

# The Gazette



February 5, 2023 — Volume 20, Issue 5

## SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday, February 5, 11 am*

UU & UU — What Is Your Connection?

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford facilitates our service, *UU & UU – What is Your Connection?*, focusing on [Article 2 of the Unitarian Universalist Association bylaws](#). Article 2 incorporates the principles, sources and purposes of the UUA, and is subject to review and revision this year. Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg. Please remember to bring a mask.

Following service, our Governing Board will facilitate a conversation in the Sanctuary about Article 2 and proposed changes.

### 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-HIRLSg6IRfA/live>

## GOVERNING BOARD FACILITATED CONVERSATION ABOUT ARTICLE 2

*Sunday, February 5, 12:00 pm*

Following Sunday service, our Governing Board will facilitate a conversation with the congregation in the Sanctuary about Article 2 and proposed changes — what they mean for Unitarian Universalism and our Fellowship. Please join in!

## TOWN HALL & LUNCH

*Sunday, Feb 12, 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm*

Please join the Governing Board immediately after service on Sunday, February 12 for a Board-hosted lunch. Soup and salad will be served, followed by a congregation-wide discussion in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided.

This continuing conversation is an opportunity for members, friends, and guests to share with each other and the Board how this Fellowship can live its values in the world. The work of the Fellowship is ours together, and the Board wants to hear your perspectives and inputs on how we achieve these goals together.

## UUG DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

*Picture-Taking Opportunities  
Sunday, February 5 and 12*

Is your directory picture out of date? Does it somehow not capture the current essence of you? Debra Neill-Mareci and James Chase will offer their photographic skills after services 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](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the February anniversaries of our membership.

- *Four Years:* Beverly Giordano
- *Six Years:* Diane DePuydt
- *Nine Years:* Berney Pellett
- *Ten Years:* Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer, Sandra Topp, Lauren Samuels, Mary Anthony and Carolyn Holland
- *Thirteen Years:* Alice Gridley
- *Twenty-One Years:* Kim Alexander
- *Forty-Four Years:* Marilyn Roberts

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

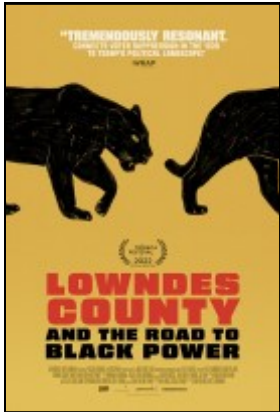
*Sunday, February 19, 10 am in Classroom 3, and in 11 am in Service*  
**Share the Plate with Peaceful Paths**

Come at 10 am for a First Hour informal time to meet Peaceful Paths staff and learn more about their work. This certified domestic violence center serves 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. At this Service all non-designated donations will be given to Peaceful Paths.

*Sunday, February 19 during coffee hour*  
**Sign Clean Water Petition**

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/>

*Monday, February 20, 7 pm on Zoom*



**Social Justice Movie: "Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power"**

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

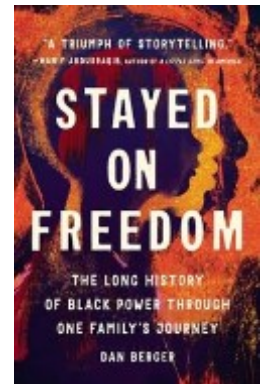
**Social Justice Common Read for Spring:**

*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.



For information about Social Justice activities at UUG, please contact Mary Bahr at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com) or Alice Primack at [primacks39@gmail.com](mailto:primacks39@gmail.com).

## I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to Friends of the Courtyard for hosting this past Sunday's Coffee Hour, in particular *Peggy Maloney, Debby Jo Malickson, Lynn Jamieson and Barbara Palmer* (I do love those mini quiches!)

~ 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](mailto:uuoffice@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!***



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Amy Dyal, Toni Wallace, Kirsten Flamand and Jonathan Colburn!



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)).

