



# UUMAN TIMES

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## In the Interim: Quacks from a Lame Duck

Question: What does the interim minister do once a new settled minister has been called?

Answer: Whatever needs doing until the time comes to say welcome and good-bye.

I need not tell anyone who's ever packed up a household—a dorm room—or a street address, that relocation takes time multiplied by distance. That's what's in store for Rev. Dave Dunn and family. Meanwhile, I'll be keeping the porch light on at UUMAN.

I am UUMAN's interim minister until I'm not. The "not" date is August 14, my final Sunday.

In the meantime I may be less visible than in the past year and a half. I will be at home in South Carolina during Candidating Week, on call should UUMAN or my colleague Rev. Dave need my assistance. Slightly over a week later I will leave for a short vacation in Italy.

On June 16 I'm headed for the UUA General Assembly in Columbus, OH by way of visiting a friend in Ann Arbor, MI. At G.A. I will represent UUMAN as your ministerial delegate one more time. If he's at G.A. (and not busy relocating), I will meet Rev. Dave face-to-face, minister to minister. Otherwise, we'll be checking in via phone and email.

As well as keeping the porch light on, I will be overseeing the installation of a new ceiling fan in my South Carolina bedroom, replacing the one Jack the Cat could not overcome his temptation to swing from last summer, bringing its long life of breezy rotation to an abrupt end.

We all like to keep cool.

- Rev. Cynthia Prescott

# UUMAN

## Ministerial Search Committee

### News You Can Use

Your Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) is pleased to provide you with another installment of News You Can Use—an update on what we've been up to.

#### What has the MSC been doing?

On April 17 our committee Chair, Shelley Nagrani, thanked all of the individuals and groups for the many contributions that made UUMAN an attractive congregation to prospective ministers. Shelley then announced the identity of our ministerial candidate, Dave Dunn!

Since then, your search committee has been arranging the schedule and logistics for candidating week, May 1-May 8. This is an opportunity for us to get to know our ministerial candidate and for this person to get to know us. In addition to preaching on both Sundays, the candidate will participate in a variety of events especially planned to help facilitate this getting-to-know-you process.

It is our goal to have as many congregants meet the candidate as is possible. We have scheduled a variety of events at different times of the day and at various venues to make it easy for people to attend. Please consider attending several events throughout the week. This is your chance to speak directly to the candidate, ask questions, and offer your thoughts about our congregation.

The following events are open to all UUMAN members and friends:

- **May 1, Sunday Service, 10:30am-11:30am at UUMAN**
- **May 2, Dessert Reception, 6pm-8:30pm at the Nagrani residence. Evite: <http://evite.me/9PdAgzdqH7>**
- **May 6, Family Ministry Potluck, 6pm-9pm at UUMAN**
- **May 7, Picnic, noon-3 at UUMAN**  
**Evite: <http://evite.me/rF21AmrbxW>**
- **May 8, Sunday Service, 10:30-11:30am at UUMAN**

On May 8 there will be a congregational meeting to vote on ratifying the Search Committee's choice and extending the call to ministry to this candidate. As in any congregational meeting,

there will need to be a quorum of members attending in order to hold the vote. This vote is a critical step in the search process as it demonstrates the congregation's commitment to the candidate. It is crucial to spend time getting to know the candidate during candidating week.

We encourage you to visit this link to access Dave's website as well as the full calendar for candidating week,

<http://www.uuman.org/ministerial-search/introduction/>

We thank you for your confidence, patience, and positivity as we took this journey!

How to contact the MSC

Email: [search@uuman.org](mailto:search@uuman.org)

In person: before and after Sunday services; look for the people wearing bright pink nametags.

In faith,

Dirk Bender, Joe Creech, Laura Keck, Lyn May, Shelley Nagrani, Miriam Patanian, and Phillip Seaver

## What Is Your Religion?

“What is your religion?” “Unitarianism” I say.

“Never heard of it!” I brief the questioner this way:

It’s been here long before Buddha and Jesus and Mohammed.

Even before people could name it.

It’s the religious concept of human conscience.

The lives and teachings of the Prophets

have been privatized in religious cages;

Humanity has been divided to fight and lose.

Unitarians are on pilgrimage to free conscience and reason.

Unitarians stand for the freedom and progress of all.

We march ahead with the changing times.

*K.B. Mukhim, Unitarian, Khasi Hills, India*

— *submitted by Michelle Liebergesell*

## UUMAN'S Painting Society

*Presents their Spring Art Show*

*Please take time to view the paintings*

*and remember a portion of all sales goes to UUMAN*

*To purchase contact Annette Pate or the artist to purchase a painting.*

## A Page from The Page Turners



Got stuff? Some of us might laugh and roll our eyes, or groan and hold our heads while admitting that yes, we do. That can be a problem when it’s time to move, downsize, or in some cases, to pick our way through piles of possessions just to answer the doorbell. (Not that I would know anything about that.) Got joy? That’s the bigger question.

In May, The Page Turners, the women’s book club at UUMAN, is reading *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, by Marie Kondo. It’s a how-to for decluttering your space, but it’s more than that. In her gentle way, this charming Japanese author invites us to consider deeply what kind of life we would like to live, and offers tools to make it possible.

Is this best-seller silly and simplistic? Can this radical yet compassionately anthropomorphic approach to your stuff actually change your life? Have you tried it? Are you tempted? We want to hear from you, so please join us on Saturday, May 14th, 7:00 PM in Discovery Hall to discuss this book.

Following that, in June our selection will be what has been described as a “searing, lyrical” novel: *God Help the Child*. The author is Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, whom you may know from *The Bluest Eye*, *Beloved*, and many others.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books in a variety of genres, meeting over snacks and wine, getting to know one another, and having fun, this is the group for you. Become a “regular” and join us every month (usually on the second Saturday at 7:00 PM in Discovery Hall), or just try us out whenever you see that we’re sponsoring a book you’re interested in. Contact Carolina Patlis for the details. All women, whether UUMAN members or not, are warmly invited to the Page Turners!

