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No Kings, UUMAN and Common Defense

On Saturday, October 18, “No Kings” protests and marches were held throughout the country (and the world - specifically in London, Paris,

Barcelona, Madrid, Dublin and Montreal to name a few).

Overall attendance at the 2,600 events nationwide was estimated to be approximately 6 million.

I was surprised that so many members of UUMAN attended No Kings events around Metro Atlanta. We had UUMAN members at events in Atlanta, East Cobb, Woodstock, Canton, Swanee (two different rallies), Smyrna, Gainesville, Tucker...and likely a few more.

I am proud of how UUMAN is showing up at this difficult time.

I was especially proud to see one of our members, Mark Peterson, a U.S. Navy veteran, speak on behalf of Common Defense: A Movement of Veterans on the main stage at the Atlanta protest. (He was sharing the stage with the likes of Stacey Abrams and Sen. Raphael Warnock.) Common Defense’s mission is to “organize veterans and engage the military community to transform our society by advocating for progressive policies that work for all of us” (<https://commondefense.us/>).

In the face of the administration’s attacks on all things DEI, Common Defense’s commitment to equity, stated on their homepage, would resonate with all UUs. It reads as follows:

We are committed to organizing a multi-racial, multi-generational, inclusive movement that empowers all veterans – a movement that fully represents the diversity of our veteran community.

We know it is absolutely necessary that we proactively work to counter inequity within the spaces we create if we are serious about countering the systemic injustices of our broken political system.

Achieving this goal is a task that demands continuous effort and attention, and we are fully committed to doing the work

That’s a military organization I’d be truly proud to stand with! A special “THANK YOU” to Mark Peterson for extending his values beyond the walls of UUMAN and into the world.

Nurture our spirit. Strive for Justice. Transform the world.

Dave

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Weekly Wonder

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🕒 Meet the DRE (That's Me!)

Now that I'm back from leave, I'd love to reconnect! Whether your family is new to UUMAN or you'd just like to check in, join me for coffee and conversation.

📅 **Saturday, November 1st, 9 AM–1 PM**

📍 **At UUMAN (coffee and treats provided!)**

👉 **[\[Click here to schedule a 30–60 minute time slot\]](#)** (The link says “virtual,” but we'll meet in person unless you indicate otherwise.)

One of my favorite parts of this work is getting to know our families so come hang out with me!

🕒 Autumn Fest – October 26th 11:15am-1pm at UUMAN!

Happy Fall, y'all! Our beloved **Autumn Fest** is just around the corner. We need volunteers to help make it a success. Each shift is just 30 minutes so everyone can enjoy the fun.

🕒 Volunteer shifts end at **12:45 PM**, followed by the **costume contest** in the playscape!

🌿 Sign up here: [Autumn Fest Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

🎭 Youth Performances

Our UUMAN youth are shining bright this season—on stage, in the air, and under the lights! Come support them at their upcoming performances:

- **Laura** plays *Dimitri* in *Anastasia* on **November 16, 2025 at 1:00 PM**.

🎫 Tickets

- o **Olivia** will dance in *Roswell Dance Theatre's Nutcracker* at City Springs Theater in Sandy Springs, performing in the *Waltz of the Flowers* and as a *Pastry Chef*!

Showtimes: 11/28 (7 pm), 11/29 (11 am), 11/30 (1 pm), 12/6 (7 pm), 12/7 (2 pm) □ Tickets: [RoswellNutcracker.com](#)

- o **Kyra** will perform on *silks* and *lyra* in Milton's production of *Water for Elephants* on **October 24 (7 pm)** and **October 25 (2 pm & 7 pm)**

If your child or youth has an upcoming performance, please send me the details so we can celebrate and share in the next newsletter!

