



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 11:00 am

This I Believe, Continued...

This Sunday, as we explore our monthly Touchstone theme of “Resilience,” we build on last month’s “This I Believe” service. In that service, several of our members presented their own, personal beliefs while reflecting on the values that make them Unitarian Universalists.

This time, we invite several couples to our pulpit where they will explore how Resilience and Unitarian Universalism as a shared faith have impacted their lives together. Mary Anthony serves as worship associate, and James Chase reads our story for all ages. Don’t forget to bring a mask.

This Sunday we will Share the Plate with Peaceful Paths

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>



SHARE THE PLATE WITH PEACEFUL PATHS

Sunday, February 19, 11:00 am

Peaceful Paths is a certified domestic violence center serving survivors of domestic violence in Alachua, Bradford, and Union counties. Peaceful Paths provides a wide range of services including emergency shelter, 24-hour helpline, victim advocacy, children's programming, economic empowerment education and support, crisis counseling and support groups, community awareness and intervention, and violence prevention programs.

Sunday, February 19 is a “Share the Plate” service. All non-designated donations will be given to Peaceful Paths.

Besides Sunday collection, you may also support “Share the Plate” in the following ways:

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.

“FIRST HOUR” WITH PEACEFUL PATHS

Sunday, February 19, 11:00 am

This Sunday, come at 10 am to Classroom 3 for a First Hour informal time to meet Peaceful Paths staff and learn more about their important work in our community. Questions? Contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

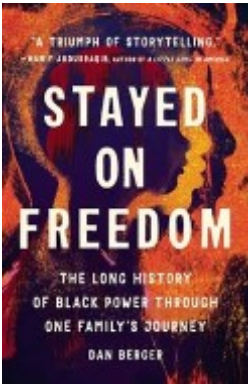
SIGN CLEAN WATER PETITION

Sunday, February 19 during coffee hour

We are working to help get a constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot to make it illegal to harm Florida’s waters. Current laws are ineffective, which is why Florida waters continue to get more polluted. This amendment would grant all Floridians a fundamental right to clean and healthy waters. The key word is “fundamental.” This fundamental right would take precedence over the permitted rights of polluters and enable us to hold the state accountable when it permits the degradation of our waters.

We think that most Floridians want clean water, and this amendment will allow them to vote for clean water during the next election. For more information see the website at

<https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org/>



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 UUG Book Cart and through book stores, and on Kindle. Get your copy and be ready for discussion in March.



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 UUG, 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!



UUG FOUNDATION GRANTS
Spring Grant Cycle Has Begun!

UUG 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 UUG Foundation web page at <https://www.uug.org/home/who-we-are/uug-foundation/>

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

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2023.

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

ONLINE GIVING TO UUG

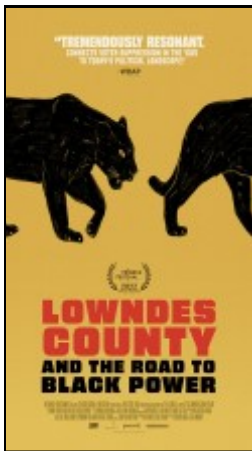
You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home> to set up your account.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Steve Atlas, Rose Cole, Beverly Giordano, Mike Lattimer, Tom Palmer and Joseph Rowe!



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).

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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.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Eighty-Three people attended our February 12 service while 60 views show on our YouTube video presentation.

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

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

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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! February 19	
Outside Greeter	
Welcome Table	
Foyer Monitor	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	
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 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)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, February 20 —

Office Closed — Presidents Day

- 6:00 pm** Finance Committee (Zoom — for info, contact Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Popcorn & a Movie (Zoom. Questions? Contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 21 —

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

Wednesday, February 22 —

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

Thursday, February 23 —

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm** Leadership Development Committee (Common Room)

Friday, February 24 —

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

Saturday, February 25 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 2:30 am** Private Rental Event (Phillips Hall)

Sunday, February 26 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** Parenting & Religion 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)

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.

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, March 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/>

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!



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.