



SUNDAY SERVICE
The Promise of Flowers
Sunday, April 9, 11:00 am

Please bring a flower to service!

On this Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Flower Communion, observing a UU ritual created by Czech Unitarian minister Norbert Čapek. Rev. Christe is in the Fellowship's pulpit, and Mary Anthony 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>

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the April anniversaries of our membership.

- *Four Years:* Anna Deyle
- *Five Years:* Alena & Andrew Vargas
- *Eight Years:* Grace Neagle
- *Thirteen Years:* Michell Montague
- *Sixteen Years:* Jenny Gavilánez-Slone & Daniel Slone
- *Eighteen Years:* Mignon Craig, Cindy Capehart and Jim Friske
- *Twenty-Two Years:* Pete Turner
- *Thirty Years:* Rosemarie Dinkluge
- *Thirty-Five Years:* Pat Caren
- *Forty-Five Years:* Alice Primack

TOWN HALL MEETING ON BUDGETING AND MINISTRY

Sunday, April 9, 12:15 pm

Your Finance Committee has been gathering and weighing information in advance of our report to the Governing Board concerning our path forward this coming year without Rev. Christe. We have been discussing if, and how, we can meet our need and desire for continued professional ministry given current financial constraints.

So that we hear from you — and you know our current thinking — please make every effort to attend this important Town Hall in our Sanctuary this Sunday after service. This is a chance for you to be involved and to be heard.

~ Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair

GAINESVILLE AREA AIDS PROJECT

Collection continues Sunday, April 9 & 16

Toilet paper and laundry detergent! The Social Justice Committee is collecting these items for the Gainesville Area AIDS Project (GAAP). Our collection started on Sunday, April 2, and continues 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. Questions? Contact Peter Marino for details, pmarino30@gmail.com

~ Peter Marino

A Letter from Rev. Christe Lunsford to UUFG
Originally emailed on Monday, April 3



Dear Members of the Fellowship,

As the board and staff reviewed the pledge numbers that make up our budget at UUFG, it became clear to me that the fellowship cannot afford a full time minister. So beloveds, from a place of love and ethics, I am informing you that I will be ending my ministry here at the end of June.

You have loved me well and I have loved you deeply in return. While Dianna and I had plans to stay in Gainesville for several more years I have, with a great deal of discernment, decided to leave here to join the ranks of interim ministry, and we will be leaving Florida. We won't know where this step will take us for another few months.

The board and I have been in discussion and discernment for what is next for the Fellowship. The UUA transitions office and the region are in that discussion, and at the moment the board is working very hard to move you toward your future which includes the annual meeting on May 7th.

Undoubtedly, there will be townhalls, reflection circles and cottage dinners for the longer vision. But right now it is your board's job to plan toward the next year — please be gracious toward them. There is a great deal of stuff that happens in the inner workings of a community like this that will take their focus. Not the least of which is to reestablish your relationship with the UUA's transitions office so that you can be supported as you move forward in your ministry.

Here is the video link to the [Palm Sunday](#) service, which contains a fuller announcement in my sermon.

Until leave, I am still your minister. I hope you will continue to let me know how I can be of support to you individually and as a congregation. I will faithfully represent you here in Gainesville and in larger denominational meetings until the end of June. And then I will take my leave.

Between now and then, I hope we can celebrate our success and love each other into the brave new adventure that lies ahead.

In faith and with the utmost of care and love,
Rev. Christe Lunsford

ARTICLE TWO — OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Submit your feedback by April 30

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>

FAMILY PROMISE

*Learn More on Sunday,
April 16, before and after
service*



UUFG 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 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.

Social Justice Discussion on Family Promise
Sunday, April 16, 10:00 am

Pat Caren, our Family Promise coordinator, will facilitate discussion in Classroom 3 starting at 10:00 am. Come join the conversation!

Tabling after Service

Pat will also 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.