🎵 Interfaith Youth Choir Opportunity

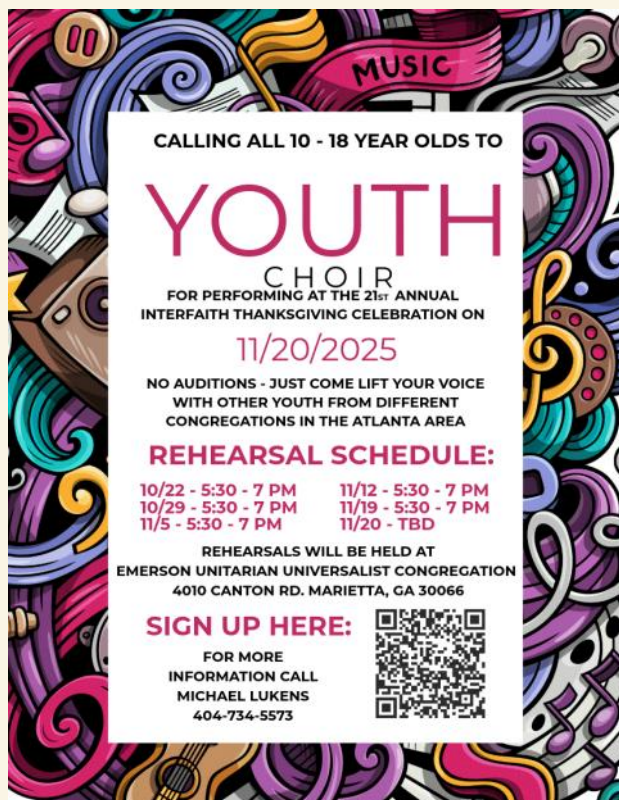
Emerson UU Congregation invites all youth ages **10–18** to join the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration Choir** on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**.

Together, they'll perform “*My Own Super Hero*” by Shawna Edwards—an uplifting piece celebrating inner light and unity.

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- **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, Oct 22–Nov 19, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Emerson UU Congregation (4010 Canton Rd., Marietta)

Sign-up deadline: October 15 Register using the QR code on the flier or contact dfm@emersonuu.org for details.



New Members Cookout

The Membership Committee and the Men's Fellowship Group hosted the Second Annual New Members Cookout on October 18, 2025 for the 33 new members who joined UUMAN in 2025. The cookout gave our newest members, together with their families and guests, an opportunity to meet the UUMAN Board members, take a campus tour, play games and enjoy fellowship with other UUMANites. The perfect Fall weather allowed us to host the cookout on our portico. The burgers, hot dogs, sides and desserts were delicious!

Lynn Hannan
UUMAN Membership Chair



You're Invited to Pate Studios 2025 Holiday Showcase!

Check out up and coming artists, including UUMANites, latest works while sipping festive beverages and heavenly appetizers!

UUMAN Sanctuary

Thursday, November 6th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

[CLICK HERE to RSVP!](#)

Longtime UUMAN Member Artist & Painting Instructor, Annette Pate, will be offering a series of 6 weekly holiday painting classes beginning NEXT week!

- All painting levels are welcome!
- Holiday classes are a great introduction to painting.

Perfect for beginners as well as experienced artists!

Holiday Classes, *6 weeks in total, begin Monday, October 27th thru Friday, December 12th

(No Classes the week of Thanksgiving)

To RESERVE Your EASEL:

PRICING: 6 Classes/ \$150 per artist or bring a NEW friend and pay \$125.

PAYMENT: VENMO (Annette - Pate - 1) OR

ZELLE Annette at: 770-744-9240 OR call her directly, the same number as above, for the payment option that works best for you.

We would love to paint with you in these FUN holiday sessions!

- Kelly Callen

Storytelling 2025

Approximately 35 people sat around the fire pit in the back parking lot this past Saturday evening (10/25) for Storytelling 2025. It was a perfect fall like evening.

We heard stories from a dozen UUMAN members and wonderful music from the very talented UUMAN Trio (Donna, John & Miguel). Thanks to the storytellers and the fire tenders for a fun evening.



- Bob Popp

Other UU News

Rise Up & Sing! An Evening of Songs for Justice



Join us for "Rise Up & Sing! An Evening of Songs for Justice," taking place on Saturday, November 8th at 7 PM at the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 4010 Canton Road in Marietta. This special event will bring together heartfelt and soulful music, featuring traditional songs that reflect America's history of struggle and triumph, as well as contemporary songs celebrating love and peace.

Now is the time to uplift our spirits and energize our souls in pursuit of a new reality for our community and country, where we strive for a world where love and peace rise above hate, fear, and oppression. By joining together in a welcoming and loving environment, we can foster connection and discover common ground. Let us stand firmly for the true spirit of dignity, joy, diversity, and unconditional love.

The evening will feature performances by Marty Winkler & Friends, the Nothin' To Lose Duo, and the diverse Musicians of Emerson, alongside special guest stars. These talented artists will fill the night with music that inspires hope and unity.

