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TO THE GLORY OF LIFE

It started off without any confusion. Or discomfort. At least beyond the usual. Just another day in the life of a Unitarian Universalist. A UU who happens to work in a hospital. As a chaplain. Ministering to people of all different religious backgrounds. But as you can guess, it gets a little complicated.

It is a story that Jan K. Nielsen tells of going to see a man scheduled for surgery the next morning. "I remember him," Jan says, "as a congenial fellow, tanned, fit, in good spirits. We talked about golf, his grandchildren, and the recollection of memories from his Presbyterian childhood. Then he stopped. 'You know,' he said, 'I would like to receive communion again.' It turns out he had married a Catholic woman, had attended services with her for years and in all that time, had not himself received communion in her church because he was not a Catholic."

Jan said she felt some panic inside her as a UU. She had never served communion before. But his story touched the Universalist in her. The belief that all people are welcome at the table. And she wanted to help. So she returned to the chaplain's office and after some instruction from her Lutheran colleague who agreed to go back with her the next day, they returned with bread and wine. They joined his Catholic wife and Unitarian Universalist daughter and formed quite an ecumenical council: a Presbyterian, a Catholic, a Lutheran, and two Unitarian Universalists. And they all shared a communion. It was truly a Universalist communion, a bridge built across the chasm of difference. And reaching beyond privilege and exclusion. A month later a note came from his daughter. Her father had died. "He was so grateful," she wrote, "to once again share in communion. Thank you." But Jan realized she had received something as well: an understanding of how deeply the human

heart can yearn for rituals that connect us with one another.

What makes this story complicated is how we, as UUs, navigate the waters of ritual and tradition. "Can we do that?" we wonder. "Are we allowed?" It sometimes strikes me as odd when I hear UUs ask that. We never feel the need to ask permission from religious conservatives for anything else we do. Why are we so sheepish about communion?

Exactly because it is a ritual which has deep meaning for others – and for us, if we stopped to think about it. In fact, there is great history to back it up. In 1415, Jan Hus, a Czech priest, began offering communion to the people. Before him, communion was reserved only for priests. But he believed that all were worthy. All were ministers of goodness who needed and offered spiritual nourishment. He also began to preach in the language of the people (instead of Latin) and prompted everyone to read the Bible for themselves (instead of taking the priests interpretation). For this, he was burned at the stake.

Our symbol of the flaming chalice was created from his story – the communion chalice (that is shared by all) coupled with the flame (signifying the flame of conviction and sacrifice). At the heart of the symbol is the belief that everyone is worthy, and everyone is welcome at the table.

The word "communion" comes to us from the Latin, *communio* which means "mutual participation." It is part of many other religious words like 'community,' and 'communicate.'

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 21st, UUMAN will have a bread communion during the service. What does this symbolize? That we are called together to nourish one another regardless of history



Happenings

UUMAN Hands Heal Group

Energy Healers of all modalities are invited to join us in forming a group devoted to healing.

The Mission of the UUMAN Hands Heal Group is: To hold a safe space and to call forth only the highest available loving energy to help ourselves and each other's body, mind, emotions and spirit, feel support and to help us move through the situation in which we now find ourselves.

Our current goal is to meet on the last Monday evening of each month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the sanctuary of UUMAN.

For those who have no healing training there will be minimal instruction.

As a service, we will also have two healers from the group available each Sunday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM to work with any members of the community who would like to be a recipient of our work.

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or heritage, backgrounds or beliefs. That we can participate in the rituals that connect us with one another. And that we are not confused when it comes to what it means to be a community or communicates our love through sharing and service.

We invite you to take a moment on Saturday to bake some bread with your family - or to

buy some bread - not everyone is a gifted baker. Bring it with you on the 21st to represent the love and nourishment that you (and your family) have to offer the community. And be reminded that the greatest gifts we give do not come from on high, but from the heart.

To the Glory of Life.