TGIF CELEBRATION

Friday, April 14, 5:30 pm

Home of Rose Cole

8277 NW 51 Drive, Gainesville

Join us for an evening of conversation and community! Bring your beverage of choice and snack to share to Rose Cole's home this coming Friday, April 15!

UUFG MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Thursday, April 13, 11:30 am

Our Men's Lunch Group meets every month for conversation and fellowship. This month, the group meets at One Love Café, 4989 Northwest 40th Place (in Magnolia Park) on Thursday April 13 at 11:30 am.

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 Jean Cook!

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).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

117 people attended our April 2 Palm Sunday service, which was in person only. to set up your account.

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).

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](#).

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	March	YTD
Income	\$49,349 (budget: \$26,900)	\$278,292 (budget: \$252,766)
Expenses	\$34,939 (budget: \$28,825)	\$232,224 (budget: \$255,927)
Net	\$14,415	\$46,068

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1 through March 31, 2023. March 31 marks the end of our fiscal year’s third quarter.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation prior to the Governing Board’s monthly meeting. If you have questions, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at uuoffice@uufg.org, or Mary Anthony, Treasurer, at maryanthony13@gmail.com



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Many thanks to this past Sunday's Coffee Hour Hosts *Lynn Jamieson, Hazel Hazlett and Peter Marino.* Lovely

~ Susan Christy

Many thanks to members *Jean Cook, Jay Whitehead, and Tom Bullock* for the time, love and talent they gave to the recent performances of Carmen at the Phillips Center. We so enjoyed the performance , in particular because our extraordinarily talented fellow congregants were part of the cast. Bravo!

~Tim and 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.

**UU VALDOSTA
MEDITATION**

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm by Zoom!

Our UU neighbors to the north have made their on-going 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>

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! April 9	
Outside Greeter	Aaron Broadwell
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Wendy Visscher
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Aaron Broadwell Wendy Visscher
Audio-visual	Erin Parish

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.

SAFETY COMMITTEE NOTES FOLLOWING THE MAY 26 TOWN HALL

By Jonathan Coron, Safety Committee Chair



Hello to other Fellowship members and staff. My name is Jonathan Coron and I have been a member here for several decades. I am the chair of our UUFG Safety Committee. I, like many of you, am concerned about my family and personal safety as well as the security of family friends and members and others whom I know. I usually try to be very proactive on safety issues and this writing represents the first of a series of articles on safety related issues as to how they concern our memberships, minister, other staff and visitors. As of today's *Gazette*, we will have a regular feature where different safety issues will be dealt with. We will call it "The Safety Corner." Our Committee hopes that you find this feature to be helpful.

Below is a summary of the Safety Survey that was created by members of the Safety Committee. We provided this survey during the March 26th service in order to get a general idea of knowledge that [mostly] members were aware of. A review of the data indicates that there is a real mix of what many members know.

Questions were in the following categories: Medical, Weather, Fire and Civil Disturbances. A total of **40** surveys were returned and **20** folks attended our Safety Committee-run Town Hall after the service.

It is important that you are aware that a significant number of our members have been trained in first aid, CPR and the use of AED's and a list of their names will be placed on a shelf in the podium at the front of the Sanctuary. In the next "Safety Corner," we will start providing the answers to the questions below from the survey.

The data gleaned from the surveys are as follows:

Question (Do you know...)	YES	NO
What to do if someone starts choking or collapses during worship service?	26 (65%)	14 (35%)
Where the Fellowship's first aid kits are located?	14 (35%)	26 (65%)
Where the automated external defibrillator (AED) is located?	15 (37.5%)	25 (62.5%)
What to do if you are at Sunday worship and a tree branch crashes through the windows during a severe thunderstorm?	16 (66.6%)	24 (33.4%)
Who to notify if you notice storm related damage to UUFG facilities	23 (57.5%)	17 (42.5%)
Where the fire extinguishers are located?	14 (65%)	26 (35%)
How to use a fire extinguisher?	26 (35%)	14 (65%)
What to do if a person is emotionally upset, out of control, or bothering a congregant?	15 (37.5%)	25 (62.5%)
What to do if someone bursts through the door during the service and threatens to harm congregants or the minister?	15 (37.5%)	25 (62.5%)



