

# The Gazette



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## SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday, January 8, 11 am*  
**A Love That Provokes**



This Sunday, Unitarian Universalist seminarian Samara Powers is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we continue exploring this month's Touchstone theme of "Wintering." 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.

### 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-HIRLSg6lRfA/live>

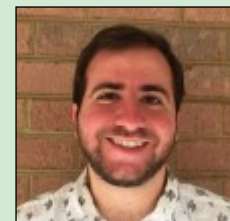
## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**TOM BULLOCK:**  
**50 YEARS AT UUFG!**

This month, we celebrate the January anniversaries of our membership. In particular, we celebrate Tom Bullock's 50th anniversary of his membership in our Fellowship this month!

- *Three Years:* Madelyn Moyer, Abi Fletcher and Susan and Tim Christy
- *Six Years:* David Etherington
- *Seven Years:* Amy Dyal
- *Eight Years:* Martha and Vic Harrell
- *Fifty Years:* Tom Bullock

**CALLING ALL  
SINGERS!**  
**JOIN UUFG'S  
CHALICE CHOIR  
IN 2023!**



Calling all trained and untrained singers alike!

Start the new year by joining the Chalice Choir, UUFG's congregational choir! Musicians of all experience are welcome.

Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7 pm. Contact Music Director Derek Nirenberg at [music@uufg.org](mailto:music@uufg.org) for more information.

Derek Nirenberg  
Music Director, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville

## NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

*Sunday, January 8, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the January 8 service. Curious but not sure this denomination is for you? Definitely interested in membership? This orientation session is for all of you.

For more information or to sign up for orientation, come to the welcome table in the foyer prior to service or to the visitor's table outside during coffee hour. Look for the green tablecloth. You may also contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for more info.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY



Share the Plate Conversation with GRACE Marketplace

*Sunday, January 15, 10:00 am First Hour, UUFG Classroom 4*

GRACE Marketplace coordinator of Volunteers will speak with us about the work and needs of GRACE. Leigh Scott has stories to share and is happy to answer questions about this community resource at 3055 NE 28th Drive in Gainesville. We meet at 10 am in Classroom 4 – bring your coffee and questions!

Share the Plate with GRACE Marketplace.

*Sunday, January 15, in 11:00 am Service*

GRACE is supported by the City of Gainesville and Alachua County, offering a wide variety of supportive services for the homeless. At this Service all non-designated donations will be given to GRACE.

Social Justice Circle

*Sunday, January 15, in 12:30 am*

Every third Sunday, our Social Justice Circle meets in the Tent area outside of the Phillips Hall to plan upcoming activities on behalf of our Fellowship. All are welcome to attend!

MLK March.

*Monday, January 16, 12 noon, City Hall Plaza and down University Avenue*

Please meet at 11:45 at City Hall Plaza. We will join the March as a group with our UUFG banner, from the Plaza to Citizens Field, where the MLK Day program begins at 1pm. Wear your yellow Side of Love tee or another yellow tee shirt if possible.

Social Justice Common Read — Conversation with Author Janis Owens

*Saturday, January 28, 1:00 pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave.*

Author Janis Owens will speak about her book *Hidden in Plain Sight: A History of the Newberry Mass Lynching of 1916*. This book is our Social Justice Common Read for Winter, and is a fast-paced narrative history of a 1916 mass lynching in North Florida, where six members of a tight-knit Black family were killed by a white mob of the “best men” in the district. The lynching garnered brief, nationwide attention, including an investigation by the NAACP and condemnation by W. E. B. Dubois, before it was buried in a vow of silence that endured for nearly a hundred years. Owens is a native of North Florida, and graduated from the University of Florida. This talk is the keynote address of the Sunshine State Book Festival put on by the Writers Alliance of Gainesville

[\(https://www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com/\)](https://www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com/)

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	December	YTD
Income	\$15,169 (budget: \$26,900)	\$165,169 (budget: \$161,733)
Expenses	\$26,488 (budget: \$28,355)	\$147,125 (budget: \$168,490)
Net	<b>\$11,319</b>	<b>\$18,044</b>

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1 through December 31, 2022, which marks the end of our second quarter. After recording pledge income in November that was significantly over-budget for that month, our pledge income was down in December. Consequently, we show a net loss for December. Nevertheless, having completed the first six months of our fiscal year, we remain “in the black,” showing positive net income at \$18,044.

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.

“FIRST HOUR”  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION FOR  
CHILDREN IN  
JANUARY!



By James Chase, DRE

*Fireside Sunday, January 15.*

Our *Fireside Sunday* was so well enjoyed that we’ve decided to revisit once a month for the cold months of the year. You’re invited to bring your child to our next Fireside Sunday at 10 am on January 15. We’ll have hot dogs and s’mores to prepare over the fire, but you are welcome to bring other food that may better fit your child’s dietary needs (e.g., vegan, gluten free, etc.)

