



## SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday, August 21,  
11:00 am*

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we continue our exploration of the Touchstone theme of Ambiguity and Paradox. Liz Stewart 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-H1RLSg61RfA/live>

## Ride the



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Mark your calendars for an exciting Sunday of ingathering and Fellowship!

### **10:00 am Open House to Classrooms for both kids and adults**

This fall, we begin a new approach to Religious Education at our Fellowship. Come visit our classrooms at 10 am on September 11 to learn more about our plans for adults, children and youth!

### **11:00 am Annual Ingathering Service**

Bring a bottle of water to service to mingle in a shared bowl. The water may be from your travels or serve as a symbol of something important to you.

### **7:00 pm Emma's Revolution in Concert**

We are thrilled to host Emma's Revolution at our Fellowship on Sunday, September 11 at 7:00 pm!

Emma's Revolution is an activist duo comprised of Pat Humphries and Sandy O. For 20 years, their music has reflected a deep commitment to social justice and inspiring hope in our world.

This concert marks the release of their "Rooted" and "Evolution" CD.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are recruiting a team of people to help with a variety of tasks for this event. For info and/or to volunteer, contact Debra Neill-Mareci at [dneillmareci@gmail.com](mailto:dneillmareci@gmail.com)

*See page 2 for more information!*

## SHARE THE PLATE FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

*Sunday, August 21*

This Sunday, we "Share the Plate" with Food4Kids. With your assistance, every child in our community can have a better chance to reach his or her goals. This organization packs weekend food for children who receive free lunches at school and are identified by teachers and counselors as needing additional food on the weekends.

UUGF contributes donated food items to be used at Westwood Middle School, as well as funds. On this Sunday all non-pledge donations collected this Sunday will be given to Food4Kids of Gainesville.

*You may also*

1. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
2. Click [HERE](#) for our website's donation page and select "Share the Plate" as an option.

# EMMA'S REVOLUTION IN CONCERT AT UUFG

*Sunday, September 11, 7:00 pm*

Currently, tickets are available online at <https://emmasrevolution.com/tickets-sept-11th-gainesville>

**In-Person Tickets:**

- \$20 Advance
- \$25 at the Door
- \$15 Student/Low Income

**Livestream Tickets:**

- \$20 General Admission
- \$30 Family/Household
- \$10 Student/Low Income

**EMMA'S  
REVOLUTION**

**CD Release  
Concert  
In-Person &  
Livestreamed**

**Sun Sept 11th 7pm ET/4pm PT  
UU Fellowship of Gainesville  
Tix: [tinyurl.com/Sept11Gainesville](https://tinyurl.com/Sept11Gainesville)**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

As part of our social justice *focus on democracy*, we're facilitating a "get out the vote" letter-writing campaign in conjunction with [UUtheVote](http://UUtheVote).

Nancy Parkinson reports that "as of Sunday, August 14, there have been 175 letters written by various people to UUThe Vote. There have also been a large number of post cards written. Join us to write letters. This will be ongoing until late October when we mail these letters to recipients for the November general election."

Please look for our social justice tables in the tent area after service. Join us as we 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 at opportune times this fall!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of August 21, please wish "happy birthday" to Jeff Dunn!



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](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org)).

### I AM GRATEFUL TO



The summertime Sparkle Saturday crowd is small but mighty. This week we had *Paul Hargrave, Michael Avery, Kay Anderson, Jonathan Coron and Bud Jones* join me to help. Great progress was made removing the Agave that is overtaking the driveway...a tough job! A lot of mowing was done too.

Thanks to all who came.

~ Marilyn Roberts

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](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org).

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the August anniversaries of the following members of our Fellowship:

- *Three Years:* Elizabeth Renner
- *Six Years:* Leah Cobb Lee, Benjamin Lee, Carol Matthews and Christ Volpe
- *Eight Years:* Diana Hagan, Amy Cummings-Aponte and Qianqian Zhao
- *Nine Years:* Gene Cowell
- *Ten Years:* Thunder Marsh
- *Fifteen Years:* Kristin & Jeff Stevens
- *Twenty-One Years:* Nancy Parkinson
- *Twenty-Three Years:* Jay Whitehead
- *Twenty-Four Years:* Sue Dudley
- *Thirty-Six Years:* Doris Hargrave
- *Forty-Five Years:* Colleen & Ken Rand

### UUFG'S CHALICE CHOIR RESUMES

*Thursday, August 25*

*Meet & Greet: 6:30 pm*

*Rehearsal: 7:00 pm*

**Mark your calendars and bring a friend!** Our Chalice Choir resumes its Thursday evening rehearsals on August 25.

#### *Meet & Greet*

Come to the tent area at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship's Sanctuary. We'll have BBQ and fixin's from 4 Rivers BBQ to share. Sweet tea available or BYOB. (Dessert will be available after rehearsal!)

#### *Rehearsal*

Following our meet and greet icebreaker, the Chalice Choir will rehearse in the 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, or contact Derek Nirenberg, UUFG's Music Director, at [music@uufg.org](mailto:music@uufg.org).



## UUG CALENDAR

**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)

**Monday, August 22 —**

**7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, August 23 — Primary Election Day**

**8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom)

**11:00 am** Planned Parenthood (CR 6)

**11:00 am** Leadership Development Committee (Zoom)

**6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)

**8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, August 24 —**

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

**Thursday, August 25 —**

**10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

**6:30 pm** Chalice Choir Meet & Greet (Tent area)

**7:00 pm** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Friday, August 26 —**

**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

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

**Saturday, August 27 —**

**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

**11:00 am** Fellowship Council (Phillips Hall — contact Diane DePuydt to confirm time and other information at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)

**Sunday, August 28 —**

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)

**Monday, August 29 —**

**UUG Business Office Closed**

## GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUG business and concerns submitted to the office (email [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto: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.

## JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM!

The Welcome Team needs few more friendly people. We seek additional people to help greet visitors to our Sunday services, let them know we are glad they have chosen to spend their Sunday morning with us, and answer their questions. It is a pleasant task; **a smile and a positive attitude are the biggest requirements.**

Can you help out? You would be making a once a month commitment, which lasts less than an hour, and will not keep you from attending the service. There are three roles: Outside Greeter, Welcome Table (both before service) and Visitors Information Table (after service). The last two roles are done in pairs; you will have someone with you.

Unsure about making a long-term commitment? Give it a try once a month for three months. Have specific questions? Give Susan Christy a call at (315) 392-2861, or send me an email or text.

Every new face on the Welcome Team furthers our goal of *being a truly Welcoming Community!!!*

## MORNING MEDITATION

*Tuesdays, 8:30 am*

**“Meditation: It’s Not What You Think”**

UUG'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](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or [peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com).

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

### JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

July is the first month of our fiscal year. While the Fellowship currently does not have a treasurer, Cam Pierce, our Congregational Administrator, will continue to provide monthly financial updates.

	July	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$24,723	\$24,723
<b>Expenses</b>	\$22,748	\$22,748
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$1975.12</b>	<b>\$1975.12</b>

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation. Our next board meeting is Monday, August 29.

If you have questions, please contact Cam 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.

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, August 4, 45 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 46 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 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)

[Religious Education Facebook Page](#)

### Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! August 21

**Outside Greeter** Wendy Visscher

**Welcome Table** Aaron Broadwell

**Foyer Monitor** Harry Mangle

**RE Monitor** Harry Mangle

**Ushers**

**Visitors Table** Harry Mangle

**Audio-visual** Garrett Hecker



### 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