

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 11:00 am

Side With Love
– 30 Days of Love
*What's At the Heart
of the Matter?*

30 Days of Love is a program sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. It typically runs from Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January through Valentine's Day in February. The UUSC presents these 30 Days as "an opportunity to collectively nurture our spirits, deepen our understanding, and take action on our values for collective liberation."

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit, engaging with 30 Days of Love with the question, "What's at the Heart of the Matter?" Erin Parish serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages, and our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg. 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>

TOWN HALL & LUNCH

Sunday, Feb 12, 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm

Please join us immediately after service for soup and salad, followed by a congregation-wide discussion in the Sanctuary. The Board will share brief updates and concerns about UUFG's budget, stewardship, and progress toward solar panels, and you are invited to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions.

Information regarding these topics have also been made available via News-and-Needs, for those who would like to review ahead of time, or are unable to attend the Town Hall. Please attend if you can; the work of the Fellowship is ours together, and the Board wants to hear your perspectives and inputs on how we can achieve these goals together. Childcare will be provided.

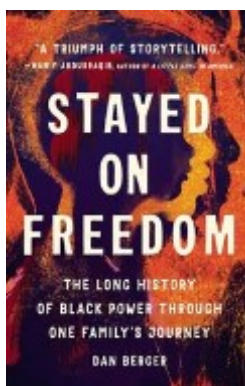
UUFG DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Picture-Taking Opportunity

Sunday, February 12

Here's one last chance to update your directory picture! Debra Neill-Mareci and James Chase will offer their photographic skills after service on February 5 and 12. This Sunday, Debra will also be available before service around 10:30 am

Please provide any other updates to Cam in the office by Tuesday, February 14 at uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMON READ FOR SPRING

*Stayed on Freedom: The Long
History of Black Power Through
One Family's Journey*
by Dan Berger

***Stayed on Freedom* is very special since it is
about our own member Zoharah
Simmons!**

The book is published by Basic Books, and is available at the UUFG Book Cart and through book stores, and on Kindle. Get your copy and be ready for discussion in March.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	January	YTD
Income	\$33,128 (budget: \$26,900)	\$198,297 (budget: \$188,633)
Expenses	\$26,260 (budget: \$28,105)	\$173,385 (budget: \$196,595)
Net	\$6,868	\$24,912

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1 through January 31, 2023.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation. Our next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 23, 2023. If you have questions, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at uoffice@uufg.org.



HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Sunday, March 5, noon

Holi is rooted in ancient Hindu tradition, marking the ending of winter, the beginning of spring, the triumph of good over evil, and the divine, eternal love of Radha Krishna.

At UUFG, we’ll celebrate the festival of Holi on Sunday, March 5, with a joyful celebration of color following service. You’re invited to join the fun out on the playground, where color becomes an immersive experience!

Colors are safe and water-soluble, but if you would like to join in the festival, please wear clothing that you don’t mind getting covered with colors.

White t-shirts are ideal!



UUFG FOUNDATION GRANTS

Spring Grant Cycle Has Begun!

UUFG Foundation is now accepting grant applications for Spring 2023. If you have an idea for a way to enrich our programs or building and grounds, please consider submitting an application for funding your project.

Examples of recent projects include:

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) CPR and First Aid classes
- Storage Cabinets for Phillips Hall
- Exterior Door Replacement
- Sanctuary Monitors and Cameras for streaming
- Ministerial Installation
- Refurbish Street Sign
- Memory Garden Dedication Stone

The application can be found on the UUFG Foundation web page at <https://www.uufg.org/home/who-we-are/uufg-foundation/>

If you have any questions or concerns ask one of us on the Foundation or send us an email at foundation@uufg.org

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2023.

UUFG Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman, Sandra Topp, Cindy Prabst, Mary Anthony, Tamara Evonne.

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I AM GRATEFUL TO



Heartfelt thanks to *Kirsten Flamand, David Willkomm, Marilyn Roberts, Lynn Jamieson* and *Barbara Palmer*, for stepping up to host last Sunday's Coffee Hour. You all rock!

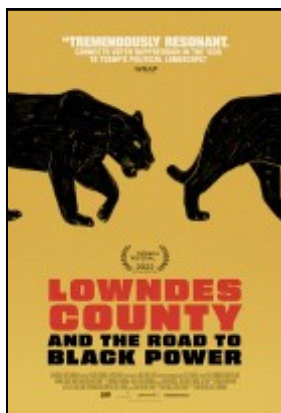
~ Susan Christy

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVIE:

“Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power”

Monday, February 20, 7 pm on Zoom



This movie opens with interviews with men and women who grew up in the titular Alabama county in the 1960s. The Black interviewees, children of sharecroppers, recall an atmosphere of poverty, racism and bloody violence; their white counterparts, members of landowning families, remember a “peaceful, almost idyllic place.”