Sabbatical Corner

I am a huge fan of taking care of things.... although I am a little lazy, and more than somewhat disorganized. But I do care about my friends and want to be there to listen or to do what I can if there is a problem. Which is what goes on at UUMAN but on a larger scale. Not only Greg, our minister, but everyone puts on that helpful hat at sometime for someone in this community. We nod and shake our heads, smile or frown during Joys and Concerns. We listen to each other after service, during workshops, at covenant group meetings, over the telephone, in e-mails, over coffee, tea, and yes, even over a now embarrassingly untrendy glass of merlot. We rejoice, commiserate, celebrate, grieve. All this will continue, and more, during Greg's sabbatical. Except the Greg part. Obviously.

Starting very soon, the Care Circles that we have been signing up for will be in operation. These are a network of families, based on geography. The families within the groups keep track of each other on a monthly basis if all is going OK and more often if needed. A volunteer facilitator heads each Care Circle. If there is a need (spiritual crisis or a health concern), the facilitator will contact the Care Committee, which will send out what is needed. (Cards, flowers, meals, further help).

We also have been training some wonderful people to be part of a group known as Friends on the Journey. (I love the name!) This is the further help I mentioned. These warm, kind, intuitive people have a way of listening and being there for you in times of stress and distress. A caring, understanding shoulder to lean on.

If there is a crisis (Fates forbid) such as death or a happy occasion (Fates allow) like a marriage, then we will have a number of UU Ministers in the area who will be available for these Rites of Passage.

Questions can be asked and concerns can be alleviated during a December 5 Town Hall Potluck. (Yummy.)

If you think about it, (but DO NOT get carried away) a lot can happen in five months. I have been comforted plenty by this community. Many and probably all of us have. We are together in this life, this community, and UUMAN has taken the steps that we need to make sure that our care continues through Greg's Sabbatical.

And beyond.



UUMAN Pictorial Directory

Do you enjoy posting on the UUMAN discussion board, but wish you could recognize the faces of your fellow posters on Sunday morning? Do you ever wish that you could pick someone out of the crowd in order to ask about that interesting group they are leading? Is the growth rate at UUMAN leaving your head spinning as you try to keep up with all the new folks in our church community?

As we continue to grow, it is becoming more important to find a way to Keep the faces with the names. To that end, UUMAN will be working with a photography partner to assemble the premier issue of the UUMAN pictorial directory. The directory will include family portraits - including pets, if you wish - as well as roster information (address, phone,

e-mail). We will also have access to an online directory. Beth Olsson will be spearheading this project, and while she is very excited, she sincerely hopes that her vast experience in this area (she was once on the yearbook staff of her middle school) makes her qualified to lead the charge!

We will have more details shortly but are hoping to have portrait days scheduled in mid-November in order to make pictures available before the holidays. Sign up sheets and more details will be available soon. If you have any interest in volunteering by taking candid photos of some of our group activities, assisting in directory layout or "hosting" the photo sessions, please e-mail Beth at betho@uuman.org.

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

It's Pretty Cool, but What is it Really?

Hello, all.

I spent the summer and fall of 1992 searching. Just about to turn 30, I knew I wanted a community; I knew I wanted friends; I knew I wanted something deeper than just drinks after work with guarded co-workers - more than just reminiscences with old college friends. Having been raised in the South, as a Baptist, I remembered that feeling of community I had gotten from church. So I went from church to church until I wandered into UUMAN. I chose to stay. I chose to join UUMAN and get involved. But I admit that it took a few years (maybe several) for me to fully understand what I had chosen. It was a lot of fun to be with the people, but I wasn't really able to articulate what Unitarian Universalism is. What do we stand for? Are we the "you can believe anything you want without question" church? What binds us together? Are we a liberal social club, or do we actually have a faith?

