

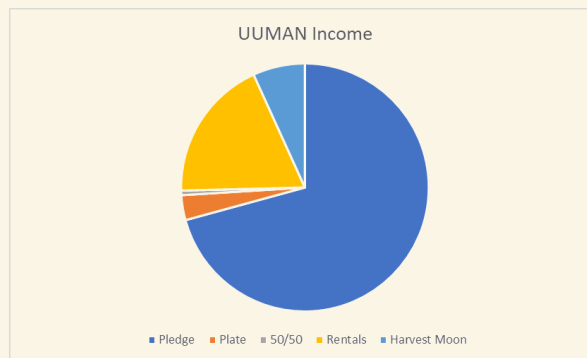
July 2024

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Who We Pledge To

Pledging accounts for 70% of UUMAN's income. In the chart below, based on 2023-2024 projections as presented in the May congregational meeting, that big blue slice of the pie represents pledge income.



The chart graphically illustrates how important our pledges are to UUMAN's well-being. Without our pledges, UUMAN wouldn't be able to offer all of the programs, ministries, and services we as members enjoy. If you think about it, it is kind of a beautiful thing that we each voluntarily share in this critical responsibility of being stewards of UUMAN.

A steward can be defined as a person who takes care of a particular place in the interests of its future heirs. A pledge is a vital part of that stewardship—of the covenant we make with each other, to support and care for this church, for us as well as future members. So when you pledge, remember who you're pledging to—not an organization or a committee, but to each other.

~ Mike Chambers, President

Family Promise at UUMAN

In June, we had three families from Family Promise stay with us for three weeks. Three moms and seven kids made Discovery Cottage their home. The families often have to move every week from church to church, so it's nice for them to have a prolonged stay like they enjoy with UUMAN.

We were again assisted by our neighbors the Roswell Masjid and Northbrook Methodist in preparing meals, staying overnight, and providing gift cards. Several UUMAN members volunteered for multiple tasks during the three weeks, including Laurie Wheeler, Sue Tromblee, Laura Keck, Bob and Rosie Popp, Jennifer Philipi, Michelle Liebergesell, and Kelly Callen.

Helping these families, who are experiencing temporary homelessness, get back on their feet without worrying about food or shelter for a while is one of the best things we do at UUMAN. Hosting ten people was a bit of a strain on our facilities, but the moms and the kids were great. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this community service possible every year.

~ Mike Chambers, President



July Common Grounds Coffee House

Presenting Atlanta area's best musicians and songwriters, in a warm and inviting listening room environment.

Common Grounds Coffee House, Third Saturday 7:30 pm

Doors Open at 7:00

Show starts at 7:30

\$5.00 (Suggested) - At Door, Cash Only

Bring Cash For Donation / Tips for the Performers

Light Refreshments are Offered for Sale (or bring your own)

BYOB

We are also accepting canned and dry good donations to the North Fulton Community Charities.

SAGE CHRISTIE

National Touring Artist, SAGE CHRISTIE takes the Common Grounds Stage in July! Sage is a classical indie folk singer-storyteller!

Since 2021, Sage Christie has enchanted audiences nationwide with a stunningly clear voice and image-rich narrative songwriting - entering the Kerrville New Folk competition in 2022 &

2023, and both times named a finalist. Often compared to Alison Krauss, Janis Ian, and Joni Mitchell, Sage is currently working with Grammy-winning producer David Seitz on an album of the most compellingly candid songs yet, due out in September.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpJZqmL5dAw&t=4s>



PAUL PENDERY

Paul Pendery is one of our most cherished talents and a local favorite —delighting audiences with his beautiful music for many years, as a solo artist, and as part of the ensemble, Mockingbird's Wing.



Paul opens the show with his Beautiful, Rich Voice, his Thoughtful and Creatively Spun Songs and Stories, and his Soulful Folksy Charm. It has been said that any time you get a chance to hear Paul Pendery play and sing in a listening room - be there! We are grateful and excited to host Paul once again at Common Grounds!!

