davis” turned out to be one of my favorite books ever as he consistently pulled no punches, spoke without a filter when describing his fellow jazz contemporaries (i.e. “I hated that #*&(#\$#*, and I still hate him; but I had to have him in my band!”).

These books and many others brought history to life for me.

And for this reason, I have looked forward with great anticipation for the month of November because our monthly theme will be “Story.” In November, the worship team and MCY will be up for the challenge

of bringing contemporary and 19th century history to life on Sunday mornings at UUMAN.

One of my favorite books in all of seminary, and one of the favorites of all seminarians at Meadville-Lombard was “Prophetic Sisterhood: Liberal Women Minister of the Frontier.” This mostly forgotten Unitarian (& Universalist) history details the accomplishments and travails of some amazingly courageous women who were starting churches on the frontier (i.e. where no male minister would ever dare to go) in the late 1800s. We will introduce you to their amazing story on November 13.

On November 27, we will discuss the radical abolitionist heretic minister Theodore Parker. Many UUs know about Parker and have heard anecdotal stories about him but most people don’t know just how influential HE STILL IS in our lives today. His ideas and words live on but the irony is that few people know that he is the source of these ideas and words.

On November 6 and 20 we will be talking about contemporary history. On Nov 6 we will be discussing the UUA Common Read, Rev. Dr. William Barber’s “The Third Reconstruction.” On November 20, our Faith In Action Service will focus on UUSC stories of defying hate.

We are most excited to bring these histories to life for you at UUMAN in November. You won’t want to miss it!

Take care and be well,

Dave

It's Under the Harvest Moon Time!



The Under the Harvest Moon Auction—the UUMAN Event of the Year—is almost here. Saturday, November 5th, at 7:00 pm, is the big day. There'll be lots of good food and drink, and great door prizes, including a 32-inch TV. Families are welcome, with childcare provided. Doors open at 6:30.

There's no way we could list all of the extraordinary goods and services here, but we'll try and hit a few highlights. Don't have your tickets yet? You can pick them up before and after services, or contact Tanya Romine. Guest tickets are free, so bring a friend.

- Mike Chambers

A Small Sampling of the Goodies You'll Be Bidding On!	
Four Night Jamaican Vacation	Hawaiian B&B Getaway
Abstract Painting by Jim Saunders	Abstract Expressionist Painting by Steve Smith
Pawleys Island, South Carolina, Getaway	Landscape Design Consultation
Authentic Egyptian Papyrus Paintings	Armenian Dinner
"Wizard of Oz" Sing-a-long Party	Backyard Birders Basket
"Man Cave" Basket	Amber SS Pendant and other jewelry
Wine Tasting/Dinner	Nature/Bird Walk
Lunch & Sermon of Your Choice with the Minister	Gourmet Valentine Dinner
Cabin on the River, 3 nights	Filet Mignon Dinner in the Springtime!
Craftsman Kid's Workbench	Jerusalem Cookbook Dinner
Cup Painting-Pate Painting Society- Annette Pate	Edna Hibler Limited Collection Decorative Plates
First Annual UUMAN Beer Exchange	Dinner & Music at Matilda's Under the Stars
Gift Certificates to Local Restaurants and Pubs	Beautiful Hand-made Embroidery
Karaoke Night	Hand-Knit Scarves and Hats
Parking Spot in front of UUMAN for a Year	Guitar Lessons
One Day Gardening Crew at Your Place	Kayak Adventures
Movie Nights	South of the Border Dinner
Team Trivia Night	Tarot Card Reading
Therapeutic Massage Gift Certificate	Transpersonal Life Coaching
U SHOUT Hiking Trips, 10 miles	Chess Lessons

Climate Change Film Screening

On Sunday, October 30, many of us watched the film "Facing the Surge" which documented the tangible costs of sea level rise for the people of Norfolk, VA.

The lead filmmaker Diogo Castro Freire joined us for a panel discussion directly afterward the screening.

- Photos by Dan Ben-David



Can You Hear Me Now?

Our sanctuary is a beautiful space, and the acoustics are usually wonderful for music. The acoustics are at times a little trickier for sound during a Sunday morning service, especially when you add in different people speaking, multiple microphones, and a variety of people helping run the sound board. The music and worship committees have heard your concerns about the sound issues, and we want you to know the steps we are taking in trying to address them.

Several months ago a sound survey was conducted to try and pinpoint the areas of weakness in our sound. Recently, thanks to Janet Lacy and her crew, some speakers have been replaced and a "feedback buster" was put in. Our worship associates received training about speaking clearly and using the microphones efficiently. We are working together to explore possible solutions for folks who wear

hearing aids, thanks to the efforts of Terry Parkerson. A sound class is being offered on November 19 to train/refresh our new and veteran sound team volunteers.

