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UUMAN's Program Council

Article VII of our by-laws states that the "Program Council shall consist of the Chair of each functional committee of the Congregation.

The number will vary with the changing make-up of the committees of the congregation....[and] shall be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Congregation through the committees...."

Article IV of our bylaws states that the "Board of Trustees ("Board") shall be the governing board of the Congregation....develop governance-related policies; monitor the Program Council, and attend to the control and governance of the business, property, and affairs of the Congregation. The Board shall also delegate the day-to-day operation of the Congregation's business to the Program Council."

UUMAN's Board is responsible for setting the mission and vision of the congregation (with input from the congregation of course). The Board also has other responsibilities (e.g. long range planning, Personnel, etc.).

It may come as a surprise to some, but according to our bylaws, the Board is not responsible for carrying out the "ministries" of the congregation. The ministries of the congregation belong to the Program Council. It is the Board's job to determine whether the ministries carried out by the Program Council are consistent with UUMAN's mission and established goals.

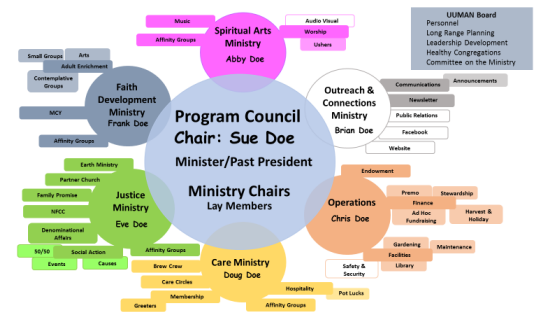
At least since I've been here at UUMAN, the Program Council (i.e. Program Council Chair and all Committee Chairs) have been meeting monthly. Because we have many committees, there are a lot of people in the room for any given meeting. Although it's always nice to know what all the committees are doing, sometimes a conversation about Adult Enrichment has little bearing on Care Circles, Facilities or Music (and vice versa).

For this reason, for the 2017-2018 church year, we are going to divide the Program Council into five (or perhaps six) functional groups. The groups are tentatively aligned as follows (this list doesn't show all subcommittees):

1. Spiritual Arts: Worship, Ushers, Music, Audio Visual
2. Faith Development: Adult Enrichment, MCY, Small Group Ministry, Arts, Contemplative Groups
3. Justice: Social Justice, Earth Ministry, Family Promise, NFCC, Denominational Affairs
4. Care: Care Circles, Membership, Hospitality, Brew Crew
5. Operations: Facilities, Finance, Endowment, Stewardship

A possible future sixth functional group is also being discussed. It might consist of the following committees (some of which do not yet exist):

6. Outreach & Connections Ministry: Public Relations, Facebook, Website, Newsletter, Communications



Throughout the church year, each of these functional groups will meet periodically which will allow for a more focused agenda for each group. Each group will be convened by a Chair and each of these Chairs (e.g. Spiritual Arts Chair, Justice Chair, etc.) will meet periodically with one another and the Program Council Chair in what we hope to be a more streamlined Program Council. (Please note that anyone at UUMAN is welcome to attend any of these meetings.)

During the coming year, the Board Past President and I will be working closely with the Program Council Chair to help ease this transition.

Although this is a big change, we hope that it will result in a better use of everyone's time.

Take care & be well,

Dave



Rev. Cynthia's Final Gift to UUMAN

Rev. Cynthia Prescott served UUMAN as our interim minister from August 2014 to her untimely death on May 28, 2016. She loved

UUMAN, from the time she was being considered by the Interim Search Committee until her passing—she wanted to be with us as our Interim and was committed to nurturing us through the sometimes thorny passage from lay ministry to calling a settled minister helping us thrive.

For those who never knew her, she was a warm, quiet, confident woman filled with enthusiasm for and commitment to all things Unitarian Universalist and especially UU's passion for social justice. Her gifts to UUMAN were even more obvious after her passing: an organized, thoughtful transition from lay ministry to the spiritual leadership of Rev. Dave Dunn; her enthusiasm and unifying processes that enabled us to express our deep commitment to social justice; and a feeling of stability and being part of a larger community that we had not experienced in a long time. Her final gift to UUMAN was naming UUMAN as the beneficiary of \$10,451 from a life insurance policy.

With all that in mind, the UUMAN Board of Trustees (BOT) is committed to finding a meaningful way to honor Rev. Cynthia and what she meant and still means to each and every one of us at UUMAN. Believing that having a UUMAN Endowment Fund will preserve a small piece of the feeling of stability that we received from Rev. Cynthia and that, with time and a planned giving program in place, our endowment fund will lead to UUMAN's financial stability, enabling us to better fulfill our mission, the BOT created an Endowment Committee to make recommendations as to the most financially and socially responsible way to create that fund.

