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Ministry Musings Notice / Notice !

February 2012
Rev. Paul D. Daniel

Be on guard! As the month of February and Valentine's day approaches, there have been unsubstantiated rumors of sightings of Elvis in and near the vicinity of UUMAN. Heightened vigilance is called for, and your minister is to be notified immediately of such an occurrence. The first person to offer a verified vision will receive a prize of incalculable worth.

For those of you who don't know what the heck I am talking about, ask someone who does. This is a month of high excitement and a time to celebrate with fun and frolic, especially as Valentine's Day approaches, and the Heart's Desire Auction of goods and services is upon us. Thanks to your continued generosity, we have no further septic problems to worry about, the mortgage is paid, and there's money in the bank to last a few more months while your pledges come in. For a welcome change it is now time to have some real fun and community-building. It is true that a church that plays together, laughs together, and yes, cries together, is the kind of community we all want to belong to. Certainly it is one I want to belong to and lead. Oh yes, I almost forgot, I do. LOL.

For those of you who are techno-phoebes, as my sons call me, LOL is "Laughing Out Loud". Here is one more for you to mull over: ROFL – "Rolling On the Floor Laughing". Now you know as much internet shorthand as I do. Welcome to my world... of being left in the dust by our teenagers from 5 to 20, who can program my new cell phone in minutes while it will take me weeks, if I am lucky.

In times when the going is tough, we need to laugh with each other, pray with each other and bring hope alive. We can have faith that together we can "live our beliefs and in so doing turn the world around", as Henry David Thoreau wrote.

Ours is a church of faith, hope and charity. UUMAN is a place we can serve others for the greater good. When we miss the mark, we are forgiven, and know we can begin again in love. We are not a church that condemns or judges, but do insist that individuals take responsibility for their own actions. You see,

we are also not a church of blame. We are, hopefully, a place where we learn from our mistakes and take those lessons into the community. Forgiveness is part of the underpinnings of our faith and action. As our district executive, Connie Goodbread, wrote, "we promise to be supportive in genuine honest relationships; responsible for ourselves and respectful of others" as we all struggle to become our better selves while remaining open to the learning of others.

In the spirit of love during this month of February, open your hearts, not only to those you know closely, but to those you don't. Offer what support you can, from a gentle comment of support, to manning the lines at a demonstration in support of human and workers' rights. Anything we do for humankind is better than nothing. We can all do more when we reach right down to the bottom of our souls and offer up the love that resides there.

Blessings,
— Rev. Paul

Heart's Desire

GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION AT UUMAN
Heart's Desire Auction
Saturday, February 4th, 6:30 PM

The annual Heart's Desire goods and services auction is set for Saturday evening, February 4th. The beverages, the food, the free childcare, the bidding - it all starts **February 4th at 6:30 PM**.

Many items will be available in the \$10-\$20 range, some as Silent Auction (item goes to the highest bidder), and some as "Just Sign Up". You can go to movie nights and some dinners in this investment range; some goods will be in this category, too. Many items will go for higher amounts due to their outstanding value.

The extensive and exciting catalog is available online now at http://www.uuman.org/pdf/HeartsDesireCatalogue_2012.pdf.

Some examples:

- Lessons: Learn how to make a collage, ride a horse, sew, cook, or perform stand-up comedy
- Dinnertime: Enjoy a meal at a local restaurant, a downtown Atlanta penthouse or Berkeley Lakes, or have homemade food delivered right to your door
- Artwork: Choose from oil paintings and giclees, or choose a custom commissioned painting or photography session

Plus, there are some great door prizes that will be awarded at various times during the Live Auction, right up to the end of the

evening. Heart's Desire is a great time for community and simply, just a lot of fun!

— *The Heart's Desire Goods and Services Auction Planning Committee*

UUMAN Cares

An essential element of the UUMAN community is the love and care we provide each other in our life's journeys. One of the vehicles that supports this is organized by a geographical grouping known as a **Care Circle**. A Circle's activities are guided by a Care Circle Facilitator, and jointly the Circle's members, to assist each other during times of challenge and sharing of milestones.

When a need arises, the Care Circle Coordinator sends out a call to the Circle's members to assist the individual or family in need. When greater needs arise, the Care Circle Facilitator works in conjunction with the Care Circle Coordinator and Pastoral team to assess needs and organize appropriate support.