If you find yourself asking some of these same questions, your Adult Programs Committee would like to offer you an opportunity to explore and learn. Pat Shea will be leading an Adult Program based on the book by Forrest Church entitled Our Chosen Faith. Chapter one is available on line through Amazon at this link:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/reader/0807016179/ref=sib_dp_rdr/103-5035803-9686211#reader-link

If you are interested in attending this class, please email me and also let me know what your best times are. Are you more likely to attend a class on Sunday morning? Sunday afternoon? A week night? And do you need childcare?

I look forward to hearing from you!

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For the Adult Programs Committee



Happenings

UUMANDRUMS

Join us for an exciting weekend of drum building, Oct. 30 & 31. During this two-day workshop, you will learn the joy of making your own, custom built African drum. Share the experience, meet new friends and create your own work of art / instrument. All tools and materials are provided. Workshop is at Fredrika Tambasco's house. Please call numbers or e-mail below for information and to reserve materials.

Djembe- \$300. The shells for this Malinke drum are from the Ivory Coast.

Dun Dun's- \$300, \$275, \$250. (lg. dundun / med. sangban / sm. kinkini) family of drums, played with a stick. Ashiko- \$200. This Nigerian hand drum is a tapered cylinder with a goat skin across the large end.

Our schedule for classes are as follows: Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19, Jan 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 30 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Class price is \$15 with free practice sessions and drum circle's the Sunday's in between. Our focus is to combine our talent and energy and incorporate it in strong liturgical ways into the life of our UU congregation and worship.

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Thankful

My birthday sometimes falls upon Thanksgiving. You would think being thankful for your life would be a no-brainer; but it has not always been the case. There have been years when my birthday wish as I blew out the candles was to cease existing; to escape the painful remnants of my life. Like wise with trying to think of my blessings as my family gathered around the turkey. I was so full of pain and despair, that life itself did not seem like much of a blessing at all. Some years, there did not seem much to celebrate. But I have learned that all along I was wrong-there was me.

This year I turn 34 (and hopefully, do not look a day of it!) But I had an interesting year being 33. Mystics and theologians call 33 your “Christ Year”, since that is the speculative age of Christ when he was crucified. They say it is a year of spiritual turmoil and growth for many people. I know it has been for me. I stumbled onto my spiritual path and have been amazed by my discoveries along the journey. Not only did I find my starting point here at UUMAN, but I found companions to walk the path with. I have found the joys and frustrations that come with investing yourself fully into something greater than yourself. Many lessons have come my way, both eagerly awaited and dually dreaded. I have used my voice to challenge and speak up; even if what I was saying was not popular opinion. I also was able to finally let go of some of the past wounds and truly heal. I’ve learned much about myself and the people around me. I’ve discovered the fine art of juggling and multitasking. I’ve experienced the power and powerlessness (at times) of being on a committee. I’ve challenged myself with responsibilities-like newsletter editor- and

surprised myself with my capabilities. I have also had to determine my limitations and make sacrifices to ensure that the flame of my spirituality did not completely wane. Mainly, I’ve grown more comfortable with myself-both the bad and good within me. It has been a hell of a year for personal growth and change. I certainly do not claim to have all the answers now or even to have figured out many of the questions-check back in with me when I turn 102 or so and we’ll see then.

Most importantly, I’ve grown to be thankful for my life. Unlike years past, I am happy to be alive and myself. That is a major epiphany for someone who did not plan on making it past 21. So this year as I blow out my candles and gather around the turkey with my blessings, I’ll keep UUMAN and all of you at the forefront.

Finally, I am reminded of a scene from one of my favorite movies, “Joe vs. the Volcano”. Joe (Tom Hanks) is a hypochondriac who thinks he is going to die. He has spent much of his life paralyzed by fear and it is only when he has his supposed death sentence that he feels free to live. He is stranded on some cargo trunks in the middle of the ocean, dehydrated and delirious from the sun and heat. Night falls.

Joe looks at the moon rising above the water-huge and beautiful. He drops to his knees and whispers

"Dear God, whose name I do not know, thank you for my life. I forgot how big... Thank you for my life." (I say, “ditto”.)