These discrepant versions of life in Lowndes set the stage for Sam Pollard and Geeta Gandbhir’s documentary, which retraces the story of how one of the most inequitable, fiercely segregated counties in America gave rise to a national movement for Black power.

Zoom Link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97162773484>

Meeting ID: 971 6277 3484

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Seventy-six adults attended our February 5 service while 41 views show on our YouTube video presentation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Alice Primack and Carol Mathews!



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).

PARENTING AND RELIGION CLASS

Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am

Our ongoing Parenting & Religion discussion group meets every second and fourth Sunday in the Common Room during our “first hour” religious education time period. New participants are always welcome.

The group continues work with Dale McGowan’s *Parenting Beyond Belief*. This Sunday, the group discusses the first half of Chapter 2, “Living with Religion.” This chapter includes

- “Introducing Kids to Things We Don’t Believe,” by *Wendy Thomas Russell*
- “10 Commandments for Talking to Kids about Religion when You’re Not Religious,” by *Wendy Thomas Russell*
- “When Your Child is Terrified You’re Going to Hell,” by *Neil Carter*
- “Managing Dissonance with Religious Relatives,” by *Libby Anne (UU who grew up in the Quiverful movement)*

Questions? Contact Diana Hagan, group facilitator, at diana.hagan@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE

Monday, February 13, 6:00 pm

Our Social Justice Circle meets every month to plan upcoming activities on behalf of our Fellowship. Join this February’s circle via Zoom on Monday, February 13, starting at 6:00 pm. Question? Contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Circle Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99728736229>

Meeting ID: 997 2873 6229

NEWCOMERS’ ORIENTATION

Next Session: Sunday, March 12, 12:00 pm

Normally, our Newcomers’ Orientation sessions occur every second Sunday of the Month. However, because of the February 12 Town Hall Meeting, Judith Kendall will not facilitate Newcomer orientation this month. The next session will be March 12.

For more information, contact Judith at judithkendall@cox.net.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! February 12	
Outside Greeter	Aaron Broadwell
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Aaron Broadwell
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.

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

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 am** Parenting & Religion Class (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, February 13 —

- 6:00 pm** Social Justice Circle (Zoom — for info, contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 14 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at)
- 6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 5:30 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom — contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com for info)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, February 15 —

- 1:00 pm** Safety Committee (Entry Foyer)
- 6:00 pm** Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Touchstones Discussion Group (Common Room)

Thursday, February 16 —

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 17 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, February 18 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am** Messy Playdates (Playground — contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org for info)
- 11:30 am** UU Book Circle (Local restaurant — contact Martha Soles at marthajsoles@gmail.com for info)

Sunday, February 19 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** Discussion with Peaceful Paths Spokesperson (Classroom 3)
- 10:00 pm** HUUGG — Humanist Unitarian Universalist Group of Gainesville (Common Room)
- 10:00 am** Class (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

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TOUCHSTONE JOURNAL BY SUBSCRIPTION

Every month, our Fellowship explores a “Touchstone” theme. The latest issue of the *Touchstone Journal* is available via our website at <https://www.uufg.org/learning/adult/>

If you would like to receive mailed copies of the *Touchstone Journal*, please contact Cam Pierce in the office (uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669).

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HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE

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.

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

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, February 12 —

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 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.

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.

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUFG'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).

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REGISTER NOW FOR UUA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2023!

Registration has opened for this coming year's General Assembly in Pittsburg, PA, running from June 21 - 25, 2023. General Assembly 2023 will be a multiplatform event, with registration options for in-person and/or virtual participation.

In-person registration includes access to events scheduled to take place in Pittsburgh, as well as everything available to virtual registrants. Full virtual registration includes access to the GA app, as well as all on-demand programming, live webinars, and live-streamed events.

New this year! Join our First Timers Caucus. If this will be your first ever in-person GA, use the promo code WELCOME to reduce your Adult in-person registration by \$100. One hundred spots are available. Cannot be combined with other financial support promo codes.

In-person registration is \$400 for adults, and \$300 for high school youth, emerging adults (18-24), and retired and candidate ministers. Full Virtual Registration is \$250. Register now and use the payment plan to pay over time. Financial support is also available. ***In-person registration rates will increase on March 1 and again on May 1.***

For registration information, click [HERE!](#) What is General Assembly? Click [HERE](#) to find out!

