



# UUMAN TIMES

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### In Memory of Rev. Cynthia Prescott

It is with immense sadness that we share news that our beloved Rev. Cynthia passed away on Sunday May 29, 2016. We were graced with her charming wit, deep compassion and dedication to all of us at UUMAN.



## What is Stewardship?

The dictionary definition of stewardship is “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” As a member or active participant in the life and programs at UUMAN, you are a temporary owner or steward of UUMAN, whether you know it or not. How much and how often you, as an individual, take on the “stewardship” role depends on you and your needs. Some folks jump in with both feet, while others, gradually over time, grow into being a UUMAN steward.

Being a steward is not for everyone. It may be that you don’t have the time or energy to get more involved and that’s okay! However, if you do want to get more involved in “serving” and “caring” for UUMAN, and at the same time build the community, there are plenty of opportunities—from one-hour, one-time jobs to longer-term commitments.

A good place to start would be the Volunteer page on the UUMAN website - <http://www.uuman.org/connection/volunteer/>. This page provides a good description and a contact for many of the UUMAN programs and committees. You can get involved as much or as little as you want. Don’t be afraid to jump in! I think you will find it rewarding and worthwhile.

Bob Popp  
Stewardship Chair

## A Page from The Page Turners



The June meeting of The Page Turners will be on Saturday, June 25th, at 1:00 PM. Typically we meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM, so please note this temporary change of date and time.

June’s book is *God Help the Child*, by Toni Morrison. She is the Nobel laureate whom you may know as the author of *Beloved*, *The Bluest Eye*, and many others. This novel from 2015 has been lauded as being “lyrical” and “utterly compelling”, and criticized as “frustratingly flawed”. Are you moved by the magic in a modern fairy tale? Or does the slightly supernatural miss the mark for you?

We’re going to skip July, but will get together again on August 13th, when our book will be *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker. You may have seen and loved the movie; many people say the book is even better.

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 details. All women, whether UUMAN members or not, are warmly invited to the Page Turners!

— Carole Herman

## Discovery Hall Living Room Make Over!

If you haven’t been over to Discovery Hall recently you may have missed the make-over that was recently done by Sue and Arnie Moore on the living room. If you get a chance stop by and take a look and be sure to thank them! It looks great! Below they are standing in front of the bright new curtains and the freshly painted walls!! Thanks Sue and Arnie!!



— Bob Popp

# UUMAN'S Painting Society

*Presents their Spring Art Show*

*Please take time to view the paintings*

*and remember a portion of all sales goes to UUMAN*

*To purchase contact Annette Pate or the artist to purchase a painting.*

## Brew Crew News

Don't you just love that delicious cup of Fair Trade coffee that you find freshly brewed Sunday mornings at UUMAN? Or maybe one of our hot teas is your Sunday morning treat. Regardless of your preference, your drink and the snacks that sometimes accompany it are made available by UUMAN's dedicated group of volunteers called the Brew Crew.

The Brew Crew is made up of 10 volunteers. Each volunteer usually only has to work one shift each month. Your current Brew Crew members are Steve Allerton, Valerie Davis, Donna Guile, Robbie Kohn, Bruce Langston, Mike and Michelle Liebergesell, Jim Nickens, Rosie Popp, Jane Soule, and Ilona Walker.

Those that brew get to UUMAN about 9:00 on their Sunday morning to get the coffee going and to set out the creamers, sugars and spoons. They try to have it ready by the time choir practice is over because the choir really loves their coffee.

Those that clean up stay after coffee hour to wash the cups, spoons and carafes and put away all the supplies.

We know you love us because we see your smiles when you come to get your coffee but telling us you appreciate us is always nice to hear, too.

— Rosie Popp

## UUMAN Care Circles

If you have been a member for a while you probably know all about the UUMAN Care Circles, but if you are a friend, visitor or new member you might be wondering what exactly the Care Circles are. Simply put, the Care Circles are small groups of official UUMAN members who live in a similar geographic area. They are your neighbors! They are there to care for you if you get ill, need meals, or have a death in the family and are there to share in life celebrations. They are not really a social group but many members at UUMAN make dear friends through their Care Circles.

You may have been given a copy of the Care Circle Covenant by your Care Circle Facilitator. If not the covenant is below. If you don't know which Care Circle you are in or how to contact your Facilitator, feel free to contact me at [carecircles@uuman.org](mailto:carecircles@uuman.org).

## Care Circle Covenant

### Care Circle Purpose Statement

Care circles are made up of UUMAN members grouped within geographical areas. The Care Circle serves as a safety net and source of mutual care in a crisis or celebratory life event. Members can ask for and offer help within the Care Circle so that needs may be met in an interdependent, caring, local community. Each member is assigned to a Care Circle. You can find your care circle facilitator's name and contact information through the Membership Committee or the Minister.

