

October 2021

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UUMAN's 2nd Hour Faith Development

We kicked off our 2nd hour Faith Development program for children and adults on Sunday, September 12. Three children's classes are currently meeting.

Here is a list of some of the Adult Enrichment offerings that are in the works for the year. (This is not an all-inclusive list however and the dates might be tweaked a bit.)

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The Toltec Wisdom of the Four Agreements

Teotihuacan, the ancient city of pyramids near present day Mexico City, was known as the place where "Man Becomes God." The "naguals" were the wisdom keepers of the Toltec tradition based in this region. In 1997 Don Miguel Ruiz, a nagual of the Eagle Knight lineage, published "The Four Agreements" as brief, accessible introduction to this wisdom tradition. Join us as we investigate "The Four Agreements."

Dates: Sunday: 9/12, 9/19, 10/10, 10/17

Time/Location: 11:30-12:15PM/Online (link will be sent prior to the first meeting)

Facilitated By: Yassine Farhi & Dave Dunn

Dark Green Religion

What is your personal relationship to the interdependent web of all existence? Are you in relationship to it? Are you in relationship with it? Is there a difference? How do seemingly non-religious environmental perspectives evolve into religiously significant movements? When and how do these wholesome environmental movements cross the line and take on a "darker" character?

Dates: Sunday: 10/3, 10/31, 12/19

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/Online (link will be sent prior to the first meeting)

Facilitated By: Dave Dunn

Poetry Forum

UUMAN's monthly poetry discussion. Explore poets and their poems in a friendly and relaxed setting, paying particular attention to ways in which the author's writing reflects principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Dates: 4th Sunday of the Month Sept, Oct, Jan-May

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/Online (link will be sent prior to the first meeting)

Facilitated By: Sophia Dammann

Civil Rights Protest Music, from "A Change Is Gonna Come" to "the Middle of Trump Country"

We explore the work and the times of musical artists who tried to clue in their fellow Americans about racial injustice. Were they effective? How can we measure success? We'll listen to the tune(s) - the intent is to keep the song content down to just a very few - beforehand and show up to hear it/them, once again, in class.

Dates: Sunday: 11/7, 11/14, 12/5, 12/12, 1/9, 1/16

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/Online (link will be sent prior to the first meeting)

Facilitated By: Dirk Bender

Kurt Vonnegut: Writings of a Radical UU

UU themes, values and messages based upon a sampling of Kurt Vonnegut's writings.

Dates: Sunday: 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/TBD

Facilitated by: Sam Friedman & Dave Dunn

Life Inside a Detention Center

The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta has released a six-part video series that takes viewers inside the horrors of what life is like living in a detention center. The film's narrative, presented from the viewpoint of immigration attorneys, follows actual interviews and research shared with the NSMA by several major immigration rights' organizations

Dates: Sunday: 2/27, 3/6, 3/13

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/TBD

Facilitated By: Dave Dunn

Transgender Inclusion in Congregations

for those who want to take their knowledge and skills to the next level in terms of trans identity and how to create congregations that are fully inclusive and affirming of the full breadth of gender diversity.

Dates: Sunday: 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Time/Location: 11:15 -12PM/TBD

Facilitated By: TBD

Keep on the lookout for notifications of these offerings via UUMAN Announcements and [Facebook pages](#).

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

Dave



Under the Harvest Moon Auction

[DONATION FORM LINK](#)

Dear UUMAN members and friends,

We all thought UUMAN's annual Under the Harvest Moon Goods and Services Auction would be "back to normal" this year, but the Pandemic had other plans! We successfully navigated the challenges of an online auction last year, and your 2021 Auction team is ready to roll again! The Auction funds provide needed resources to support the healing work of carrying out our mission in the world.

We would very much appreciate your contributions to the auction as well as your passionate participation in it. The silent auction will take place online from November 7th-14th, with a live auctioneer program on Saturday evening, November 13th. Please mark your calendars now!

