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ICUU Conference and Our Partner Church in India

As many of you know, I, along with Mike and Michelle

Liebergesell, recently attended the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) conference in Kathmandu, Nepal. We then spent the following week with our partner church in Mawsynjri, India.

Many of us UUs here in North America fail to realize that we have Unitarians, Universalists and Unitarian Universalists around the world. The ICUU conference is held every other year. We had over 80 participants in this year's conference who hailed from the United States, Canada, South Africa, Transylvania (Romania), U.K., Italy, Germany, Switzerland, India, Japan, France, United Arab Emirates, Philippines, Czech Republic, Rwanda, Burundi, Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Also attending were UUA President Rev. Susan Fredrick-Gray and Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council Executive Director Rev. Roger Bertschausen. (They now know UUMAN!!!)

The theme of the conference was "The Heart of Unitarianism and Unitarian Universalism." A typical day in the 3 ½ day conference included an internationally-flavored morning worship, a theme speaker, a small group workshop, a one-to-one workshop, a covenant group session and an evening panel discussion. Although hard to describe, all in all, I found it to be among the most rewarding conferences I had attended in several years. It had diversity, theological depth and room for sharing of ideas of all participants. Most conferences seem to tip one way or another and result in information overload in some form. This conference clearly avoided that and at no time did I ever feel like I wanted to skip out on any given session.

The 2020 ICUU conference will be held in Montreal, Canada (in the summer ☐).

After the conference we traveled to Mawsynjri, India (in the Khasi Hills of the state of Meghalaya) to visit our partner church and to dedicate the bell tower that we provided the funds to build.

Barri Mukhim, her husband Rev. Nangroi Suting and Rev. Darihun Khriam have a strong vision for the Mawsynjri community where most of the villagers are farmers. In addition to the Mawsynjri congregation itself, they are running a K-12 school, an orphanage (Children's Village), a local health care facility and an organic farm.

Mawsynjri villagers face several daunting obstacles as they seek to move into the future. Often, because both parents must work the fields each day, some of the older children must leave school to care and cook for their younger siblings. Changing laws in India have forced the community to build an additional structure at the Children's Village which will allow them to separate male from female orphans. The lack of available science teachers in the secondary school (levels 11-12) have resulted in some students having to move to Shillong (approximately 2 hours away) to further their study in these subjects. (In Shillong, extra costs are necessary to house and board such students.)

I came away from the trip impressed the clarity of the community's vision, the warmth, kindness and hospitality of the people, and with the beauty of their night sky!

It would be wonderful to have more UUMAN members visit our partners in the Khasi Hills. I would guarantee it to be a life-changing event!

Take Care,
Dave

Photos from the ICUU Conference and Our Partner Church in India



Classroom under construction



Beautiful Khasi children at the Mawsynjri church



Rev Dave with Rev. Nangroi Suting and Rev. Catie Scudera (First Parish Needham, MA; Rev. Scudera was instrumental in the rebirth of the orphanage (Children's Village)).



Current Children's Village (orphanage)



Children's Village new construction underway

Camp Corner

So far, UUMAN has booked two summer camp rentals! Hooray! Here's a little bit of information about each:

2nd Annual Summer Camp



June 25-29 9:00am-12pm

Contact: Jk@imagineifprogram.org or 678.495.4345

If you can Imagine it... You can Create it!

This is our 2nd summer offering of the Imagine If... Camp at UUMAN from **June 25-29, 2018, 9am-1pm.**

Snacks will be provided. Imagine If ... is widely known for its social/emotional curriculum using science-based research on higher-level goal-setting, mindfulness and developing core values. Each day we will have fun, engaging discovery based learning activities for all ages! Come join us!

www.imagineifprogram.org



Club SciKidz

In early January, Club SciKidz, a STEM camp, hosted holiday camp at UUMAN. They had 15 kids, some of them UUMAN's own (Raffaella and Joel Shanahan, Dillon Callen), building robots, doing science experiments, and just having a lot of fun!

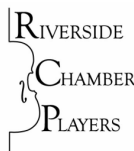
Given that we had only solidified this partnership in late November/early December, we thought 15 was a pretty good turnout, since there was limited time to advertise. This summer, UUMAN will be hosting Club SciKidz for the **last 3 weeks of July**. Camp runs from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, but they also have **pre-and post-camp drop off/pick up options**. They will offer 20 different programs for kids ranging from Pre-K to 9th grade. I've already signed Raffaella and Joel up for the Gastro Mobile Lab (food truck) camp, where they will learn how to run a food truck business, including the chemistry behind recipes, sanitation/public health, and customer service. Families can order from the food truck on the last day of camp! The more kids register for camp, the more UUMAN benefits. Please register via the link below, and don't forget to share with your neighbors and via your social networks!

<http://www.clubscikidz.com/camp-locations/#location-130>

~Elizabeth Rohan

UUMAN Vice President

P.S. If any UUMAN parents enrolled children in Imagine If... camp last year, please let me know, and I'll include that testimonial in next month's Camp Corner.