The Care Circles reach out to address the following needs:

- Provide transportation to a medical appointment or Sunday service
- Prepare a meal
- Provide hospitality at memorial services (assist with reception, supply cookies and punch)
- Provide visits at home, in a hospital or in a care facility during a time of need (illness, death of a family member, etc.)
- Phone calls, notes and other symbols of care simply to keep in touch or share a joyous occasion
- Follow up on members who have been absent from church activities for an extended period of time.
- Connect the UUMAN community through the weekly Joys and Concerns announcement
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At any time you require care, know of a member in need, or wish to share a joy, please contact your Care Circle Facilitator. All information is confidential and is not shared unless the member indicates that he or she would like others in the congregation to be involved or informed. Look for the Care Circle listings which are being posted on the bulletin board above the membership table.

These are current Care Circle Facilitators. You can identify them, and all the Care Circle members in your area, by the small colored circle on their name tags:

Jan Wilson and Sue Tromblee – *Light Blue/Red*
Co-facilitators
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"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." — Leo F. Buscaglia

— *Sandra Callahan*

21st Century Humanism Come to a Special Session on Occupy Atlanta

21st Century Humanism will sponsor a talk by Mr. Scott Akridge on behalf of Occupy Atlanta on **Sunday, February 12**, in the UUMAN Sanctuary at Noon. Mr. Akridge's remarks will be of interest to all Unitarian Universalists. Everyone is invited, so please mark your calendar accordingly!

About Occupy Atlanta:

Occupy Atlanta is a part of the larger Occupy movement that began in September 2011 and has spread to cities, large and small, across the US and around the globe. How does a youthful grassroots movement, with no centralized leadership structure and virtually no funding, grab the media spotlight and become an international force in only 6 weeks?

Bring your kudos, questions, suggestions, and concerns to a conversation with Occupy Atlanta Outreach Committee Member, Scott Akridge.

About the Speaker:

Scott Akridge is a Cobb County business owner/employer and also an employee of a nation-wide company. He has been a participant with Occupy Atlanta since the second week of its inception. A college-educated husband of 20+ years and father of a collegiate son and daughter, he is not the popular version of an Occupy member depicted by the media.

Scott says, "I remember reading about the social change such as the civil rights movement and women's suffrage in school and thought how fascinating it must have been to be on the inside looking out from those events. This curiosity is what first brought me to Occupy Atlanta. Their respect for diversity and passion for social change for all humanity is what made me become part of their process."

Scott is excited to share his experience and compassion for this unique movement and its efforts to improve our world.

About Scott's Talk:

Scott adds, "If your minister or members of your congregation have specific interests or questions they would like to have addressed regarding Occupy Atlanta or the greater Occupy movement, please feel free to share them with me in advance through John Peltier (peltier.john@gmail.com) or Marj Pomper (marjpomper@gmail.com), and I will tailor my information to meet their needs. Also, since the Occupy movement is broad ranging, I try not to limit the scope of the discussion to my experience but to focus more on the specific interests of your congregation. As such I have found a large Q & A format to be best, so my opening remarks will be brief, ten minutes or less, and we will move right into questions. I have found this to be very helpful in previous events.

"Thank you again for this opportunity to have a mutually fun, positive, and informative experience."

And I give my thanks to Marjorie Pomper, UUMAN's liaison to Occupy Atlanta, for using her good offices to establish the needed connections to make this event possible.

— John Peltier

Enjoy Moravian Chicken Pie And Benefit UUMAN!

You are invited to enjoy a sample of Moravian chicken pie with your coffee, following the service **Sunday, February 5**. You may also purchase an entire pie for \$11 at that time. *All the proceeds from the ongoing sales will benefit UUMAN.* The frozen pies will be available for purchase weekly. These are homemade pies, made at my home, for you and UUMAN.

In the mid-1730s Moravians fled religious persecution in Moravia and established themselves in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They found their way to Piedmont North Carolina in 1753 eventually establishing Old Salem. Old Salem is now a delightful restored town, open for tours, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

These unique pies, containing only chicken, are a Moravian tradition. They are always on the menu at Salem Tavern in Old Salem. Christmas Love Feasts, Easter Sunrise Services in the Moravian cemetery-God's Acre, and the sale of chicken pies at Moravian bazaars are all part of the many wonderful traditions of the Moravian Church.