Come be a part of this wonderful evening of song and community, where we can find comfort in each other's presence and raise our voices together for justice, peace, and love.

Tickets are a \$15 donation, and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets and additional information are available at <https://events.humanitix.com/rise-up-and-sing> or at the door on the evening of the event. Donations received will be shared with Emerson's sharing partners, supporting causes dedicated to human rights, dignity, self-determination, health care for all, and the inherent worth of every human being.

For further details, please contact Peter Golbitz, event host, at peter.golbitz@gmail.com

- Submitted by Beth Harris

UU Volunteers Needed

Rebecca Gregory is on the Board at NW UU in Sandy Springs. They closed their pre-school about a year ago and she is tasked with selling the toys and things. If anyone is interested, you can contact her for more information. (678-462-1952)

Janice Keclik, the Community Outreach person with the local SympathyCare Hospice, is looking for volunteers.

Her email is: keclik@sympathycarehospice.com

Her phone is: 770-833-1019

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Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council UUMUAC

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The primary goal of UUMUAC is Multiracial Unity, described by Martin Luther King Jr. as the “Beloved Community.”

Reaching this goal requires unification of the progressive peoples of the world in the struggle against inequality and injustice.

Our Vision We envision our congregations, associations, and communities as being not color blind but color appreciative; as judging and treating people by the content of their character, not the color of their skin, their cultural heritage, or other identity; and as treasuring all forms of diversity in the context of Martin Luther King’s Jr’s “Beloved Community.” We call this vision Multiracial Unity.

Our Mission It is the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Multiracial Unity Action Council to foster activities for multiracial unity and to counter racism and neo-racism through worship, education, bearing witness, and other actions, and to find and engage like-minded individuals and groups.

We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and strive to defend freedom, reason, and tolerance as articulated in the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism adopted in 1985. This includes promoting their use in individual congregations, through congregational autonomy, and in our own actions.

Why Join Us?

To Worship We hold online services every third Wednesday of the month, based on our Vision Statement and the ideals of tolerance and equality.

To Learn Our books, forums, trainings, and the *MAC Arrow Journal* explain and advance our goal of exposing racism in all its historical and current manifestations.

To Bear Witness We speak out in writing or other actions and support the “fusion politics” of The Poor People’s Campaign and other efforts to advance justice through multiracial unity.

To Counter Racism & Neo-Racism We speak out and join efforts with like-minded and anti-racist groups wherever we can.

- Submitted by Beth Harris

November: 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 office@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
11/1	Susan W. is celebrating a birthday.
11/5	Meara P. is celebrating a birthday.
11/10	Linda E. is celebrating a birthday.
11/12	Merry Beth S. is celebrating a birthday.
11/13	Steve A. is celebrating a birthday.
11/14	Doug W. is celebrating a birthday.
11/15	Mike L. is celebrating a birthday.
11/16	Debra B. is celebrating a birthday.
11/20	Carolyn L. is celebrating a birthday.
11/21	Joe C. is celebrating a birthday.
11/22	Sasha G. is celebrating a birthday.
11/24	Griffin W. is celebrating a birthday.
11/28	Mike B. is celebrating a birthday.
11/29	Lily P. is celebrating a birthday.
11/30	Nicholas N. is celebrating a birthday.

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11/2	Always Expanding: New Voices in UU Theology Channing, Ballou, Emerson, Parker and Adams are considered to be the most prominent historical Unitarian Universalist theologians. Yet what theologians and theologies of today inspire Unitarian Universalists in the 21st century?	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/9	There Is No Neutral...Or is There? There is no neutral...or is there? How do we know when and where to draw a line in the sand? Or to retreat to fight another day? Do our innate privileges, whatever they are, affect our answers to these questions? What does that signify?	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/16	God Saved the Kinks How a chance encounter with a vinyl-album bargain-bin led to a lifelong music fandom, and a spiritual journey.	Dirk Bender
11/23	Bread Communion Bread is a symbol of life-giving sustenance and today we will share a bread communion together. Please bring a bread (homemade if possible) that elicits memories of childhood sustenance. You will have the opportunity to share this memory with us.	Rev. Dave Dunn
11/30	America's Native Stories The story of Thanksgiving goes back to the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock. Yet before they were here there were already people here – loving their loved ones and living their lives. Let's hear some of their stories – stories of creation, stories of love and the ubiquitous trickster tales.	Rev. Dave Dunn