



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, January 29, 11 am
Imbolc

This Sunday, we welcome the musical talents of [Friction Farm](#) to our Fellowship. As we conclude our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of "wintering," we observe Imbolc, an ancient pagan festival rooted in Celtic tradition that marks the half-way point between winter solstice and spring equinox. Anna Deyle serves as worship associate, and James Chase reads 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>

UUGF DIRECTORY COMING IN FEBRUARY!

Picture-Taking Opportunities
Sunday, February 5 and 12

We look forward to distributing new, updated directories at the end of February.

Is your directory picture out of date? Does it somehow not capture the current essence of you? Debra Neill-Mareci will offer their photographic skills after services on February 5 and 12. Watch the Gazette and News-and-Needs for more information.

If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, etc., please provide any updates to Cam in the office by Tuesday, February 14 at uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669

"RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER" AMENDMENT PETITION DRIVE

Our Social Justice Council is gathering signatures for a "Right to Clean Water" amendment to be placed on the Florida ballot in 2024. Please look for our table under the tent this Sunday after the service — drop by for information about the amendment as well as forms to put it on the ballot.

~Nancy Parkinson

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.

UUGF JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING UPDATE TO THE CONGREGATION

Motion passed and decisions made at the January 23, 2023, UUGF Board meeting:

- Approved Mike Hazlett as stewardship campaign chair
- Approved the UUGF Leadership Development Committee's leadership training plan to be submitted to the UUGF Foundation
- Requested Alice Gridley to continue working on the proposed solar energy project for UUGF and to keep the Board informed about this project.
- Accepted the \$4,000 quote from Gator Fire to flush the fire system (sprinklers) piping

Beverly Giordano
Secretary, UUGF Board of Directors

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

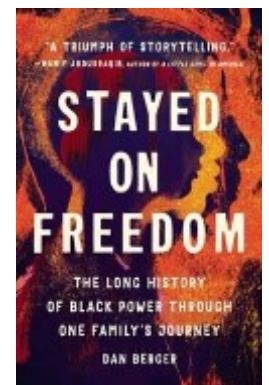
Social Justice Common Read for Spring:

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



Social Justice Report and Survey

A Social Justice Report and Survey will be coming up soon in your email. We will report for the congregation on what our committees have worked on in the past year, and send out a survey to the congregation on what activities you would like to participate in with Social Justice this year.

For information about Social Justice activities at UUFG, please contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com or Alice Primack at primacks39@gmail.com.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to *Kirsten Flammand* and *Lynn Jamieson* for partnering up to make Sunday's Coffee Hour delicious and resplendent!

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a "gratitude" to share, expressing appreciation for someone working "behind the scenes" to make UUGG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uuoffice@uufg.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Kira Stevens, Tim Christy and Connor Neilson!



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).

HUMANIST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG)

Sunday, February 5, 10 am

Are human beings able to be ethical without the creeds, religious texts and sermons from religious or spiritual sources? Morals, values and ethics are important to every community, as is the search for meaning and purpose. How does a spiritual community support that? Some Unitarian Universalists are nontheists or freethinkers. Does this describe you or people you know?

Join us on the first and third Sunday at 10:00 am in the Common Room to explore what it means to be Humanist. The next meeting is February 5.

For more information about HUUGG, contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Eighty-one people attended our January 22 service or our Sunday Fire Circle "in person," while 63 people checked out our service online.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUGG

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.

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 UUGG 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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! January 29	
Outside Greeter	
Welcome Table	
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts
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, January 29 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 am** Solar Subcommittee (Classroom 3)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:15 pm** Safety Subcommittee (Common Room)

Monday, January 30 —

- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** Committee on Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 31 —

- 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)

Thursday, February 2 —

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

Friday, February 3 —

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

Saturday, February 4 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am** Board Retreat
- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room)

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** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Common Room)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

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 process is easy. Just save your receipts.

Questions?

Contact Susan at susan.christy42@gmail.com

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 (uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669).

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 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. For information and the Zoom link, contact Diane DePuydt (diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or Pete Turner (peteturner123@gmail.com).

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONE

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/>

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.



**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:

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