— Linda Etheridge

UUMAN's 10th Annual Chili Cook-off

**1st Place – Kit Hamblen 2nd Place – Sandy McDowell
3rd Place – Gary Uitvlugt**



Photo courtesy of Bob Popp

This year's Annual Chili Cook-off was a big success, not just because we raised money (\$800.00) but because we had fun! It was also a great success because we had so many people working together cooperatively to make it happen. We had previous winners cooking along with new members. We had long time members who had never entered before agree to cook this year. We even had a couple of long-time visitors who haven't joined yet cook chili for us. We had people who donated delicious side dishes and drinks, and we had a great turn out of people who paid to eat and judge and participate in the chili auction. Then there was the fabulous set up and clean-up crew, and our great auctioneer/master of ceremonies. Finally, we had Kathie Lyon and Ashok Nagrani who donated and recruited prizes for our winners. UUMANS, you are the best! You are so dependable, cooperative and hard working. You have great creative ideas about how to make things run smoothly. I appreciate all of your efforts to help.

Other special thanks go to Jane Soule, my silent, invisible co-chair who did lots of the work without much credit; Melissa Bagley, who dropped her crockpot full of chili when loading up to come to church, but came anyway with her quart of chili to auction; and FRANCO's Italian Tavern who donated for gift certificates for our prize baskets.

— Rosie Popp

Sanctuary Seating Change and Why It Happened

As you are all aware by now, the UUMAN choir has been moved to a location behind the podium and a change in sanctuary seating has taken place. Some of you may be wondering why this happened. In November of last year we had a safety inspection conducted by the Roswell Fire Marshal and the original placement of the choir was partially blocking one of the fire exits and was in violation of the fire code. In order to comply with the regulations, it was decided the best resolution was to move the choir to its present location. On a positive side, I've heard several people say that they think the acoustics are better in the new location.

— Marc Lee
Safety & Security Committee

Family Choir for 2012 Begins

The new session of the UUMAN Family Choir will begin on **Sunday morning, Feb 5th at 9:45 AM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. The Family Choir is open to anyone and everyone who wants to sing and make music together. We are all ages - families, adults without kids, kids without adults, everyone is welcome. Musical ability is optional; love of music & enthusiasm is required!

Hope to see you bright and early at 9:45 on Sunday Feb 5th. Please see Laurie Wheeler or Marty Harvey for details. Bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your whole family - there's room in the choir for everyone! ;-)

— Laurie Wheeler and Marty Harvey

A Thead From UUMANweave What UUMANweave Has Meant to Me

Prior to finding UUMAN, and having moved here from Cincinnati almost 4 years earlier, it felt like I was sitting at a dinner table with an empty plate each day. Finding UUMAN has caused my plate to become filled with all kinds of nourishing foods. Now I'm meeting and making friends with people in UUMANweave, which makes me feel like I've been given a delicious desert.

— Dee Graham

From the Social Justice Action Committee Exploring Immigration Issues

In January's newsletter, we listed some of the suggestions that our Immigration Study Group made, that could help all of us

increase our awareness of immigration issues. There were so many possible books and films on this subject that we wanted to add to that list.

Books:

- Hiroshi Motomura (2007). **Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and citizenship in the United States.** Oxford Press.
- Helen Thorpe (2011). **Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America.** Scribner.
- Linda Glaser (2005). **Bridge to America.** Houghton Mifflin. Ages 5+.
- Sonia Nazario (2006). **Enrique's Journey - The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with his Mother.** Random House.

Films:

In Between Days (2006) A coming-of-age film about a Korean-American teenager, that explore many facets of humanity, relationships, and communication.

God Grew Tired of Us (2006)

The film follows three Sudanese boys, refugees from Sudan's bloody civil war, as they try to adjust to life in the U.S. Coming from unspeakable conditions, young witnesses of unspeakable horrors, their honesty and goodness is unquestionable.

Quinceañera (2005)

A look into the life of an unconventional family and their Los Angeles neighborhood, threatened by urban development.

Crossing Arizona (2005)

A documentary presented at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, this film explores escalating tensions over illegal immigration at their epicenter - the Arizona / Sonora border.

Spanglish (2004)

Mexican mother, Flor enters the U.S. with her young daughter seeking a better life. When she accepts a position as a domestic with an American family it becomes very difficult to maintain her privacy and distance. A story about assimilation, this film provides lessons on tolerance for the misguided but good intentions of immigrants as well as the Americans who employ and/or befriend them.