UUG CALNDAR

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)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm CYREC (Classroom 3)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)
12:15 pm Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact
Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete
Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
5:30 pm Fellowship Council (Zoom — Questions? Contact
Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
6:30 pm HUUGG / Humanist Circle Dinner (Taste of Saigon
restaurant — to RSVP, contact Al Tweedy at
sylvester0077@gmail.com)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol
Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, April 12 —

- 7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall — For info,
contact Catherine Turner at cat.r.turner@gmail.com)

Thursday, April 13 —

- 11:30 am** UUG Men's Lunch Group (One Love Café)
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, April 14 —

- 5:30 am** TGIF Celebration (Home of Rose Cole, 8277 NW 51
Drive)

Saturday, April 15 —

- 11:30 am** UU Book Circle (local restaurant — for info,
contact Martha Soles at marthajsoles@gmail.com)

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 (Contact Mary Bahr for info at
kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
3:00 pm UF Saxophone Ensembles Concert (Sanctuary)

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

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 UUG, 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 UUG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uoffice@uug.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.

COMMON READ DISCUSSION & ELECTRIC CAR SHOW LAST SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Last Sunday, our Social Justice Council held an electric car show with owners talking with a large interested crowd as they stood by their electric vehicles (EVs), plug-in hybrids, and hybrids. The show offered 15 cars from Tesla, VW, Honda, Toyota, Kia and Hyundai. In addition, the following two pages of the *Gazette* provide a guide to electric vehicles and the federal tax credits offered for both new and used electric vehicles.

Following the Car show we held a discussion of member Zoharah Simmons's family biography as they worked and lived through the Civil rights movement and beyond. The Q&A format for the biography, *Stayed on Freedom*, focused on advice to organizers with an interested crowd attending.



Information about federal tax credits are on the next two pages.

Pictures curtesy of Mary Bahr.

Federal Tax Credits for Clean Vehicles

If you are interested in an energy-efficient vehicle purchase, here are some tips on how to decide which vehicle you want to buy using federal tax credits from the IRA Act signed into law in July 2022.

New EVs, Plug-in Hybrids, and Hydrogen powered vehicles bought between 2023 and 2032: Up To a 7500\$ tax credit (depending on, battery size, your income, and sourcing for battery minerals.)

- Tax Credit must be taken in one year (does not roll over)
- Vehicle must be assembled in the US
- Battery size of at least 7 KWH, Vehicle weighs under 14,000 lbs.
- MSRP (sticker price) must be under 55,000\$ for cars and 80,000\$ for Vans, trucks & SUVs

For more details go to DOE page: <https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/tax2023.shtml>

Used EVs sales offer a Tax credit equal to 30% percent of the sale price (up to \$4,000).

To Qualify:

- Have a sale price of \$25,000 or less
- Have a model year at least two years earlier than the calendar year when you buy it (in 2023 you must buy a 2021 vehicle or older)
- Not have already been transferred after August 16, 2022, to a qualified buyer
- Have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds
- Be an eligible FCV or plug-in EV with a battery capacity of least 7 kilowatt hours (kWh)
- Be for use primarily in the United States
- You buy the vehicle from a dealer
 - For qualified used EVs, the dealer reports required information to you at the time of sale and to the IRS

For more details go to the IRS page:

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/used-clean-vehicle-credit>

The links provided above will update information as the Government completes its rules on this new bill. Note there are income limits for eligibility for these credits as well. Here are two more sources we used to compile this document that will give you more details:

<https://pluginamerica.org/learn/federal-ev-tax-credits/>

<https://electrek.co/2023/02/03/which-electric-vehicles-still-qualify-for-us-federal-tax-credit/>

CURRENT 2023 ELECTRIC VEHICLESCars in ***Bold Italic*** eligible for Fed. Tax Credit

