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Justice Ministry At UUMAN

We have a lot of irons in the fire when it comes to UUMAN's Justice Ministry. There are many ways to be involved: donating food and clothing, donating funds, providing hospitality, being an ally, being an advocate or just showing up.

Here's a quick summary of some of our initiatives:

Pride March

This year's Pride March is Sunday, October 14. Kara Sweeney and Sheila Smith are organizing UUMAN's participation. Please contact them socialjustice@uuman.org for information as to how you can participate.

New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta – Metro North

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is the social justice organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUSC has contracted with the New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta, an Immigrant and Refugee Justice organization based in Decatur, to create a "Metro North" chapter of this organization. This will consist of the North Fulton and Cobb interfaith community as well as local organizations on the ground pursuing Immigration and Refugee Justice in our community. If you want to be challenged and want to be in relationship with the immigrant and refugee communities; if you want to form one-to-one relationships with local interfaith and community leaders (and be a leader yourself) please contact Dave Dunn for more information: minister@uuman.org

Student Success Academy – Elkins Pointe Middle School (SSA – EPMS)

The Student Success Academy is a program within Roswell's Elkins Pointe Middle School developed for students that may be

experiencing some academic, attendance and/or behavior concerns. We, along with our Muslim friends at Roswell Community Masjid, partner with EPMS staff to help these students achieve the goals they have set for themselves. This is a brand-new partnership still under development by EPMS. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to directly engage in a multigenerational and multiethnic initiative in our community. Contact Dave Dunn for more information. (minister@uuman.org)

Family Promise

UUMAN is part of the Family Promise network of North Fulton and Dekalb counties. In this program, UUMAN regularly hosts homeless family guests (i.e. lodging, hospitality and support) on our campus. Again, we partner with our Muslim friends at the Roswell Community Masjid in this effort. For additional information, please contact Merri Beth Stephens at

merribethstephens@gmail.com

North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC)

Each month, a group of UUMAN members volunteer at NFCC. We show up and they put us to work! We usually work in their food pantry or their store. We also regularly donate food and clothing. To volunteer at NFCC, please contact Carla Kapeskas at

crkapeskas@gmail.com

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Earth Ministry

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Citizens Climate Lobby

UUMAN works with the national Citizens Climate Lobby organization to effect change through large-scale legislative advocacy and relationship building. Terry Schiff is our contact. terryschiff99@gmail.com

Yes, we have a lot of balls in the air...but the good news is that you don't have to do it all. You only need to do your part. It is my hope that each and every one of us feels called to do something. It is my hope that each and every one of us can help out with a piece of one or two of our Justice Ministry initiatives.

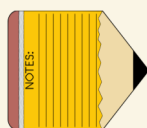
I understand that these initiatives require effort and often demand that we leave the safety of our comfort zones. We sometimes feel we can't do this. When I begin to feel this way, I'm inspired by the prophet Isaiah who doubted himself when being called upon by God. Ultimately Isaiah surrendered - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I, send me! (Isaiah 6:8)"

I believe that we are always being called (24/7/365). May we be open to listening. May we grow with our answering.

Take care,

Dave



Notes from the Board of Trustees

Back in 2017, frustrated by always having to go to the congregation every time something broke down Bob Popp, and the Board of Trustees voted to create the infrastructure depreciation fund. The goal of the fund, guided by Don Grose's wisdom, was to have a reserve to use for those replacements all homeowners have to face: painting, roof replacements, HVAC systems, water heaters, plumbing. A small percentage of the operating income (3%) was set aside each month to fund this account.

After a year of saving, we had managed to set aside eight thousand dollars. Which was a good thing since this June we had a compressor go out on one of the six air conditioning systems we maintain to cool the property. Five thousand dollars quickly disappeared from the fund. Alas, the air handling system has now gone out on yet another HVAC unit. Twenty-five hundred dollars is the cost quoted for this new replacement. As you can see, our little nest egg is rapidly disappearing. And since the HVAC units are all about the same age, we are predicting even more replacements.

