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TO THE GLORY OF LIFE

Dear Friends,

I would like to tell you about some fears that once bothered me. Some might have thought they were funny. But to me, they were powerful enough to keep me sleepless for more than a few nights. Especially in the time leading up to the separations.

There were two occasions that stand out. Both involved me fretting over upcoming separations. And both had to do with my brother and me. They were natural events – probably something everyone has dealt with at one time or another. No falling out or tragedy involved. But both forced me to contend with issues of security and well being. I know now that it was partly a fear of the unknown. And partly about me learning how to trust love. And trust that love, when made real, will conquer fear every time.

Of course, I couldn't see that when I was four and my brother was going off to kindergarten. His going away left me feeling like there was a vacancy in my life. I had no concept of what lay ahead. Only that it was going to be different – and I wasn't going to like it. I knew only that my best friend was going away and my world would feel emptier. I remember fearing that we wouldn't see each other anymore. That we wouldn't confide in each other or share plans or dreams or stand up for one another. I was afraid he would be having fun that I would never know. That I'd miss out. That we'd become strangers and drift apart.

It took me a little while but eventually I learned. He did go away. And so did I. He did have fun without me. And despite my certainty I wouldn't, I found my own fun. We did see each other a little less. But the times we were together it seemed like we had more to share. And I had underestimated the anchor that would hold us together – that even though we were in

different places doing different things, we were still part of the same things – still bound by the same purpose, moved by the same joys and concerns, the same family.

You would think something like that would have stayed with me. So I was surprised when I had to go through the whole dilemma again, years later, when my brother went off to college. The same concerns returned that we would lose what we had – the bonds that came from sacrifice, the unique memories of what we were for one another. The dreams we had, the pacts we made. But again I learned that although our contact lost frequency, it never lost its loyalty. Or commitment. My fears made the love seem so tenuous. But it was actually my trust that was tenuous – not the love behind it.

When I look back on those early years where we were always together, I do so with a sense of nostalgia and fondness. But I also think about all the things I now love that have come into my life because of the room that came from the spaces that were made. And I notice that my life back then was much smaller than it is today. Smaller both in the influence I had and the things that influenced me. And I know that part of the excitement that comes with me seeing people from my younger years is sharing all that is now part of my older years.

On January 9th, UUMAN moves to two services. Like my struggles separating from my family, I suspect that many among us struggle with the feelings that come with separating from our friends. The feelings that we will lose something special. That we will grow apart.

But we have done this before. And what we learned in the past will help us relearn some important truth: that although our fears try to convince us that our world will get smaller, it actually gets bigger. That by opening our world to new possibilities, the love we feel



Helping Hand

UUMAN is undertaking some special projects to raise funds to send to the UUSC to help with the **Tsunami relief in Asia**. Proposed activities may include a bake sale, neighborhood collection canvass, and a talent show. Watch for more details on the UUMAN announcements board and in your OOW. If you would like to get involved; contact **Beth Olsson** (betho@uuman.org) or **Merri Beth Stephens** (merribeth@uuman.org).

Two Services

Don't forget--beginning **January 9, 2005**, UUMAN will move to **two services: 9:15 and 11:15**. Time for fellowship will follow both services in Fellowship Hall.

grows more, not less. That what we influence – and what influences us – expands as our family expands. And that it is best to never underestimate the power of what makes us a family. The faith in one another and a trust in love made real. That no matter what threatens to tear us apart; it will be insignificant compared to what binds us together.

To the Glory of Life.

Sabbatical Corner

Back in days of yore (not in my childhood days, although I knew about it as a kid) people administered Cod Liver Oil by the heaping spoonful to themselves and their children. It was disgusting: oily, nasty tasting, but deemed necessary for health. Just in case you were not aware of the benefits of said vile elixir, it provided vitamins A and D at a time when these two agents were not all that available, especially in the winter months. (Chile and California veggies hadn't been invented yet and milk wasn't fortified...it just came from plain olden cows.)

