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Faith Forward

In an effort to help new members get and stay connected to the UUMAN community, I've always thought it necessary to have an ongoing educational curriculum that

helps the new member understand UUMAN and its mission more deeply. Any such curriculum should also help explain Unitarian Universalism in broader terms and how UUMAN relates to the denomination as a whole.

Currently, our UU101 new members orientation does a wonderful job of getting our new members on that path. But what's next? How can we take our new members farther down that path?

I've always thought that I'd have to write such a curriculum myself, but when would I ever find the time? I've never written curricula before. While taking a class at the online UU Leadership Institute (www.uuinstitute.org), our instructor informed me that the curriculum that I was hoping to create already exists. Apparently other ministers and Membership Committees felt the same need. (Courses at the UU Institute are actually an incredible bargain. Most courses have excellent content, are convenient to use and are surprisingly affordable. Most courses cost as little as \$30.)

The First Unitarian Church of Dallas has developed, and is continuing to develop, a comprehensive and expanding faith development curriculum that encompasses, among other things, the post-UU101 topics that I was looking to create.

In its entirety, this faith development curriculum is called "Faith Forward: From Visitor to Leader" and UUMAN has purchased the first component of this curriculum entitled the "Inquirers Series."

The sessions of the Inquires Series include the following:

- Session 1:** Q&A with the Minister
- Session 2:** Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources
- Session 3:** Campus Tour and Orientation
- Session 4:** Faith Development for Children and Adults
- Session 5:** Worship and Liturgical Year
- Session 6:** Social Action and Community Service
- Session 7:** Pastoral Care and Small Groups
- Session 8:** Membership 101 and Congregational Life

Each session is approximately 1 ½ hours in length. Faith Forward also has other components/sessions that explore many of these topics more deeply and UUMAN may look at purchasing those components in the future.

As you may notice, many of the sessions cover items that are currently part of our UU101 curriculum. To think about membership more comprehensively, and to encourage our new members to participate in an ongoing program of faith development, we will begin using the Faith Forward curriculum as our path to membership. We will be customizing the sessions to insure that all the necessary materials covered in UU101 will now be made available via the Faith Forward Inquirers Series sessions.

Faith Forward will kickoff an exciting new period of faith development at UUMAN. We will be rolling out the Inquirers Series later this church year and I would hope along with potential new members, some of our not-so-new members will attend the sessions as a refresher orientation.

For more information regarding Faith Forward, please contact Dave Hudson at hudsondavid@bellsouth.net

Take Care,

Dave

Welcome Our Newest Members

On October 22, 2017, UUMAN welcomed the following new members:

Dwana Bush

Dwana is a native Georgian and has meandered through Catholic, Episcopalian, non-denominational Christian, Buddhist, and Native American spiritual paths. UUMAN is a perfect spiritual home for her. Her primary care medical practice The Center for Integrative Health is based on the philosophy that "health is soundness of body, mind and spirit that satisfies you and allows you to make a meaningful difference to others". She is also a Hospice and Palliative Care doctor.

She is married to Doug Vachon who fixed up a 1980 Mercedes Benz 240 for her to make house calls in. Together they have 4 daughters and 4 grandkids and two little rescue dogs, Lefty and Scout.

Leslie CC Wolfe

Leslie moved to Georgia in 1992 with her husband and to Roswell in 1993. Leslie grew up all over the country, starting in her birthplace of Provo, Utah, then to Illinois and on to Southern California where she spent most of her childhood, graduating from high school in Los Angeles in 1971. She's also lived in Ontario, Canada; Wisconsin (twice – graduating from UW-La Crosse in 1976)); Charlotte, North Carolina; Manhattan; Brooklyn, New York; and Summit, New Jersey before settling in metro Atlanta. Currently, Leslie is a high school English teacher in Roswell. She worked for 25 years as a radio and television journalist in Wisconsin, North Carolina and New York before scaling back to freelance and part-time work after her twin daughters Mallory and Colleen were born in 1992. Leslie is starting a new chapter in her life as a single woman and is looking forward to semi-retirement, lots of travel, spending time with her daughters, and getting to know new friends at UUMAN.

Amanda Bralley

Amanda's spiritual quest began around age 15 with a deep delve into the Judeo-Christian bible and a prayerful stint with evangelical Christianity. She attended a large Baptist church with her father and stepmother (of 29 years today) where she acquired an appreciation of Sunday dress, choir singing, hymns and long sermons. Her search for deeper understanding led her to discover Neale Donald Walsch's Conversations with God which upended her views and caused her to embrace collectivism. At age 28, she happened to watch an inspiring program on Siddhartha Gautama - the Buddha and instantly became a follower. While she enjoys absorbing the tenets of philosophy and all religion, she is pleased to find a spiritual home with the UU congregation and has found it satisfies all her craving for unknowing and marries well with her desire to contribute to the greater good. Benjamin Franklin has been a favorite figure of hers for his wise views on faith (among other things), and so she was beyond pleased to learn that he was in attendance at the first Unitarian service ever held.