## HUMANIST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG)

*Sunday, February 5, 10 am*

Join the conversation this Sunday in the Common Room at the 10:00 hour. This Sunday's topic: sharing stories and thoughts about evolution and survival of the human race.

HUUGG meets the first and third Sunday at 10:00 am in the Common Room to explore what it means to be Humanist.

For more information about HUUGG, contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com).

## TGIF CELEBRATION

*Friday, February 10, 5:30 pm*

Home of Mary Margaret & Chris Andrew

1719 NW 23rd Ave.

Gaineswood Condominiums

Building 2, Unit PHF / 6 floor

Our monthly TGIF gatherings continue in February at the home of Chris and Mary Margaret Andrew on Friday, February 10 at 5:30 pm. Come join the conversation! Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share.

## UUFG MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

*Thursday, February 9, 11:30 am*

Our UUFG Men's Lunch Group typically meets on the second Thursday of each month, either at a local restaurant or via Zoom. This February's meeting is via Zoom, on Thursday, February 9 at 11:30 am.

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91049873230>

Meeting ID: 910 4987 3230

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

Sixty-eight adults attended our January 29 service while 47 views show on our YouTube video presentation.



Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! February 5	
Outside Greeter	
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Barbara Palmer
Foyer Monitor	Joseph Rowe
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney
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](mailto: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 5 —*

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 am** Humanist UU's of Greater Gainesville (HUUGG) Discussion (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Article 2 Discussion (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)

*Monday, February 6 —*

- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

*Tuesday, February 7 —*

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at [diane.depuydt@gmail.com](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or Pete Turner at )
- 6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 6:30 pm** Worship Team (Zoom — contact Liz Stewart at [marmstew002@gmail.com](mailto:marmstew002@gmail.com) for info)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com))

*Wednesday, February 8 —*

- 8:00 am** Lifeline Screening (Phillips Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall)

*Thursday, February 9 —*

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 11:30 am** UUFG Men's Lunch Group (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

*Friday, February 10 —*

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

*Saturday, February 11 —*

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning
- 7:00 pm** Finn Magill & Alan Murray in Concert (Sanctuary)

*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** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table — for info, contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net))
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

## 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.

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

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS WORK MORNING

*Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am*

Every second Saturday of the month a dedicated group gathers at 9 am for a couple of hours of healthy yard work and collegiality, helping to beautify our campus. Please drop by next Saturday as your schedule allows! For information about our upcoming Sparkle Saturday, please contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](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.



## FINN MAGILL AND ALAN MURRAY

*Saturday, February 11, 7:00 pm*  
*(doors open 6:30 pm)*

Presented by Magnolia Roots Music

### TICKETS:

\$20 in advance (plus a small fee to Eventbrite)

\$25 at door (cash only, please)

100% of ticket sales go to the band



**Andrew “Finn the Fiddler” Magill** has straddled the line of “fiddler” and “violinist” for the better part of his thirty years. Raised in an Irish musical household in Asheville, North Carolina he grew up studying with many of the best traditional American and Irish fiddlers at The Swannanoa Gathering music workshops. At age 18, his debut record *Drive & Lift* was featured on NPR and ten years later, Magill released his 2016 double-disc concept album *Roots and Branches*, debuting at #46 on the Folk DJ charts.

**Guitarist, bouzouki player and singer Alan Murray** lives in Boston, Massachusetts, where he has established himself as an in-demand performer and teacher on the Irish music scene. He currently plays and tours with many of the finest traditional musicians today, and has taught classes at such prestigious music programs as Warren Wilson college’s Swannanoa Gathering, Catskills Irish Arts Week, Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, The Flaherty Retreat, and the University of Louisiana and Connecticut’s Scared Heart U

**For more information, visit**

<https://andrewfinnmagill.com>

and

<https://fourwindsirishmusic.com/alan-murray>

**BUY TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-concert-andrew-finn-magill-and- alan-murray-tickets-525357577657>

## 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.