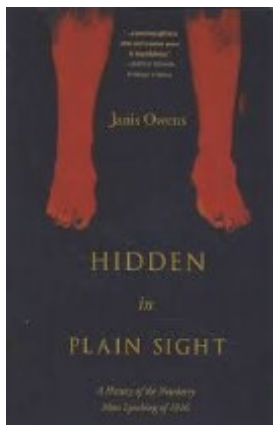
*30 Days of Love*

30 Days of Love is our annual celebration that runs from Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is Monday, January 16, through Valentine’s Day in February.

In 2023, 30 Days of Love will focus on Side With Love’s four intersectional justice priorities, with opportunities each week for communities and people of all ages to ground, grow, and act together for justice. This religious education curriculum will run for four Sundays, starting January 22.

If you have questions about enrolling your child in our religious education programming or just want to know more, please contact me at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org).

SOCIAL JUSTICE  
COMMON READ



Our Social Justice Common Read for Winter is *Hidden In Plain Sight: A History of the Newberry Mass Lynching of 1916*, by Janis Owens. Get your copy from Amazon or bookstores. Then plan to attend a live reading by the local author in January.

“FIRST HOUR” RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION FOR ADULTS ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

*10 am In the Common Room*

**Parenting Beyond Belief Discussion Group**

Using reflections from freethinkers in Dale McGowan’s *Parenting Beyond Belief* as a springboard for discussion, we’ll share, explore and celebrate the wonders and the challenges that come with raising caring, independent, and open-minded children without religious indoctrination. This group will meet on second and fourth Sundays at 10 am in the Common Room. Diana Hagan facilitates.

A note from Diana about the book: There are two editions with overlapping content. I have the 2nd (2016) edition on order for myself and I think we’ll want to use that, but the first edition (2007) should be fine if that’s what you have. Second Edition: Amazon AbeBooks

For more information, contact Diana Hagan 352-317-4499 or [diana.hagan@gmail.com](mailto:diana.hagan@gmail.com)

*10 am in Classroom 3*

**Dreamwork**

Dreams have a long history of being regarded as divine messages in almost every religious tradition. Dreams are a thin place for encountering the Divine in all aspects of our lives. Working with our dreams opens a communication channel between the conscious and unconscious worlds, allowing us to translate the metaphor and symbol in dream language into a language that is helpful for problem solving in our waking life.

Sharing the stories our nightly dreams tell is an age-old practice, one that has provided inspiration, entertainment and revelations throughout history. Dream work offers a method for healing old wounds, living more fully and joyfully each day, increasing self-awareness, improving understanding of our life purpose, and integrating new understandings. Each of these leads, in turn, to greater empathy and compassion.

Carl Jung developed language and methods for better understanding dream meanings — concepts like projection, archetypes, collective unconscious, anima, animus, and shadow. Because it is often difficult for the dreamer to analyze and understand messages from their own dreams, projective dream work is helpful for grasping dream meanings.

In this group we will learn the basic method of projective dreamwork, how to remember our dreams, build a safe container for sharing, and then work with dreams that dreamers bring to the group. Come find out what your dreams are telling you!

Dreamwork will have open classes on January 8, 15 and 22 before settling into a monthly routine with a set group of participants. For more information, please contact the course facilitator, Diane Harper, at [harper\\_dianne@hotmail.com](mailto:harper_dianne@hotmail.com).



## I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to so many folks who stepped up during the holidays to host Coffee Hour! Thanks to *Elisabet Carlsen, Bev Giordano* and *Hazel Hazlett* who hosted on Christmas Eve, to *Mary Bahr* and *Alice Primack* who extended hospitality on Christmas morning, and to *Peggy Koulias, Marilyn Roberts, Lynn Jamieson, Mary Bahr* and *Bev Giordano* on who made Social Hour happen on New Year's Day.

~ 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).

## HUMANIST CIRCLE

*Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm*

Our Humanist Circle has returned! All are invited to attend this open group's twice-monthly meetings at local restaurants for fellowship and conversations.

The Humanist Circle's next meeting is Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm Northwest Grille, 5115 NW 39th Ave. To RSVP, contact Al Tweedy at [sylvester0077@gmail.com](mailto:sylvester0077@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 ([uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669).

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Christmas Eve service, 74 people of all ages attended our candlelight service. On Christmas Day, 28 people attended our 11 am service.

## 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.

## Deep Gratitude to all of UUFG from Our Fellowship's Minister & Staff

Our Fellowship's minister and staff thank you all for your kind thoughts, beautiful cards and generous gifts that you left for us in our Holiday Boxes.

