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Our Ten Years at UUMAN

It is hard to believe; but we have just completed ten years of shared ministry together here at UUMAN. It seems like only yesterday that I was

meeting with UUMAN’s wonderful search committee on my first trip to Roswell in early April 2016. We had dinner on that first evening together at the Creech home. (Some say that Ann Creech’s delicious blueberry cobbler was the deciding factor that convinced me to come to UUMAN....and they might be right! Linda Etheridge’s blueberry cobbler is also amazing.) 😊

Anyway, over the last ten years, we’ve been through a lot together – most of it good. There have been some bumps in the road however: flooded basements in Fellowship Hall (several times), flooded Sanctuary due to a bursting pipe, reflooring of the upstairs of Fellowship Hall, refurbishment of Discovery Cottage...and some heartbreaking personnel changes. (I’m sure I’m forgetting others.)

But by and large, our shared ministry together has been joyful and fulfilling. Some of the highlights:

Welcoming, Greeting, Care Circles – this congregation does an incredible job at welcoming people into the congregation; many congregations devolve into cliques – not UUMAN. We are friendly, open and caring.

Social Justice and Earth Ministry – We were awarded a Good Trouble Congregation by the UUA in 2024; we are a dedicated Family Promise and NFCC congregation (those organizations LOVE USand for good reason!). We show up to clean Chattahoochee River each year. We’ve advised the city of Roswell regarding the installation of native plants

Adult Enrichment - New people continue to rave about 2nd Hour and the Adult Enrichment opportunities. It has fostered engagement and relationships across our membership.

Our “dedicated” Livestream & Communication Teams: - If you’ve watched our recorded services, the quality is excellent. Our Communication and Breeze teams have helped keep us all on the same page (or calendar!).

Operations Team – Our building (and the plumbing and septic underneath, and the lighting and HVAC overhead) can be a challenge. The campus has never looked better!

Young Adults – Have you noticed the younger people showing up at UUMAN?

And it goes without saying that our MCY and Choir have added significant vibrancy to who we are as a congregation. Both programs have more than doubled in size.

...and for the first time since I’ve been here, we now have over 200 members!

What’s truly important however is that we continue to focus on our mission and our vision for the world. With many of the values that we hold dear under attack (e.g. equity, pluralism, diversity, democracy, etc.), it is more important than ever to continue to show up, to speak up, to fight (peacefully); to keep these front and center in our country and in our world.

...already looking forward to year 11!

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

Dave

Community Clothing Swap

Mark your calendars and share with family & friends!

UUMAN's First Community Clothing Swap

When: Saturday, July 18th 11:00 - 1:00 pm!

Where: In Fellowship Hall & on the Portico

Clothing Swap Georgia

Clothing Swap
Free Clothes for the whole Family

Saturday July 18th
11AM-1PM

UUMAN

11420 Crabapple Road Roswell, GA 30075

Clothing & Shoe Donation

Clean out your closet & get new to you items for the whole family!

Goody Bags for the first 20 Families that arrive

You must bring clothing to take clothing for the first hour of the event, after noon we will open the event to anyone that needs clothing.

Donations can be dropped off at the doors as early as 10:30AM but swappers can not enter until 11AM Please bring your own bags.

@ClothingSwapGeorgia @ClothingSwapGeorgia

—Kelly Callen

Summer Solstice Picnic



Hi All! The UUMAN Summer Solstice Picnic is just a few weeks away on Saturday, June 20, at Azalea Park in Roswell. From 3 - 7 PM, join us to enjoy great company, delicious food, kayaking if you like, walking on the Roswell Riverwalk, music, or just hanging out in the shade of the pavilion.

The Earth Ministry will again offer meat and meatless varieties of hamburgers and hotdogs, plus buns. Please bring:

1. Food to share, along with a label listing ingredients. Or a beverage (large size).
2. The cups, plates, napkins, and silverware you and your family will use. We want to generate as little trash as possible and prefer to bring supplies we can take home to wash up.

You are also welcome to share a few words or a poem or lyric about the summer solstice. Miguel and John will provide music!

Watch for Sign-up Genius email inviting you to sign up for the food item you plan to bring.

—Martina Austin



50/50 Shared Plate Update

Every month, we share our offering with a non-profit or cause. Half of the cash on the first Sunday of the month is included in the total. For the remaining month, checks with 50-50 written on the memo line and Breeze Donations designated as 50-50 are included.

Thanks to the generosity of our UUMAN members and friends we continue to support many groups and organizations in our community.

In January, we collected **\$830.52 for Refugee Women’s Network.**

Our February recipient was the **Minnesota Immigrants’ Rights Action Committee who received a check for \$1,263.74.**

The youth selected the Equal Justice Initiative as our 50/50 partner for March following their trip to Montgomery. **The EJI received a check for \$661.79.**

In support of earth ministry in April, **we collected a total of \$486 for the Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL).**

The **total donated** to our partner organizations January through April is **\$3,242.05.**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need in our community.