If you are having trouble hearing in the service, please let us know in person or by filling out a feedback form, located on the music bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. At this time, we do have a possible option: we are able to plug headphones into the sound system for those seated in the row directly in front of the sound board. Please let us know in advance if you want to try that option. Meanwhile, as we continue to pursue a clear sound, your specific feedback about what you can and can't hear is most appreciated!

—Laurie Wheeler

Classical Music Concert at UUMAN



On November 6 at 3:00 PM at UUMAN, the Riverside Chamber Players will perform the incomparable Mendelssohn Octet; scored for two string quartets. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the greatest compositions ever written for 8 stringed instruments, 4 violins, 2 violas, and 2 cellos!

They will also perform a string trio by Gideon Klein, a Czech composer. This composition was the last piece Klein ever composed while being held prisoner in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz. An incredibly moving piece by a leading composer of his time whose life tragically ended too soon.

As always, the concert will be followed by a wine and cheese "Meet the Musicians" reception, included with every ticket.

The Riverside Chamber Players is non-profit group that provides locally based, affordably priced programs designed to be artistic, educational, and interactive.

If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out with the event then please contact Marc Lee at marclee@bellsouth.net

General admission \$15
Senior (55+) \$10
Students/Teachers - free

- Marc Lee

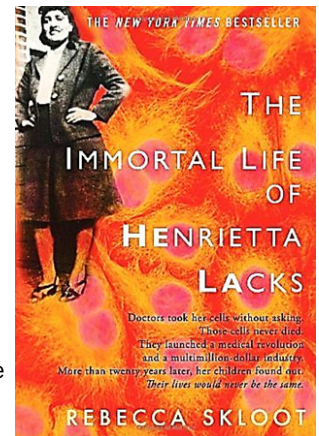
A Page from The Page Turners



The Page Turners is UUMAN's women's book club. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 12th, at 7:00 PM in Discovery Hall.

This month, we will be discussing Rebecca Skloot's remarkable book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. It is a non-fiction work but so intimate, emotional and surprising, it reads like fiction. You may have heard about the story: in 1951, an African-American woman in Baltimore needed medical treatment for cancer.

Without her knowledge or consent, a doctor removed and saved some tissue samples for use in research. These cells have been reproducing in laboratories ever since, enabling tremendous and varied scientific advances. Yet the lives of Henrietta and her family have not been honored. Questions about the medical establishment, race and poverty in America, and bioethics, as well as the breath-taking strides in medicine, are brought to immediate, personal life here.



Normally we meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. However, in December, we will take a break from our regular meetings to celebrate the holidays. We already have a couple of books lined up for 2017: Garth Stein's well-known 2008 novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, and Hope Jahren's 2016 best-selling, unconventional memoir about loving science, *Lab Girl*. Please bring your suggestions for more books to read and talk about together over the coming months. We do best-sellers and classics, fiction, history, sociology, biography, and more. Comedy, poetry (maybe something from the latest Nobel laureate?), drama, and how-to's are also possibilities.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books in a variety of genres, meeting over snacks and wine, getting to know one another, and having fun, this is the group for you. Become a "regular", or just try us out whenever you see that we're sponsoring a book you're interested in. Contact Carolina Patlis for the

—Carole Herman



Upcoming Social Justice Field Trips

The Social Justice & Action Committee is on the move! We are working on a number of opportunities to put our faith in action in our community. We hope you can join us!

November 19 (partnering with MCY) – IRC Thanksgiving Dinner. The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to thrive in America: <https://www.rescue.org/united-states/atlanta-ga>.

December TBD – Lost-n-Found Youth. There are over 750 homeless LGBTQ youth in Atlanta right now. Learn about volunteering at: <http://Infy.org/>.

Also in the works, if there is enough interest, are plans to see the movie *Loving*. Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple, are sentenced to prison in Virginia in 1958 for getting married: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRXuCY7tRgk>.

A trip to **The Booth Western Art Museum** in Cartersville—Special Exhibition Gallery—to view *By Her Hand: Native American Women, Their Art*, and *The Photographs of Edward S. Curtis*. Focused on Native American women and their art, the exhibition allows us to more deeply understand their roles within Native society, culture and family: <http://boothmuseum.org/>.

If you would like to suggest a field trip for 2017, please feel free to contact Jen Saltzman at saltzmanjen@yahoo.com or Sheila K. Smith at piercingthrutheveil@yahoo.com



Sharing the Plate: 50-50

Once each month a non-profit organization chosen by the Social Justice Committee receives half of the undesignated plate offering.

Lost-n-Found Youth was the recipient last month for the second time this year. They received \$134.63, a total of \$524.06 for the year.

This month, the third Sunday falls on November 20th, and the recipient is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian human rights organization powered by grassroots collaboration. They work anywhere rights are threatened – by natural disasters, armed conflicts, genocide, forced migration, and systematic injustice.