I know Greg will cringe when he reads this, but his five month leave while on his Sabbatical, is going to be our Cod Liver Oil. Not so good tasting, but good for us. How's that, you say. Maybe even aloud.

This is a very powerful time for us here at UUMAN. We have been planning and preparing for Greg's much deserved time away, by filling in the places that he usually occupied with ourselves. Not just for the near future, but for a long time to come.

This means the C word (cover your children's eyes)---CHANGE.

The Care Committee has set up Care Circles which are now up and running. We will check on each other, and if more care than just a friendly neighbor's ear is needed, that can be provided by Friends on the Journey or by other UU ministers in the area. The Worship Associates have planned for every Sunday until Greg's return in July. The needs of the UUMAN Staff, without whose hard work UUMAN would look completely different, will be seen to.

But what, exactly, must you do?

- **Get informed.** Take one of each brochure available now in the foyer at UUMAN. These contain useful answers to common questions. For uncommon questions, see one of the Sabbatical Committee members. They also contain lists of individuals and their contact information who are available to assist during this time and beyond for the Care Committee and the Worship Associates.
- **Get energized.** This is a time to kick it into another gear. Make the effort to extend your helping hands to the members of your care circle. Come to Sunday services. We have many fine guest speakers planned as well as some rather erudite UUMAN-Beings who will be speaking.
- **Get your attitude adjusted.** Things WILL be different, and will continue to be different even after Greg returns in July. By then, we, as a church community, will have grown in oh, so many ways.
- **Get a grip.** Change is the nature of all dynamic systems. We have each other.



Raising the Roof Update

Last February a group of interested folks from UUMAN went to the Raising the Roof Workshop given by Alice Mann, based on the book she wrote about the transition from a Pastoral size congregation to a Program size congregation.

One of the first questions to explore in the RTR (Raising the Roof) process is “Are we called to grow?” UUMAN has been growing since it started, at a steady rate. Many people have loved UUMAN, for its warm and friendly atmosphere, for the excellent RE program, and of course for worship and the way we do Unitarian Universalism.

In answer to the question “Are we called to grow?” it seems that UUMAN is called to grow, not so much as an internal call, but more of an external call. There are people out there in the community searching for what we have. They are searching for Unitarian Universalism, they are searching for a warm caring community to be part of, and they find that at UUMAN. We are growing at a time when other UU Congregations are not. We are called to grow by the community and by our denomination.

Alice Mann talks about the differences in Pastoral and Program size congregations. “A Pastoral size congregation has 51-150 people (adults and children) on an average Sunday. The congregation is Pastor-centered, with the minister having a direct pastoral relationship with each member, coordinating a small leadership circle, personally conducting worship, and leading small group programs”. Two characteristics of the Pastoral size congregation are that it is Pastor-centered and that it is more like an organism than an organization.

“A Program size congregation is 151-400 people (adults and children) on an average Sunday. A Program size congregation is known for the quality and variety of its

programs. Separate programs for children, youth, couples, seniors and other age and interest groups provide entry points for a wide range of people”. As a congregation moves into the Program size, it becomes Group-centered as opposed to Pastor-centered, and goes from an Organism to an Organization. These are two big changes, for the congregation and the pastor. As Mann describes it “The congregation must become more group centered because the pastor can no longer carry around the whole system in his or her head.” In effect the pastor works with the leadership, and altogether as a congregation we organize and carry out the work of the church under the pastor’s guidance.

So far RTR has held a larger learning event to help determine the congregation’s “call” and written a summary of that event. We have worked with several other committees and the congregation to write the new mission statement. We have looked at some of the barriers to growth that we have, many that have already been addressed, and some that still need attention. These will be available for review on UUMAN announcements and in print shortly.

We will be doing some community leader interviews to ask two questions, “What impressions - if any - do you have of our congregation?”, and “What unmet needs do you see in our community?”