### Care Circle Guidelines

As a member of a Care Circle, I will:

- Recognize myself as part of a congregation that holds shared ministry and mutual support as values.
- Recognize myself as an interdependent part of a care circle and a congregation that is willing to assist me in times of need within the scope of the congregational care program.
- Participate in care circle events and/or employ other means to get to know other members in my care circle –or- be transparent with the care circle coordinator regarding my lack of ability or lack of interest in such participation.
- Recognize that I may reach out to my care circle facilitator or minister when I become aware of my own or another's need for which the care circle or congregation might be able to provide helpful and welcomed assistance.
- Help meet others' needs as I am able when such help is solicited by a care circle facilitator or other person acting in their stead.
- Respect others' inherent worth and dignity and strive to attend to people's needs without judgment or unhelpful comparison to others.
- Maintain confidentiality with respect to members' private circumstances and disclosures (except for making the Minister aware of serious situations).
- Recognize that others are willing to help me with my needs, just as I am willing to help others with theirs.
- Maintain healthy boundaries and decline to offer or receive help when it is not in the best interest of myself, my care circle, or the congregation.
- Recognize that the care circle and/or congregation may not be able to meet all needs, all the time.

— Rosie Popp

# Men's Group Barbecue

Thanks to the Men's Group for hosting this opportunity for everyone to meet Rev. Dave Dunn on a lovely Spring day.

— Carole Herman



# FROM THE GARDEN

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

We'll be continuing our work again in the garden on Monday, June 13 and Monday, June 27, working from 9:00 a.m. to around 11:00 a.m. We will continue our 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

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Redbud Tree Surrounded by Rose Companions



Hydrangea in front of Discovery Hall



Light Pink Rose



Pink Azalea



Summersweet Clethra



## 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
6/2	Jack T. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
6/6	Elizabeth K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Miriam Patanian is celebrating a birthday
6/10	Burk and Merilee Hufnagel are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary!
6/12	Corbin M.-D. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Sara T-K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
6/14	Carole and Larry Marra are celebrating their 47 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!
6/16	Tori S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Thomas T. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
6/18	Jim Saunders is celebrating a birthday
6/19	Ken Fry is celebrating a birthday
	Phillip Seaver and Suzanne Rezelmann are celebrating their 23 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary!
6/22	Emily K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
6/24	Marc and Carolyn Lee are celebrating their 26 <sup>th</sup> anniversary!
6/27	Bob and Rosie Popp are celebrating their 33rd anniversary!
	Ryan and Meghan Vidal are celebrating their 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Speaker
6/5	<b>Lessons from Our Minister</b>  In the wake of the sudden loss of our beloved minister, Rev. Cynthia Prescott, come worship with us as we reflect on the gifts and lessons from her ministry.	Rev. Dave Dunn
6/12	<b>Poetry Service</b>  Members will share their original poems. This service has been treasured by our congregation in the past, so come and be a part of the transformation this year.	Jim Saunders Worship Assoc.
6/19	<b>Father's Day in the Khasi Tradition</b>	Brian Kohn Worship Assoc.
6/26	TBA	

## June Events

Date	Event
<b>2nd Sunday of each month, after the service, in the sanctuary.</b>	<b>21st Century Humanism</b> 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 <a href="mailto:peltier.john@gmail.com">peltier.john@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>UUMAN's Painting Group</b>  Come paint with us in a relaxed atmosphere with a glass of wine. All are welcome. There is a fee but half is donated to UUMAN.  <b>The 25TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW</b> is now exhibiting at UUMAN. Please enjoy the show, and remember a portion of all sales benefit UUMAN. See Annette Pate or the artist to purchase.
<b>Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15</b>	<b>Daytimers</b>  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 <a href="mailto:dan@uuman.org">dan@uuman.org</a>
<b>Fourth Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>The Common Grounds Coffee House</b>  Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen!  Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Live music and delicious refreshments, \$5 suggested donation, held in the Sanctuary.
<b>Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary</b>	<b>Centering at UUMAN</b>  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 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 <a href="mailto:campoften@aol.com">campoften@aol.com</a>

*For more information about events, see the UUMAN Events Calendar at [www.uuman.org](http://www.uuman.org).*

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## June Events

<b>Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 in Discovery Hall</b>	<b>Circle of Women</b>  We aim to develop a warm nurturing circle of trust where we can share ourselves and our lives. Contact Kate Hudson <a href="mailto:hudsonkd@bellsouth.net">hudsonkd@bellsouth.net</a> or Linda Etheridge <a href="mailto:lletheridge1@gmail.com">lletheridge1@gmail.com</a>
<b>First and third Saturdays of the month at 1:00 in the sanctuary.</b>	<b>The Weekend Women's Group</b>  Offers women another opportunity to meet in the intimacy and fellowship of small group ministry. Topics such as love, trust, caregiving, parenting, relationships, community, and faith will all be explored in a setting that fosters deep listening and mutual respect. Contact facilitator Nina Bharucha for more information: <a href="mailto:nybharucha@gmail.com">nybharucha@gmail.com</a>
<b>Beginning June 5, then every other Sunday 12-2:00 p.m. 8 sessions</b>	<b>Spiritual Autobiography</b>  Explore, through writing exercises, 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. We come to know ourselves in a new, deeper way; we glimpse our souls. And, by sharing our stories with each other, we get to know each other in a richer, deeper way. For more information, contact Dave Hudson: <a href="mailto:hudsondavid@bellsouth.net">hudsondavid@bellsouth.net</a>