



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 16, 11:00 am

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit as we continue our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of "Grief." Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages, and our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg. Please remember to bring a mask.

Live Stream

If you're unable to attend, you may watch our live streaming service starting at 10:50 am this Sunday on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/UUGainesville>

Starting at 10:50 am each Sunday, you can use this link to go directly to the live broadcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSnQkwxBNGT-H1RLSg6lRfA/live>

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, April 23, 12:15

Members, please attend a Town Hall on Sunday, April 23rd after the service to update the congregation on where the Board is in the process of hiring a minister. Your presence is important.

If you have questions, please let me know at marthajsoles@gmail.com.

~ Martha Soles

SHARE THE PLATE WITH FAMILY PROMISE

Sunday, April 16, 11:00 am



Family Promise is a collaboration of local faith communities to provide homeless children and their families with compassionate care that includes case management, education, housing, meals and transportation.

At this service all non-designated offerings will be given to Family Promise of Gainesville.

You may contribute to our Share the Plate collection in several ways:

1. Simply put money in the offering basket on Sunday.
2. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
3. Go to our website's donation page at <https://www.uufg.org/give/donate.html> — click the Donate button and select "Share the Plate" as an option.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVERSATION ON FAMILY PROMISE

Sunday, April 16, 10:00 am

Though our congregation has been affiliated with Family Promise for over 20 years, the pandemic changed the way Family Promise operated. UUFG turned from providing direct shelter to providing meals and other support while the families were put up in motels. Consequently, many members of our congregation have never volunteered or know what is entailed in hosting Family Promise in person.

To learn more about Family Promise, come to Classroom 3 for a conversation with Pat Caren, our long-time Family Promise coordinator.

Pat will also table after service, so look for her to find out more!

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING*Monday, April 17, 6:30 am*

Our Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting this coming Monday, April 17 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members and friends are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com

Zoom meeting link:

[https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

[pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE*Sunday, April 16, 1:00 pm*

The Social Justice Circle will meet this coming Sunday, April 16th in the Common Room And on Zoom at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Look for a ZOOM link on News and Needs the end of the week.

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99287523789>

Meeting ID: 992 8752 3789

GAINESVILLE AREA AIDS PROJECT*Collection continues Sunday, April 16*

Our Social Justice Committee is collecting items for the Gainesville Area AIDS Project (GAAP). GAAP provides many direct services to people with HIV/AIDS, one of which being free personal hygiene items.

April 16 concludes our three-Sunday collection drive for GAAP. Please help us make this collection a resounding success by contributing a bottle of laundry detergent (no powders or pods) or a pack of toilet paper. (16-roll packs are ideal, but no roll is turned away.)

This Sunday, look for a table with a sign at the back of the Sanctuary where you can drop off your donations. Questions? Contact Peter Marino for details, pmarino30@gmail.com

~ Peter Marino

HAVE YOU PLEDGED?

Many thanks to our members and supporting friends who have pledged! If you haven't yet pledged for our 2023-2024 fiscal year, our online form is available by clicking [HERE](#).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE
SUNDAY SERVICE***Sunday, April 23, 11:00 am*

Our Social Justice Service on April 23 featuring speaker UF student Melanie Schepmans will offer a young person's perspective on, Climate Change.

Throughout her life, Melanie has been drawn to opportunities to connect with and protect the environment around her. At the University of Florida she pursues a major in sustainability, with minors in environmental justice and policy, agriculture and natural resource ethics and policy, and religion.

With her passion for the environment and her drive to make a difference, Melanie is committed to share what she has learned about the importance of actions to prepare for and mitigate climate change

Our speaker and readers represent a diverse mix of ages from Youth to Young Adults. They will speak to their futures and what we can do in the present to address the problems of the Climate Crisis. Please attend!

I AM GRATEFUL TO

Many thanks to the *Questors Touchstone Group*, which hosted last Sunday's Coffee Hour, including *Debra Neill-Mareci, Kirsten Flamand, Deborah McEdward, Tom Mareci, and Tim Christy*, with help from *Lynn Jamieson and Hazel Hazlett*.

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a "gratitude" to share, expressing appreciation for someone working "behind the scenes" to make UUFG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uuoffice@uufg.org.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Seventy-one adults attended our April 9 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 64 clicks.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION*Sunday, April 16, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the April 16 service. Curious but not sure this denomination is for you? Definitely interested in membership? This orientation session is for all of you.

For more information or to sign up for orientation, come to the welcome table in the foyer prior to service or to the visitor's table outside during coffee hour. Look for the green tablecloth. You may also contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net for more info.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Gene Cowell, Barbara Palmer, Carolyn Holland, Mary Keith, and Berney Pellett!



Do you have a birthday this coming week, but aren't on our list? Please contact the office to let Cam know (uuoffice@uufg.org).

MORNING MEDITATION*Tuesdays, 8:30 am*

UUFG's Mindfulness Meditation group continues offers meditation sessions every Tuesday from 8:30- 9:45 am via Zoom. The half-hour meditation practice is followed by reading and discussion of Buddhist teachings from several traditions. For information and the Zoom link, contact Diane DePuydt (diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or Pete Turner (peteturner123@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
SIGN UP ONLINE FOR
COFFEE HOUR**

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer yourself, you and a few friends, your family, your committee (you get the idea) to host Coffee Hour. It's fun, easy, and so appreciated!