We will bring our findings to the board for review and further action.

Thank you for your support during this process.

Yours in Faith,

Janet Lacey and the RTR Committee

Happenings

YOGA with Lisa @ UUMAN

On-going yoga classes in our beautiful sanctuary. Develop strength, flexibility and balance in mind and body. Learn poses, breathing & relaxation techniques & meditation to reduce stress, calm your mind, strengthen your immune system, and find more joy in life! Beginners & intermediates; men, women & teens. Newcomers welcome anytime. Sunday 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. 8 classes for \$80. Contact lisa@uuman.org or 770-395-7166

Happenings

Crabapple Road Cleanup

Hi! Its hard to believe two months have already passed; but its time again for the Crabapple road cleanup. So - If you are interested in joining the cleanup crew for some fellowship, community service, and crispy crèmes please contact Pat Lampert at 770-928-6452, or lampert@uuman.org, or feel free to just show up. With even a fairly small crew - the cleanup typically takes no longer than an hour. We will have people available to watch children. Only people over 16 are allowed by city law to actually participate in the cleanup. The plan right now is to meet at UUMAN at **10:00am Saturday January 22nd.**



Happenings

UUSingles Retreat

The first annual UUSingles Retreat at The Mountain is scheduled for March 18-20, 2005. An announcement will be going out to all the S.E. UU congregations with details and information.

This notice is to serve as a clarion call to all our interested UUMAN Singles and to obtain a "head count."

The Mountain is giving us a very reasonable price of \$152./person which will include some fun quality programming. There will also be a mixer, hikes, a guided meditation program, Chalice lighting, service, great Mountain food, fun, fresh air, and most of all, fellowship and the chance to meet other single UU's.

Your UUSingles Retreat Committee Chairs:

Pamela Reich

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Craig Kaufman

(craigk@uuman.org)

Please let Craig & I know if you are planning to attend, by emailing us.

Contribute!

If you are interested in submitting a piece for UUMAN Writes (creative writing, letter to the editor, etc.), please contact **Patty Odom** or send an email to **newsletter@uuman.org**.

Talking 'Bout a Resolution Revolution

There have been years when my New Year's resolution was not make any New Year's resolutions. Ironically, I couldn't keep that one either. As a creature of habit, who's comforted by ritual; I feel compelled to examine myself every Dec. 31st and make adjustments and goals to attain accordingly. Most of the time, these goals are vastly out of reach, vague and doomed. So by Jan. 7, I have declared myself a failure and forsaken every resolution forged for the New Year. The practice seems to be one of such futility and frustration that I have come to question its very essence. Some people never make any resolutions. It not only blows my cluttered mind but fills me with a bit of envy. I wish I could glide from one year to the next without the burden of dutifully writing a wish list of personal growth. Yet, I still believe that the introspection and good intentions of resolutions are a worthy endeavor. Resolutions are not about just changing some aspect of yourself that seems undesirable; like dropping that elusive 10 pounds or quitting smoking for the 130th time; rather resolutions are like a much needed emissions test for the soul. They can help us focus and keep us from polluting our lives and the world at large.

I do realize that my resolutions need to be

more realistic. I cannot write down "attain world peace" and punish myself when that one falls by the wayside. I can however state that "I will work towards building better relationships within my community and volunteer for social action programs at my church that help others"-which in some small part helps add to the collective effort for world peace. Recognizing that your own small piece of life's puzzle is an important resolution within itself. Your measure of success in resolution-making is all in the wording-set the bar too high out of reach and you damn yourself. Make a goal that is challenging yet within your power and you'll have more luck sticking with it.

Yet perhaps the most important resolution, the one we all should make, whether we write it out or just etch it in our hearts, is to be gentle with ourselves: To accept our losses and failures with grace. To learn from our inevitable mistakes and embrace the humbling flaws that make us human. To praise our own efforts and daily struggle. To love ourselves as we love each other.

That is the resolution that can revolutionize our lives and the world.

