



BELTANE SERVICE & RITUAL

Sunday, April 30

11:00 am ~ "Dirt Girl in the Trees"

Sometimes called "May Day," Beltane is an ancient Pagan holiday that marks the midpoint between the spring equinox and summer solstice.

On Sunday, April 30, our Sacred Oak CUUPS chapter facilitates service. Debra Neill-Mareci is in the Fellowship's pulpit; her sermon is "Dirt Girl in the Trees." Deborah McEdward and Leah Cobb Lee serve as worship associates, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg. This service includes burning votive and very short candles lit at the front of the Sanctuary. 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>

7:00 pm ~ Fire Circle Ritual

Sacred Oak CUUPS is also facilitating a Beltane ritual celebration at our Fire Circle, starting at 7 pm on that Sunday evening. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a portable chair if you wish for comfortable seating. Our Fire Circle is located south of our classrooms near the labyrinth.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 12:15 pm

Members, please mark your calendars to attend our Fellowship's annual congregational meeting in the Sanctuary following the May 7 Sunday service.

At this meeting, members will vote on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, slates of candidates for both Governing Board and Leadership Development Committees, bylaws changes, and guidance for our General Assembly delegates.

For the agenda and information about these ballot items, please click [HERE](#).

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT

Saturday, May 6, 6:30 pm

Members of our Chalice Choir are busy preparing for a concert at our Fellowship on Saturday, May 6, at 6:30 pm.

Please "mark your calendars" for this showcase of our Fellowship's musical talents!

Watch our news-and-needs listserv for more information.

RICHARD CURTIS TREE DEDICATION

Sunday, April 30, 12:15

Our UUFG Men's Lunch Group has planted a tree in memory of Richard Curtis, who passed away last October. The group is facilitating an informal dedication of the tree following the April 30 service. All are invited to attend the dedication at 12:15 pm to share memories of Richard. Look for the Men's Group inside the parking lot circle across from the tent area.

MAY SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR



Sunday, May 28, 3:00 pm

Common Read: *The Climate Book* by Greta Thunberg

If you want the scientific language of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) translated for non-scientists, this is the book for you. ***Please see the graphic on the Gazette's page 3 for an indication of why this subject is vital for study!***

This anthology with an all-star cast of writers on climate is the UUFG Social Justice common read for the Summer. We will discuss the book's different sections monthly by Zoom on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. First discussion will be *Part 1: How Climate Works, the Science*, pgs. 1-41

The book is available from local booksellers in hardback for \$30, on order from Amazon for \$24 (used copies available for less), as an e-book for \$15.99, and on Audible for \$30 or one credit.

One of the recommended ways to fight climate change is to educate yourself and share with friends and family. You don't have to go it alone.

Saturday, May 6, 2:00 — 4: 00 pm

Vets for Peace — Peace Poetry, and Peace Scholarships award ceremonies

This event is a yearly project of Veterans for Peace sponsored by UUFG Social Justice Council. Children reading Peace Poems, Music, and great food afterward at the reception. The public is invited, especially UUFG members along with the child finalists, their families and teachers, and school board members. UUFG members are invited to bring finger foods for the reception.

Sunday, May 21, 1:00 pm

Social Justice Circle

Our circle meets monthly to discuss upcoming Social Justice initiatives using a hybrid format. We're "live" in the Common Room at 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 21, but you can also attend via Zoom. Anyone interested in our social justice program is welcome to attend. Watch upcoming Gazettes for the link.

Sunday, May 21, 11:00 am

Share the Plate with UUA Climate and Environment programs

Create Climate Justice (<https://www.uua.org/environment>) includes Green Sanctuary and several other programs for the Climate.