Patty Odom

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**.



Congregational Meeting – November 7

October 23rd was UUMAN’s second Mission Development workshop – we called this one a “Party” because at the end we would celebrate the drafting of the words that would define who we are at UUMAN. Because what we are as UUMAN is different, and greater, than what we each are alone. What we have when we are supported by those we love and who love us, when we struggle and celebrate together, and when we work tirelessly to accomplish goals no one of us could accomplish alone, is what makes UUMAN the special place that it is.

UUMAN’s proposed Mission Statement, to carry us into 2005 and beyond, is:

UUMAN is a loving, inclusive community of open-minded seekers. We are all ages with a passionate commitment to children and caring for one another. We joyously

serve our growing congregation and the wider community by creating a safe place from which we instill hope and empower people to grow spiritually and personally, protect the environment and promote justice.

We will vote on this Mission Statement, and hear reports to the Congregation from the Second Service Team, the Treasurer, the Policy Governance Team, and more. As usual, we will enjoy the cooking talents of many as we share a finger-food pot luck lunch.

Please plan to attend, or to send another member with your proxy (which should have arrived in the mail) in order that we might have a quorum available to conduct business. Lunch is served immediately after service, followed by the meeting at 12:45.

Presidential Musings

The other day my daughter wrote this on her bedroom mirror: “Be the change you wish to see in the world. –Gandhi” Even at the tender age of twelve, she knows that writing down something that is important to you, something you want to remember, to internalize, is essential to making it happen. We just don’t go on to do what we don’t specifically focus on.

And so went the thoughts of many at UUMAN. The Raising the Roof Committee was assigned to come up with a “call” for UUMAN. The reconvening Long Range Planning Committee wondered, “Where do we start? Who are we?” The Committee on Ministry, the Board of Trustees, the Policy Governance Committee all wished they had some guiding principles when making decisions for the church. Yes, we have the seven UU principles, but we also needed to know who we are, as group -- what we covenant to be to and for each other and to the greater community.

So they called all of you together, and many came, to spend two half-days working on UUMAN’s Mission Statement – who we are, who we serve, and how we serve them. We discovered that, while we are about so much more than can be contained in one short statement, among other things, we are about justice, about safety, about instilling hope and empowering people. We stand together on the side of love, embracing diversity and sharing our passions. And now we shall stand together, united in the statement of our mission. Empowered by these declared desires, may we be the change we wish to see in this world.

DeeAnne Clowes

Happenings

New Year Retreat at The Mountain Program
brochures and registration forms for the annual New Year Retreat at The Mountain are now available in Fellowship Hall before and after services. Two and three night options are available from December 30, 2004, January 2, 2005. Registration deadline is November 30. Early registrants receive a discount.

There will be separate youth programming if a minimum of 8 youth in EACH age group (6-12 and 13-17) is registered by November 30. A member of The Mountain staff will be visiting with UUMAN youth to plan the program during October or November. UUMAN will need to provide youth chaperones to supervise youth in designated cabins and assist Mountain staff with programming where needed. Their stay during the New Year Program will be complimentary. If you are interested in participating in the New Year Program as a chaperone, please communicate with **Joe Creech**, UUMAN’s Mountain Ambassador.



Reflections

By Rev. Joan H. Armstrong

It was almost fifteen years ago now that two women asked me to perform my first Service of Holy Union. The church I was serving declined the opportunity to host that event as it would have been divisive issue for the congregation and no one wanted to even consider the potential publicity. I was disappointed, but I contacted the couple and invited them to use my home for the ceremony.

Two of my daughters were in middle school at that time and had a spend-the-night party planned for the evening prior to the service. I recall asking them to keep the noise down and confine their guests to the downstairs and playroom until after the ceremony. The girls' guests were excited when they heard about the "wedding" and gathered at the downstairs windows to watch the wedding party arrive. I recall hearing about the one child who kept asking "where's the bride?" when no one arrived wearing a wedding gown. I also recall a great deal of "eye-rolling" when the girls related that story as well as annoyance that their parents had, once again, put them in such a situation.