Maria Full of Grace (2004)

At 17, Maria lives a modest life in a rural area outside Bogotá, Colombia when she meets the charismatic Franklin who persuades her to become a mules in the illegal drug trade.

The Terminal (2004)

An eastern European man, played by Tom Hanks is on his way to New York when his homeland is overthrown in a coup. He arrives at Kennedy Airport as a man without a country, without a valid passport.

A Day Without a Mexican (2004)

This mockumentary asks the question: what if 1/3 of California's population suddenly disappeared?

We'll be adding still more to this list next time. Please share with us any others that you have discovered.

— Pat Carter

Sharing the Plate: 50-50 Sundays



Once each month, usually on the 4th Sunday, 50% of the non-pledge offering collected during the Sunday service is given to a charitable organization designated by the Social Justice Action Committee. Beyond the act of giving money, UUMAN members are encouraged to seek out other opportunities to support these groups through their participation in volunteer activities. Last month's recipient was the Southern Poverty Law Center. We gave \$323.50. Thanks very much to all!

The charity has identified some ways in which individuals and UUMAN can help immigrants. For instance, we could host a photo exhibition of pictures taken from the perspective of undocumented Youth. SJAC will be meeting **February 8th at 7:00** in Discovery Hall to discuss these exciting opportunities. You're invited to attend.

This month's recipient will be North Fulton Community Charities. NFCC is UUMAN's best-supported charity. We donated over 100 toys at Christmas. Each month, we collect food, household and toiletry items their food pantry, and also manufacture "green" washing powders for them. Sue Tromblee volunteers there every Friday.

Recently, I volunteered for the first time in the Food Pantry. I shadowed Sue, and as orders were placed, we gathered about 3 days' worth of food for each family. It was gratifying to deliver the bags directly to the individuals!

We would like for more UUMANites to volunteer at NFCC! There are opportunities to volunteer in the food pantry and thrift store, as well as to teach classes or tutor. Look for information at the SJAC table in Fellowship Hall.

— Michelle Liebergesell

Unlocked doors at UUMAN

I have received several emails regarding doors being left unlocked at UUMAN. Almost every door on the UUMAN campus has been found unlocked during the week at one time or another and some of them reported several times. The two doors most commonly left unlocked have been the back door next to the kitchen and the door exiting the choir room to the

outside. Not only was it found unlocked but one time it was actually left partially open. This is a serious security issue. Churches are burglarized more frequently than you might imagine.

I would like to ask everyone to be more diligent in checking the doors upon leaving. When you close a door, don't assume it's locked; check it to make sure. We would also like all committees, and anyone who is having a meeting or event at UUMAN, to assign someone to be responsible for checking all the doors before leaving.

Thank you,
— Marc Lee
Safety & Security Committee

Thanks to Don Groce Vice-President of UUMAN and All-Around Engineer



Photo Courtesy of Dirk Bender

Sure, Don's seemingly rebuilt half of the standing structures on the UUMAN campus and maintained the grounds and... well, most of you know both a) how invaluable he's been to our infrastructure and b) how modest he is about his accomplishments. But when this picture was snapped, there was no suppressing his justifiable pride in this chair-hauler. It's just the sort of thing he does in his spare time (sometimes with spare parts).

This chair caddy will make it possible for a single person to clear out stacks of chairs with ease. If you've ever had to enlist a half-dozen volunteers to accomplish this task, you'll appreciate this new addition to the UUMAN fleet. Thanks, Don!

— Dirk Bender

Tip of the Month

Notes from the Sustainability Committee

For Valentine's Day, a Box of Chocolates and a Bouquet of Flowers, but hold the Child Labor please . . .

Who among us doesn't like to indulge in a little chocolate now and then? For many of us, it may be more of a passion than an occasional indulgence! Yet how unnerving is it to realize that chocolate, something so simple, so delicious, so beloved by people around the globe, could have a dark underbelly like that of the illicit sex, drugs, or arms trade? It seems impossible ... But real it is, and anyone who simply buys a candy bar while waiting in the check-out lane has some complicity.

