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UUMAN Halloween Celebration and Fall



On Sunday, October 27, UUMAN held its annual Halloween Celebration and Fall Festival. The festivities kicked off with our Trick or Treat for UNICEF as the costumed children paraded through the sanctuary collecting donations immediately after service. Costumes included a black widow spider, cheetah (& other cats), elf, Harry Potter (2), Viking, card shark and countless super heroes.

We all then went outside on this beautiful Sunday morning for a hot dog cookout (of course, with both vegan and meat-based hot dogs) with no shortage of sweets and desserts.



from trees while participants tried their best to eat them without the aid of their hands. (Both yummy and messy!)



A variety of games and activities were setup to be enjoyed by children of any age. A special hit was the bobbing for donuts that was held behind Discovery Hall. Particularly messy donuts were hung



Other fun games included a mummy wrap, ghost bowling (small pumpkins used to bowl over toilet paper rolls decorated as scary ghosts) and a pumpkin lollipop pull complete with prizes for those lucky enough to pull a prized lollipop! Roasted marshmallows and 'smores could be enjoyed over an open fire. (Supervised of course.)



Special "Thank You(s)" to all those in the MCY program who planned the event - especially the teachers and children and youth from the 6th - 7th grades, Coming of Age and Senior Youth. It was truly a cooperative effort and a scary time was had by all!



Young Adults Discussing the Proper Way to Make and Eat S'mores

Take care,
Dave



Greetings From the Board President


Hope everyone is doing well and gearing up for Harvest Moon and the Congregational Meeting on November 17.


I wanted to take a moment and lay out the Board's main priorities for the year. The Board retreat was back in August and allowed us to discuss which items should be the main focus for the Board this year. This is not to say they are the ONLY priorities for the Board, but we wanted to ensure that we had a small number of reachable goals, so we did not spread ourselves too thin.


These are the top 3 priorities we agreed to focus on for the year:

1. **BALANCE OF AUTHORITY/POLICIES** – For anyone who wondered where to go with a request or who owns which responsibilities and decision-making, we hear you. There is always a sense of confusion around “Do I need approval?” or “Who do I need to inform?” We started this last Spring Congregational meeting with a KAHOOT game, and it became clear we need clearly stated responsibilities and policies. We have been hard at work talking through these issues and we are excited to share an update and a strawman (first draft) of a sample Visual Flow-Chart at the Congregational Meeting.
2. **INTERIM DMCY** – This is a clear priority for the Board. We are fortunate to have had the MCY Task Force step in and do such a seamless, fantastic job (thank you!!!), and this has allowed the formation of a search team led by Bob Popp. Our goal is to find someone who can step in early part of 2020.
3. **MISSION AND VISION** – This has been some hard, rewarding, and truly enlightening work, and we are at the point where it is finalized, pending congregational vote on November 17 (separate announcement to come regarding voting items in advance). Elizabeth Rohan has been tireless in marshalling people and resources to arrive at our final versions of Mission and Vision Statements, and next steps include owning these across congregants and ministries and how to make these “actionable:”

UUMAN's Mission

 Nurture our Spirit

 Strive for Justice

 Transform the World

Vision

UUMAN's vision is to be a vital and visible community for all, bravely working toward the day when social, economic, and environmental justice is a reality.

Again, these three priorities are NOT the only priorities, but I wanted to share where our focus has been and will continue to be this year. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions (toddwcallen@gmail.com or president@uuman.org).

We look forward to discussing these further and seeing you all at the November 17 Congregational Meeting!

Peace and Love,
Todd



UUMAN Sharing the Plate—50/50

Each month we share half of our offering with a non-profit organization, and on Nov. 17th, our recipient will be Family Promise. Their mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. <https://familypromise.org/>

Michelle Liebergesell

UUMAN's "Share the Plate" Coordinator

Family Promise Week at UUMAN

HELLO! It is time for our Family Promise Week again soon. Our week is Sunday, November 25-Sunday December 1. Please sign up on the link below to help care for three homeless families.