The girls reminded me of that story last week when I told them about the rainbow ribbon encircling UUMAN.

Last week I put the Unitarian Universalist Association pamphlet "Is Our Church Gay?" by Rev. Meg Riley, Director of the UUA's Office of Advocacy and Witness, in the teachers' folders. It's a wonderful source of information on how to talk to children and youth in age appropriate ways about homosexuality and our UU commitment to being Welcoming Congregations. You'll find copies in the pamphlet rack as well as the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. And don't hesitate to call on me if I can help.

I'd also like to call your attention to the article and resources to be found on the front page of the UUA website (uua.org)

under "Children, Democracy and UU Faith". It gives parents (AND grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers...) lots of timely advice on talking to children about the upcoming election. I also encourage you to check out President Bill Sinkford's pastoral to young people also to be found on the front page. It is excerpted below:

I would like to share a word with you, our young people, during this election season:

As you probably know, people in our congregations don't all share the same political beliefs. But our faith is not weakened by such differences of opinion. Rather, we grow stronger as we listen to each other with care. Disagreeing is hard, painful for everyone. But we are still Unitarian Universalists together.

Whomever your parents vote for, However your family understands the events of the world, Whatever your yard signs and bumper stickers say, You belong here.

Claim your own opinions, speak the truths you know, But always leave room in your mind and your heart, to learn How things look from other points of view.

May we always stand on the side of love, Listening with respect to those we disagree with, May we stand on the side of love, Remembering we are bound to one another in humanity, Working for a time when peace, liberty and justice Are known by all the people in our country and our world.

My very best wishes to you and your families in these days and in the months ahead.

Yours in faith,
Joan



RE News

Children's Halloween Parade and "Trick or Treat for UNICEF"

This year Halloween is on a Sunday and a Parade of the Children has been planned. Children are asked to come to church and SS in costume. Children up through 4-5th Grade will assemble in their classrooms first and then, come with their teachers to Fellowship Hall where they will line up for a parade through the sanctuary at the beginning of the worship service. Following their classes and the worship service, children will "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" during the coffee hour. A change booth will be set up in Fellowship Hall so that dollars may be exchanged for quarters.

Stephanie Greer Tenders Resignation

Stephanie Greer, our Childcare Provider in the Nursery has resigned to take a full time position as a Montessori teacher. She will be missed by those of us who have come to know her as a caring presence in the Nursery and as a highly capable staff member. Our best wishes and our gratitude for what she has given to our youngest go with her.

Childcare Position at UUMAN

Please check the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for a description of the Childcare Provider position offered at UUMAN to begin December 5th.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists News

UUMAN YOUTH Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER '04

Nov. 5-7th – Sr Youth Group Meeting (12-2pm)

Sunday Nov. 7th – Youth Social Action Committee meeting (12-2 pm)

Sunday Nov. 7th – Jr Youth 'OWL' (6-8 pm)

Sunday Nov. 14th - UUMAN YAC meeting (12-2 pm)

Sunday Nov. 14th - Jr Youth 'OWL' (6-8 pm)

Nov. 19-21st - Jr Youth Mountain Con.

Friday Nov. 19th - Jr Youth 'OWL' (6-10 pm)

Sunday Nov. 21st – Interfaith Youth Group (Thanksgiving Dinner at IRC) (4-8pm)

Sunday Nov. 28th - Jr Youth Group meeting (12-2 pm)



UUMAN Art Auction III Benefit for Project Open Hand

Social Justice Event - UUMAN Art Auction II Benefit for Project Open Hand, Being Held at Historic Naylor Hall in Roswell on November 13, 2004

By Shawn Grover

As I write this newsletter article, less than 3 ½ weeks remain until UUMAN Art Auction III. The Auction Committee is led by the very talented and extremely organized Robyn Henry, and includes Jim Saunders, Carolyn Lee, Lisa Macy, and myself. It's a great team, and I feel very blessed to be working with this devoted group of people.