Patty Odom

Letter from the Editor:

Being the new kid on the block is never easy. You walk alone into a room of cliques and seemingly impenetrable social circles. You skirt the edges, trying to blend in with the walls and hoping no one notices that maybe you don't fit in. Maybe you don't belong. You watch the others talking and laughing and you feel the pangs of both loneliness and anxiety roll within your guts. Part of you cries out to be noticed and welcomed, yet part of you is frozen and afraid. If only someone would reach out a kind hand or warm smile. If only you knew you could belong.

Most of us have faced this situation at some point in our lives-maybe even when we first walked into UUMAN. Now we are settled and relaxed, comfortable and certain. But every time the doors to UUMAN open, new people come through them. And they do not have the luxury of knowing all the rules, the right thing to say, or even who's who. We must be mindful to reach out and truly welcome all who enter and especially who like us well enough that first nerve-racking visit to keep coming back. Offer a smile, a handshake, some conversation and clue them in on all our wonderful ways. Being the new kid on the block is never easy; unless you have an old friend to guide you.



Presidential Musings

Hey, UUMAN, can you bottle that stuff?

I was lunching with Merri Beth (immediate past president of UUMAN) who does work around the MidSouth District with many congregations, and we were talking about how successfully UUMAN integrates new people into our congregation. What is it about us that makes newcomers feel comfortable enough to stay for coffee? To join a covenant group or drum circle? How do we create the aura that allows a brand new visitor to stand up at joys and concerns and share from the heart in front of 100 strangers? How is it that a Sunday morning service, an impromptu after-election vigil, a panel discussion, a solstice celebration, or a Passover Seder, is attended by as many faces we barely recognize as by familiar friends.

Whatever it is, she said, if we could bottle it and share it with the rest of the MidSouth District; we wouldn't be the only growing congregation in our area. If we could share it with

the UUA, the denomination would explode. If we could give it a name, write it down in a manual, or email the formula to others, we'd be sought after by clergy and lay leaders worldwide. If we could charge for a piece of it, UUMAN would never need a capital campaign again.

But we've failed at defining it, we've not been able to quantify, describe it, or fully explain to others what it looks like. But we do it, and we do it oh, so very well. UUMAN is what we say we are; we walk our talk. We are loving, inclusive, open-minded, and seeking. We are filled with joy, we empower each other, we promote justice and encourage spiritual growth.

While we continue searching for a way to bottle and patent it, let's just keep doing what we do. Happy New Year,

DeeAnne

Library Corner

The UUMAN Library has moved!

It is located in its own room in Fellowship Hall. We now have ample room to house our ever-growing collection of books that now number over 1000 titles. A computer in the library contains a database with a search function to help you find books that interest you.

The goal of the UUMAN Library is to provide books and materials to support the Religious Education program at all age levels. It functions as a resource for worship topics and for independent study to enhance personal and spiritual growth. Information on basic UU history, principles and practices is offered to visitors, friends and members to foster a deeper understanding of our liberal religious movement. We supply or have access to UU-related works of philosophical and sociological significance. Support material includes practical tools for church administration.

The UUMAN Library does not seek to duplicate the full range of services offered by the well-endowed local library systems, but rather includes materials of a specialized nature to enhance the UU experience.

We have over 100 books that are currently checked out, some for many months. If you have checked out any books and have finished with them, it would be appreciated if you would return them the next time you visit UUMAN.

The Library Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to fellow UUMAN member **Marlon Banerian** and others who contributed time, labor and materials to renovating the space that has allowed us to enhance this UUMAN resource.

Please contact **Larry or Lois Curry** if you have any questions regarding the library at 770-998-4717 or lecurry22@yahoo.com



Covenant Group Openings

Beginning on January 10th, the Monday night Covenant Group is expanding. What is a Covenant Group you ask? Well, in a nutshell, it's a group of approximately 10 to 12 individuals who gather twice a month to discuss a topic generally designed to explore one's spirituality or individuality. The group will meet from 7:15-9 P.M. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like additional information, please contact one of the facilitators--**Carolyn Bommarito** Carolyn@uuman.org or 770-998-7025) or **Stan and Julie Wooley** Julie@uuman.org or 770-992-0125).

