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Partner Church News

By Michelle Liebergesell

UUMAN has been partnered with Mawsynjri Unitarian Church in the Khasi Hills of Northeast India since 2011.

We recently got an update on how they spent \$1625.00 in 50-50 funds that we transferred to them.

Here's what they did with the funds.



They replaced a broken bell with a new bronze one.



They made repairs to the roof and their bell tower.



All in time for the annual General Assembly of Youth.



April Common Grounds Coffee House

Connecting people who love to play music with those who love to listen.

April 20, \$5 suggested donation (cash only)
Doors open at 7 pm and show starts at 7:30 pm at UUMAN.

Laura Keck



Please email me at president@uuman.org if you are already trained in CPR/AED. We would like to have a list of members who are trained so we can make sure we are sufficiently prepared.

Mike Chambers



Our 50/50 Shared Plate

Each month a non-profit organization that is chosen by our Social Justice Committee receives half of our designated 50-50 offering. This means that half the money goes to the non-profit and half goes to UUMAN. This month's 50-50 is Georgia Interfaith Power and Light(GIPL).

GIPL inspires and equips communities of faith to organize, implement practical climate solutions, and advocate across Georgia on issues of climate change, environmental justice, and community resilience.

UUMAN has received grants from GIPL, one for attic insulation in Discovery and Fellowship Halls and another grant for changing out the lightbulbs to leds in the parking lot. We can reciprocate by giving generously through 50-50. You can donate by giving cash in the plate on Earth Day Sunday, the 21st. You can also give any-time during the month by writing a check to UUMAN (memo 50-50) or through the Givelify App (check 50-50).

Michelle Liebergesell

AED in the House!

Recently, the board, in concert with the Safety Committee, realized a long-time aspiration to acquire an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for UUMAN. This acquisition was made possible by the generosity of longtime members Linda and Lawton Etheridge, who graciously donated funds raised from their Moravian pot pies. Thank you Linda and Lawton!

The AED is located in the supply room beside the Fellowship Hall kitchen. It is in a box marked "AED." An alarm will sound when the box is opened, to alert everyone in the vicinity that there is a medical emergency. Please open the box only in emergencies.

Training

Are you interested in learning how to use a defibrillator, as well as learning CPR and some basic first aid? We recommend the following Red Cross course, which can be taken online:

[Red Cross Training](#)

We hope some of our members will take the training. The idea is to have a handful of members who have been instructed in CPR, First Aid, and AED, to make sure we have someone available in case of a medical emergency. This class does not provide a certification that meets OSHA requirements. However, it is a precursor to such a certification, which requires a two-hour, in-person class with an additional cost. Acquiring the certificate (and the extra class) is strictly optional, as the content of the online class should be sufficient for our needs.

Membership Moment

The membership committee is thrilled to have welcomed so many new people to UUMAN last month, but we fully understand it is involvement in our activities that will hold members close. For many of us it only takes a single activity or committee that will help you make friends and even further strengthen UUMAN bonds; the choir is certainly a great example we all witness!

If you have a talent to share, an area of interest to explore or even a little thought of a club that you'd like to be part of, please reach out to us and we'll set you up with some like-minded folks or at least help you with the process of adult enrichment, space reservations and sending out announcements. If you haven't filled out the interest form along with your pledge form, please do so here so we can add your interests to our database. Newer members have started several interest groups and jumped right in to committee work. We hope you will as well.

Welcome Spring!

Jane Soule from membership

<https://uuman.breezechms.com/form/23839f>

MCY April Times

Religious Exploration with Children and Youth at UUMAN

By Lexie Tangney, Director of Religious Education

March Recap:



Last month, we witnessed the incredible dedication and talent of our senior youth during the Youth Service. Jacob Pata-nian, Emmy Poteralski, Sasha Greyenbuhl, and Joel Sha-nahan orchestrated a beautiful service, highlighting the im-portance of leadership and independence. Their thoughtful sermons, engaging stories, and song selections resonated deeply with us all. We are immensely proud of their hard work and commend their inclusivity in inviting the junior youth to participate. If you missed the service or wish to re-live the moment, you can watch it on our [YouTube channel](#).



Behind the scenes, we must also recognize the invaluable

contributions of our senior youth instructors: Elizabeth Ro-han, Dave Prugel, and Jim Saunders. Their guidance, sup-port, and mentorship empowered our youth to plan and exe-cute such a memorable service. We extend our deepest grat-itude to Elizabeth, Dave, and Jim for their dedication to nur-turing the next generation of leaders in our community.

Additionally, we kicked off the Atlanta Cluster events with great enthusiasm! Our adventure at SkyZone followed by delightful pizza and ice breakers at UUMAN marked the be-ginning of a wonderful collaboration with other UU churches in the Atlanta area. Let's cherish these connections as we continue to strengthen our bonds.

What to Expect in April

As we look ahead, April promises more opportunities for growth, community, and fun:

April 7, 11:15 AM: No Religious Education (RE) session.

April 14, 11:15 AM: TBD - Playscape activities for all ages.

April 21, 11:15 AM: Multigenerational Earth Day Activity: "Listen to the Trees. They're asking for our Help." Our church is our sanctuary, and it's crucial that we extend our love and care to the world around us. Join us as we celebrate Earth Day by honoring and appreciating the trees that sustain us. Through exploration, reflection, and creativity, let's reaffirm our commitment to environmental stewardship and intercon-nectedness.

April 28, 11:15 AM: RE Curriculum session.

Let's embrace April with open hearts and open minds, em-bracing the beauty of nature and the warmth of community. May this month be filled with joy, growth, and meaningful connections.

With love and light,

Lexie T. Brown

April: A Month of Sundays



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 membership@uuman.org.

Date	Celebration
4/4	Marc S. is celebrating a birthday.
4/5	Chris A. is celebrating a birthday. Bob P. is celebrating a birthday.
4/7	Rowan F. is celebrating a birthday.
4/14	Hayden B. is celebrating a birthday.
4/16	Dan B.-D. is celebrating a birthday.
4/17	Pat C. is celebrating a birthday. Claudia R. is celebrating a birthday.
4/20	Joel S. is celebrating a birthday.
4/22	Nora W. is celebrating a birthday.
4/25	Dan and Carole Ben-David are celebrating their anniversary of 9 years.
4/27	John A. is celebrating a birthday.
4/29	May N. is celebrating a birthday.

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Date	Topic	Service Leaders
4/7	Beginner's Mind Often we come to our lives with a strong sense of expectation, "knowing" how it will play out, this person, this place, this situation. Suzuki Roshi famously said, "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, in the expert's there are few." In this talk we will explore how we return to an attitude of freshness, openness, and intimacy with what is arising in this present moment's experience.	Lisa Story
4/14	When the Cat's Away; An Existentialist Acceptance of Sabbatical Growing up in the American educational systems almost requires that we long for the break in the schedule in Spring and even more during the summer. We long for those times when we have a bit more freedom from the obligations of our student and teacher lives. The sabbatical is similar but we often miss that not only is the minister gone to explore, like Rev. Dave Dunn, my friend. The congregation has an opportunity to also explore collectively, also how we want our ministry to look and feel while the leader is away.	Rev. Duncan Teague
4/21	Reclaiming the Garden Together By embracing the natural world, creating sanctuaries of health, sanity and repose in our homes and our yards, we give access to wonder, and create the next frontier.	Gus Hadorn
4/28	Transitions: Loss and Opportunity Major transitions can involve our families, work life, personal life, and social context. While many transitions afford growth and opportunity, they can also be tinged with sadness and loss. We are wise to mourn the loss even as we embrace the new.	Rev. Kim Palmer