



SUNDAY SERVICE ~ BANNED BOOKS

August 27, 11:00 am

This Sunday, we welcome Adam Tritt, who will speak to our Fellowship on the subject of banned books. Adam embodies this month's Touchstone theme of "Activism." As an English teacher at Bayside High School in Florida, Adam has collected books currently banned in our state, setting up a book exchange on his lawn to make the books available to whomever would like to read them. Liz Stewart serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Please remember to wear 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>

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Sunday, September 10, 12:30 pm

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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.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 28, 6:30 pm

The Governing Board will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, August 28, at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Our Board meets every fourth Monday of the month.

As always, members of the congregation are welcome to attend any part or all of the regular meeting. Members are also welcome to talk briefly at the beginning of each meeting during an open "congregational input" time period (information introduced during the open congregational input time may not be addressed at this month's meeting).

If you have questions and/or comments to share with the Board, please email me directly at leahcobblee@gmail.com

~ Leah Cobb Lee

Zoom link:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

UUFG's 2023-24 Board

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I AM GRATEFUL TO

Many thanks to newlyweds *Hazel and Mike Hazlett*, who kicked off their 50th wedding anniversary festivities by hosting last Sunday's Coffee Hour, sharing a beautiful cake and this wonderful milestone with our congregation. From the photos, it looked as if *Elizabeth Ferris* offered a helping hand, as many members and visitors shared this awesome reason to celebrate.

~ 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.



UUFG COMMON READ



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.

We will Zoom our discussion of section 4 of the Climate Book This coming Sunday, August 27th, and 3 PM. The Zoom link is <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94464305998>

Section 4, “What We’ve Done About It” chronicles the recent history of the fight against the Climate Crisis, both the good and bad. It covers pages 196 to 313. Writers range from Bill McKibben, founder of 360.org to Amitav Gosh, and celebrated fiction and nonfiction writer from India.

Everyone is welcome to our discussion at 3 p.m. on Sunday. We will be reading excerpts and discussing them so you don't need to have read all the material.

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

Meeting ID: 944 6430 5998

~ Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to SueEllen Hunter, Paul Avery, Caden Mathews, Pam Brandes, Erin Parish, and Nikki Lee!



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).

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Tuesday mornings 8:30— 9:45am

Join us in the Common Room every Tuesday morning as we return to our traditional format with a few updates. Please arrive by 8:15 to get settled. We start meditation at 8:30 am. You can use chairs or floor cushions as you prefer. We meditate for 25-30 minutes followed by reading, discussion and a closing recitation. We have just started to read Pema Chodron's new book, *How We Live is How We Die*. We share copies for people haven't gotten their own as yet.

Guided meditation instruction is happily provided, but please let us know in advance if you desire it. If you are immunocompromised or otherwise uncomfortable in a group of 5-8 people, you are welcome to wear a mask or join us via Zoom. Please let us know in advance, so we can send you the Zoom link.

Pete Turner: peteturner123@gmail.com



Environmental Fair

Sunday,
September
10th at 12:30pm

Some of our vendors:

- City of Gainesville Food Waste Pilot Program: composting
- Community Weatherization Coalition: weatherizing your home
- Current Problems: watershed cleanups and water quality education
- Sunrise Movement: a youth movement to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs.



The purpose of the fair is to learn and promote:

- Climate change
- Sustainable living
- Renewable energy
- and other topics

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BREAD OF THE MIGHTY FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank on Saturday, August 12th. This time we all worked together sorting and stacking bakery items in huge boxes. Mike, Hazel, Mary, Norden, Rose, Cindy, Bud, Esther, and I all checked dates on bread and pastries, then fit them in the boxes like a Tetris game. We filled five pallet-sized boxes! The next Bread of the Mighty Food Bank volunteer day is on Saturday, September 9th from 10:00-12:00.

Bread of the Mighty works with Food4Kids and Westwood Middle School (where Pineridge children attend), two organizations UUFG supports. If you're interested in volunteering during the week speak to Annie, the volunteer coordinator at Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, 352-336-0839.

~ Judi Oltmans



**HEARING LOOP
AVAILABLE**

Please talk to an usher for information.

UUGF CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27 —

- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:30 pm** Parent OWL Orientation Classes (Classrooms 4 & 6 — Questions? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 3:00 pm** Common Read Discussion (Zoom — Questions? Contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

Monday, August 28 —

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm** Governing Board Meeting (Zoom — for info, contact Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)

Tuesday, August 29 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Thursday, August 31 —

Phillips Hall floor stripping & waxing—all day

Friday, September 1 —

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

Saturday, September 2 —

- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room)

Sunday, September 3 —

- 10:00 am** “First Hour” Religious Education (Questions? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 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)
- 12:30 pm** Parent OWL Orientation Classes (Classrooms 4 & 6 — Questions? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)

**Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
August 27 September 3**

Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher	
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Alice Primack	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Joe Rowe
RE Monitor	N/A	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Wendy Visscher	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

**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

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, August 20, 64 people attended, with 58 views showing on our YouTube channel.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUGF

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

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

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.