Secret Friends

It's once again time to start signing up for our annual Secret Friends Program. The Secret Friends Program is a great way to get to know other members in our congregation. It's a four week-program starting in January where adults and children are paired up. Using an alias assigned to you of a famous Unitarian Universalist, you write letters to one another anonymously. Then your true identity will be revealed to your Secret Friend on or near Valentine's Day at our special Secret Friends party between services. Please fill out the sign up sheet on your chair and place it in the basket on the table in the Greeting Room. Instructions and information are on the back of the form.

Reflections

John Hughes put it well in his screenplay for "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" when he has Matthew Broderick's character say, "Life moves pretty fast; if you don't stop and look around every once in a while, you could miss it."

The month of January is named for the Roman god ,Janus, the god of doorways and gateposts. Janus is often depicted with two heads, one looking forward and one backward – just as we may be doing, or needing to do, at this time of year. January is a time for looking backward and looking forward. It's a time for taking stock and for "marking the time." Below is one of my favorite meditations on the New Year by a favorite UU colleague and poet, Max Coots.

*When love is felt or fear is known,
When holidays and holy days and such times come,
When anniversaries arrive by calendar or consciousness,
When seasons come as seasons do, old and known and somehow new,
When lives are born or people die,
When something sacred's sensed in soil or sky,
Mark the time.
Respond with thought or prayer or smile or grief,
Let nothing living slip between the fingers of the mind,
For all of these are holy things we will not, cannot, find again.*

May you and your family have a wonderful new year !

Joan



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists News

The UUMAN Youth Adult Committee (YAC) is still looking for volunteers to form a working group to work on plans for our ***YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA* (Summer 2006)**. Please see Toniann or any member of the YAC if you are interested in being part of the initial planning for this exciting adventure!

UUMAN will be hosting a **UUA CHAPLAIN TRAINING JANUARY 14-16th**. I am looking for volunteers to pick visitors up from the MARTA (North Springs) station on Friday afternoon and to take them to the station on Sunday morning. Please let me know if you can help out with transportation.

YOUTH ADVISOR MEETING! FRIDAY JANUARY 21st (7-9.30pm). See you there for support, feedback, fellowship & REFRESHMENTS!

YRUU Winter Calendars OUT NOW! Make sure you get one and start saving those dates. See Toniann or Zach Anderson for a NEW YRUU HANDBOOK!
Keep an eye on those mailboxes in the Youth Room.

If you have any questions or comments about Youth programming at UUMAN Please feel free to talk to our Youth Director, Toniann Read (770) 558-4476 or email yruu@uuman.org .

Announcing an Announcement About Announcements

Sometimes, not all the time mind you, but every once in while, there is confusion as to how one goes about getting information out to the active and oh, so vivacious UUMAN Congregation. Here is the ultimate guide to end the befuddlement of any chairmen or chairwomen or chairpersons and their committee members. It reads a bit dry, but following these simple guidelines will result in getting the news out to the people. (Right on.) (As we said way too frequently in the '60's)

