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The Deferred Dream of the Dreamers

Did you know that Georgia is one of only three states to implement admissions bans of undocumented persons in public higher education?

(Alabama and South Carolina join us in esteemed company.)

Did you know that Georgia would lose about \$24 million in tax dollars annually if DACA recipients (Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals; a.k.a. Dreamers) lose their eligibility status? \$24 million would pay the salaries of over 700 teachers annually. (Admittedly, teachers are drastically underpaid!)

Did you know that if undocumented immigrants in Georgia were to receive legal status, they could contribute an additional \$100 million in state and local taxes annually?

Did you know that immigrants start businesses at twice the rate of nonimmigrants?

Did you know that 83% of the finalists of the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search - often called the "Junior Nobel Prize" - were the children of non-US-born parents?

Did you know that a study by the Cato Institute indicated that nonimmigrants are incarcerated at nearly twice the rate of illegal immigrants, and more than three times the rate of legal ones? (Granted, the US has a profit-driven sickness concerning incarceration that is a whole other problem.)

• The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee was looking to hire a community organizer in Georgia. They consulted with me regarding some of the applicants. Here's a portion of a resume we received from a 19-year-old female Dreamer:

High School Honors Graduate 2016, GPA 4.0, Top 5% of the class

• Relevant Awards: Faculty Cup (2016), Principal's Leadership Award (2016), Chamber Foundation Leadership Scholarship (2016), Community Character Coalition Scholarship (2016), Hispanic Heritage Gold Award in Engineering and Mathematics in Atlanta (2015), Quest-Bridge Finalist (2015-16), AP Scholar with Honor (2015), Governor's Honors Program Science Alternate

(2014), Georgia Certificate of Merit (2014), Outstanding Attorney Award in Mock Trial at Region and District (2014), Superintendent's Spotlight Award (2014)

- Extracurriculars: Robotics (Captain, Electrical Team, Co-Head Programmer, Equipment Manager), Future Business Leaders of America (Vice President 2015, Treasurer 2016), Mock Trial (Attorney), French National Honor Society, National Honor Society
- Employed robotC (C-based programming language) to create programs for the joystick controller which moved the motors and servo motors and to create autonomous programs that made the robot perform certain tasks
- Designed a powertrain for the drivetrain, and wired all of the motors using a new communication platform
- Advanced to the winning alliance at both of our qualifiers, won the PTC Design award, and qualified for the state championship

Wait....We want to deport this person???

(She withdrew here application when she received a scholarship to a private university. Good for her! Hopefully she'll be allowed to remain in the country to complete her education.)

Regarding Dreamers, asylum seekers, immigrants and undocumented persons in general, **a case could be made that we need them more than they need us!**

For this country to compete on the world stage in the coming decades, we desperately need their entrepreneurial spirit, their willingness to sacrifice and work hard without guarantees of success and their fierce desire to have a shot at the American Dream.

(I'm grateful that they still see the United States as the place to dream dreams despite our mistreatment of them).

There is room for them here! It's time that we welcomed them!

Take care,

Dave



Notes from the Board of Trustees

Christmas and New Year's has come and gone and the year is half over with. Not the calendar year, the fiscal year. The church's fiscal year, like many corporations, runs from July 1st (my birthday by the way) to June 30th. So again we are halfway through the year. So far expenses for the year are just slightly over budget. We look positive to stay within our budget for this year.

Pledges are up because of folks wanting the tax advantage for 2018, but if this year follows last year, we are going to go into a dry spell now. Pledges last January - May dropped off because of folks paying their pledges early. So we need to reserve our gains to cover this period. Add on top of that that we will have pay at least a minimum \$1000 to cover the deductible on the flooding in Fellowship Hall plus cover the revenues lost because we have to discount Premo for their inconvenience. And we still need to think about replacing another air handling system in the sanctuary.

On the brighter side, thanks to the hard work of Mike Liebergesell, Don Groce, Bob Popp, Pat Carter, and Rick Lakes, the kitchen floor in Discovery Hall has been replaced for under \$500. The building already smells much better now that all the decaying wood is gone.

The hard work of Beverly Jordan and Donna Melcher have paid off and the endowment fund now contains over \$28,500, a huge jump from the \$10,000 the previous year.