Please visit and “Like” our Facebook page at Common Grounds Coffee House

UUMAN, 11420 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA

www.uuman.org

~ Laura Keck



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.

UU The Vote is the 50-50 for July.

- Michelle Liebergesell

MCY July Times

Religious Exploration with Children and Youth at UUMAN Summer MCY Programming

by Elizabeth Rohan (RE Team Chair)

We've had a lot of fun so far this summer in MCY. We've turned old t-shirts into reusable bags and donated them to North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). We've talked about The Arts and activism and made music together. We're learning to crochet and knit. We have more fun in store. We hope your children/youth join us!

Schedule:

- **7/7/24:** NO PROGRAMMING - July 4th
- **7/14/24, 10AM-11AM:** Labyrinth (Discovery Cottage)
- **7/21/24, 10AM-11AM:** Service Project - Collecting backpacks for NFCC (Discovery Cottage)
- **7/28/24, 10AM-11AM:** Knit/Crochet Fun. All supplies will be provided. We will plan to make a beginner project. (Discovery Cottage)
- **8/4/24, 10AM-11AM:** Annual UUMAN Car Wash to Benefit MCY Programming/Events (Outside)

We've got enough volunteers for July, but we need more hands to be involved in the car wash!! Please sign up here to help with washing:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BACAD2AA46-uuman#/>



Cutting and sewing t-shirts to transform them into bags.



Dropping off the bags at NFCC.



Making Music! [Watch Video](#)

MCY Sunday Service Enhancements

I'm excited to announce enhancements to our Sunday services starting this August:

Dual Path Service:

Children will participate in the beginning of the service, including chalice lighting and a story for all ages. Afterward, they will transition to the fellowship hall for supervised activities, allowing parents to fully engage in the sermon and closing.

Kid Community Program:

"Kid Community" offers structured activities for children during the service's second half, providing a meaningful experience while parents enjoy the sermon.

Parent Participation Requirement:

Parents with children in Kid Community are required to volunteer once between August and December, and again from December to May. Sign up for volunteer slots via our [online calendar]

MCY Volunteer Training Retreat:

Join us on August 3rd from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM for the MCY Volunteer Training Retreat to prepare for volunteering with our youth programs.

We're excited for these enhancements and your participation!

Enthusiastically,

Lexie T. Brown

Director of Religious Education

July: 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	Topic	Service Leaders
7/7	<p>You'll Never Walk Alone</p> <p>What is "hope?" Does anyone have it anymore, when current events can seem so dark? Join us for a reflection on the utility of hope and why we should consider carrying it with us.</p>	<p>Valorie Baylis Paula Watson</p>
7/14	<p>You Are Not Alone</p> <p>We have so much work to do in our homes, our community, our world. The work of social justice takes its toll on us every time we turn on the news or read a headline. How can we sustain hope when the world seems too overwhelming? History and science can help remind you that you are not alone and that you make a difference. Friction Farm is a husband and wife team of internationally traveling troubadours. They combine storytelling, social commentary and humor to create songs of everyday life, local heroes, and quirky observations. From ballads to anthems each song is filled with harmony and hope</p>	<p>Friction Farm</p>
7/21	<p>UU the Vote</p> <p>UU the Vote provides UUs an opportunity to bring our democratic values to life in the crucial struggle to build a genuine multiracial democracy. Join us for an interactive service with the Social Justice team where we'll practice joyful organizing skills to build meaningful relationships to empower our work during the November elections. It's never too early to start!</p>	<p>Social Justice committee Valorie Baylis</p>
7/28	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Meredith McCaskey David Kroeber</p>

Date	Celebration
7/3	Elizabeth R. is celebrating a birthday.
7/7	Kyson P. is celebrating a birthday
7/8	Erin R. is celebrating a birthday.
7/10	Lawton E. is celebrating a birthday.
7/12	Dillon C. is celebrating a birthday.
7/14	Valorie B. is celebrating a birthday.
7/19	Koda B. is celebrating a birthday.
7/23	Joe L. is celebrating a birthday.
7/30	Benny B-D. is celebrating a birthday.

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