Model	Electric Range (mi)	BASE PRICE
		(cars < \$100K)
Audi e-tron	222	\$70,800.00
Audi e-tron Sportback	218	\$74,000.00
Audi Q4 e-tron	265	\$48,800.00
Audi Q4 e-tron Sportback	241	\$56,800.00
BMW i4 eDrive40	301	\$55,900.00
BMW iX xDrive50	324	\$84,100.00
<i>Cadillac LYRIQ</i>	312	\$62,990.00
<i>Chevrolet Bolt EUV</i>	247	\$27,200.00
<i>Chevrolet Bolt EV</i>	259	\$25,600.00
<i>Ford F-150 Lightning</i>	320	\$55,974.00
<i>Ford Mustang Mach-E</i>	300	\$43,895.00
Genesis Electrified G80	282	\$79,825.00
Genesis GV60	248	\$59,290.00
Hyundai IONIQ 5	303	\$39,950.00
Hyundai Kona Electric	258	\$34,000.00
Jaguar I-PACE	234	\$71,300.00
Kia EV6	310	\$41,400.00
Kia Niro EV	239	\$39,450.00
Lordstown Endurance	250	\$52,500.00
Mercedes-Benz EQB	250	\$54,500.00
Mini Cooper Electric	115	\$34,225.00
Nissan Ariya	216	\$44,485.00
<i>Nissan LEAF</i>	149	\$28,040.00
Polestar 2	233	\$48,400.00
Porsche Taycan	201	\$86,700.00
<i>Rivian R1S</i>	295	\$72,500.00
<i>Rivian R1T</i>	314	\$73,000.00
<i>Tesla Model 3</i>	267	\$46,990.00
<i>Tesla Model Y</i>	318	\$65,990.00
Toyota bZ4X	252	\$42,000.00
<i>Volkswagen ID.4</i>	260	\$40,290.00
Volvo C40	225	\$55,300.00
Volvo XC40 Recharge	208	\$53,550.00

CURRENT 2023 PLUG-N HYBRIDSCars in ***Bold Italic*** eligible for Fed. Tax Credit

Model	Electric Range(mi)	BASE PRICE
		(cars < \$100K)
<i>Audi Q5 TFSI e PHEV</i>	23	\$55,400.00
<i>BMW 330e</i>	23	\$43,300.00
BMW 530e	20	\$56,400.00
<i>BMW X5 xDrive 45e</i>	31	\$65,400.00
<i>Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid</i>	32	\$46,978.00
Ford Escape PHEV	37	\$37,960.00
Hyundai Santa Fe PHEV	30	\$40,000.00
Hyundai Tuscon Plug-In	33	\$35,400.00
<i>Jeep Grand Cherokee</i>	26	\$60,260.00
<i>Jeep Wrangler 4xe</i>	22	\$53,995.00
Karma GS-6	61	\$95,700.00
Kia Niro PHEV	26	\$29,590.00
Kia Sorento Plug-in	32	\$48,890.00
Kia Sportage PHEV	32	\$38,490.00
Land Rover Range Rover	19	\$83,000.00
Lexus NX 450h+	37	\$57,705.00
<i>Lincoln Aviator Grand</i>	21	\$69,190.00
<i>Lincoln Corsair Grand</i>	28	\$53,185.00
Mini Countryman SE	18	\$41,500.00
Mitsubishi Outlander	24	\$36,995.00
Porsche Cayenne S E-	17	\$86,500.00
Porsche Panamera Hybrid	17	\$99,600.00
Subaru Crosstrek PHEV	17	\$36,345.00
Toyota Prius Prime	25	\$28,770.00
Toyota RAV4 Prime	42	\$41,590.00
Volvo S60 T8 Recharge	40	\$51,250.00
Volvo S90 T8 PHEV	38	\$70,500.00
Volvo V60 Recharge	40	\$70,550.00
Volvo XC60 T8 PHEV	36	\$57,200.00
Volvo XC90 T8 PHEV	35	\$71,900.00