Many thanks to Tanya Romine and Jim Nickens for putting together a fantastic Harvest Moon auction this year. Sales came in \$5000 over projections giving us the best Harvest Moon yet.

The stewardship drive is about to begin and I want to commend those that have given generously to the ongoing survival of UUMAN in the past and hope you will continue their support and generosity. Membership in UUMAN comes with its responsibilities and the ongoing financial support is a very important part of that.

For those members that are retired you can set it up

with your IRA to have checks paid directly to UUMAN and thereby avoid any taxes incurred by the withdrawal. Check with your IRA provider for details.

And lastly, just a reminder that each of us enjoys the fruits of UUMAN's facilities and programs and the ongoing financial support of the congregation is a very important part of that.

Colin Decker
UUMAN Treasurer

It's Reading Time

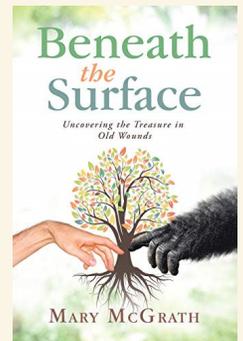
My book is finally done. The title is **Beneath the Surface: Uncovering the Treasure in Old Wounds**. It is up on Amazon and the publisher built a website with a blog:

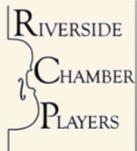
<https://www.mcgrath-beneaththesurface.com>

I am very happy about letting it go, though I cannot call it finished. It needs other people's thoughts and insights. This feels like planting a seed. The connections and questions in this work beg for a new frame of reference for a human self-image. Every comment will be welcome!

Love and Blessings,

Mary McGrath





Classical Concert at UUMAN



Sunday, March 10 at 4PM - ROY ZIMMERMAN IN CONCERT at UUCA

The Riverside Chamber Players will present our spring concert on March 10th at 3:00pm right here at UUMAN. We will perform the Trio in D minor for Violin, Cello and Piano by Anton Arensky. This is one of the best known works by this Russian composer.

We are also excited to present the regional premiere of Claudia Montero's Cuarteto para Buenos Aires. This lively and challenging string quartet won the 2016 Latin Grammy for best contemporary classical composition. A native of Argentina, Ms. Montero is rapidly gaining a global profile with commissions for orchestras such as the Liverpool Philharmonic. Tickets available online at www.riversidechamberplayers.org, or at the door on concert day.

As always, the 90 minute concert will be followed by an outstanding wine and cheese "Meet the Musicians" reception, included with every ticket.

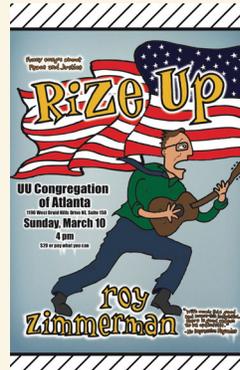
The Riverside Chamber Players is non-profit group that provides locally based, affordably priced programs designed to be artistic, educational, and interactive.

If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out with the event then please contact Marc Lee at marclee@bellsouth.net

General: \$20

Seniors (55+): \$15

Students & Teachers: Free



In the current national nightmare, we need to laugh. And we need to hope. Roy Zimmerman's signature blend of heart and hilarity has never been more necessary. Roy returns to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta at 4 pm on Sunday, March 10, with a new show titled "RiZe Up," which is ninety minutes of his original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice.

Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, and his videos have garnered tens of millions of views. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records, and performed at venues across the country, including many Unitarian Universalist congregations. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Ellen DeGeneres, Holly Near, Robin Williams, Arlo Guthrie, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin, and tours the country constantly with his wife and co-writer Melanie Harby.



Suggested donation for the concert is \$20, but no one is turned away. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA) is located at 1190 West Druid Hills Drive NE, Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30329.

For those who have not heard him, some of Roy's songs can be sampled at the below links:

"Thoughts and Prayers" - <https://www.facebook.com/39171898761/videos/10155446314448762/>

"My Vote, My Voice, My Right" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-X-uBlqevM>

Family Promise Meals with Meaning Fundraiser Dinner

You are invited to North Fulton/DeKalb Family Promise's annual fund raising dinner on March 21, 2019.