So, even though our hope was to avoid coming to you with our hat in our hand, I'm afraid we once more must ask for your help to build the fund back up to handle these replacements. If you can afford to contribute, please think about adding an extra check to the basket next Sunday marked depreciation fund to help us build up our little replacement nest egg again.

Colin J. Decker

Uuman Treasurer



Coffee Talk with the Board

Join members of UUMAN's Board of Trustees on October 7th right after service! It's time for our monthly Coffee Talk with the Board. Grab your coffee (and retrieve your children from RE) and come into the sanctuary at 11:40 for an informal chat with several of the Board members (you can find us by way of our yellow name badges). This month, we'll have a special focus on the political activity policy (and the upcoming Meet and Greet event recently announced) for those who would like to discuss these issues further. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat about other topics, that is fine too! We will finish by noon--before adult RE begins.

We look forward to the discussion!

In service,

Elizabeth Rohan

President, UUMAN Board of Trustees

Join us for the 48th Annual Atlanta Pride Festival, October 12–14, 2018!

Saturday, October 13 The Trans March begins at 1:45 pm at the Charles Allen Gate at Piedmont Park. This march celebrates and promotes visibility of the trans and non-binary community. All trans people and allies are welcome to participate. We encourage you to make and bring signs of support.

Sunday, October 14 The Atlanta Pride Parade begins at noon from the Civic Center MARTA Station and will officially end at the Charles Allen Gate at Piedmont Park. Inspired by the Free Mom Hugs movement, you are invited to make and wear a “Free Mom Hugs” or “Free Hugs” t-shirt and offer hugs of love and acceptance along the parade route. We will carpool from UUMAN to the North Springs MARTA Station. The cost of fare is \$5.00 round trip.

Note: Due to costs, there will not be a UU booth at Pride this year.

—Sheila K. Smith on behalf of the Pride Organizing Committee



Under the Harvest Moon 2018

Each year UUMAN holds a gala, fun-filled, goods and services auction to raise money, build community and have fun! This event has been described by UUMANites as the most exciting night of their entire year!! This year's event will take place on November 3, 2018. Doors open at 6:00pm. Child care will be available.

Tickets go on sale each year in early October, so be looking for the ticket table in Fellowship Hall each Sunday after service.

Your ticket is your gateway to delicious food, libations and friendly bidding for your favorite things. You'll be able to “just sign up” for certain items and participate in the silent and live auction for others.

Items available fall into the following categories:

- Dining, Wine and Other Edibles
- Entertainment
- Self-Improvement / Self Care / Educational / Spiritual
- Travel and Getaways
- Arts and Crafts (all created with lots of love)
- Neaten Up & Timesavers Services
- Care for Kids and Pets



Come, socialize and have fun!! You might even find something you have to have for yourself or the perfect Holiday gift!

Thanks to all who've contributed in so many ways to make this event a wonderful success and benefit to UUMAN each year! If you are interested in getting involved with this event please contact HarvestMoon@uuman.org.

—Bob Popp

Green Sanctuary

In 2013 UUMAN led by Kate Hudson and others UUMAN applied for and received Green Sanctuary Accreditation from the UUA. It was a lengthy process to obtain the accreditation, and a lot of hard work on the part of the “Green Team” and the entire congregation. In addition to the accreditation the UUMAN Board also approved the UUMAN Sustainability Policy about the same time.

We owe it to ourselves and future generations of UUMAN members to become knowledgeable about the Green Sanctuary Accreditation and to do what we can to make sure that we continue to follow the UUMAN Sustainability Policy (<https://www.uuman.org/pdf/UUMANSustainabilityPolicy.pdf>).

The policy states that UUMAN will “As an accredited Green Sanctuary, Our UUMAN community is committed to lowering its impact on the environment and reducing its carbon footprint through wise energy usage and purchasing policies”. It then goes on to layout sustainability goals for UUMAN some of which we have achieved or are working on. Others we have yet to achieve.