Good News! Mary and her son moved to an apartment in late September. Brian and his son moved to an apartment last week. Nina and her two children will be moving to an apartment later in November. This is such great news. This is the point of the Family Promise program- providing shelter for the families temporarily until they can find housing. We will probably have 3 new families on our week.

It takes a lot of people to make this week successful, especially since this is a holiday week. Please look at the link and help out where you can. Don't get too excited about cooking a turkey and pumpkin pies for them. Remember, these families have friends and relatives. Just like you and me, they might like to visit with them over the holidays. We are just here to provide temporary shelter for them and we want them to stay connected with the significant people in their lives. We don't know their holiday plans yet, so Thursday's menu is not set. There are plenty of other spots you can sign up for.

If you have questions, email familypromisechair@uuman.org.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO. Our weeks have always gone well.

[Family Promise](#)

-Rosie Popp



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
11/1	Susan Wilson is celebrating a birthday
11/6	Shelly Nagrani is celebrating a birthday
11/10	Linda Etheridge is celebrating a birthday
11/12	Merri Beth Stephens is celebrating a birthday
11/13	Steve Allerton is celebrating a birthday
11/14	Ilona Walker and Randy Jue's children, Alexander and Arianna, are celebrating a birthday
	Doug Wilson is celebrating a birthday
11/18	Joss H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
11/20	Carolyn Lee is celebrating a birthday
11/21	Joe Creech is celebrating a birthday

Help Wanted

There are many ways that you can get involved in support of the UUMAN mission. Here are a some of the current needs:

Greeters

Greeters welcome visitors and everyone that enters UUMAN on Sunday morning prior to service; this is a great way to get to know people; contact if you are interested membership@uuman

Gardeners

Help keep UUMAN's beautiful flower beds and grounds looking great; this job can be done at any time however the Gardening Group does meet periodically and will meet on August 12, August 26, and September 9 at 9am; contact Shelley Nagrani at shelley.nagrani@gmail.com for more information.

Choir

The UUMAN Choir is starting back up after a well-deserved summer break; they are always looking for people interested in singing; contact Alex Pietsch at alexpietsch1189@gmail.com for more information.

RE Teachers

The fall religious education program for our children and youth has started. If you are interested in getting involved in teaching this fall please email re@uuman.org

Coffee House

Every month on the third Saturday we set up the Sanctuary to have live local music. We need help moving chairs around in the Sanctuary, setting up tables and putting up the backdrop for the show. It takes an hour or less if we have four or more volunteers helping. Contact Phillip Seaver at gtflip@gmail.com if you'd like to help.



Successful Work Day on October 26

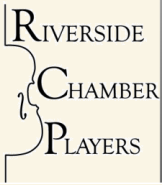
Did you notice how clean it is behind Discovery Hall? The windows are sparkling in the Sanctuary? The clean walkway in the Portico? The shapely bushes in the garden? The clean rug in the nursery, hallway and office? Feel free to thank the folks who did all that work. They are:

- ✓ Robert, Duana, Penelope and Camilla Cecil
- ✓ Jim Nickens
- ✓ Mike Liebergasell
- ✓ Bob Popp
- ✓ Dave Dunn
- ✓ Shelley Nagrani
- ✓ Rimas and Vika Kapeskas
- ✓ Mary and Tom Monaghan
- ✓ Rick Irwin

We had a great time working together and felt a great sense of accomplishment. Tom was the lucky winner of the raffle, the prize for which was a \$25 gift card for Trader Joe's.

Look out for the spring clean up day so that you can get your name on the list and be entered into the raffle.