The Endowment Committee presented their recommendations to the BOT at their meeting on March 23, 2017. Links to those [recommendations](#) and for ways to express your interest and opinions about them and the use of any remaining funds can be found as of April 2nd in three places: in the [April edition of UUMAN Times](#), on the [UUMAN Facebook page](#), and by email from UUMAN-Announcements. If you are interested in providing your input to the recommendations and ways to spend any remaining funds, click [here](#) to provide your information—we will meet April 16, 2017 from 2-3p at UUMAN to gather your input. It is expected that the BOT will make their final decision about how Rev. Cynthia's gift is used at the BOT meeting on April 23, 2017, after considering the recommendations of the Endowment Committee and the input from the congregation. Your input is needed!!

If you have questions, contact Bev Jordan, btjordan@mindspring.com or Miriam Patanian, miriam.patanian@gmail.com

UUA Presidential Election—What's at Stake?

UUMAN is one of over a thousand congregations in the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), the central organization for the Unitarian Universalist (UU) religious movement in the United States. The UUA is led by the president of the association, principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for our faith. The current president of the UUA, Rev. Peter Morales, has been our national voice against policies of oppression and bigotry over the last eight years.

Rev. Morales' second four-year term is coming to an end in June. During General Assembly, June 21-25, the UUA will elect a new president. There are three candidates:

Susan Frederick-Gray is a life-long Unitarian Universalist, has served in ministry for 17 years, and is currently Lead Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix.

Alison Miller grew up as a Unitarian Universalist, and was ordained into the ministry in 2004, and currently is Senior Minister of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship.

Jeanne Pupke has been serving as a Unitarian Universalist minister since 2002, and now serves as Minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church in Richmond, Virginia.



Members of UUMAN are encouraged to learn more about this election and about the candidates. In the weeks to come, opportunities will be provided for members to discuss the candidates and to share their thoughts about the election with UUMAN's delegates to General Assembly.

For more information, please email denominationalaffairs@uuman.org

- Brian Kohn



Come to Dance Church at UUMAN

Dance Church is a spiritual but non-religious event. It is a diverse gathering to honor the body/spirit connection, celebrate life, and build community through dancing in whatever way you are moved and with an openness to the sacred, however defined. Do your yoga, stretch, boogie; lay on the floor, dance in your chair, dance alone, with another, with others; connect with your own spirit and that of whatever may be greater. A circle will begin and end the gathering and a variety of music will be played. Every Body is welcome!

Several members and friends of UUMAN have attended Dance Church in Decatur and talked about getting something started outside the Perimeter. We had our first evenings of dance in January and February. Those who attended agreed that Dance Church is a great way to relieve stress, have fun, connect with others, and find inner joy in these stressful times. Dance Church North is now happening once a month at UUMAN. We hope you can come dance in the Sanctuary on the following Fridays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM:

- April 21
- May 19

Opening Circle: 7:00 PM

Dancing until @ 8:00 PM

Quiet time to relax, journal, stretch at 8:00 - 8:15 PM

Closing Circle: 8:15 PM

Come for all or part of the evening.

Bring your water bottle and dress for comfort. If you want to lay on the floor to stretch or relax, bring a yoga mat or blanket.

(\$5 suggested donation, but don't let \$ stop you from attending. Children always free.)

Administered by Marjorie Pomper

More Info: marjpomper@gmail.com

UUMAN's Annual Passover Seder

Please join us for UUMAN's annual Passover Seder on Saturday, April 15th at 5 pm in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. For those who have never attended a UUMAN Seder (or one at all) – ours is the UU version of the Old Testament story of Moses and the Jewish Exodus from Egypt.

This story resonates with UUs because it is a story of Social Justice. This is a family friendly participatory Seder with voluntary reading parts, songs (some are catchy tunes set to popular songs) and a contest for the kids (finding the afikomen which has a small monetary prize for the winner). Add in Matzoh ball soup (so delicious) and a buffet after the Seder (service), and a good time will be had by all while honoring a very important Jewish holiday about social justice and equity. For families of little ones—the service is held at the table and there is traditional food served throughout the service to keep them busy. If you want to bring some snacks for them though, feel free. Also—we will need older child volunteers to read certain parts of the Seder as well. They will have fun! No sitters needed.