Amanda lives in Alpharetta (where she attended high school) with her husband Krishan and daughter Lucia (14) and son Ever (almost 2). They run an electrical contracting company.

Noël Lemen

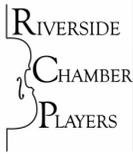
Noël was first exposed to UUism as a teenager, and eventually joined the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mobile in her hometown in Alabama. After moving around a great deal, she re-settled in Atlanta and now lives in Alpharetta with her husband, 2 children (Damian, 5, and Diana, 4mos), and a garage full of motorcycles. It took nearly 10 years, but she finally found a UU congregation that feels like Home in UUMAN. She works as a trainer and instructional designer, and teaches healthy relationship and sexuality workshops on her rare free weekends.

Colleen Cundiff

Colleen lives with her boyfriend Eric and their cat Ygritte (EE-grit). She works in IT in Marietta. She grew up in a Methodist church but could never commit to what they were preaching. She dabbled in other religious and spiritual practices but could never settle on something that fully matched with what she believed and how she wanted to worship until she started coming to UUMAN with her mom and sister. Joining the community at UUMAN was the easiest decision she has made and she is looking forward to being a member and furthering her spiritual growth.

Mallory Cundiff

Mallory is a true Atlanta native, born at Northside Hospital a long 11 minutes before her twin sister. She grew up in Roswell, attending Mountain Park Elementary, Crabapple Middle, and Roswell High Schools, graduating in 2011. She's just one semester from graduating from KSU with her BA in communications, and she is looking forward to exploring the new opportunities that will open up to her. Mallory loves to read, hang out with her sister Colleen and friends, cook, hike, and play with her kitty Keiko. If you ask her mom, she'll say Mallory has a wicked sense of humor, is an excellent writer, is open to new ideas, is non-judgmental, and is working hard to become the person she wants to be. For sure, Mallory is so happy to join this community at UUMAN.



Classical Music Concert at UUMAN



UUMAN Sharing the Plate—50/50

On Sunday, November 12 at 4:00pm, the **Riverside Chamber Players** will present one of the most popular concert works, George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. In this fascinatingly unique arrangement, this performance rearranges the parts to feature only a string quintet. They will also perform a Duet for Cello and Bass by Rossini, and Shostakovich's 8th String Quartet.

Concert will be immediately followed by a "meet the musicians" wine and cheese reception included with admission.

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

Tickets available at the door, or by visiting www.riversidechamberplayers.org

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

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

The third Sunday of month UUMAN designates ½ of the undesignated plate collection to a non-profit organization chosen by UUMAN's Social Justice Committee.

Our next 50/50 Sunday is November 19. The recipient will be Eli Project.

ELI Project is a 501c3 non-profit that provides love and acceptance to families with special needs by hosting events in safe environments where they can come together and connect with others...because Every Life's Important. They serve over 2,000 families, annually hosts over 40 events, and sponsors monthly connect groups and social outings.

—Michelle Liebergesell
socialjustice@uuman.org



It's Under the Harvest Moon Time!

One of UUMAN's favorite events is almost here. The Under the Harvest Moon auction will be held on Saturday, November 11—doors open at 6:00 pm.

Perhaps the best feature of the Harvest Moon auction is a night out with our UUMAN family, to celebrate what makes our community special. There will be music, good food, and spirits. A chance to catch up with old friends, and to make new friends. Plus, there's nothing quite like the thrill of bidding and winning. You have to be there!



COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE

UUCA Upcoming Event

Wine, Cheese, and The Spoken Word
NOVEMBER 25 IN THE UNDERGROUND THEATRE

The next Common Grounds Coffee House will be Saturday November 25th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Bring your out of town guests! Our performers will be Hiro Sasayama and our former Music Director Huu Mai and his wife Marielle. Show starts at 7:30, doors open at 7:00. Admission is \$5 suggested donation, bring some cash to tip the wonderful performers and to buy some treats from the kitchen.

There will be no Coffee House in December this year. In January 2018 the Coffee House will move to the third Saturday.



Hiro Sasayama is from Hiroshima, Japan. He started playing guitar, writing, and singing at an early age, and has performed at various Japanese coffeehouses and events throughout his life. His music is influenced by American folk singers who believed that their songs could change the world for the better. Thirteen years ago he came to Atlanta with his wife and 3 children. Here in America he began making original songs in English. Hiro says, "I hope my songs will be a blessing to many people."