We are especially thankful for the twenty-five hosts who have purchased tables for six and are inviting friends and family. A few weeks ago we held a Host Appreciation and Art Preview Party at the home of Jim Saunders and Annette Pate. Several staff members from Project Open Hand attended. It was a very nice evening, designed to honor the hosts plus preview some beautiful art.

As most of you know, our youth have been working with Project Open Hand for over a year, volunteering their time to help package and deliver meals. On October 10, Carl Proctor, Volunteer Services Coordinator for Project Open Hand was the keynote speaker at the Sunday service. The youth were honored with a certificate of appreciation. We'll see more of Project Open Hand staff members on November 13, as some of them including Executive Director Stephen Woods, will be attending the event.

Over the next few weeks, we are displaying artwork throughout the sanctuary. The purpose is twofold - to encourage people to attend the event, plus enable members, friends, and visitors to preview the works up for auction. Tickets are still for sale. Dress is black tie optional. Naylor Hall is stunning. The food, catered by Talk of the Town, will be fabulous. Please contact Shawn Grover at swgrover@bellsouth.net or 770 442-1422 if you are interested in attending. This is an opportunity not to be missed - to truly contribute to a worthwhile cause and facilitate exposure of UUMAN to the surrounding community!!

A Brief History of Project Open Hand/Atlanta – From their Website.

Since its inception, thousands of volunteers from all walks of life have come together to help prepare, package and deliver over 5 million meals to thousands of men, women and children living with and affected by AIDS and other critical illnesses or disabilities. Not one day of delivery has been

missed, no eligible client has ever been turned away and no waiting list has ever been maintained.

It all began on September 12, 1988. Project Open Hand/Atlanta was founded by, Michael Edwards-Pruitt, a local Atlanta artist and sculptor. Michael and a few friends and neighbors began cooking meals for 14 people -- friends who were too sick to cook for themselves. They began preparing meals in Michael's home, before finding their first donated kitchen space at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Realizing that the need to provide freshly cooked meals to people in need was greater than anticipated, Michael hired Project Open Hand's first employee, who later became the Executive Director, Stephen Woods. The number of meals prepared each day rapidly increased to hundreds of meals, which required a larger space. Project Open Hand/Atlanta and a staff of 15 relocated to Bass High School where they stayed for four years. In 1995, it was apparent that AIDS was going to be part of our lives for sometime to come. The Board and staff began a strategic planning process, which resulted in the purchase of our permanent home at 176 Ottley Drive for over 50 employees and the production of 3,000 meals each day.

To describe Project Open Hand/Atlanta in terms of dates and events only provides you with part of the picture. The rest of Project Open Hand/Atlanta's history lives in the hands and in the heart of a community whose very essence has been shaped by the AIDS epidemic; companies who have lost employees, mothers and fathers who have lost their children and companions who have lost their loved ones. And after years of providing nutritious, home-delivered meals to our neighbors, Project Open Hand/Atlanta has come to know one basic truth - that what affects one of us affects all of us.

In October 2000, nearly 20 years into the AIDS epidemic, the leadership and supporters of Project Open Hand/Atlanta were at crossroads. This model of home delivered meals for people with AIDS became quite successful and attracted the attention of people with other critical illnesses. They asked a very important question, "Why can't Project Open Hand/Atlanta serve these people whose needs were similar to those living with AIDS?" This simple, yet fundamental, question led us to a second strategic planning process. This plan dictated that we reexamine our mission – a difficult yet critical process for any non-profit.

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Art Auction III cont'd

Following a lengthy needs assessment, it was agreed that Project Open Hand/Atlanta would expand its model to serve people with other critical illnesses, in addition to AIDS, who did not qualify for other existing meal programs.