Monday, May 22, 6:00 pm

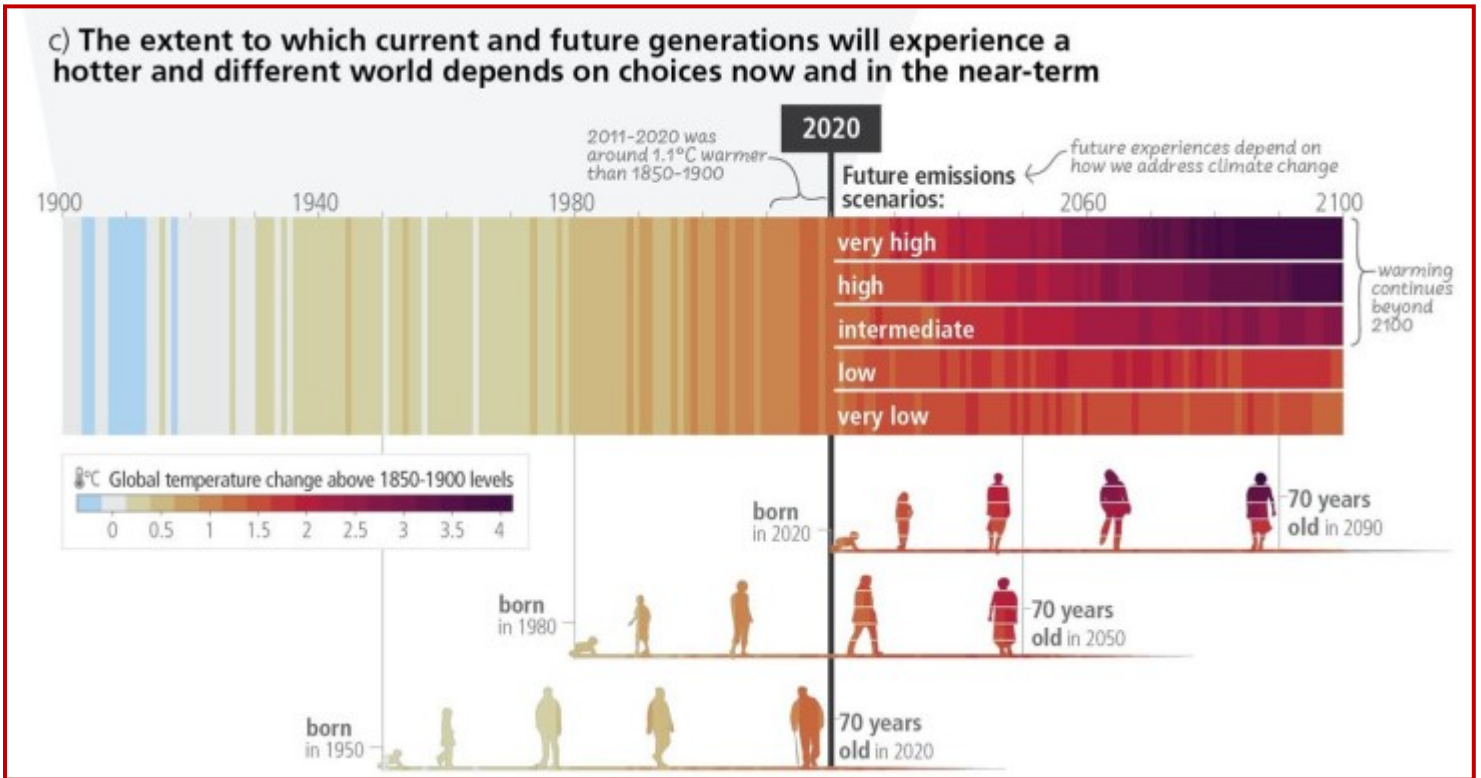
Popcorn and a movie: *Don't Look Up*

We hope to stream this movie on Zoom and offer an in-person viewing with a discussion afterward. Mark your calendar and look for more details and a Zoom link coming soon.

September Social Justice Fair

We will be back in early September with a Social Justice Fair highlighting our own committees and some of the local organizations Social Justice works with. We are planning a sustainable foods lunch, more on federal tax credits to make your home more energy efficient, and much more.

For information about these events or our Social Justice activities more generally, please contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.



ARTICLE TWO CONVERSATION WITH REV. CHRIS

Sunday, April 30, 12:15 pm

Following service on April 30, Rev. Christe Lunsford will guide a conversation about the proposed Article 2 revisions and answer questions about the overall revision process. All are welcome to attend. Depending on how many show up, we'll start in the Common Room, but move to the Sanctuary as numbers dictate.

Also, the UUA is sponsoring several workshops via Zoom in May to craft amendments to the Article 2 revision in advance of General Assembly in June. Use the links below to register for one or more of the workshops.

[Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm workshop](#)

[Thursday, May 18, 7:00 pm workshop](#)

[Sunday, May 21, 4:00 pm workshop](#)

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Seventy-eight people attended our April 23 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 42 views.

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>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” Martha Harrell, Kate Hitchcock, Norden Lucke, and Alena Vargas!



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).

**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

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:15 pm** Article 2 Conversation (Common Room)
- 12:15 pm** Richard Curtis Tree Dedication
- 7:00 pm** Beltane Ritual (Fire Circle)

Monday, May 1

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 2 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
- 2:00 pm** Safety Committee (Entrance to Sanctuary — for info, contact Jonathan Coron, Safety Committee Chair, at coronjonathan@gmail.com)
- 6:30 pm** Worship Team (Zoom — Questions? Contact Liz Stewart, Worship Team Chair, at marmstew002@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Thursday, May 4 —

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

Friday, May 5 —

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

Saturday, May 6 —

- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room)
- 2:00 pm** Vets for Peace Poetry Event (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)
- 6:30 pm** Chalice Choir Showcase Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 7 —

- 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)
- 11:00 am** Messy Sunday (Playground)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:15 pm** Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to members of the *UUFG Safety Committee* for providing last Sunday’s Coffee Hour Hospitality, 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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!

	April 30	May 7
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett Mike Hazlett	
Welcome Table	Barbara Palmer Tom Palmer	
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Joseph Rowe
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	
Visitors Table	Alice Primack	
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker	Garrett Hecker

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.

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



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HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE



Please talk to an usher for information.



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, May 14 —

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/>