Huu Mai—pianist, violinist, teacher, vocalist, conductor, and composer—is a representation of musical versatility. To Huu, music is without question one of the greatest achievements of humankind. As a passionate advocate of the musical arts, Huu has dedicated much of his life's work towards the proliferation and advancement of music education. His students have been recognized nationally and internationally in performance and composition. He is an inspirational guest lecturer and educator and has developed innovative techniques in the field of piano pedagogy. In addition to performing as a solo recitalist, concerto artist, collaborative artist and chamber musician, Huu composes music spanning many genres from concert music and musical theater to contemporary commercial music. In addition, he currently serves as Artist-in-Residence in Piano at the Kennesaw State University School of Music where his intention is to inspire musicians to develop into the versatile, proficient, and imaginative artists our ever-evolving world demands.

Huu is joined for this performance by his wife, coloratura soprano Marielle Mai, a Kennesaw State University Vocal Performance graduate. Marielle is a practicing Registered Nurse. She sings and performs for fun and for the sheer pleasure of bringing entertainment and joy to others.

😊 Janet Lacey

Featuring:

Morani Bonner



A creator and performer of dramatic spoken-word poetry, Morani's art draws from his personal experiences as an advocate for social justice, as a teacher of both gifted and special-needs students, as a survivor of health challenges and homelessness, as a military veteran, as a volunteer supporting victims of domestic violence, and as a loving parent. His work reflects the resilience and triumph of the human spirit amid obstacles and tragedy.

Carol Welter



Carol grew up in London where she trained in classical theatre at the Shakespearean Conservatory. She founded "Wine, Cheese & The Spoken Word" at UUCA and has directed several plays in the Underground Theatre. For three nights next March, the Theatre will present an original play - "About Clarence" - written, produced and directed by Carol. A preview of "Clarence" will be part of her presentation on Nov. 25, as well as a sampling of her lighthearted rhymes and more poignant poetic prose.

Open Mic will be held between sets, providing an opportunity for spoken-word artists to share their work in a friendly environment. For additional information about the Open Mic or the Spoken Word series, contact 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 Access Rd-N, Atlanta, GA 30329). Doors open 6:45 p.m., warm-up performance starts at 7:00, featured program begins at 7:30. Suggested donation is \$5, but no one will be turned away. Refreshments will be available. PLEASE NOTE: the readings may contain adult content and language.

FROM THE GARDEN

Dear UUMAN Members and Friends:

This is our last gardening work month of 2017! We try to work on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from March through November. This month, though, due to the weather, we will be working on the 1st Monday, November 6 and then we will decide at that time if and when we will have any more work days. We will continue our cleanup and will be planting some shrubs.

UUMAN announcements are sent out on the Friday before each work day. If you've never worked in the garden before, please consider joining us. We usually work from 9:00 a.m. to around 11:00 a.m. You're welcome to join us for an hour or two or a day or two throughout the gardening year. Hope to see you there!

Claire Sullivan

UUMAN Gardening Group
 cbsullivan@bellsouth.net



Unidentified Flower



White Camellia



Pink Camellia



Yellow Begonia



Mums



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
11/1	Susan Wilson is celebrating a birthday
11/2	Dave Hudson is celebrating a birthday
11/6	Shelly Nagrani is celebrating a birthday
11/8	Milana N. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
11/9	Terry Parkerson is celebrating birthday
11/10	Linda Etheridge is celebrating a birthday
11/12	Merri Beth Stephens 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 21
	Doug Wilson is celebrating a birthday
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's son, Nicholas, is turning 22

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
11/5	The Gospel According to Music "Come ,Come Whoever You Are" and experience a fun and creative musical service led by the UUMAN Chalice Choir. The service will be filled with hymns, sing-alongs, anthems and musical meditations. The message, "There Is So Much Work for Love to Do", will be delivered musically .	UUMAN Chalice Chair & Alex Pietsch
11/12	Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Reimagined November 19 will mark the 154th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. His 2nd Inaugural Address was delivered just one month prior to his assassination. In what way, and on what topic might Lincoln deliver such addresses today? (You may wish to familiarize yourself with these two addresses beforehand.)	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/19	Faith In Action Sunday A 'Guest at Your Table' – multigenerational worship and action stations, including a 'Story of Hope' showing how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) promotes learning about real struggles for justice, and how we can help the UUSC put our faith into action in the United States and around the world	Multigenerational Team
11/26	The Prophet of Islam By 2050, Islam will likely be the largest non-Christian religion in the United States. This Friday, many Muslims celebrate Eid Milad ul-Nabi – the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. What do we know about the Prophet? What do we know about Islam? How can we work together?	Rev. Dave Dunn

November Connections

Date	Event
Wednesdays Fall Session from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall	UUMAN's Painting Group 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
Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15	Daytimers 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
Fourth Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m.	The Common Grounds Coffee House Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen! 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.
Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary	Centering at UUMAN 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. For more information, contact Carolyn Bommarito at campoften@aol.com
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 in Discovery Hall	Circle of Women 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
Saturdays , 1-2:30 in the Sanctuary, or Discovery Hall if the Sanctuary is not available. Childcare is	Mindfulness Meditation 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 (470) 723-4070 jkevinking@yahoo.com

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

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