



## PALM SUNDAY SERVICE ~ IN PERSON ONLY ~ Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am

This Sunday, Reverend Christe is in our Fellowships pulpit as we begin our exploration of the April Touchstone theme of Grief. A Capella group Resonance provides music, and Anna Deyle serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages. Please remember to bring a mask.

*Because of the content of this service, it will not be broadcast online, so please do make every effort to attend this in person only service.*

## GAINESVILLE AREA AIDS PROJECT

*Collection begins Sunday, April 2*

Toilet paper and laundry detergent! The Social Justice Committee is collecting these items for the Gainesville Area AIDS Project (GAAP) starting Sunday, April 2, then on April 9 and April 16. GAAP provides many direct services to people with HIV/AIDS, one of which being free personal hygiene items.

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. Anyone with an SUV or other large car who can help me transport the goods will receive extra jewels in their heavenly crown (if you believe that sort of thing.) Contact Peter Marino for details, pmarino30@gmail.com

~ Peter Marino

## ELECTRIC CAR SHOW

*Sunday, April 2, 12:15 pm*

Our Social Justice will hold an Electric Car Show this Sunday from 12:15 to 1 pm with cars from our own members.

Come browse over a dozen cars including hybrids, plugin hybrids, and EVs (all electric) in our “Electric Car Grove” located just north of the tent. Owners will be by their cars to answer any questions you might have.

In addition, Social Justice will offer a guide to tax credits and rebates on both new and used electric vehicles.

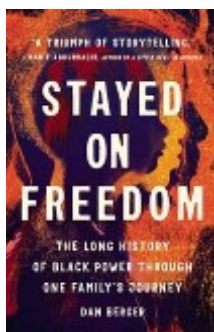
## Light Lunch to Follow Car Show

After our electric car show ends at 1 pm, Social Justice will have a light lunch with sandwiches and a potluck of finger foods starting at 1:15.

## UUGF COMMON READ DISCUSSION

*~Stayed on Freedom~*

*Sunday, April 2, 2:00 pm*



After a light lunch, please stay for our common read discussion 2 pm of *Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey* by Dan Berger

This biography explores the lived historical experiences of UUGF member Zoharah Simmons and her family. Zoharah will facilitate discussion using a question-and-answer format — so if you are reading the book bring your questions!

If you have not read it yet, don't hesitate to come for what will be a fascinating discussion.

## 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](#).

**FAMILY PROMISE**

*Learn More on Sunday,  
April 16!*



UUGF has served with Family Promise for over 20 years. It is an interfaith organization that works with homeless families to help them get back on their feet. Local churches take turns providing shelter and meals. It is both fulfilling and labor-intensive. Many volunteers are needed during the weeks a congregation hosts families.

The pandemic changed the way Family Promise operated, and UUGF 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.

Pat Caren, our Family Promise coordinator, will be tabling on Sunday, April 16 to help you explore the benefits of Family Promise and the work required to host in person.

Drop by her table after service that Sunday to explore this opportunity for ministry with homeless families and find out what you can do if the congregation votes to start hosting in person again.

**WEATHER SAFETY  
RESOURCES**

During last Sunday’s Town Hall Meeting facilitated by our Safety Committee, David Willkomm promised that participants could see the April 2 *Gazette* for information about important inclement weather media outlets.

These resources include

- NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website: <https://www.noaa.gov/>
- Florida Division of Emergency Management: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>
- A variety of smart phone applications such as Florida Storms (<https://floridastorms.org/app/>) and AccuWeather (<https://www.accuweather.com/>)

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



Please wish “happy birthday” to Qianqian Zhao!

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).

**I AM GRATEFUL TO**



Many thanks to the Friends Of the Courtyard team who hosted this past Sunday's UUGF Coffee Hour, including *Peggy Maloney, Barbara and Tom Palmer, Bev Giordano, Debby Jo Malickson, Judith Kendall, Lynn Jamieson, Pat Caren and Judi Oltmans*. Going forward, FOTC has volunteered to provide hospitality the last Sunday of every other month. KUDOS to this group, who serve us both inside and out!

~ Susan Christy

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

**RECENT ATTENDANCE**

Eighty-four people attended our March 26 service while 94 views show on our YouTube video presentation.

**ONLINE GIVING TO UUGF**

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

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home> to set up your account.

**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](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com)

**GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS**

The Gazette is reserved for UUGF 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.

## UUFG CALENDAR

### *Sunday, April 2 —*

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth  
(Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** HUUGG Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com))
- 10:00 am** Discussion Group (Classroom 3 — for info, contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net))
- 10:15** Membership Committee (Classroom 4)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am** Messy Sunday for kids (Playground — for info, contact James Chase at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:15 pm** Electric Car Show (Parking Lot)
- 2:00 pm** Common Read discussion (Phillips Hall / Tent Area)

### *Monday, April 3*

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm** Finance Committee (Common Room — for info, contact Jim Wright at [jim.wright123@gmail.com](mailto:jim.wright123@gmail.com))

### *Tuesday, April 4 —*

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at [diane.depuydt@gmail.com](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or Pete Turner at [peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com))
- 2:00 pm** Safety Committee (Sanctuary — Questions? Contact Jonathan Coron at [jim.wright123@gmail.com](mailto:jim.wright123@gmail.com))
- 6:30 pm** Worship Team (Zoom — for info, contact Rev. Christe at [minister@uufg.org](mailto:minister@uufg.org))
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com))

### *Thursday, April 6 —*

- 5:30 pm** Pickleball-4-All (Parking lot — for info, contact Kirsten Flamand at [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com))
- 7:00 pm:** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, April 7 —*

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

### *Saturday, April 8 —*

- 9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning

### *Sunday, April 9 —*

- 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](mailto:diana.hagan@gmail.com))
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am** Messy Sunday for kids (Playground — for info, contact James Chase at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))
- 12:00 pm** CYREC (Common Room)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Welcome Table — contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for info)

## Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! April 2

<b>Outside Greeter</b>	Bev Giordano
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Peggy Maloney Susan Christy
<b>Foyer Monitor</b>	Joseph Rowe
<b>RE Monitor</b>	Peggy Maloney
<b>Ushers</b>	Debra Neill-Mareci
<b>Visitors Table</b>	Diane DePuydt Judith Kendall
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Garrett Hecker

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

*Sunday, April 9, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the April 9 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](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for more info.

## 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](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com)) or Pete Turner ([peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com)).

## 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

## 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](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com) with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.



## BLUU — BLACK LIVES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) is an organizing collective committed to expanding the power and capacity of Black UUs within the denomination.

BLUU works to provide support, information and resources specifically for Unitarian Universalists who identify as Black or of African descent.

We include information about BLUU events to support those our members who also participate in BLUU. While most BLUU’s events are private, occasionally they will open an event to all UUs.

For more, visit <https://www.blacklivesuu.com/>

*Sunday, April 9 —*

4:00 pm-5:30 pm — BLUU Online Worship. We invite Black Unitarian Universalists and all Black people to join us for a time of remembrance, connection and reflection through song, silence, dancing and sharing! Learn more by joining the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BLUUExplicitlyBlack/>