



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, February 26, 11:00 am

Resilience:

Where Does the Rubber Meet the Road?

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit as we continue our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of Resilience. In particular, as we begin our spring pledge drive, Rev. Christe considers the qualities of resilience as they connect to stewardship and our covenantal community. Erin Parish serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. 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>

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 27, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting this coming Monday, February 27 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members and friends are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615



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!

In This Gazette:

- UUG Pledge Drive for 2023-24 Begins Today!
- General Assembly Financial Assistance Available
- UUG Foundation Spring Grants Available
- Social Justice Common Read: *Stayed on Freedom*
- Family Promise Sign Up Call
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- UUA General Assembly Registration open
- Interfaith Trivia Night
- Gratitudes, Birthdays, Calendars and more!



UUFG PLEDGE DRIVE FOR 2023-24 BEGINS TODAY!

This Sunday (February 26) begins our pledge drive for the 2023-24 fiscal year at UUFG. We will begin to explore how we understand our gifts of time, talent, intelligence and financial resources as we respond to the needs within and outside the Fellowship.

The past three years have been challenging, but we have been resilient. However, many of our programs such as religious education and staff support lag behind. We are asking you to consider an increase in your financial commitment to help address these needs and inflationary costs born by the Fellowship.

Packet Pick Up Before & After Service

This Sunday, please pick up a packet containing pledge information and pledge card along with an updated directory. The card gives you a range of weekly pledge amounts given your income and the percent of your commitment. We will mail unclaimed packets this next week.

Thanks to a generous UUFG Foundation grant, as a part of this year's pledge drive, we will also order new nametags for all of our members and supporting friends. Our pledge cards this year include space for you to submit nametag information when you return your card.

Upcoming Sundays

Beginning on the first Sunday in March (March 5), we will explore how UUFG uses your resources to focus on social justice and community outreach. During the second Sunday in March (March 12), we reflect on how our giving impacts worship, music and fellowship. On March 19, we will dedicate our pledge cards as part of our covenant with the Fellowship. Please plan to attend this important service.

Why Pledge?

As we thoughtfully consider our financial commitment, time, and talents, perhaps we should try to find a fair balance between our present abundance and the world's needs. Like UUFG's commitment to social justice, worship, religious education and fellowship, we have already found some of that balance as a community that supports one another and the wider needs of the community.

Our gifts already impact many – but the need is greater still. Indeed, our need for a stronger UUFG community has never been greater – we all benefit from our shared covenant.

Perhaps you and I may reconsider again what we have, and what others need, and then respond accordingly. Giving depends on one's values – arising from one's own motivation for giving. Giving should be from a sense of gratitude that adds meaning to our lives and the lives of those we serve. Giving is not just some obligation or an act of paying one's dues.

I invite you to reflect with me on our abundance and the larger needs that our community serves, and let us work together to transform our values of giving.

Yours in Peace,

Michael Hazlett
UUFG Stewardship Committee

[Many thanks to Debra Neill-Mareci for creating our yellow and blue "medallion" graphic seen above!]



GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The UUFG Leadership Development Committee has funding to provide financial assistance to members to attend our Association's annual meeting, General Assembly. Attendance may be in-person in Pittsburgh or remotely. Preference for funding will be given to persons attending GA for the first time, in current UUFG leadership positions (or committed to filling a leadership position), in financial need, and willing to be a congregational delegate.

The deadline for applications is March 1, and funding decisions will be made within a week. If you are going to GA, please go ahead and register, as registration costs increase after February 28. Delegates may attend business sessions remotely without charge. There also are opportunities for reducing costs by working as a GA volunteer. If you plan to attend in person, make room reservations as soon as possible because they are filling up rapidly.

If you would like an application form, contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net. Also, if you are planning to attend GA but don't need funding, please let Judith know, as the LDC is serving as a clearinghouse for GA attendees, delegates and otherwise.

Use these links for details and registration as well as housing information:

<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

<https://www.uua.org/ga/travel>

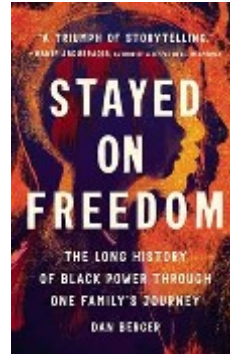
I AM GRATEFUL TO



The many members who helped prepare our stewardship and directory packets for distribution this Sunday. Thanks to *Paul Avery, Barbara Palmer, Tom Palmer, Hazel Hazlett, Mike Hazlett, Judith Kendall, Diane DePuydt, Liz Stewart, Sandra Topp and Bev Giordano!*

~ Cam Pierce

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 uufice@uufg.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 UUFG Book Cart and through book stores, and on Kindle. Get your copy and be ready for discussion in March.

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.



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE

HUUGG / HUMANIST DINNER*Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 pm*

Humanist UU Group of Gainesville meets for dinner this coming Tuesday evening at Pomodoro's Café, 9200 NW 39th Ave., at 6:30 pm. To join the conversation, RSVP to Al Tweedy at sylvester0077@gmail.com.

FAMILY PROMISE SIGN UP GENIUS*Week of March 19 — March 26*

While our Fellowship is not actively hosting homeless families through Family Promise, UUFG has been asked to help with hosting duties at Westminster Presbyterian during the week of Saturday, March 19 through Sunday, March 26. To sign up, please follow the Sign Up Genius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AADA923A3F58-family>

PROPOSED ARTICLE TWO AMENDMENT PROCESS

As we have discussed at our Fellowship, the Unitarian Universalist Association is currently reviewing Article 2 of the UUA's bylaws, which help define Unitarian Universalism's principles and sources. For information about the UUA's proposed Article 2 amendment process as discussed in the February UUA Board Meeting, please click on the link below.

https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/a2_amend_process_ga23.pdf

NOTES:

"Anyone interested in proposing an amendment to be considered for priority should submit their suggested amendment idea through a form. Suggested amendment ideas for priority would need to be submitted by April 30." UUA BOT Minutes

The form is not yet available — this is the proposed process, so the form will be made available after the process is actually approved.

Discussion workshops for all will then most likely be the second week of May.

Delegates may submit amendments up through the GA mini assembly, but last-minute amendments may not be considered for priority.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFO:

It has been clearly stated in every meeting that the vote at General Assembly 2023 (this year) is to continue the conversation — not to adopt.

UUFG CALENDAR*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)

Monday, February 27 —

- 6:30 pm** Governing Board (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 28 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
- 6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 6:30 pm** HUUGG / Open Humanist Circle (Pomodoro Restaurant. RSVP to Al Tweedy at sylvester0077@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uualdosta@yahoo.com)

Thursday, March 2 —

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

Friday, March 3 —

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

Saturday, March 4 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — Questions? Contact Peggy Maloney at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)
- 10:00 am** Incident Response Team Training (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 12:30 pm** Worship Team Training (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 5 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Common Room)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Grace Neagle, Donovan Slone, Brendyn Prentice-Bryant!



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).

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.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Sixty-two people attended our February 19 service while 55 views show on our YouTube video presentation.

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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.



Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! February 26

Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Alice Primack
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Harry Mangle
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Wendy Visscher
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker

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!



The Alachua County Faith Leaders Alliance, of which Rev. Christie is a member, is hosting an 'Interfaith Trivia Night at First Christian Church on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 pm.



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 UUG, 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

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

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

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