Classical Music Concert at UUMAN

Join us for our next Riverside Chamber Players concert, right here at UUMAN on Sunday, **March 11 at 3:00pm**. The Riverside Chamber Players will present one of Brahms' most popular chamber works, his Piano Quartet in G Minor, followed by Schoenfield's café music. Written in 1987, Schoenfield's composition was commissioned by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and inspired by Schoenfeld's turn as house pianist at Murray's steakhouse in Minneapolis.

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

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

General - \$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



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 newsletter@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
3/4	Marty Harvey and Kim Palmer are celebrating 24 years together
3/6	Fiona K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/10	Alden Kennedy Corey, Kathie Lyon's grandson, is celebrating a birthday
3/12	Claire C. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/16	Liz Garcia is celebrating a birthday
3/18	Maya H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/20	Marc Lee is celebrating a birthday
3/26	Lori Achille is celebrating a birthday Dirk Bender is celebrating a birthday
3/27	Lucas B. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/29	Danielle B. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/31	Guillermo Kuhl is celebrating a birthday Janet Lacey is celebrating a birthday Stephen S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta Events

Wine, Cheese, & the Spoken Word Poetry and More

Join us on **March 10** at The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta



BERNETTE SHERMAN has a passion for helping others see themselves more positively through her written works, spoken word, inspirational speaking, and music. Her book, *Heaven is Now: Enough Excuses. You ARE Worth Living For!*, is a collection of essays, talks, meditations and poetry that encourage living the life you want today. *Resist Persist* is a poetry collection that focuses on our highest sense of self and expanding love, peace, and truth. Her recent work, *Creating Miracles Core Program Workbook*, is an aid for those wanting to transform their lives and manifest the lives they truly desire. Learn more about Bernette and her work at www.BernetteSherman.com



JOSEPH REED has been writing poetry and music since he was in elementary school. He produced his first book of poetry at age eight. Joseph grew up in California, Kansas and Colorado where different physical and cultural landscapes influenced his perspectives on nature and relationships. He started journaling at age 12 and began capturing and honing his reflections through college and beyond. Joseph earned a BA in Music, with a concentration in Voice, from Colorado State University. After teaching music and performing for awhile, he moved to Atlanta to more seriously explore his passion for writing.

CiennaJade Rose, singer/songwriter/recording artist, will be spotlighted in the Pre-Show program starting at 7:00 pm. Readings will be from 7:30 – 9:30 with an Open Mic in the middle. Admission Donation \$5, but no one will be turned away.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta is located at 1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE, Atlanta 30329. Address for the adjacent parking lot is 1597 Interstate-85 Access Rd-N, Atlanta 30329.

Please note: program may contain adult content and language.



An Original Play “About Clarence”

by Carol Welter

This fast-paced farce has elements of love, magic and intrigue that will keep you guessing while tapping your feet and snapping your fingers to music, including the rhythms of tribal dancing. It's the story of a woman eager to win the love and respect of her daughter after losing it through years of struggle with alcoholism. It's about a man who just wants to do right by his woman. And it's about a young artist who seeks love and acceptance through the discovery of his talent. Finally, it's *About Clarence*. Who is the mysterious Clarence and what does he want?

Find out in The Underground Theatre at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta March 23 and 24 at 7:30 PM and in a Sunday matinee March 25 at 3 PM. Located at 1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE, Atlanta 30329. Adjacent parking lot: 1597 Interstate-85 Access Rd-N, Please note: play includes adult situations. Admission donation is \$10, but no one will be turned away. Tickets available online at UUCA.org (click on member services, online payment center).



Carol Welter was trained in classical theatre at the Shakespearean Conservatory in the UK. She is the founder of UUCA's monthly event "Wine, Cheese & The Spoken Word" and has directed several plays in the Underground Theatre and elsewhere in the South.

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
3/4	In the Spirit of the River What would the river say to us, if we were would ever take the time to listen? What would the river teach us, if we would truly be open to learn? What could the river be to us, and what could we be to it?	Rev. Dave Dunn
3/11	E3 = Enlighten, Enrich, Empower - Stewardship Sunday We hope that UUMAN can help enlighten, enrich and empower our lives. If this is the case, can it be said that UUMAN sustains us in some way? How can UUMAN do this? How do we sustain UUMAN in return?	Rev. Dave Dunn
3/18	Youth Group Service	UUMAN Youth Group
3/25	Our Expedition to Mawsynjri and Nepal Members of UUMAN attended the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists conference which met in Kathmandu, Nepal in February. They then traveled to the Khasi Hills of India to visit our partner church in Mawsynjri. What can we do to be more closely connected to one another?	Rev. Dave Dunn Mike & Michelle Liebergesell

March 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	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
Third 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 9:00 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 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 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 (470) 723-4070 jkevinking@yahoo.com

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

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