

# The Gazette



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## SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, August 7,  
11:00 am

Ambiguity & Paradox:  
Faith in Uncertain Times  
and

### BACKPACK BLESSING!



Samara Powers

This Sunday, Samara Powers is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we begin our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme, "Ambiguity and Paradox."

Samara's sermon theme is "Faith in Uncertain Times." Mary Anthony serves as worship associate.



As the school year is rapidly approaching, we will also hold our annual "backpack blessing" this Sunday. Please bring your own and/or your child's backpack this Sunday for this ritual!

#### 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>

## 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](mailto:pmrc423@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY!

As an expression of this year's social justice *focus on democracy*, we have begun a "get out the vote" letter-writing campaign in conjunction with [UUtheVote](http://UUtheVote).

Stop by the tent outside the Phillips Hall following Sunday service to write a postcard or two to encourage voters to exercise their franchise! It only takes a few minutes, and these cards can help motivate people to go to the polls. We will collect the cards and mail them in September.



**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS  
WORK MORNING**

*Saturday, August 13, 9:00 am*

Next Saturday morning, stop by the Fellowship for an hour or two of work helping to maintain our beautiful campus! We have tasks suitable for all ages and abilities.

For information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

For the week of July 31, please wish “happy birthday” to Zoharah Simmons, Peggy Maloney, Danek Starling and Katherine Hagan!



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

**RECENT ATTENDANCE**

On Sunday, July 31, 47 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 44 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.

**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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

**UUFG CALENDAR**

*Week of August 7*

**Sunday, August 7 —**

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

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

**12:00 pm** Social Justice Postcard Writing (Tent)

**Monday, August 8 —**

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

**Tuesday, August 9 —**

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

**5:30 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at [diane.depuydt@gmail.com](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com))

**6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

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

**Wednesday, August 10 —**

**7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall —

Questions? Contact Catherine Turner at [cat.r.turner@gmail.com](mailto:cat.r.turner@gmail.com))

**Thursday, August 11 —**

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

**11:30 am** UUFG Men’s Lunch Group (for info, contact Tom Bullock at [tbullock3@cox.net](mailto:tbullock3@cox.net))

**Friday, August 12 —**

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

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

**Saturday, August 13 —**

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

**9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Question? Contact Marilyn Roberts at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com))

**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)

**I AM GRATEFUL TO**



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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org).



<b>Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! August 7</b>	
<b>Outside Greeter</b>	Bev Giordano
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Peggy Maloney Joy Avery
<b>Foyer Monitor</b>	Peggy Maloney
<b>RE Monitor</b>	Harry Mangle
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Visitors Table</b>	Harry Mangle
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Garett Hecker

**MORNING MEDITATION**

*Tuesdays, 8:30 am*

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

UUFUG'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).

**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.

**UUFUG 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/>  
(UUFUG Young Adult Group)

**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.

We include information about BLUU events to support those our members who also participate in BLUU. While most BLUU’s events are private, occasionally they will open an event to all UUs.

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/>

**GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS**

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