Joan Rossi

Share the Plate Coordinator

Groveyay Community Event

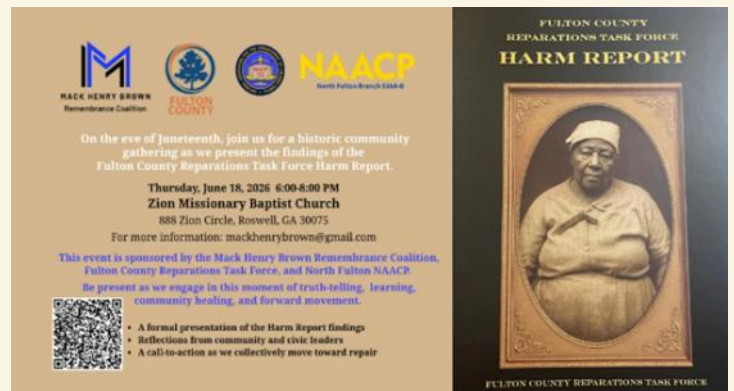
On Saturday, June 13, another important event will take place in Roswell as the Groveyay Community Group reveals their new logo.

The event is free, but RSVPs are requested: groveyaycommunitygroup.org/events

—Courtney Rozear

Fulton County Reparations Task Force Harm Report

Join the Fulton County Reparations task force on June 18 for a historic community gathering as they unveil the findings of the Harm Report.



—Courtney Rozear

Roswell Empowered announces 2026 Pride Walk & Fest



Join UUMAN's own Reverend Dave Dunn as he takes part in the kickoff to Roswell's 2nd Annual Pride Walk and first Pride Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Roswell's Historic Town Square.

All UUMAN members are encouraged to wear their brightest colors, bring positive energy, and show their support for Roswell as a thriving and inclusive community. There are also opportunities to support Pride and Roswell's LGBTQ+ community before the walk and festival. Events leading up to the walk and festival include karaoke, mini-golf, game night, and making banners.

This year's festival is made possible through the generous support of community partners and sponsors including Pride Champion Sponsor Pop Alleigh and Rainbow Sponsors Nest Trailers, 1920 Tavern, Roswell Provisions, The Fringe Miniature Golf, and 2nd and Charles. Parking is available at Roswell Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Roswell, and Roswell United Methodist Church.

For more information about the festival please visit Roswell Empowered's Instagram page. If you are interested in volunteering or being a food vendor, please contact Courtney Rozear at

courtneyrozear@gmail.com

—Courtney



June: 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 to office@uuman.org

Date	Topic	Service Leader
6/7	The Abode of the Clouds The Abode of the Clouds” is the name given to the Indian state of Meghalaya. Our partner church, its associated Children’s Village and primary school are located in the Meghalayan town of Mawsynjri. We are planning to travel there in October. Come and hear some stories of our prior visits with them. Visits that will not soon be forgotten.	Rev Dave Dunn
6/14	Everyday Anarchy: Let's Get Punk How can we integrate anarchy into our daily life? Is it really that radical or are some of us doing it already? Join someone currently exploring that question and let's learn together what anarchy could look like in our day-to-day lives. (All: Please bring a pair of sunglasses for this sermon. They may be required for entry into the Sanctuary) 😊	Ash Battistelli
6/21	Unexpected Places A “significant birthday” is an opportunity to review where we expected to be versus where we actually are.	Valorie Baylis
6/28	Looking Through the Window A UUMAN member explores the relevance of the eclectic, cross-cultural symbolism inherent in our Sanctuary’s prominent windows, and offers reflections on how the constituent “quaternity” of the ministerial “seasons” in his time have supplied special meaning and synchronicities.	Steve Allerton

Date	Celebration
6/6	Miriam P. is celebrating a birthday!
6/7	Penny D. is celebrating a birthday!
6/9	Gabe A. is celebrating a birthday!
	Melody A. is celebrating a birthday!
6/10	Burk & Merilee H. are celebrating an anniversary of 37 years!
	Jane S. is celebrating a birthday!
6/11	Jane & Marc S. are celebrating an anniversary of 49 years!
	Laurie & Mark W. are celebrating an anniversary of 38 years!
6/17	John S. is celebrating a birthday!
6/18	Jim S. is celebrating a birthday!
6/22	Étienne G. is celebrating a birthday!
	Isaac T. is celebrating a birthday!
6/23	Judy & Willard J. are celebrating an anniversary of 42 years!
6/24	Burk H. is celebrating a birthday!
	Carolyn & Marc L. are celebrating an anniversary of 36 years!
6/25	Luka K. is celebrating a birthday!
6/27	Bob & Rosie P. are celebrating an anniversary of 43 years!

about your special day, in the month prior to the event, to **ABOUT THE UUMANTimes:** The UUMANTimes is the newsletter of Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North (UUMAN). We go live with each issue by the first Sunday of the month; deadline for submissions is typically on the 22nd of the month preceding the issue date. Please email your news articles and artwork to newsletter@uuman.org