1. **Order Of Worship** – Items must be submitted to Robbie, UUMAN's office manager, by Friday morning in order to be included in the following Sunday's order of worship. Announcements should be as short and as informative as possible. The Worship Associate will generally remind people to look at the announcements as part of their script. These go to office@uuman.org.
2. **UUMAN Announcements** – Items that affect the general church population go to uuman-announcements@yahooogroups.com. This is an immediate and satisfying way to get your event advertised. But, make sure it has to do with church business and involves almost, if not everyone.
3. **Newsletter** – Items must be submitted to newsletter@uuman.org by the 20th of each month.
4. **Announced from the Lectern on Sunday Morning** – Worship Associates may read announcements from the lectern on Sunday mornings. They will not re-read an announcement already in the OOW unless there is a correction. Please remember that they are under time constraints and may have to refuse an announcement if it is too late, too lengthy, or if it will result in a late running service. Since we are going to two services, time is even more of a factor for between service flow and child pick up. It is up to the person spearheading their announcements to get the information to the Worship Associate BEFORE Sunday morning. The Worship Associates are listed in the Newsletter along with the Sermon topic. Announcements should be short, and generally let people know to whom they should talk to for further information. Every effort should be made to get the announcements into the OOW.
5. **Flyers and Posters** – Flyers and posters set up in Fellowship Hall are also effective for getting information out. Use these in conjunction with the OOW.



Policy Governance – What is it and why does it matter?

Ever since I joined UUMAN, we've all been talking about how UUMAN is growing and changing. Change, in the case of UUMAN, is usually good but often scary and requires many small, albeit quick, steps along the way. So what does policy governance have to do with this? Well, in the case of UUMAN, change is coming to how we do business. Currently, our Board and Bylaws are structured for a church of 50 – 100 members, and now that we are 2x that size, we need to change that structure. Just as we changed our physical structure to accommodate our wonderful growing size, we need to do the same for our business structure. The Board is so committed to this change, it has agreed to approximately an additional meeting a week (some weeks 2 meetings) from January through May to get us on track to implement policy governance by July 1, 2005. That's the "why policy governance matters."

So just what is policy governance (PG)? Well, here is a nutshell summary:

PG states that a governing board's primary function is not to make decisions, but rather to define policies to guide decisions throughout the organization. "So what?" you may ask. The main distinction is that it counters a very human tendency for a board to take on jobs it cannot do well. A board's position atop the organizational hierarchy tempts both board members and those they serve to make the board the resting place for controversial, costly or complicated decisions. This is bad because:

- Since there are more things to decide on than trustees have time or energy for, a board can lose focus on the overall mission of the institution. Unless the cycle of ad hoc decision-making is broken, a board cannot attend to an organizational vision that has continuity and scope.
- Board meddling can disempower those who know best and care most about an issue or program. Often better decisions and spiritual growth result when those who are closest to an issue make the difficult choices.
- Boards are not close enough to the action nor do they meet frequently enough to be responsive to pressing matters.
- By contrast, a policy-oriented board delegates as much decision-making as possible to a management team and focuses on the vision and the identity of the institution. It also captures, in policy, lessons learned, both through the organization's experience and the experience of other institutions like it.

So what will UUMAN's policy governance board do?

Primarily:

- Make and change policy related to the overall objectives, mission and values of UUMAN.
- Monitor performance by the Management Team against policy and mission objectives.
- Allocate and adjust resources, especially budget and permanent staff positions, to improve that performance.
- Listen to the Congregation ("stakeholders") regarding what are and should be the overall objectives and guiding values of UUMAN.

Being a Board member is a spiritual discipline of letting go of the temptation to meddle and recognizing when you're crossing that line and what to do instead. When a congregant approaches a Board member about an issue, the Board member's job is to ask first "Who is most directly responsible for addressing this"? If the answer is "nobody", then the next step is to alert the Management Team so that they can determine with church leadership what would be an appropriate body, or if necessary create one. The next question a Board member must ask is "has the Board provided the relevant policy guidance and resources to decide or act?" If not, then again the Board member's action should be to alert the Management Team so that they can render (or delegate) a decision in the case at hand, and recommend an appropriate policy for similar cases in future. If a policy exists but is not clear, the Board can either interpret it, or resolve to amend it at its next meeting.

PG is exciting because it offers Board members the prospect of making a lasting difference. By adhering to its precepts, the Board hopes to keep the mission foremost in all its work and to ensure that UUMAN is accomplishing its mission and looking to the future. It also allows the Management Team and those closest to the issues to make actual decisions and act upon them.