DOESN'T COST A DIME

Reimbursement sheets are provided, and the reimbursement process is easy. Just save your receipts.

Questions?

Contact Susan at susan.christy42@gmail.com

**Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
April 16**

Outside Greeter	Tim Christy
Welcome Table	Alice Primack Joy Avery
Foyer Monitor	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Judith Kendall
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker

**REV. CHRISTE LUNSFORD ON
STUDY LEAVE**
Thursday, April 20 — Friday, April 28

This coming Thursday, Rev. Christe is away on study leave. They'll be out of the office starting Thursday, April 20 and through Friday, April 28. Please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator at uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-166p or Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com with Fellowship-related concerns.

**UU VALDOSTA
MEDITATION**
Tuesdays, 8:00 pm by Zoom!

Our UU neighbors to the north have made their ongoing Tuesday evening meditations available to our Fellowship. Join their sessions Zoom at 8:00 pm each Tuesday, and at 8:10 pm they begin 30 minutes of silent meditation.

If you would like to join this meditation group or would like more information, please send a message directly to Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home>

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16 —

- 10:00 am** Social Justice Discussion on Family Promise (Classroom 3)
10:00 am Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
10:00 pm HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)
12:00 pm Newcomer Orientation (Welcome Table — contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net for info)
1:00 pm Social Justice Circle (Common Room & Zoom — contact Mary Bahr for info at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

Monday, April 17

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 18 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, April 19 —

- 7:00 pm** Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall)
7:00 pm Touchstone Discussion Group (Common Room. Closed group discussion)

Thursday, April 20 —

- 7:00 pm:** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 21 —

- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Sunday, April 23 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
10:00 pm Parenting & Religion Class (Common Room — for info, contact Diana Hagan at diana.hagan@gmail.com)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)
12:15 pm Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Near our entrance, we have a “free pantry” box, which allows people to drop off or pick up food donations in our neighborhood.

Do you have some non-perishable food to share? The box is located near the entrance to our Fellowship.

Questions? Contact Cam in the office at uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM COLLECTION

Each Sunday, we collect food to benefit our local Food4Kids Backpack Program, which provides children with non-perishable food that they can bring home to their families. We plan to continue this collection program through the spring.

The next time you attend service at UUFG, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item when you attend. Look for a cart near the entrance to our Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Chris Vulpe at cvulpe@mac.com.

Suggested Items:

- **Breakfast Items** — oatmeal packets, cereals
- **Canned/Boxed Goods** — beans, meats, pasta, soup, veggies
- **Snacks** — raisins, pretzels, fruit cups, pudding, peanut butter and jelly, etc.
- **Drinks** — shelf stable milk, juice boxes/pouches

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uuoffice@uufg.org) for editing by noon on Wednesdays. Please put “for Gazette” in your subject line. Your submissions will be posted up to three times, inserted on dates you indicate.

ARTICLE TWO — OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Submit your feedback by April 30, 8:59 am

Per the UUA, any Unitarian Universalist may submit suggestions and ideas modifying the [Article II Study Commission proposal \(PDF\)](#) using an online form. The deadline to submit this feedback is April 30.

Each suggestion or idea should describe specific language changes to the proposal, explain the reason, and be limited to a single section of the proposal. Individuals may submit multiple suggestions and ideas.

All qualifying suggestions will be posted for public chat discussion at discuss.uua.org, starting after April 15. Suggestions must be received by April 30 in order to be posted.

Additionally, the UUA Board of Trustees will host public discussion workshops on May 11, 18 and 21 to review suggestions and ideas. These rounds of public discussion will inform the way amendments are prioritized for discussion and voting at General Assembly. (Please watch upcoming Gazettes for information about these workshops.)

To submit your suggestions and ideas, use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/UUA/A2Ideas>

More about the process and the form from the UUA:

At General Assembly 2023, Unitarian Universalists will take an initial vote on proposed changes to Article II of the Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws, which includes the current UUA purposes, principles, sources, and clauses on inclusion and freedom of belief.

To read the full proposal from the Article II Study Commission and get more information about the process, visit uua.org/a2sc.

***NOTE:** Submitting suggestions and ideas through this form is for the purpose of public discussion, and does NOT submit an amendment which could be voted on at General Assembly. Amendments eligible for voting must be separately submitted by delegates through the online delegate platform, which will be available when the GA final agenda is published in May. Delegate amendments which are based on suggestions or ideas which had been previously discussed through this process are more likely to be prioritized for discussion and voting at General Assembly.*

The form has fields for the following information:

Submitter Name

Submitter Email (not posted publicly)

Submitter Phone Number (not posted publicly)

Congregation

All suggestions should be based on the [Article II Study Commission's proposal](#).

What is your suggestion or idea? Please show text to be deleted, replaced, or new text to be added, and limit each suggestion to a single section of the proposal. Or upload a file of your proposed suggestion or idea.

What is the reason for your amendment idea? Imagine you were giving an explanation to the General Assembly.

Have you discussed this idea with your congregation or other UUs? If so, please describe who you have talked to and their response(s).

Do you have a profile on discuss.uua.org? If so, what is your username? (This is not required in order to submit your suggestion, but you will need a profile to engage in discussions about your suggestion or other suggestions and ideas.)

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL AT UFG!
Pictures courtesy of Debra Neill-Mareci