Please take a few moments to read the policy at <https://www.uuman.org/pdf/UUMANSustainabilityPolicy.pdf> and help UUMAN become an even better steward of the environment.

If you are interested in learning more about the Green Sanctuary Accreditation go to <https://www.uuman.org/justice/a-green-sanctuary/green-sanctuary-accreditation/>.

—Bob Popp

Looking for a Used iPad

Anyone have a used iPad to donate for the Finance Committee? We recently purchased a credit card reader for the church, but it will only work with apple products. Thank you!

Colin Decker: l.earendel@gmail.com

Stewardship Corner

UUMAN is a very active church in both the programs we provide and the community we serve. It takes a lot of hands to accomplish all the good work we do. UUMAN has 5 paid staff members (and only our minister is full-time). Everything you attend and/or participate in is managed by the hands of generous volunteers.

Whether you can offer 15 minutes a week (or day) or 15 hours a week, we can sure use your hands. Below are some of the committees that are requesting help. Please understand we are not asking for long commitments, and, in many instances, only showing up is required (no meetings to attend).

A brief description of the program, contact information, and current needs is provided below. If you attend services on Sundays and would like to be introduced to any of these wonderful people, please reach out to a greeter, the worship team for the day, or anyone you have seen more than once. We would love to introduce you.

Please consider providing helping hands. Our church depends on it. Your generosity is always appreciated!

Coffee House

Janet Lacey & Phillip Seaver coffeehouse@uuman.org

The Common Grounds Coffee House is an event featuring live music from local performers, held in the Sanctuary on the third Saturday evening of the month.

- Set Up Set up Coordination
- Greeters Baked goods to sell

Gardening

Shelly Nagrani gardening@uuman.org

Do you have pent up frustrations you would like to take out on some weeds? Do you love the smell of dirt? Do you have any idea of the impact 15 minutes a week would help our gardening crew??? If you can stop by on your way home or allow 15 minutes of weed pulling during your next visit to UUMAN, the gardening crew would appreciate your service!!

Membership

Robbie Kohn membership@uuman.org

Membership tries to ensure that all visitors feel warmly greeted. We strive to educate visitors as to who we are at UUMAN and what we do. We seek to help interested persons grow deeper connections to UUMAN and its members, and we facilitate their progression from visitors to members. Finally, we aim to integrate new members into the activities and the life of the church.

Earth Ministry

Gus Hadorn earthministry@uuman.org

Do you love Mother Earth? The Earth Ministry works to implement UUMAN's Sustainability Policy, a detailed list of steps the congregation has committed to that will continue lowering its impact on the environment and reducing its carbon footprint. Activities target UUMAN's facilities and its grounds, and we welcome new team members with a variety of interests and skills to help on any one of our sub-committees.

Family Ministry Team (MCY Council)

Clarisse Wilkins mychair@uuman.org

Are children and youth your passion? Our Ministry with Children and Youth is the place for you! Religious Exploration (RE) Teams meet in groups on Sunday mornings where they share experiences designed to build community while offering support for their relationships and faith development. This is where tremendous leaders of tomorrow are being grown.

- Worship Coordinator
- RE Support Coordinator

Worship

Brian Kohn worship@uuman.org

Participate in the planning, implementation, and execution of worship services at UUMAN. The committee works with the minister in planning both lay-led and ministerial-led Sunday services.

- Sound Tech Coordinator
- Sound Recorder Facilitator

Thanking you in advance for your consideration!

Tanya Romine

Chair, Stewardship

stewardship@uuman.org

Who was Convicted at the Murder Mystery Party Last Month?

From the Endowment Committee: if you didn't make it to the Murder Mystery Party on Saturday, September 22 to launch the Legacy Fund, we want you to know that you can rest easy - the suspect has been apprehended - our very own Nat Parker. It's not always the quiet ones you have to watch!! (just kidding, Nat!)