Julie Garrett has constructed a fantastic online sign-up poster (see link below). We aren't going to completely follow Jewish traditions in terms of the food, but we do want to follow the tradition of no leavened bread. I realize that desserts will have yeast in them but please do not bring bread to serve with the meal. We will be eating Matzoh instead (unleavened crackers). All Seder plates and ingredients will be provided and the Matzoh ball soup is covered so they are not on the sign up sheet. Everyone should bring red wine and/or red grape juice for your family.

Please make sure you let us know how many people will be attending in your party in the comments section as we need to know for table settings/setup.

If you do not want to or do not know how to sign up on the poster, please email Julie Garrett and she will be happy to assist you. jegarrett@mac.com

Sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ea4ab23a31-passover1>

See you then!

Carolyn Lee



2014 Passover Seder at UUMAN

UUCA Upcoming Events

SWAMP LILY IN UUCA'S UNDERGROUND THEATRE

MARCH 31-APRIL 2

The UUCA Performing Arts Coordinating Team presents Swamp Lily, a play set in the South and directed by UUCA congregant Carol Welter, starting Friday, March 31st in the UUCA Underground Theatre. Written by Georgia playwright Donald Hutto, the play is a simple love story that begins during World War II and continues to the present day. The production is a world premiere of this version of the play. Curtain time for Friday, March 31st, and Saturday, April 1st, performances is 7:30 pm. The Sunday, April 2nd matinee begins at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available online and at the door. The Underground Theatre is located on the lower level 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). Any questions about the play should be sent to Carol Welter at welterdelis@gmail.com

WINE, CHEESE, AND THE SPOKEN WORD, APRIL 8: FEATURED POETS SHAWNA FLOYD AND CAROL WELTER

The UUCA Performing Arts Coordinating Team welcomes to the Underground Theatre stage for the April Wine, Cheese, and the Spoken Word two UUCA congregants, Shawna Floyd and Carol Welter. Shawna is a poet and writer who has burst into song. Or maybe she is a frustrated poet and writer who has burst into song. She has studied writing within and without the hallowed halls of academia. If you ask her, both ways have their use. A lover of language and a sniffer of book pages since she was a little cornrowed girl, it's no wonder that she has turned out as she has. One day (and hopefully soon) she will make a tee shirt that reads "Black women writers to the rescue!" for she wouldn't be here without them. To Shawna, being an artist means she is whole. She won't just live the half-life assigned to her. She chooses her life's dimensions every time she makes space to write and sing and create. And when she puts her art and her life to the work of justice and love, she is without bind or bounds.

Carol has been a performer all of her life, ever the chatterbox, telling stories, making others laugh, playing on stage variations of the Monster or Lover. She says: "I love Spoken Word. There is something to be said, so I write, I write to be heard, to rid myself of the constant chatter in my head, to share my views, more so to discover who I really am." Her passion for the arts has taken into directing theater, spending her free time writing poetry, and breaking out into song at the dinner table and the grocery aisle. Born in the United Kingdom, she spent her formative years in London, attending the Shakespearean Conservatory for training in classical theatre in studies that included Moliere, Chinese Opera, Greek Theater, and the legendary traveling troupes commedia dell'arte. She is the creator, driving force, and host for the Wine, Cheese, and the Spoken Word series. Her appearance at the April event will include an interpretive lyrical dance performed to drum beats by Lisa Fareed Mohammed.

An open mic session between the two sets of readings by the featured Spoken Word artists 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 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.

UUCA PRESENTS ROY ZIMMERMAN, SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 4 PM

According to his posted bio, Roy Zimmerman's answer to the question "What can one person do about racism, gun violence, climate change, income inequality, bigotry, ignorance, war and greed?" is "Write funny songs." Roy brings his "funny songs" to the Underground Theatre stage at 4 pm, Sunday, April 9, with a new show titled "ReZist," about which he says, "In the social climate of America in 2017, ReZist is a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Justice."

Zimmerman has performed his satirical shows for over twenty years, including shows on HBO and Showtime, recordings on Warner/Reprise Records, YouTube videos, and at venues across the country, including many Unitarian Universalist congregations. He has performed at UUCA several times and will be singing at both UUCA services on April 9. For those who have not heard him, Roy's songs can be sampled [here](#) and [additional information](#) about him is available.

Suggested donation for the concert is \$20, but no one is turned away. A variety of refreshments will be available. The Underground Theatre is located on the lower level 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](#)).

Offering a Safe Haven

Sanctuary is when faith communities offer safe havens—from the times of slavery and the Underground Railroad, to housing Jews during WWII, to the draft during the Vietnam War. Sanctuary is about families, faith, and justice.

It isn't about left or right, liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican. People who support Sanctuary are connected not by political affiliations or specific faith traditions, but through a shared moral responsibility to compassion and justice. Families being torn apart is morally wrong, so we take action together to stop it.