West Africa supplies over two-thirds of the world's cocoa. At one point there was almost a feudal system in place, where laborers were indentured for a period of time, working on cocoa plantations. After an agreed-upon amount of time, the laborer was paid and his or her time on the plantation was over. But during the late 1990's and early 2000's, the bottom dropped out of the cocoa market. At the same time, West Africa deregulated its agriculture industry, abolishing commodity boards across the region. These combined forces left cocoa farmers at the mercy of the free market. For the most part, cocoa farmers are small family operations, but their purchasers are mega-corporations that have some of the most potent buying power in the world. Just two of these firms, Hershey's and Mars, control about 2/3 of the cocoa market. When prices plummeted, the cocoa farmers believed their only option was to cut costs, and a new proliferation of forced child labor (a.k.a. slavery), began.

You may not be surprised to hear that these giant corporations have not been especially proactive in trying to address this problem. They lobbied hard when Congress in 2001 tried to develop certification requirements and a "slave-free" label for chocolate products, and they were successful; what resulted was a watered-down voluntary compliance to buying cocoa from slave-free farms and no labeling whatsoever. They have continued to resist to this day, turning a blind eye on the problem and saying that they simply buy the cocoa, having no control over how it is harvested.

You also may not be surprised at the most effective counter measure that we, as consumers, can take: fair trade chocolate. Buy chocolate that is certified by FairTradeUSA or by the Rainforest Alliance. At least for now, certified organic chocolates can also be trusted, as their growing techniques automatically eliminate some of the worst abuses common in

child labor plantations (such as children spraying pesticides and harvesting contaminated crops with no protection from the pesticides).

Another effective measure? Write your congresspeople, and your favorite chocolate makers. Ask about the source of their cocoa. Let them know you are as concerned about the living conditions of the people who grow and harvest the chocolate as you are about the quality of the chocolate itself. And write the big boys, even if you don't buy Hershey's or Cadbury or Nestlé's anymore; they need to hear why we're not buying their products. And perhaps most important of all, spread the word. Share with your friends and children why there won't be Hershey's kisses at your house anymore.

And best of all, take advantage of the amazing array of fair-trade and organic chocolate that is available. This is a great excuse (I mean, opportunity) to explore a world of innovative flavors produced by small companies who are just as passionate about justice in the world as we are. Have a happy and fair-trade Valentines Day!

— Jan Kent

UUMAN Men's Group Off to a Good Start



Photo courtesy of Bob Popp

The UUMAN Men's Group got off to a good start in 2011 with several social and community building events. We started in March with a Cookout at UUMAN, attended by about 25 - 30. Then in April, a smaller group helped out at the Homestretch homes in Roswell, doing landscape work and painting. In May, the group helped out with the Crabapple Road Cleanup, and in June, with moving Paul Daniel. In July we went biking and hiking on the Greenway, picking up trash along the way. The group also went to a Braves game and assisted in the UUMAN Junk Day.

The 2012 calendar is shaping up to be another good year. Here is what is planned so far. Stay tuned, and let Bruce Langston or me know if you are interested in participating in an event, or in coordinating an event later in the year.

- **January** - Friday 7 PM, January 13 - Galapagos Island Trip Slide Show - Bruce Langston

- **February** - Saturday 3 PM, February 18 - Myers Briggs - David Dobs
- **March** - Saturday AM, March 24 - HomeStretch Work Crew - Marc Lee
- **April** - Saturday PM, April 14 - Cookout at UUMAN - Bob Popp
- **May** - Date TBD - Landscape Project at UUMAN - Mike Liebergesell
- **June** - Date TBD - Biking on Greenway - Steve Allerton
- **July** - Date TBD - Braves Game - Bob Mihalik
- **August** - Date TBD - Crabapple Road Cleanup - Pat Lampert
- **September** - Open
- **October** - Open
- **November** - Open
- **December** - Open

— Bob Popp

Highlights from the Membership Committee

Meet Our Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to introduce some of our newest UUMAN members. If you happened to have missed the New Member Sunday service, you probably also missed the brief biographies that new members provide. Here are the bios for Jen Cassidy, Anna Swafford, and David, Mary and Matthew Herbst, who joined this past fall.