It is our commitment and the commitment of a community, whose compassion knows no boundaries, to continue providing the freshest, most nutritious meals to people in need. Our meals allow people to remain in an independent setting. This service empowers individuals and reinforces communities. Project Open Hand/Atlanta will continue to cook, to deliver and to care. We invite you to join our community and to become part of Project Open Hand.



Dear UUMAN Members and FriendsAn update on the Table for Six Art Auction Host Sign-up- **THANK YOU TO THE HOSTS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP SO FAR!!!!** Henry, Grover, Saunders / Pate, Howard, Tagney, Ross, Cooper/ Queenth, Gogan

Tickets are in the printing and a tag line has been identified - Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Hand...We need approximate 17 more hosts to sign up by July 31. Project Open Hands is an extremely worthwhile cause - check out their site at www.projectopenhand.org. Details about the event and hosting are outlined below. Thank you.

- UUMAN Auction III Committee

Table for Six Art Auction
Benefiting Project Open Hand
Saturday, November 13, 2004, 6:30 p.m.
Historic Naylor Hall in Roswell

The UUMAN Art Auction Committee is seeking members and/or friends to "host" a table for six for the UUMAN Art Auction being held on Saturday, November 13 at Historic Naylor Hall in Roswell. The cost of the table is \$200.00. The event is being catered and will include heavy appetizers, desserts, wine, champagne, and beer. Hosts are asked to invite friends and family interested in purchasing original oils, antique and fine prints. All proceeds after expenses will be contributed to Project Open Hand.

This "black tie optional" event is UUMAN's major social justice project of the year. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase UUMAN to friends and relatives, as well as our surrounding community. Additional single tickets will be sold at the cost of \$60.00 each several weeks before the event, however seats are limited.

Project Open Hand/Atlanta's mission is to provide freshly cooked meals and nutrition services to people living with symptomatic HIV/AIDS, homebound seniors and individuals with other critical illnesses or disabilities. Our youth have been supporting Project Open Hand through the donation of their time for the past year. This is a wonderful opportunity to now support financially a cause that our youth consider important.

Please contact Shawn Grover at swgrover@bellsouth.net or 770 442 1422 if you are interested in purchasing a table. Hosts will be invited to attend an art preview party several weeks before the event, as well as receive special recognition for their contributions. The deadline for host sign-up is July 31.

More Upcoming Events

- November 7 – Congregational Meeting
- November 7 – UU 101
- November 13– Art Auction
- November 21 – UU 102
- November 25 – Thanksgiving



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

November 7th – “Embracing the Spirits”

Sermon: Dave Hudson; Worship Associate: Randy Blasch

The Halloween (or All Hallow's Eve) celebration of today had its roots in several ancient traditions. One of these, the Celtic holiday Samhain, served, in part, to honor the ancients and to provide for the spirits of the recently deceased as they set out on their journey to the otherworld. This service offers us that opportunity – to remember, commune with, and honor loved ones who have moved on.

Children and Youth begin in their classrooms.

Nov. 14th - “Taking It To the Streets”

Sermon: Randy Blasch; Worship Associate: Richard Ross

Becoming an evangelical UU – or can we?

Children and Youth begin in their classrooms.

November 21st - The Bread Communion

Rev. Greg Ward, Rev. Joan Armstrong, Worship Associates and all UUMAN Beings UUMAN is a community that is dedicated to nourishing one another. We do that by bringing the best of what we have to the table. What we offer, we offer graciously. What we receive, we receive in thanksgiving. What we do, we do for one another. We ask that people bring bread for this service (home made or store bought), that we may celebrate together the bounty of blessings found in being together.

This will be an intergenerational service.

November 28th - “Joyful Thanksgiving”

Sermon: Kathy Williams; Worship Associate: Vince Teeter

By Sunday November 28th most of us will have eaten at least one festive meal and reunited with friends and family to celebrate an American-born tradition called Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season and the onset of numerous football playoffs. Is that all there is? This will be a joyous service to give thanks for harvest bounty and life.

Children and Youth begin in their classrooms.



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