

# UUMAN TIMES

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## UUMAN 2nd Hour Enrichment

Although we will be beginning our new church year online, on August 16 we will kick-off our 2nd hour MCY and Adult Enrichment offerings that will run throughout the church year

(even after we re-open and return to in-person services). From 11:15 – 12 Noon all UUMAN members will have the opportunity to engage in either MCY or Adult Enrichment opportunities. (MCY will delay starting to allow parents to prepare their children for the ever-changing public school options which are in a state of flux due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Some of the courses below may be offered at other times throughout the day Sunday or even throughout the week. Specific details, times, dates, signups for each offering will be communicated in the near future.

Here are upcoming Adult Enrichment courses scheduled for the fall 2020:

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of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University, there are no nonracists; there are only racists – people who allow racist ideas to proliferate without opposition – and antiracists, those who expose and eradicate such ideas wherever they encounter them. We can and should use our privilege to be agents of change. (5 sessions)

### All Souls United

Facilitated by Rollin Mathis

All Souls United focuses on UU identity. We plan to explore the great traditions of Unitarianism and Universalism and related movements such as Transcendentalism, which included Margaret Fuller's challenge to binary sexuality in 1845, Suffragettes such as Susan B. Anthony, Abolitionists such as Frederick Douglass, and opponents of Indigenous Peoples removal such as the famous Unitarian minister Ralph Waldo Emerson. This great tradition reminds us of the high ideals toward which we imperfectly stumble. (Multiple Sessions - Long Term Study)

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Nurture our spirit. Strive for Justice. Transform the world.

~ Dave

# NY Times: Anatomy of an Election ‘Meltdown’ in Georgia



## Life Celebrations

UUMANites,

I urge everyone of us to get engaged for a fair outcome in the upcoming presidential elections. Voting is not enough. We need to make sure everyone gets a chance to vote.

Please help in anyway you can. [UUtheVote](#) is one of the options.

We can't stand in the sidelines while all sorts of voting suppression take place in Georgia.

From the **NYTimes** "Anatomy of an Election 'Meltdown in Georgia:"

"It's embedded in the DNA, here in Georgia, to suppress — first to deny, and then to suppress — the African-American vote," he said. "It's a sad and embarrassing part of the political history of the state of Georgia. It's unfortunate that in 2020 we're still engaged in this fight."

~ Carla Kapeskas

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 [marcwee@bellsouth.net](mailto:marcwee@bellsouth.net)

Date	Celebration
8/1	Gillian P. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
8/5	Dave and Tammy D. are celebrating their anniversary of 31 years
8/7	Sue H. is celebrating a birthday
8/12	Rick I. is celebrating a birthday
	Bev & Steve J. are celebrating their anniversary of 62 years
8/17	Kelly C. is celebrating a birthday
8/26	Rebecca B-D. is celebrating a birthday
8/17	Viktoria K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday

# What's Happening at UUMAN

UUMAN's ministries, groups, and committees are meeting virtually.

We encourage you to attend at least one or two activities each week to connect with our community!

## Video Meetings

### Circle of Women

10am Every Tuesday

Covenant Group check-in and discussion.

Contact [Marilee Hufnagel](#) for Meeting Link.

### Board Meeting

7pm-10pm Tuesday, July 28

Every UUMAN member is invited!

The Board discusses key priorities for the congregation, both short and long term.

We discuss our top priorities for the year and the key new topics from the previous month. The Board covers policy issues, personnel items, financial health, and any important items related to the health and vibrancy of the UUMAN congregation.

[Meeting Link](#)

### Daytimers

12pm Every Wednesday

Join us for a wide-ranging discussion of current events.

[Meeting Link](#)

### Happy Hour

5:30pm Every Friday

Grab some snacks and your favorite brew, wine, juice, milk...or whatever you prefer... and let's get together! Everyone is invited for a very casual social hour.

[Meeting Link](#)

### **"The Hate U Give" Book Discussion**

7pm Friday

Join us for the First Ever UUMAN Multi-Generational Social Justice Summer Read! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with UUMANITES Pre-Teen to 100 by reading "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas.

[RSVP](#)

### **Netflix Party**

7pm Every Saturday

Watch a fun, lighthearted movie with UUMAN friends online!

Contact [Jim Nickens](#) for more information

### **Worship Service**

10:30am Every Sunday

We gather in worship to celebrate life, seek for meaning, and engage with the world more deeply.

[Video Link](#)

### **Coffee & Conversation**

11:15am Sundays

Gather together with your fellow congregants to check-in and catch up! [Meeting Link](#)

### **Coffee Talk with the Board**

11:45am - 12:00pm Sunday

Please join in a conversation with members of the board to answer any questions you might have and discuss topics important to UUMAN. Immediately following check-in on the same google Meeting as Coffee & Conversation. [Meeting Link](#)

### **Cancer Support Group**

12pm First & Third Sunday

Open to survivors of cancer and those who care for them. Please Contact [Kim Palmer](#) for a meeting link.