Sanctuary is emergency moral action—because our government leaders have failed to act and our laws are broken. Undocumented immigrants have been waiting decades for legislative action to find a legal path to citizenship. But, as Congress stalls, these families continue to suffer. They are mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors, community leaders, and volunteers. We see them every day, but they're being taken away from our communities.

Is sanctuary breaking the law? Some courts have interpreted harboring to require concealment of a person. When we declare Sanctuary for an individual, we are bringing them into the light of the community, not concealing them in the dark of secrecy.

(U.S. v. Costello, 66 F.3d 1040 (7th Cir. 2012))

Rescuing slaves via the Underground Railroad and protecting Jews from Nazis during WWII was considered illegal. Our saving grace is that immigration officials know that if they went into a house of worship to arrest a pastor, they would have a public relations nightmare on their hands.

Let us lead our faith communities by example.

As MLK Jr, said, "The time is always right to do what is right".

I will encourage you all to watch:

Reverend Mike Morran, senior minister at First Unitarian Society of Denver, where an immigrant mother of four has taken sanctuary to avoid deportation. "

https://www.democracynow.org/2017/2/17/denver_church_gives_sanctuary_to_immigrant

And read: Sanctuary and gospel:

The Rev. Peter Morales is the eighth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

http://www.uuworld.org/articles/sanctuary-and-gospel?utm_source=uuworld&utm_medium=front&utm_campaign=stories

In closing, I want to leave you with the words of Katia Hansen –President and CEO of UURISE.org: UU Refugee and Immigrant services and Education

You can find her at the UU webinars:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgsYufAfk8&feature=youtu.be>

She said: " If Sanctuary is what your Congregation is supposed to do, all the logistics, all the moving parts, the coordination, the communication and the flexibility, a lot of faith, and a lot of being willing to move forward without all of the answers—will find a way to work them-

selves out. People will reach out to how best to move forward and approach the situation."

Thank you.

—Guillermo Kuhl

There will be a dinner at UUMAN on Saturday, April 29 at 7pm to cele-

Second Annual Partner Church Dinner

brate the relationship with our Partner Church in India. Last year's dinner was a huge success. Many of you will remember Bari Mukhim, our contact person for the Mawsynjri church. She came to see us last Summer and gave the sermon on Father's Day. We will have more of her pictures and videos to share with you. The following picture has some of the Mawsynjri high school students that were recently participating in regional competitions.



One of our topics will be the ICUU conference that will be held in India next February. Its goal is to allow young Unitarians/UUs from around the world to meet and gain a better understanding of other churches. This could be an excellent opportunity to visit our friends in Mawsynjri.

If you would like to contribute a dish or help with the dinner's logistics please call Michelle Liebergesell at 770-778-7217

— Rick Irwin



Sharing the Plate: 50-50

Last month's recipient, **Every Woman Works**, received \$299.50!

—Michelle Liebergesell

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper is the April 50/50 Sunday Recipient!

UUMAN's Ministry for the Earth has chosen Chattahoochee Riverkeeper as its 50/50 Sunday recipient for the month of April, which this year falls on the day following Earth Day, Sunday the 23rd.

Juliet Cohen, the sister of UUMAN's own Sam Friedman, is the organization's Executive Director, and will be here to speak to us about Riverkeeper's work.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper was founded in 1994, and is devoted to the protection and preservation of the Chattahoochee River basin. It holds Charity Navigator's coveted 4-star rating.

Please plan to attend and consider a related donation in this special Sunday service.

- Steve Allerton

Mindfulness Meditation

Saturday Afternoons at UUMAN, 1:00-2:30, in Discovery Hall

After a hiatus, our mindfulness meditation group is back at a new day and time. We will now meet on Saturdays in Discovery Hall at 1:00, starting this Saturday, April Fool's Day, 4/1. 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. Whatever your belief system or spiritual practice, all are welcome and encouraged to come and sit with us. If needed, we offer a brief instruction period in basic mindfulness practice before we start. Afterwards, if you would like to participate, we will discuss our experiences. Please join us as we sit together in community.

We live always in the present moment, right now. Yet most of us spend most of our attention in thrall to our thoughts without even realizing it. Mindfulness meditation is a way of training our minds to let go of that cycle and become more fully aware of the totality of our experience in every moment, as it unfolds.