NEW THIS YEAR: ALL donations will be submitted via the online donation form link at the top of this email. Just click on the link, fill it out and hit "submit". One donation form for each item or event please. If you need help with the form, reply to this email and an Auction Team member will assist you.

Due to Covid, we know a few events from last year had to be rescheduled or cancelled, but there were many other wonderful, joyful outdoor and distanced events that took place allowing UUMAN members and friends to gather safely, and reconnect in fun and fellowship together. We are all missing that connection with each other, so when you consider your donations, think about events that can be modified to work outdoors or socially distanced if need be. Donating Goods or Services? We'll take it all! We want your crafts, art, jewelry, wreaths, home organizing, garden design, chef skills, house painting, cooking classes, IT assistance, hiking & canoeing events, dog care, electrical work, babysitting, floral arrangements, etc. What about antiques & collectibles? Regifting with original tags is a wonderful way to recycle. And, of course, we want your vacation homes as well as theatre and sports tickets. (This pandemic will end eventually!)

There was an Outside Donation form sent via UUMAN announcements for you to offer to the restaurants, dry cleaners, hair salons, gift shops, independent craft stores, dance studios, coffee shops, bakeries, karate schools, dentists, etc. Anyone you spend money with will very likely want to help and to make new customers for themselves. All you have to do is ask! If you do not want to ask for a donation then consider purchasing something from them to donate. This is a great way to support your favorite small businesses. Email harvest-moon-chair@uuman.org for a copy of the form.

Looking for more ideas? How about putting together a theme basket with sports, gardening, wine, art, crafts, books, games, tea or cooking items? These are all very popular and make great gifts for the holidays.

We are hoping for participation from every member, so let's get creative and make this year's Under the Harvest Moon Goods and Services Auction a 2021 success story!

With Gratitude,

The 2021 Auction Committee

Questions? Email Harvest-moon-chair@uuman.org

AUCTION TIMELINE:

TODAY- Oct 29th: Submit Donations (goods, services, events) using this donation form:

<https://forms.gle/ztGUsSNvpMv5ta7o8>

Oct. 17th: Registration opens (link to register will be posted on website and sent via email)

Oct. 30th: Donation Drop Off Day 10:00-1:00 UUMAN Parking lot

Nov. 7th: Online Auction begins 12:00 p.m.

Nov 13th: "Live" Auction event on ZOOM 7:00, some items close

Nov. 14th Auction closes 12:00

Nov 20th: Winning Bidder Item Pickup 10:00-12:00 UUMAN parking lot

Raise the Roof



On Sunday, September 19, 2021 we kicked off our "Raise The Roof" capital campaign during Sunday service to raise money to put new roofs on both the sanctuary, the portico and install solar panels. This is a very much needed capital fundraiser as the roof on our cherished sanctuary is quickly reaching end-of-life!

The background is that UUMAN over the past 5 years has been putting aside income into a Reserve Fund for replacement of long-term maintenance items like appliances, roofs, and exterior painting. This year we used some of those funds to replace two air conditioners, paint Discovery Hall, and re-carpet and paint the nursery and admin office. Over the next few years, if we continue to add to the reserve fund, we will be able to replace aging infrastructure.

Unfortunately, we've recently learned that the portico roof is leaking in several places and is in dire need of replacement. These leaks cannot just be repaired, and the roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible so the damage is contained. In addition, after getting inspections from three roofing companies we learned that the Sanctuary roof also needs to be replaced very soon before any issues develop that cause damage to the interior of the building.

The current issue and the reason we are coming to you today is that our reserve fund for major repairs and maintenance does not have enough in it yet to pay for the work - namely replacing both the Sanctuary and Portico roofs. Our Operations and Finance teams, along with the Board, believe we should act now and not wait.

After hearing from our Operations and Finance teams at the August Board meeting, the Board approved moving forward with a capital campaign to not only replace both the Sanctuary and Portico roofs, but also install a 10.2 kW solar array, an effort that the Earth Ministry team has been pursuing for the past year.