- Shelley Nagrani



Classical Music Concert at UUMAN

The Riverside Chamber Players will present their fall concert on **Sunday, November 3 at 3pm**. They

will be performing the romantically styled Arensky quartet No. 2 unusually scored for violin, viola and two cellos. This quartet was composed in 1895 and inscribed with the title "To the memory of Tchaikovsky." Caroline Shaw, North Carolina native, achieved instant notoriety by becoming the youngest composer to win a Pulitzer in 2013. RCP will be performing her work "Valencia" written in 2012, it is an ode to the noble store bought orange and all its complexities. Justin Bruns will perform an intriguing work by Kevin Puts "Arches" for solo violin. This piece moves between the poles of virtuosity and lyricism throughout.

As always, the 90 minute concert will be followed by an outstanding wine and cheese "Meet the Musicians" reception, included with every ticket.

The Riverside Chamber Players is non-profit group that provides locally based, affordably priced programs designed to be artistic, educational, and interactive.

If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out with the event then please contact Marc Lee at marclee@bellsouth.net

Tickets available at the door or online at www.riversidechamberplayers.org

General Admission - \$20

Senior (55+) - \$15

Students/teachers - free

—Marc Lee

UUMAN Upcoming Events

Date	Event
11/3, 12:00pm-1:00pm	The UUMAN Cancer Support Group meets on the first Sunday of every month, 12:00 – 1:00 pm in Discovery Hall. The group is for cancer survivors and their caretakers. Bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact the facilitator Kim Palmer at kpalmer01@gmail.com

UUMAN Upcoming Events

Date	Event
11/4, 7:00pm-8:30pm	<p>Earth Ministry</p> <p>We deeply embrace the natural world and are stewards of our Earth for now and for the next seven generations. We are respected in our community for environmental action.</p> <p>We invite YOU to join us! We meet the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall, the small brick house to the right of our UUMAN sanctuary. There is much we can do together! For more information, contact earthministry@uuman.org</p>
11/9, 6:00pm-10:00pm	<p>Harvest Moon Goods and Services Auction</p> <p>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 as the most exciting night of their entire year!!</p>
11/16, 7:00-9:30pm	<p>Common Grounds Coffee House</p> <p>Common Grounds Coffee House is held the 3rd Saturday every month in the UUMAN Sanctuary. Music starts at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM.</p> <p>\$5.00 suggested donation at the door. We also collect food donations for North Fulton Community Charities.</p> <p>Our Coffee House has live music, poetry, and refreshments for sale, including sweet treats, fruit with cheese and crackers, sodas, tea and of course fair trade coffee. You are also welcome to bring your own refreshments. Tell a friend! Bring a friend!</p>
11/12, 7:00pm-9:00pm	<p>Citizens' Climate Lobby – Roswell-Marietta Chapter</p> <p>Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. The Roswell-Marietta Chapter meets at UUMAN on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Contact Donna Melcher or Bob Popp for more information.</p>
11/17, 12:00pm-1:30pm	<p>Congregational Meeting</p> <p>Your chance to join us as we vote on Bylaws, our Mission and Visioning work, and provide updates on the key focus areas of the Board for the year, including updates on the Director of Religious Education process. Child care will be provided. Agenda will be provided in advance.</p>
11/17–12/1	<p>North Fulton Community Charities Santa's Shop Drive</p>

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
11/3	The Fog of Democracy Over and over, we hear the commentary: "These are no normal times," but what are we to do about our political situation? What is our role? Is democracy salvageable?	Gus Hadorn Jennifer Ratcliffe
11/10	1619: America's Original Sin In 1619, the first shipload of African slaves arrived at the Jamestown settlement. Slavery has been rightfully called America's original sin – a sin that continues to haunt this nation. Do we have the courage to lean in?	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/17	Our Relationship with the Wild Unitarian Universalists believe that we are a part of the interconnected web of all existence. What might be the implications of this belief? Are we unique? Are we distinct from "the wild?"	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/24	Bread Communion Bread is a symbol of life-giving sustenance and today we will share a bread communion together. Please bring a bread (homemade if possible) that elicits memories of childhood sustenance. You will have the opportunity to share this memory with us. We will then collect bread for donation to	Rev. Dave Dunn

November 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

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

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Happy Thanksgiving!