— *Carole Herman*

# FROM THE GARDEN

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

We'll be continuing our work again in the garden on Monday, May 9 and Monday, May 23, working from 9:00 a.m. to around 11:00 a.m. or noon, depending upon how many people come to work and how much work needs to be done. We will continue our work throughout the year on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month through November (or sometimes, December). UUMAN announcements will be sent out on the Friday before each work day. If you've never worked in the garden before, please feel free to stop by and see what it's all about. Hope to see you there!

— Claire Sullivan  
 cbsullivan@bellsouth.net



Gardeners Hard at Work



Lavender



Dianthus (Pinks)



## Life Celebrations

We want to commemorate the happy occasions in the lives of our UUMAN members and other friends of UUMAN. We are looking for Naming Ceremonies, Graduations, Marriages, Anniversaries, Retirements, and Birthdays. Please submit the information about your special day, in the month prior to the event, to Claire Sullivan at cbsullivan@bellsouth.net



First Iris



First Rose



Azalea

Date	Celebration
5/1	Camille T. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
5/2	Jake H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
5/4	John and Dolly Peltier are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary!
5/5	Ann Creech is celebrating a birthday
5/7	Anna and Kit Hamblen are celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary!
	Levi S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
5/13	Dillon Langston graduates from UGA!
5/15	Thomas Seaver is celebrating his 18th birthday
5/20	Addy G. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Thomas Seaver is graduating from Centennial High!
5/25	Marjorie Pomper is celebrating a birthday
5/26	Elizabeth Rohan and Stephen Shanahan are celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary!

## A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Speaker
5/1	<b>Finding One Another – A UU Serenade</b>  As a seminarian and as an intern, I've often wondered whether there was a congregation out there waiting for me. In your interim period, you've likely wondered whether there was a minister out there waiting for you. In the search process, you and I actively serenaded one another...and here we are.	Rev. Dave Dunn  Paula Watson, Worship Assoc.
5/8	<b>Walking Together</b>  We've found one another. Now it's time to walk together; to share our dreams; to trust one another; to share the ups and downs of a journey taken together. Shall we share this journey?	Brian Kohn Worship Assoc.  Rev. Dave Dunn
5/15	<b>One World: Annual Flower Ceremony</b>  Introduced in Czechoslovakia 1923 by the Unitarian minister Rev. Norbert Capek, the Flower Ceremony is one of Unitarian Universalism's few "native" rituals, a late spring celebration of children, flowers and community.	Rev. Cynthia Prescott
5/22	<b>MCY Celebration</b>	Merri Beth Ste- phens, Randy Blasch
5/29	<b>Secretly</b>  We all have secrets. Some we share, others we keep safe within our hearts.  Secrets can cause enduring harm to a person or a community. Yet the airing of oppressive secrets also can bring about liberation, understanding and trust.	Rev. Cynthia Prescott

## May Events

Date	Event
<b>2nd Sunday of each month, after the service, in the sanctuary.</b>	<b>21st Century Humanism</b> focuses on the philosophy of mankind as the center of all things, informs members of Humanism's nature and history, and emphasizes free and frank discussion of the effect on humanity of past and present events, safe from the influence of contravening public opinion. For more information, contact John Peltier at <a href="mailto:peltier.john@gmail.com">peltier.john@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>UUMAN's Painting Group</b>  Come paint with us in a relaxed atmosphere with a glass of wine. All are welcome. There is a fee but half is donated to UUMAN.  <b>The 25TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW</b> is now exhibiting at UUMAN. Please enjoy the show, and remember a portion of all sales benefit UUMAN. See Annette Pate or the artist to purchase.
<b>Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15</b>	<b>Daytimers</b>  The Daytimers group discusses contemporary, thought-provoking topics such as current political issues or social trends that may affect everyone at some level. All are invited to attend. For information, contact Dan Ben-David at <a href="mailto:dan@uuman.org">dan@uuman.org</a>
<b>Fourth Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>The Common Grounds Coffee House</b>  Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen!  Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Live music and delicious refreshments, \$5 suggested donation, held in the Sanctuary.
<b>Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary</b>  <b>No session on March 19.</b>	<b>Centering at UUMAN</b>  Silent meditation Saturday mornings at UUMAN. Please come at 9:10 for some basic instruction if it is your first time. The meditation itself begins promptly 9:30. Please be in your seats on time. Those who wish to may stay after for 30 to 45 minutes of discussion about our experiences.  For more information, contact Carolyn Bommarito at <a href="mailto:campoften@aol.com">campoften@aol.com</a>

*For more information about events, see the UUMAN Events Calendar at [www.uuman.org](http://www.uuman.org).*

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## May Events

<b>Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 in Discovery Hall</b>	<b>Circle of Women</b>  We aim to develop a warm nurturing circle of trust where we can share ourselves and our lives.  Contact Kate Hudson <a href="mailto:hudsonkd@bellsouth.net">hudsonkd@bellsouth.net</a> or Linda Etheridge <a href="mailto:lletheridge1@gmail.com">lletheridge1@gmail.com</a>
<b>First and third Saturdays of the month at 1:00 in the sanctuary.</b>	<b>The Weekend Women's Group</b>  Offers women another opportunity to meet in the intimacy and fellowship of small group ministry. Topics such as love, trust, caregiving, parenting, relationships, community, and faith will all be explored in a setting that fosters deep listening and mutual respect. Contact facilitator Nina Bharucha for more information: <a href="mailto:nybharucha@gmail.com">nybharucha@gmail.com</a>