The whole gang made sleuthing so much fun and dessert was served from a real coffin. Yikes! More photographic evidence on our FB group site.





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.

This month we are sharing the plate with Lost-N-Found Youth. Half of our unpledged offering on October 21st will go to this organization. Lost-N-Found Youth is an Atlanta, Georgia based nonprofit that exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) and all sexual minority youth. Go to <https://lnfy.org/> to learn more.

—Michelle Liebergesell

Kroger Community Rewards

Bet you have heard about Kroger Community Rewards but if you haven't:

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do everyday. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards.

Here is easy step by step information you need to sign your Kroger Plus card up to get cash back for UUMAN:

1. Go online and establish an account. (or call the 800 number, and they will help walk you through how to create an online account (using your Kroger plus card). 1-800-576-4377.
2. Select the Community Rewards link.
3. Search for UUMAN by the number: 80425.
4. Select UUMAN as your Community Rewards partner.

That's it!

(If you have any trouble, call the 800 number. UUMAN Board President, Elizabeth Rohan, says they very helpful!)

UUMAN will earn between 3-5% of purchases. Kroger will send a check quarterly. Thank you for taking a few minutes to sign up!

- Kelly Callen




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

communications-chair@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
10/2	John and Miriam Patanian are celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary!
	Richard Lakes is celebrating a birthday
10/3	Bruce and McPatti Langston are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary!
10/4	Jacob P. of the MCY program is celebrating a birthday
10/5	Dillon Langston (who was raised at UUMAN) is turning 25
10/8	Ryan Dunn and Heather Moll-Dunn are celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary!
10/11	Michelle Liebergesell is celebrating a birthday
10/14	Alex Pietch is celebrating a birthday
10/18	Marshall Fogel is celebrating a birthday
	Olivia P. of the MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Suzanne Rezelman is celebrating a birthday
10/19	Becky Norris is celebrating a birthday
10/22	Jim Saunders and Annette Pate are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary!
10/23	Jim Saunders and Annette Pate are celebrating the 26th anniversary of the day they met
10/24	Ellen Meadows is celebrating a birthday
10/25	Stephen Shanahan is celebrating a birthday
10/26	Asher G. of the MCY program is celebrating a birthday
10/28	Ilona Walker is celebrating a birthday
	Jan Wilson and Doug Stump are celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary!
10/29	John Patanian is celebrating a birthday
10/30	Marshall and Julia Fogel are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary!
	Jan Wilson is celebrating a birthday

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
10/7	Belonging It is said that membership in a congregation means "taking off the bib and putting on the apron." What might this mean? What does it mean to be a member of UUMAN? What does it compel us to do? What does it mean to "Belong?"	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/14	In Six Words Have you heard of the six-word story? Earnest Hemmingway's friends bet him that he couldn't write a short story in just six words. They lost that bet. Today we will write, and share, stories about UUMAN, and other relevant topics, in six words.	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/21	Blessing of the Animals Multigenerational Service Please join in our annual Blessing of the Animals service. Please bring your furred, feathered, crawling (and hopefully controlled) friends with you for an experience that is always wild and fanciful. (Pets adorned in their Halloween costumes will get special attention).	Rev. Dave Dunn Toniann Read 
10/28	All Hallows : According to ancient folklore, the boundary between our world and the otherworld is particularly thin during All Hallows Eve and All Hallows Day. How can we be more connected to that which is beyond ourselves? Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring photos of those lost loved ones whom they wish to remember during the	Colin Decker

October Connections

Date	Event
Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in 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. Location of meetings vary.	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
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 9:00 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
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 Linda Etheridge lletheridge1@gmail.com
Saturdays , 1-2:30 in the Sanctuary, or Discovery Hall if the Sanctuary is not available. Childcare is available .	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 jkevinking@yahoo.com (470) 723-4070

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

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Please email your news articles and artwork to Becky at

newsletter@uuman.org