



# UUMAN TIMES

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## IN THE INTERIM: Summer is for Sharing



Last summer I went swimming;  
last summer I might have drowned,  
but I held my breath and I kicked my feet  
and I moved my arms around...  
I moved my arms around.

—Louden Wainright.

I will be on “summer leave” from UUMAN July 16 to August 16 (Ingathering Sunday). Except for a long weekend at Folly Beach (recently dubbed the shark bite capital of South Carolina), the cats and I will be at home across the state in Pendleton. While I lounge a little and prepare for UUMAN’s second year of interim ministry, Jack and Elvis will resume their efforts to circumnavigate every room in our house without touching the floor.

On August 2 I am the pulpit guest in Dahlonega. Afterwards I will come down to Roswell (minus cats) for three days of getting ready for the UUMAN year to come. From August 3 through August 5 I will be available at any reasonable time of day or evening to meet with committee chairs, Board and Council members, staff, and/or anyone else in the UUMAN community who needs a bit of face time with me, either in anticipation of the pending “church year” or for pastoral conversation. In case of a UUMAN-wide emergency between 7-16 and 8-16, I can be with you within hours, something I could not have assured my two previous interim congregations.

Since summer is vacation time for everyone, including the Board, Program Council and Staff, UUMAN’s Esteemed Office Manager Suzy Lamoree will forward messages to whoever among us needs to know and, as needed, act on what’s happening in that moment—except, of course, during Suzy’s own well-deserved time off when that responsibility will be shared among UUMAN leadership.

Rev. Cynthia Prescott



## Life Events Gifting

We are very pleased with the use of the Life Events Gifting program thus far this year. We will be listing the donors for this fiscal year after July 1st. It is so easy to do and very much appreciated by the honorees and the members of UUMAN. There are so many occasions when Life Events Gifting is appropriate...weddings, graduations, memorials, anniversaries, thank you, and many, many more.

Please see the poster in the foyer outside the sanctuary or contact Jan Wilson for more details.

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## UUMAN Greeters

A simple, but important way to help our UUMAN community is to greet visitors as they explore our church for the first time.

If you would like to be a greeter volunteer from time to time, please attend a quick, 10-minute training session after services on July 12. Look for Robbie Kohn in the atrium immediately following services. The only thing you need is a friendly smile!



—Robbie Ann Kohn



## 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

Date	Celebration
7/1	Samantha H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
7/3	Brian and Robbie Kohn are celebrating their 23rd anniversary!
	Elizabeth Rohan is celebrating a birthday
	Owen W. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
7/7	Kyson P. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Zoe Read is celebrating a birthday
	Ilona Walker and Randy Jue are celebrating their 19th anniversary!
7/8	Marjorie Pomper and Ken Fry are celebrating their 25th anniversary!
7/10	Lawton Etheridge is celebrating a birthday
	Ellie S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
	Megan Slater is celebrating a birthday
7/12	Dillon C. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
7/13	Jonathan D. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
7/20	Marcia Hagood is celebrating a birthday
	Anna Hamblen is celebrating a birthday
	Evelyn S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
7/30	Benny Ben-David is celebrating a birthday

# FROM THE GARDEN

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from mid-March to mid-November. This month, we will be meeting on July 13 and July 27. We usually work from around 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., but sometimes we start a little early to try to beat the heat. UUMAN Announcements are sent out the Friday before each work day. Hope you can join us!

Claire Sullivan

UUMAN Gardening Group  
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Lantana



Daisies



Orange Daylily



Dusty Rose Daylily



Yellow Daylilies



Yellow Flower

## A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Speaker
7/5/15	<b>There's Still a Person Inside</b>  Most of us know, or soon enough will know, a loved one who is afflicted with dementia and/or other physical and mental changes that go along with advancing age. Join me in a reflection on the difficulties and the unexpected rewards of caregiving, from nearby or at a geographic distance.	Rev. Cynthia Prescott
7/12/15	<b>The Hell We Do</b>  This title debuted on September 9, 2001. I was to deliver the same sermon again two weeks later. Never have I had to rewrite so much so quickly. Religious liberals have been accused of minimizing what traditional theology calls "the problem of evil". Although we may frame the matter a little differently, it's very much on our minds, especially lately. The church murders in Charleston, South Carolina (my home state) prompted the fourth revision of The Hell We Do since September 11, 2001.	Rev. Cynthia Prescott
7/19/15	<b>The Crack in the Vase</b>  A reflection on the spirituality of imperfection. A look at how accepting and owning imperfection in ourselves, others and the universe can enhance our lives and help us to a more serene and spiritual way.	Lay Speaker: Darya Aberback
7/26/15	<b>Follow Your Desire Lines</b>  This sermon will explore how we can break away from well-worn patterns that no longer serve us. What does it mean to trust yourself to follow the road less traveled? In Patti Digh's "Life Is A Verb: 37 Days To Wake Up, Be Mindful, And Live Intentionally," she writes, "Natural human purpose. What is mine? Yours? Maybe if I look at the paths I've worn, over and over again. I'll see that purpose show itself, the way cornfields create patterns I see only when I'm flying over them." Rev. Lepp is a former member of UUMAN whom we welcome back this Sunday.	Guest Minister: Rev. Julianne Lepp

## July Events

Date	Event
<b>Humanism</b>  <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>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>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>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> <i>Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen!</i>  Doors open at 7 pm (except April this year it is the 3rd Saturday). 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>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>

Happy 4th of July!



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

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