**MEALS
WITH
MEANING**

Save the Date
Thursday, March 21st, 2019
Heritage Sandy Springs
6:00PM to 9:00PM

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SOUTHERN STYLE DINNER WITH WINE, BEER, AND ICED TEA. LIVE MUSIC, 50/50 RAFFLE AND AN INSPIRING TESTIMONIAL FROM A GRADUATE FAMILY.

\$50 PER TICKET

for tickets please visit our website,
www.familypromisenfd.org/events

Please consider joining Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb as a sponsor for our 2019 Meals with Meaning Event. For more information on opportunities to support our "Freedom to Work Program" please contact
Andrea Brantley.
director@familypromisenfd.org
(770) 609-5407



UUMAN Sharing the Plate—50/50

Once each month, half of our undesignated plate offering is given to a non-profit organization. The other half goes for the work of our congregation. Please consider giving even more generously than usual on these Sundays.

Michelle Liebergesell

UUMAN's "Share the Plate" Coordinator



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

communications-chair@uuman.org

Date	Celebration
3/4	Marty Harvey and Kim Palmer are celebrating 25 years together on the first Saturday of March
3/6	Fiona K. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/10	Alden Kennedy Corey, Kathie Lyon's grandson, is celebrating a birthday
3/12	Claire C. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/16	Liz Garcia is celebrating a birthday
3/18	Maya H. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/20	Marc Lee is celebrating a birthday
3/26	Lori Achille is celebrating a birthday Dirk Bender is celebrating a birthday
3/27	Lucas B. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/29	Danielle B. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday
3/31	Guillermo Kuhl is celebrating a birthday Janet Lacey is celebrating a birthday Stephen S. of our MCY program is celebrating a birthday

A Month of Sundays

Date	Topic	Service Leaders
3/3	The Shadow We Cast Lent begins on March 6. For Christians, Lent is a time of preparation, self-denial, almsgiving and repentance. It is a time when we look in the mirror and assess ourselves. Are we comfortable with what we see? Are we comfortable with the shadow side of our nature? Can we be at peace with ourselves?	Rev. Dave Dunn
3/10	UUMAN – What’s it worth? If UUMAN didn’t exist, where else would you go? Is there anything else like us in North Fulton? What other denomination accepts you for who you are, allows you to love who you need to love, believe what you need to believe? What is that worth to you?	Rev. Dave Dunn
3/17	Youth Group Service	UUMAN Youth Group
3/24	The Equinox: Our Heart's Connection The human race has long viewed the spring equinox as a time of celebration and life. Join us as we explore our connection to the ancient ways of marking the beginning of spring and the spiritual hold it still has on us in the modern world.	Kim Palmer
3/31	Lumos Maxima: Spirituality of the Fandom No matter what fandom you support, be it Harry Potter, Joss Whedon, Star Trek, The Walking Dead, Dr. Who or Downton Abbey, you're in good company at a UU church! Come explore the reasons why Unitarian Universalism has been called a "Religion of Nerds" and why this is an AWESOME title to have! All are encouraged to come in costume (no masks, please) and vie for the first place prize!	Rev. Charlotte Arseneault

March Connections

Date	Event
Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.	UUMAN’s Painting Group Learn to paint in a relaxed atmosphere (with a glass of red wine if desired). We have easels and tray tables; just bring your paints and a canvas. A portion of the fee goes to UUMAN. Contact: Annette Pate painting@uuman.org
Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15. Location of meetings vary.	Daytimers 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. dan@uuman.org
Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary	Centering at UUMAN Silent meditation Saturday mornings at UUMAN. Please come at 9:00 for some basic instruction if it is your first time. The meditation itself begins promptly at 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 campoften@aol.com
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 in Discovery Hall	Circle of Women We aim to develop a warm nurturing circle of trust where we can share ourselves and our lives. Contact Linda Etheridge lletheridge1@gmail.com
Saturdays , 1-2:30 in the Sanctuary, or Discovery Hall if the Sanctuary is not available. Childcare is available .	Mindfulness Meditation Whether you have been meditating for years or are curious about possibly starting a practice, we offer a peaceful space to sit as well as a time to share and learn in a community of fellow meditators. Contact J. Kevin King at jkevinking@yahoo.com (470) 723-4070

For more information about other offerings at UUMAN, go to www.uuman.org.

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