Jon Kabat-Zinn, founder of the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction program at the University of Massachusetts, has defined "mindfulness" as "paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally." While the practice of mindfulness meditation in the West comes to us via the ancient Buddhist tradition of Vipassana (the Pali word for "Insight"), one need not accept the tenets of any particular religion or ideology to practice. This adaptable method of contemplation practice can be incorporated into any theology, preexisting religious practice, or secular worldview without doing violence to the practice. Moreover, researchers have found more and more scientific evidence that mindfulness leads to reduced

stress, more focus, patience, resilience, and even better cognitive function. Millions of all stripes around the country have gained these benefits, coming to the practice with varied intentions running the gamut from a tool to better themselves, to a supplement to their spiritual practice, to a search for metaphysical insight, to a way for secular people to engage in a spiritual life without needing to accept any dogmas.

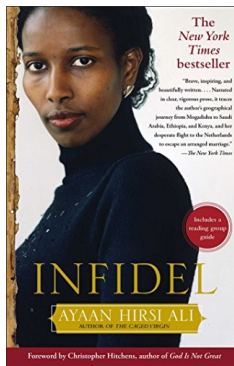
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at

(470) 723-4070 or e-mail me at jkevinkinglaw@yahoo.com

We hope you join us.

—J. Kevin King

A Page from The Page Turners



April's book will be the 2008 memoir, *Infidel*, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, followed by Chimanda Ngozi Adichie's 2013 novel *Americanah* in May.

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, drama, and how-to's are also possibilities – it's up to you.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books in a variety of genres, 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 Carole Herman for the details, including meeting dates. All women, whether UUMAN members or not, are warmly invited to the Page Turners!

—Carole Herman

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FROM THE GARDEN

Dear UUMAN Members and Friends:

Our UUMAN Gardening Group got back to work last month, putting down fresh mulch and cleaning up the garden. We plan to have two work days in April; the first on Monday, April 10 and the second on Monday, April 24 (weather permitting). We try to work on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from March through November. 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 this year. Hope to see you there!

Claire Sullivan

UUMAN Gardening Group
 cbsullivan@bellsouth.net



Redbud in Bloom



Daffodils



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



The Gardeners on the First Work Day, March 20, 2017



Carolina Jasmine



Crabapple Tree

Date	Celebration
4/5	Chris Algren is celebrating a birthday
	Jason Hagood is celebrating a birthday
	Bob Popp is celebrating a birthday
4/7	Violet F. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
4/9	Marianne Walker, Ilona's mother, is celebrating her birthday
4/10	Anna Popp is celebrating a birthday
4/13	Liz and Diego Garcia are celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary!
	Shanti G. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
4/16	Suzanne and Marlon Banerian are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary!
	Dan Ben-David is celebrating a birthday
4/17	Pat Carter is celebrating a birthday
4/18	Marlon Banerian is celebrating a birthday
4/20	Joel S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
4/21	Ida G. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
4/25	Dan Ben-David and Carole Herman are celebrating their 2nd anniversary! They were married here at UUMAN.
4/27	John Algren is celebrating a birthday
	Dirk and Anne Bender adopted Danielle 16 years ago!
4/28	Lucas T. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Speaker
4/2	Nothing for Something Philosophy in the West tells us that our goals, that which we don't yet possess, are achieved through striving and effort. Many Eastern philosophies seem to work in reverse – that much of what we seek is inherent. What can this mean for us?	Rev Dave Dunn
4/9	A Travelogue through Liberation Theology What do a Catholic nun, a Bible-thumping Christian pastor, and a Latino UU minister have in common? How have a fleeing band of wandering Jews eating flat bread inspired African Americans, Latin Americans, Koreans, Indians, and so many others?	Brian Kohn Worship Leader
4/16	This Man Jesus Christians believe that Jesus, the Son of God in human person, died for the sins of humanity and was resurrected on the third day. The Unitarian Universalist living tradition springs from Christianity as one of its sources. How can this man Jesus still inform our tradition?	Rev Dave Dunn
4/23	Faith In Action – Earth Day Faith-In-Action Sunday Service Description: Service Leader: Earth Ministry, Social Justice Committee, Worship Committee, MCY	Earth Ministry/Social Justice Committee, Worship Committee, MCY
4/30	The Rationality of Faith Many might describe “Faith” as believing in something untrue or something that can't be proven. How do we come to know the “truth?” What constitutes proof? With this, can religious faith actually be deemed rational?	Rev. Dave Dunn This sermon was generously purchased by Bob Mihalik at our Harvest and Holiday Service Auction

April Connections

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
Every other Sunday afternoon, 12-2:00 p.m.	Spiritual Autobiography 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

April Connections

Date	Event
2nd Sunday of each month, after the service, in the sanctuary.	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
Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	UUMAN's Painting Group 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
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 at 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 campoften@aol.com

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

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