Their mission is to advance human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

—Linda Etheridge

UUCA THE SPOKEN WORD Featuring Aimee Wise

On November 11, the UUCA Performing Arts Coordinating Team presents Aimee Wise as the Spoken Word featured artist. Aimee is the author of a memoir of her time as a medical missionary in Malawi, *Of Human Clay*, the *Making and Breaking of a Nun*, and a book of poems and short stories, *Word Clay*, published in 2015. She is a UUCA congregant, and both of her books have been featured in the UUCA Bookstore. Aimee serves on the board of Freshwater Project International, an NGO that brings fresh water to the people of Malawi. She has sponsored writing groups of women to capture their lives in writing for those who come after, sharing the joy of writing/journaling with others.

An open mic session between the two sets of readings by the featured Spoken Word artist offers local poets the opportunity to share their work. Wine, soft drinks, and cheese will be available. Any questions about this event or the series (occurs the second Friday of each month) should be sent to Carol Welter, at welterdelis@gmail.com

The Underground Theatre is the primary performing arts venue of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way NE, Atlanta, 30329 (alternate address for the parking lot: 1597 Interstate-85 Frontage Road, Atlanta, GA 30329). Doors open at 7 pm; readings are from 7:30-9:30 pm. Suggested admission donation is \$5.

PLEASE NOTE: The readings may contain adult content and language.

FROM THE GARDEN

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

We'll be continuing our work in the garden at UUMAN on Monday, November 14 and, possibly, Monday, November 28, working from 9:00 a.m. to around 11:00 a.m. We will be planting some more winter annuals and possibly some shrubs. We will continue cleaning up the garden for the winter.

We work throughout the year on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month through November or sometimes, December. UUMAN announcements will be sent out on the Friday before each work day. If you've never worked in the garden before, please feel free to stop by and see what it's all about. Hope to see you there!

Claire Sullivan cbsullivan@bellsouth.net



Our Harvest Moon Display



The Last Roses



Last Zinnia



Volunteers



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 Claire Sullivan at cbsullivan@bellsouth.net

Date	Celebration
11/6	Shelly Nagrani is celebrating a birthday
11/10	Linda Etheridge is celebrating a birthday
11/11	Lara vdB. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
11/13	Steve Allerton is celebrating a birthday
11/14	Ilona Walker and Randy Jue's children, Alexander and Arianna, are turning 20
11/17	Ember S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
11/18	Joss H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
11/20	Carolyn Lee is celebrating a birthday
11/21	Joe Creech is celebrating a birthday
	Jen Saltzman is celebrating a birthday
11/30	Becky Norris' son, Nicholas, is turning 21.



White Camelia



Some Potted Mums

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Speaker
11/6	<p>UUA Common Read – The Third Reconstruction</p> <p>This year's Common Read is The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement, by Rev. Dr. William Barber II.</p>	<p>Brian Kohn/Paula Watson Worship Associates</p>
11/13	<p>Prophetic Sisterhood</p> <p>In the late 19th century, a radical band of pioneering women ministers, defying the Unitarian establishment; founded, nurtured and grew dozens of congregations throughout the Midwest. They are now largely forgotten. How might we hold on to our UU heritage that is often plagued by a conspiracy of forgetfulness?</p>	<p>Rev. Dave Dunn Jim Saunders, Worship Associate</p>
11./20	<p>Faith in Action</p>	
11/27	<p>Theodore Parker: Unitarian Heretic</p> <p>In the years leading up to the Civil War, Unitarian minister Theodore Parker was one of the most influential people in America. On Sundays, he routinely preached to crowds in excess of 2000. Despite this, he was branded a heretic and an outcast by most of his fellow Unitarian ministers.</p>	<p>Rev. Dave Dunn Darya Aberback, Worship Associate</p>

November Connections

Date	Event
<p>2nd Sunday of each month, after the service, in the sanctuary.</p>	<p>21st Century Humanism focuses on the philosophy of mankind as the center of all things, informs members of Humanism's nature and history, and emphasizes free and frank discussion of the effect on humanity of past and present events, safe from the influence of contravening public opinion. For more information, contact John Peltier at peltier.john@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>UUMAN's Painting Group</p> <p>Learn to paint in a relaxed atmosphere (with a glass of red wine if desired) on Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. A portion of the fee goes to UUMAN. Contact: Annette Pate painting@uuman.org</p>
<p>Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15</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 at dan@uuman.org</p>
<p>Fourth Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The Common Grounds Coffee House</p> <p>Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen!</p> <p>Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Live music and delicious refreshments, \$5 suggested donation, held in the Sanctuary.</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 9:10 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.</p> <p>For more information, contact Carolyn Bommarito campoften@aol.com</p>

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

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November Connections

<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 Kate Hudson HUDSONKD@bellsouth.net or Linda Etheridge lletheridge1@gmail.com</p>
<p>Every other Sunday after-noon, 12-2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Spiritual Autobiography</p> <p>Explore the key passages of our lives, in a way that allows us to begin to uncover our true selves, our vital inner core, and the spirit of life that animates us. For more information, contact Dave Hudson: HUDSONDAVID@bellsouth.net</p>