Jen Cassidy and Anna Swafford



Jen Cassidy grew up in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and after obtaining a degree in Geology from West Virginia University, she moved to Atlanta in 2001 and began her career as an educator. Anna Swafford grew up in Villa Rica, Georgia, and after moving all over the state as a football coach's daughter, she found a home in Athens at the University of Georgia where she majored in English Education. Through mutual friends, Jen and Anna met at a holiday party in 2003, and, over an impressively poured beer, found that they shared interests in music, football, education, politics, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, and other equally nerdy pursuits. They eventually

decided to share a home and a life together in Sandy Springs with their dog Miller and their cat Mona.

A search for a spiritual home that could balance their vastly different views on religion led them to Unitarian Universalism and then to UUMAN in January. Through their time at UUMAN, Jen and Anna have felt welcomed and valued, and they are both excited about becoming official members of this supportive and challenging community.

David, Mary and Matthew Herbst



David is from New Jersey and attended the University of Delaware and Mary is from Delaware. They met in 1996 and got married in 1998. They moved to Roswell, Georgia, along with their son Matthew in 2003. Dave is the Finance manager for Avon Products in Suwanee and Mary is a stay at home mom with their son who is now 8 years old. He attends 2nd grade at Sweet Apple Elementary. They decided to join UUMAN because of their inter-faith marriage. Dave is Jewish and Mary is Catholic.

A warm welcome to these new members! Thanks for sharing your stories and for being part of our UUMAN community.

— Sue Holden

Notes from the Board of Trustees

Secretary's Note

New Facility Rental Policy, Procedures, Guidelines and Contract were approved by the Board of Trustees. This was a monumental feat accomplished by the Hospitality Committee, Rosie Popp and Gary Uitvlugt, with help from Darya Aberback and Suzy Lamoree. One important change is that an event manager from UUMAN will be present at all non-member functions and his/her fee will be collected from the renters. Gary will serve as our event manager and will coordinate this function in the future.

The Heart's Desire Auction Committee is working feverishly to complete the plans for Saturday, February 4th. The Board wishes to thank Kirk Bogue and everyone involved in making this yearly event so special.

The Committee on Ministry's (COM) Ministry Evaluation Report was completed and sent to the Board in mid-December and will be published in the BOT's January meeting minutes. One concern that was evident throughout the evaluation was UUMAN's financial stability. All of us will be able to address this concern by listening for news of.....

Our Annual Pledge Canvass will be led by Dave Hudson. The Board is very optimistic about the projections Dave has forecast. We can all help those projections become reality...Stay tuned!!!

The Committee Fundraising Policy (how and when funds raised by individual committees are distributed) is being reviewed by the Program Council with Max Tromblee, Don Groce, and Michelle Liebergeselle taking the lead. This ad hoc committee will be seeking input from the Congregation as the new policy is being developed.

The Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting has been changed to the third Thursday of the month so that we can respond more quickly to the issues brought to us by the Program Council and in order to submit these newsletter 'Notes' in a more timely manner.

— Beverly Jordan

Treasurer's Note

Two very new members have stepped up to lead the Fundraising Committee. *Sandy McDowell, chair*, and *Linda Etheridge, vice-chair*, have already come up with two very good ideas for increasing the Capital Fund, which was seeded with the \$270 left from the Septic Repair fund.

One is a Life Events or Memorial or Celebration Fund, in which members and friends can designate UUMAN as a recipient of gifts in the name of someone experiencing a "life event". The other is a Moravian chicken pie Sale (please read more in the article above). Members and friends can donate their time to prepare and freeze chicken pies. These can then be sold each week to others that have need of a quick, simple meal during their busy week. We envision having fun pie-making parties on a regular basis.

I want to thank Sandy and Linda for jumping into our community with both feet. They could probably use some help from one or more experienced UUMANites, so if you'd like to join the Fundraising Committee please talk to Sandy or Linda.

— Mark Sexton

Mid-South District Annual Assembly

April 20 - 21, 2012 — Huntsville, AL



WILLIAM F. SCHULZ - KEYNOTE SPEAKER — SOME PASSIONS NEVER DIE

William F. Schulz is the President and CEO of UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Previously, he served for 12 years as executive director of Amnesty International USA, until spring of 2006. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Schulz is a former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Contact Carleen Dowell, TEACH Trustee at carleen.dowell@comcast for further information.

