



SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday, August 14,
11:00 am*

Ambiguity & Paradox: Bundling Potentiality

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford continues our exploration of the Touchstone theme of Ambiguity and Paradox. Their sermon title is “Bundling Potentiality.” Erin Parish serves as worship associate.



**Rev. Christe
Lunsford**

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>

Coffee Hour is Back! WITH YOUR HELP (COOKIES NEEDED!)

Your Fellowship Council is working diligently to make Coffee Hour happen.



One suggested solution is to ask members and repeat visitors to bring sealed boxes and bags of cookies and crackers and other non-perishable snacks that we can have “in inventory” in case no one brings in snacks on a particular day.

So, if you pass by a BOGO at Publix or find a delightful deal at Aldi or Fresh Market, think about sharing with our Coffee Hour stash.

The hunger you stave off on Sunday may be your own!

DEVELOPING FUTURE UUFG LEADERS

Last Month the UUFG Governing Board appointed Warren Hodge as the fifth member of the UUFG Leadership Development Committee (LDC). Warren joins Aaron Broadwell, Judith Kendall, and Harry Mangle, who were elected at the annual meeting, and Mary Bahr, who is a continuing member.

The LDC is planning a Sunday service, “Leadership as Spiritual Growth,” tentatively scheduled for September 25. Save the date and plan on attending this inspiring presentation by present and past UUFG leaders.

The LDC's focus for the year will be on revitalizing the UUFG tradition of strong lay leadership by identifying and training emerging UUFG leaders. The LDC will make available a variety of leadership training opportunities, including on-site local workshops, opportunities for remote training from the Southern Region of the UUA, and attending next summer's UUA General Assembly.

The future of our congregation is tied to the strength of our lay leadership. If you would like information about UUFG leadership and training opportunities, please contact Judith Kendall, LDC chair at judithkendall@cox.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of August 14, please wish “happy birthday” to Ron Lange, Kristin Stevens, Diane DePuydt, 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 (uuoffice@uufg.org).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, August 7, 47 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 120 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> to set up your account.

UUFG’S CHALICE CHOIR
RESUMES
Thursday, August 25, 7:00 pm

Mark your calendars! Our Chalice Choir resumes its Thursday evening rehearsals on August 25 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship’s Sanctuary.

We expect our Chalice Choir to begin singing in services in September. All voices are welcome!

We are looking forward to a very active season of musical programming. Please watch upcoming Gazettes and our news-and-needs@uufg.org listserv for information.

UUFG ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- <https://facebook.com/uugainesville/>
- <https://facebook.com/Social-Justice-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Gainesville/>
- <https://facebook.com/earthkeepersuufg/>
- <https://facebook.com/groups/uufgparents/>
- <https://facebook.com/groups/UUFGYAG/>
(UUFG Young Adult Group)

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

Sunday, Aug 14 — Sunday Aug 21



After two years of lodging families in local hotels, Family Promise has resumed hosting homeless families in partner faith-based institutions.

Housing is an important Social Justice issue to our Fellowship. Until we open our campus to Family Promise guests, we will support Westminster Presbyterian, the church down the street from us at the corner of 34th St. and 16th Ave.

Westminster hosts Family Promise guests the week of Sunday, August 14 through Sunday August 21. They seek our help with the full range of volunteer assistance, including set up on August 14, as well as dinner providers, dinner hosts and overnight hosts throughout the week.

To volunteer, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aada923a3f58-volunteer1>

For more information about Family Promise, please contact Pat Caren at pmrc423@gmail.com.



SOCIAL JUSTICE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

As an expression of this year’s social justice *focus on democracy*, last Sunday we have begun a “get out the vote” letter-writing campaign in conjunction with [UUtheVote](https://www.uu.org/vote).

Please watch for opportunities after services to encourage voters to exercise their franchise! It only takes a few minutes to write a short letter or postcard, and these messages can help motivate people to go to the polls. We will collect the cards and mail them in September.



UUFG CALENDAR

Week of August 14

- Sunday, August 14 — Family Promise Hosting begins with Westminster Presbyterian**
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)
- Monday, August 15 —**
7:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
- Tuesday, August 16 —**
8:30 am Morning Meditation (Zoom)
11:00 am Planned Parenthood (CR 6)
6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)
- Wednesday, August 17 —**
2:00 pm Safety Committee (Fellowship Hall entry portico)
- Thursday, August 18 —**
10:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
11:30 am UUFG Men’s Lunch Group (for info, contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)
- Friday, August 19 —**
8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
10:00 am Messy Playdates (Playground. Contact James Chase at jameschase209@gmail.com for info)
12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- Saturday, August 20 —**
8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- Sunday, August 21 —**
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)
1:00 pm Social Justice Circle (Tent area)
3:00 pm Literati Book Club (Zoom — contact Liz Stewart at jameschase209@gmail.com for info)

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to Joy Avery and any other helpful elves who assisted in clean-up after last week’s Coffee Hour. I understand that some of our recent repeat visitors contributed to the goodies and assisted in set-up. Terrific!! Also, it’s great to have so many folks bringing in cookies, apple juice, tea, fruits and veggies and other treats to add to our Coffee Hour menu. As always, a big hug to Fred Judkins, our coffee-maker barista for sure!

~ Liz Stewart

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 uoffice@uufg.org.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
August 14

Outside Greeter	Harry Mangle
Welcome Table	Martha & Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke
Ushers	
Visitors Table	Diane DePuydt
Audio-visual	Garett Hecker

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uoffice@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.



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.

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

Sunday, August 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/>

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 uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.



MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

“Meditation: It’s Not What You Think”

UUFG's Mindfulness Meditation group continues to offer 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.

We are currently reading *No Time Like the Present* by Jack Kornfield. Meditation instruction is always available when requested and there is no inconvenient time to start. For more information and to get the Zoom link, please contact diane.depuydt@gmail.com or 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.

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.

ROOM USAGE AND CALENDARING EVENTS AT UUFG

Activity on our campus is increasing rapidly, both in terms of our own meetings and ongoing rental events.

During the week you may find some spaces such as the Phillips Social Hall set up with tables and chairs. If you’re using the space and moving furniture around, please return the arrangement to its original form.

If you plan to hold a meeting on our campus, whether inside or outside, please contact the office (uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669) to confirm space availability and to put your event on our church calendar.