Why now?

We can't take the risk of the roof failing and causing damage to the Sanctuary ceiling. We know the portico roof is already leaking and needs immediate attention. We save some money if we do both the portico and Sanctuary at the same time.

The Earth Ministry initiated solar array project has generated interest and support from a number of UUMAN members who want to not only save money on electricity but also lower our carbon footprint and be a more sustainable member of the Roswell community and in doing so live our Mission and Vision. It makes most sense to combine the efforts and install the solar panels on a new Sanctuary roof.

What are the costs?

The total cost of the entire project is \$62,000 including replacing both the Sanctuary and Portico roofs \$24,000, new gutters and painting the portico \$8,000 and a 10.2 kW solar array \$30,000

How will we fund this effort?

We want to raise \$40,000 from our UUMAN Members and Friends by the end of 2021

These funds plus \$7,000 in savings and a \$15,000 interest free loan from Georgia Interfaith Power & Light will allow us to replace both the Sanctuary and Portico roofs and install a 10.2 kW solar array.

We invite you to commit to the campaign through this form or email the campaign team with your commitment at raise-the-roof@uuman.org. We're asking for a very quick capital campaign--both because of the urgency of needing to replace the roof, and so we can install the solar panels as soon as possible.

If you're ready to make your donation you can do this by:

Givelify App - You'll see a "Raise the Roof" Campaign envelope at the top of the list

Credit Card - Use this [link](#). At the bottom, enter Raise the Roof in the box labeled "On Behalf Of"

Check - Mail to UUMAN, 11420 Crabapple Rd, Roswell GA 30075. Make check payable to UUMAN, and be sure to note Raise the Roof in the Memo line

If you have questions about this campaign, please reach out to the campaign team at raise-the-roof@uuman.org.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

The UUMAN Capital Campaign Team

Sunday Worship Service and many other activities are available online for the health and safety of all our members and guests.

UUMAN responds to the Delta variant and our vaccination rate with PHASE RED V+. No indoor gatherings for now, limited outdoor gatherings. Read [this update](#) for further information.

October 2021: A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
10/3	Women's Reproductive Health	Shelley Nagrani
10/10	Navaratri – In Celebration of the Divine Feminine The nine-day Hindu holiday of Navaratri takes place between Oct 7 – 15 and celebrates the goddess Durga. What is the meaning of this celebration and its place within the larger context of Hindu Shaktism?	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/17	Servants of Memory Many indigenous communities have memory keepers, storytellers, servants of memory whose purpose is to remember. How is this different than the role of the historian? What is the deeper purpose of these servants of memory? Who are our memory keepers?	Rev. Dave Dunn and others
10/24	What's Out There? Are we alone in the universe? Are we not? What are the implications of your answer (whatever it is)?	Rev. Dave Dunn
10/31	Service of Remembrance Please join us as we remember those who have passed over the course of the year. Let us remember how they have shaped our lives in ways we could not have imagined.	Rev. Dave Dunn



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 membership-tech@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
10/2	John and Miriam P. are celebrating their anniversary of 17 years
	Richard L. is celebrating a birthday
10/3	Bruce and McPatti L. are celebrating their anniversary of 30 years
10/4	Jacob P. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
10/5	Dillon L. (who was raised at UUMAN) is turning 26
10/11	Michelle L. is celebrating a birthday
10/13	Marin M. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
10/14	Alex P. is celebrating a birthday
10/18	Olivia P. (she/hers) of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
10/19	Becky N. is celebrating a birthday
10/22	Jim S. and Annette P. are celebrating their anniversary of 26 years
10/23	Jim S. and Annette P. are celebrating the 28th anniversary
10/25	Stephen S. is celebrating a birthday
10/28	Ilona W. is celebrating a birthday
10/29	John P. is celebrating a birthday
10/30	Jan W. is celebrating a birthday

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Please email your news articles and artwork to Becky at newsletter@uuman.org