— Mid-South District - UUA

On the web at www.msduua.org

A Month of Sundays

Rev. Paul D. Daniel, Minister

Sunday Services: 10:30 AM Adult RE: 9:15 AM Children's RE: 10:15 AM

Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall right after the service.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
2/05/12	Universalism, A Faith with a Gentle Heart To be a UU is to take inspiration from two different faith traditions that merged in 1961. Some would say it was the coming together of mind and heart. I will examine our Universalist roots.	Rev. Paul
2/12/12	Can't Help Falling in Love with You Love of all sorts is in the air, ranging from <i>agape</i> to romantic love to love of parent for child and its reverse. This service will look at some of the	Rev. Paul

demands love makes on us.

2/19/12 Ethics in our Daily Life

Linda
Johnston

We may think in idealistic terms about how we would handle certain situations should they arise, but what happens to us on a daily basis may challenge us to rethink those lofty ideals. Do we tell someone the whole truth, knowing it will hurt their feelings? Do we stop short of doing something we know is right out of fear of repercussion? Just how firmly planted are our ethical ideals?

2/26/12 Taking a leap: Learning from Immigrants

Darya
Aberback

This sermon will look at the personal experience of an immigrant and the wider implications of her decision and experience for all of us.

— Rev. Paul

More February Events

Sunday, **Meet the Minister** — after the service, in the Sanctuary. Visitors are invited to meet with Rev. Paul for a short period of greeting and questions and answers.

Sunday, **Circle Suppers** — Last day to sign up for the February 25th Circle Supper. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact the Committee at uucirclesuppers@gmail.com for the February 25th or the March 24th supper.

Sunday, **First session of the UUMAN Family Choir** — Sunday mornings, 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Please see the article above for more information.

Sunday, **First day for Moravian Chicken Pie** — after the service, in Fellowship Hall. Please see the article above for more information.

Mondays, **UUMAN Writers' Group** — 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, in Discovery Hall. Open to anyone with an interest in writing. Contact Joe Saling, 770-944-2887 or joesaling@bellsouth.net

Mondays, **Nia, the Joy of Movement** — 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, in the Sanctuary. Please note the new 7 PM start time.
2/6,
2/13,
2/20,
2/27

Sunday, **21st Century Humanism** — after the service, at 11:45 AM in the Sanctuary. Mr. Scott Akridge will speak on behalf of Occupy Atlanta. Please see the article above or contact John Peltier, peltier.john@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome.

Saturday, **UUMAN Men's Group Meeting** — 2:30 PM in Discovery Hall. Dave Dobs will lead a discussion on the Myers-Brigg Personality-Type Indicator (MBTI). More information on the Men's Group, above.

Tuesday, **Kroger Gift Cards** — Last day to order fund-raising gift cards for February. Make checks payable to UUMAN, and put KROGER and the denomination you want for your gift card(s) - \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200 - in the memo line of your check. Drop your check in the Sunday offering basket or mail to UUMAN. Kroger donates 5% of the face value of the cards to UUMAN.

More events in the MCY section!

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MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

MCY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2012

- Feb 28 – MCY Council Meeting
(12-2.30pm) DH
- Feb 3-5 – Jr Youth Mountain Con
- Feb 10 – Youth Valentine's Dance
- Feb 19 – 'Mystery Friends' Begins!
- Feb 26 – Elementary 'OWL' Begins!
(12-3.30pm) DH



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STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE
UUMAN VALUES ALL FAMILIES!

Calling all 'Mystery Friends'...

'**Mystery Friends**' is a fun, multi-generational event at UUMAN. This program matches younger members with adults for the purpose of building community among people of all ages.

YOU are invited to join **FUN!**

This is how it works...adults, children & youth will sign up to participate in the 'Mystery Friends' program. Each participant is then matched up, given an alias (*say, a famous UU like Christopher Reeve*) and...***the fun begins!***

After 4 weeks of mysteriously exchanging notes, there will be a '**Mystery Friends Celebration Party**'. That is when everyone's mystery friend will finally be revealed.

Look for the display at the MCY Table & sign up to be a part of the fun!

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'Our Whole Lives'

Upper Elementary
4 & 5th grade
Sessions Begin
Sunday February 26th



Young Religious Unitarian Universalists



YOUTH WELCOMING VALENTINE'S DANCE

Saturday February 10th
(7.00-10.00pm)

Chaperones needed!
Contact Toniann to volunteer



LET'S GO TO THE MOUNTAIN!

Jr Youth Spring CON

February 3-5th
The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center
in Highlands, NC.