### **Bridge Group**

1pm-3pm Sunday

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Using "Bridge Base Online" play Bridge with UUMAN friends!  
Contact [John Pruitt](#) for more information

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## **Physical Distancing Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Communications Committee Volunteers Needed!**

The efforts of the Communications Team in this time of virtual church going are absolutely invaluable. We're looking for 2 more volunteers to join the team in our work to keep UUMAN's community together via technology and the internet. Experience with social media and/or wordpress and website design especially desired but not necessary. This is a great opportunity for newer members to meet fellow Uumanites and for anyone interested in marketing or website design to polish their skills.

### **Review UUMAN Online**

Any Day, Any Time

Volunteer 2 minutes of your time to leave a review for UUMAN on any review website, including [Yelp](#), [Google](#), [Facebook](#), and [Nextdoor](#). We hope to increase UUMAN's presence online to make it easier for our neighbors to find out about this amazing congregation.

### **Online Service Volunteers Needed!**

Please Contact [Jennifer Ratcliffe](#) for more information

- **Speakers/Actors**- Do you like to be in front of the camera? Do you have something really important to share? This is the gig for you! We'd like to include new faces, shy faces and everything in-between. You provide the talent, we'll give you 15 minutes of fame.
- **Producer/Editor**- This person has knowledge of video editing software. Currently a group of 4 looking for 2 more people to join the team.

### **Church Grounds Cleanup & Repair**

Any Day, Any Time

Our Church grounds and facilities need our attention! We have several small projects for a person or a family to work on at church inside or out. Tools are available in the shed next to Discovery Hall. Contact [Bob Popp](#) with any questions. Sign up for a project, day and time to avoid bumping into others.

[Sign Up Sheet](#)

### **Mask Making**

Any Day, Any Time

Can you sew? Sewists, Sewers, and Seamstresses at UUMAN are working together to meet the need for masks in the Beloved Community. If you sew, join us! We're looking for 3 more sewists to join our team to donate to local charities and we have supplies to get you started!

Contact [Kelly Callen](#) for more details.

## **Upcoming Special Events**

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### **UU101 - Path to Membership**

Our next UU101/Path to Membership class is scheduled virtually in two parts. We will meet online Saturday, September 12th, 10:00 –12:00, and then again on Sunday September 20th at 11:15 after service. If you are new to our congregation or to Unitarian Universalism, or are considering becoming a member of UUMAN – or just want a refresher on the basic tenets of our faith, this class is for you. A signup is available online on our homepage, and if you have any questions, please email [membership@uuman.org](mailto:membership@uuman.org).

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*If you'd like your group's information to be included in next week's newsletter, please update your meeting information with the [Communications Team](#) to ensure the UUMAN calendar is up to date and accurate. Please post details to [Announcements@uuman.org](mailto:Announcements@uuman.org).*

*Deadline for newsletter inclusion is 12pm Monday each week.*

*Email [Elizabeth Norris](#) directly with details to ensure your group's information is included in the next Weekly Happenings email.*

Elizabeth Norris  
Outreach Committee Acting Chair  
Pronouns: she, her, hers

UUMAN Announcements Guidelines:  
[http://uuman.org/pdf/UUMAN\\_Announcements\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://uuman.org/pdf/UUMAN_Announcements_Guidelines.pdf)



## August 2020: A Month of Sundays

All in-person Sunday services and any meetings or groups at UUMAN are canceled until further notice. See [this page](#) for more details.

We plan to continue live-streaming Sunday services on [YouTube](#).

Date	Topic	Service Leaders	
8/2	<b>RE Children and Adult</b>	<b>Rollin Mathis Melinda Mischik</b>	<p><b>ABOUT THE UUMANTimes:</b> The UUMANTimes is the newsletter of Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North (UUMAN). We go live with each issue by the first Sunday of the month; deadline for submissions is typically on the 22nd of the month proceeding the issue date.</p> <p>Please email your news articles and artwork to Becky at <a href="mailto:newsletter@uuman.org">newsletter@uuman.org</a></p>
8/9	<p><b>Water Communion Ingathering Service</b></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>	<b>Rev. Dave Dunn Melinda Mischik</b>	
8/16	<p><b>Beloved Community, Return to Us</b></p> <p>We strive to create Beloved Community...as we should; yet, could it have been something that we (i.e. humanity) already possessed yet somehow lost? Can we get back there?</p>	<b>Rev. Dave Dunn</b>	
8/23	<p><b>To Love Life More Than the Meaning of It</b></p> <p>Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? What if there is no "reason" for us being here? What if there is no higher "meaning?" What if this is truly all absurd? Can life still be loved?</p>	<b>Rev. Dave Dunn</b>	
8/30	<p><b>The Paradoxical Augustine</b></p> <p>Augustine of Hippo was perhaps the most influential (and controversial) of the Roman Catholic Church Fathers yet his influence went far beyond Christian theology. His stamp on Western philosophy and Western Civilization is still being felt. How do we make sense of</p>	<b>Rev. Dave Dunn</b>	