From January through May, the Board and the Congregation will be establishing policies, structure, limitations, and processes to implement PG on July 1, 2005. Some important dates for the entire congregation are as follows (please mark your calendars and plan to attend):

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Policy Governance cont'd

Saturday, February 5th 1 pm – 4:30 pm
Sunday, April 3rd 12 noon to 2 pm
Sunday, April 17th 12 noon – 4 pm
Congregational Meeting Sunday May 15th.

In the meantime, we will be providing information through additional newsletters and UUMAN announcements. If you have questions/ideas/concerns, please contact me, the chair of the PG Committee.

Robyn Henry

The PG Committee: Karen LoBracco, Lisa Haynsworth, Dave Lakly, and Pat Racette

Interested in Serving on a UUA Committee?

Do you have interests and talents that you'd like to use to benefit Unitarian Universalism and our wider UU family? The UUA relies on energetic and committed volunteers to serve on the committees, boards and panels that work with staff to carry out the mission and ministry of our Association. Information about available positions and an application form are at www.uua.org/TRUS/cocmbrochure.html. The deadline is August 15, 2005, for 2-year committee terms that begin in January 2006. This is a great way to meet other UUs, serve our movement and sharpen your leadership skills!

The UUA's Nominating Committee coordinates elective positions, such as President and Moderator. The required paperwork for running for these positions must be filed by February 1, 2005. See www.uua.org/administration/nominating.html.

More Upcoming Events

- January 7-9 – Mid-South District YAC Meeting
- January 8 – Mid Winter Teacher Orientation & Training
- January 9 – Board Meeting
- January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 29 – Greg's Sabbatical Send-Off



UUMANTIMES is the monthly newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North Congregation.

Ministers Office Hours

Greg wants a chance to speak with everyone at UUMAN. Although he doesn't have specific office hours, he is available to meet with people every day of the week, except Fridays, at a wide variety of times. You are welcome to call him between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. at 770-754-5848 to make an appointment. (In case of emergency, you are encouraged to call (678) 849-4844 any time of day or night).

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.uuman.org

Worship Schedule

January 2nd – “Fire Communion”

Speaker – Merri Beth Stephens; Service Leader – Jim Saunders

Most of us dream of great things. How we'll make a difference. And usually, the more significant the differences, the harder they are to achieve. . In this service we examine our dreams, the differences we yearn to make and the challenges that stand in the way.

Kids Together Day - Children and Youth will assemble in Fellowship Hall.

January 9th – “Epiphanies and Chaos”

Speaker – Rev. Greg Ward; Service Leader – Richard Ross

On hindsight, it might feel like we always had wisdom. And maturity. And confidence. But if we look back to the moments of discovery, we usually can recall they were filled with chaos and anxiety. So much of our experience comes from the discoveries that come from being in places we've never been to before. And learning the hard way.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.

January 16th - “Why Martin Luther King, Jr. Wasn't a Unitarian Universalist”

Speaker – Rev. Greg Ward; Service Leader: Vince Teeter

One of the things most UUs can bank on in the liturgical calendar is that come the third Sunday in January, the sermon will be on MLK, Jr. We identify with him so closely, we have sort of inducted him, and his cause as our own. But, although we tend to gloss over the differences, we they have much to teach us about him – and us.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.

January 23rd – “Where are you?”

Service Leader – Martina Queenth

Are you affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person? Do you support other's free and responsible search for truth and meaning? Applying our Principles when push comes to shove.

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.

January 30th – “Stepping into Leadership”

Speaker: Rev. Greg Ward; Service Leader: Dave Hudson

The mark of any good community is that it fosters good leadership and a growing sense of ownership and participation with the process of improvement. But leadership is hard. And often unfair. It means inheriting difficult situations. And learning to care about them - even when 'they aren't our fault or our responsibility.'

Children and Youth begin in the sanctuary.



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