

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

August 13, 11:00 am

Activism

This Sunday, we explore this month's Touchstone theme of "Activism." Tom Mareci will be our guest reader of the sermon. Liz Stewart serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. 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>



CONGREGATION VOTES FOR SOLAR POWER

At the Congregational Meeting held Monday, August 7, UUG's members voted to pursue installing solar panels on the Fellowship Hall's roof. The vote was 47-5 with no abstentions.

Please watch News and Needs and the Gazette for more information over the next weeks and months about this important initiative!

SHARE THE PLATE COLLECTIONS

~ 2022-2023 ~

This past fiscal year, we collected funds for 10 different organizations selected for their commitment to social justice and human welfare. Our Fellowship's contributions totaled \$5084.60. Beneficiaries included

- Planned Parenthood of South, Central and North Florida (\$471 — July collection)
- Food4Kids Backpack Program (\$295 — August collection)
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (\$358 — September collection)
- Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County (\$260 — October collection)
- Southern Poverty Law Center (\$421 — November collection)
- GRACE Marketplace (\$546 — January collection)
- Peaceful Paths (\$673 — February collection)
- Family Promise of Gainesville (\$1009 — April collection)
- UUA Climate Justice Programming (\$594 — May collection)
- Bread of the Mighty (\$457.60 — June collection)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

- *Seven Years:* Leah Cobb Lee & Benjamin Lee, Carol Mathews & Chris Volpe
- *Nine Years:* Diana Hagan, Amy Cummings-Aponte, and Qianqian Zhao
- *Ten Years:* Gene Cowell
- *Eleven Years:* Thunder Marsh
- *Sixteen Years:* Kristin & Jeff Stevens
- *Twenty-Two Years:* Nancy Parkinson
- *Twenty-Four Years:* Jay Whitehead
- *Thirty-Seven Years:* Doris Hargrave
- *Forty-Six Years:* Colleen & Ken Rand

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS: The Gazette is reserved for UUG 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.

UPCOMING UUGF SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

Social Justice Circle
Sunday, August 20, 1:30 pm

Final planning meeting for our September 10th environmental fair. We will also discuss the plan to build a solar array at UUGF.

Zoom link:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93192413653>

Meeting ID: 931 9241 3653

Susan B Anthony Luncheon
at the Best Western,
Saturday, August 26, 11:30 am

Social Justice is a sponsor which entitles us to a table at the event. \$35 per person to attend. For info, visit <https://www.fosba.com/>

**The Fourth of Five Discussions of
The Climate Book**
Sunday, August 27, 3:00 pm



Please join our monthly discussions of Greta Thunberg's *The Climate Book*. We discuss one section of Greta Thunberg's book each month, on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm. We welcome anyone to join whether you have read the current section or not.

The August discussion will cover what we have done so far to address the Climate Crisis. This discussion is on Zoom only in August, but we are planning to hold a hybrid (in person and on Zoom) meeting in September for our last section, which addresses what we can do to fight the Climate Crisis Now!

Zoom link:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94464305998>

Meeting ID: 944 6430 5998



FELLOWSHIP CARE TEAM FORMING

Monday, August 14, 6:30 pm

On Monday, August 14, at 6:30 pm, you're invited to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss and organize a Fellowship Care Team. This Team will help meet some of the pastoral care needs we will have in the coming year without a resident minister.

We will focus on creating a system for visiting members and supporting friends who are in the hospital or under Hospice care, or who are in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or are homebound.

We will also focus on providing emotional and spiritual support to those going through difficult changes or challenging circumstances in their lives. If this type of service to the community interests you please join us for the Zoom meeting on August 14th.

For the link or for more information, please contact me at jim.wright123@gmail.com

~ Thank you, Jim Wright

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 13, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the August 13 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.



PUZZLEMANIA

As you can see, visitor Dani has taken a liking to our Puzzlemania Table in the Phillips Social Hall! Not only has she come by for service for three Sundays, but this past week, she baked delicious vegan chocolate chip cookies for Coffee Hour!

Join Dani and puzzle along. She can show you the stash of puzzles ready for borrowing to take home.

Many thanks to Carolyn Lawrence for sharing her collection with us!

~ Liz Stewart

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Katie Hagan, Ron Lange, Kristin Stevens, Diane DePuydt, Mike Hazlett, and Judith Kendall!



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

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUG'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).

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. To join contact Carol Stiles at uualdosta@yahoo.com with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, August 6, 56 adults attended, with 68 views showing on our YouTube channel.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUG

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

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

**HEARING LOOP
AVAILABLE**

Please talk to an usher for information.

**SHALL WE PLAY A GAME?**

What better way to spend an evening in conversation, cooperation and competition? Anna Deyle and Jeff Stevens would like to invite you to join them for our monthly game night. Bring your favorite board games, card games, puzzles and more.

Give your input on what day works best for you and other details through our online poll:

<https://forms.gle/Tx6VTHoze2Rp9PjX6>

I AM GRATEFUL TO

Thank you to our Worship Team for providing wonderful lay-led services, full of positive energy and enthusiasm. I'm grateful for their talents and dedication.

~ Judi Oltmans

Big thanks to Coffee Hour Hosts *Lynn Jamieson, Hazel Hazlett, Debby Jo Malickson, and Beth Ferris*. Word is, the crew had a lot of good fun, and there was a lot of good food. Perfect!"

~ Susan Christy

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

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP
TO SEE KINKY BOOTS**

Sunday, August 13, 2:00 pm

Our Young Adult Group will be going to see Kinky Boots at the Gainesville Community Playhouse after the service on August 13. The show is at 2:00 pm. If For more information, please email Renée Richter at reneofflorida@gmail.com.

For up-to-date information about Young Adult Group activities, please join their group chat at https://groupme.com/join_group/95343658/DLq20Zul



**KINDLY SILENCE
YOUR
CELL PHONE**

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13 —

- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 pm Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table — Questions? Contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net)

Monday, August 14 —

- UUFG BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED**
- 3:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 15 —

- 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, August 16 —

- 7:00 pm Touchstone Discussion Group (Common Room — closed group)

Friday, August 18 —

- 12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, August 19 —

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

Sunday, August 20 —

- 10:00 am HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — Questions? Contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 1:30 pm Social Justice Circle (Zoom — Questions? Contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	August 13	August 20
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett	
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell	
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave
RE Monitor	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Diane DePuydt Mike Hazlett	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	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.

UUFG’S GOVERNING BOARD FOR 2023-2024

- Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President — leahcobblee@gmail.com
- Mike Hazlett, Vice President — mh-hazlett@wiu.edu
- Mary Anthony, Treasurer — maryanthony13@gmail.com
- Erin Parish, Secretary — erinuu603@gmail.com
- Norden Lucke, Trustee — bobosuncoast@hotmail.com
- Tim Christy, Trustee — tim.christy42@gmail.com
- Tom Mareci, Trustee — thmareci@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