We deeply appreciate your support and well wishes as we join with you to create the beloved community that is UUFG.

In Fellowship,

James Chase, Director of Religious Education

Tané DeKrey, Pianist

Gabby Guzman, Childcare

Lane Hagan, Childcare

Katie Hagan, Childcare

Garrett Hecker, Audiovisual Tech

Rev Christe Lunsford, Minister

Derek Nirenberg, Choir Director

Cam Pierce, Congregational Admin

Juan Rivera, Custodian

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

### WORK MORNING

*Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am*

Every second Saturday of the month, a group of dedicated UUFG members and friends spend a morning maintaining and beautifying our Fellowship. Stop by as your schedule allows for an hour of two of work, helping make our Fellowship "sparkle." For more information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com),

## 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](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com)

**“FIRST HOUR” RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

*Starting January 15, 10 am in Classroom 4 Social Justice “Share the Plate” Conversations*

This coming year, our Social Justice Committee will invite representatives of each of the charities that we support via our Share the Plate program to come talk about their organizations. In January, we will Share the Plate with Grace Marketplace. Leigh Scott, the Volunteer Coordinator, will come to UUFG to speak with us about GRACE and answer questions. Please put January 15 at 10am on your calendar for this talk. On that day we Share The Plate with GRACE during our Sunday service.

*10 am in the Common Room*  
**Humanist Unitarian Universalist Group of Gainesville (HUUGG)**

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.

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

**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](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com)) or Pete Turner ([peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com)).

**GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS**

The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto: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.

<b>Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! January 8</b>	
<b>Outside Greeter</b>	
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
<b>Foyer Monitor</b>	Vic Harrell
<b>RE Monitor</b>	Norden Lucke
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Visitors Table</b>	
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Garrett Hecker

**REV. CHRISTE LUNSFORD ON LEAVE THRU JANUARY 29**

Rev. Christe is on leave through Sunday, January 29. If you have Fellowship-related issues or pastoral concerns, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, in the UUFG office ([uoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669) or Martha Soles, Congregation President ([marthajsoles@gmail.com](mailto:marthajsoles@gmail.com) / 540-645-9897) for assistance. They are in contact with Rev. Christe and can relay concerns as needed.

**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](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com) with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

Magnolia Roots Music presents  
**MIKE BLOCK TRIO**

Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

7:30 pm (doors open 7:00 pm)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville

For lots of great videos and more about these stellar musicians:

<https://www.mikeblockmusic.com/trioepk>

TICKETS: \$25 in advance (plus a \$3.16 fee to Eventbrite)

\$30 at door (cash preferred)

100% of ticket sales go to the band

To purchase tickets, click [HERE](#)

Mike Block Trio, featuring Zachariah Hickman (bass/vocals) and Joe K. Walsh (mandolin/vocals), is led by cello player, singer, and composer Mike Block, hailed as “one of the bravest, most intriguing musicians on the American fusion scene” by *Gramophone Magazine*. The Trio brings an exciting personal perspective to acoustic music, “a rousing musical breakdown with classical themes and progressive preciseness.” “Never before have we heard the combination of these instruments traverse such a wide breadth of music so effortlessly” - *WBUR Boston*. “A supergroup of three virtuosic players...” - *Saratoga Today*



**Food4Kids**  
nourishing our future

**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

**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, January 8 —*

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/>



## UUFG CALENDAR

### *Sunday, January 8 —*

- 10:00 am** Parenting & Religion (Common Room)
- 10:00 am** Dreamwork (Classroom 3)
- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:30 pm** Safety Monitors (Sanctuary)

### *Monday, January 9 —*

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

### *Tuesday, January 10 —*

- 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)
- 5:30 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at [diane.depuydt@gmail.com](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com))
- 6:30 pm** Humanist Circle (NW Grill — to RSVP, contact Al Tweedy at [sylvester0077@gmail.com](mailto:sylvester0077@gmail.com))
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com))

### *Thursday, January 12 —*

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 11:30 pm** UUFG Men's Lunch Group (Ballyhoo Grill — RSVP to Harry Mangle at [hmangle2@cox.net](mailto:hmangle2@cox.net))
- 7:00 pm** Chalice Choir Rehearsal

### *Friday, January 13 —*

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- 7:30 pm** Mike Block Trio Concert (Sanctuary)

### *Saturday, January 14 —*

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning

### *Sunday, January 15 —*

- 10:00 am** HUUGS Humanist Class (Common Room)
- 10:00 am** Dreamwork Class (Classroom 3)
- 10:00 am** Social Justice Share the Plate Conversation (Classroom 4)
- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:30 pm** social Justice Circle (Tent Area)

## 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!

## 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.