

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday, July 10, 11:00 Our Circle of Life

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in our Fellowship's pulpit as they continue our exploration of this month's Touchstones theme. Erin Parish serves as worship associate.



Rev. Christe Lunsford

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>



Paul Hargrave displays his collection of East African art, with Art Newman and Doris Hargrave

UUGF ARTS & CRAFTS DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, July 13, 1:00 pm

Come join the conversation and stay for a bit of creative crafting fun — every second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Phillips Social Hall!

On Wed. July 13, Dr. Arthur Newman will be sharing his experiences, during his 1 1/2 yr. trip to Israel. This included a 6-month stay in a kibbutz and teaching English High School class in Hazorea. Several books depicting Israeli people and their culture will also be available for viewing..

In followings groups, participants will be invited to bring postcards of their travels for discussion.

If you or a friend are interested with sharing your artistic experiences with us, please contact David Willkomm (willkomm_d@bellsouth.net / 352 213-9978).

~ David Willkomm

Common Read for Summer is *Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment* by the historian Roxanne Dubar-Ortiz

This book takes a close and unexpected look at the historical origins of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, approached from neither the liberal nor the conservative side of the usual debate, instead digging deeply into the subject as a historian to unleash surprising facts. We will follow up with a Discussion in July. If you would like to order a copy through UUGF, see Paul Hargrave at the UUGF Book Cart after Services.



UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick Grey at a rally in Portland OR on June 24

UUFG SUPPORTS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

On June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson* case, effectively overturning *Roe v. Wade* and eliminating federal protections for abortion. Each state now independently regulates abortion, with at least 26 states poised to ban abortion care completely.

We grieve for the effects of this decision on women and their families, but UU's are committed to defend women's rights and reproductive justice. The Unitarian Universalist Association and the UU Service Committee have both issued strong statements condemning the Supreme Court's decision and calling us all to action.

- To read the Unitarian Universalist Association's statement on the Supreme Court's decision, click [HERE](#).
- For the UU Service Committee's message, click [HERE](#).
- To watch UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Grey's message of "Holy Fury" delivered in Portland, OR following the release of the court's decision, click [HERE](#).

ACTION - HOW TO ORGANIZE

For those who wish to take concrete actions in defense of reproductive justice, Rev. Christe recommends joining the UUSC's Side With Love's UPLIFT Action campaign. To register for this three-part "Reproductive Justice Congregational Organizing Series for Team," click [HERE](#).

ACTION - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

A number of organizations support reproductive justice and assist women who seek abortions in Florida. For a list of these organizations as provided by the National Association of Abortion Funds, click [HERE](#) and scroll down to the State of Florida.

From the Rev. Susan Frederick-Grey's statement on behalf of the UUA:

"Our faith calls us to advocate on behalf of all those who need ready access to safe, legal abortion care whenever and wherever they need it. We will not rest until that reality is true across the country."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of July 3, please wish “happy birthday” to Stefan Brill, Peggy Koulias, Lisa Renner and Debby Jo Malickson!



For the week of July 10, please send birthday wishes to Jim Wright!

Do you have a birthday this coming week, but aren't on our list? Please contact the office to let Cam know (uoffice@uufg.org).

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**WORK MORNING**

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 am

Normally, our “Sparkle Saturday” occurs every second Saturday of the month. However, for scheduling reasons, we've moved this month's work morning to July 16, the third Saturday.

We have a variety tasks available for all abilities and inclinations. You're invited to come to UUFG next Saturday as your time allows to help care for our Fellowship. For information, please contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, June 26, forty-six people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 60 views.

Our in person attendance on Sunday, July 3 was 47, while our YouTube video of the service shows 54 views.

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.

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.

**I AM GRATEFUL TO**

Debra Neill-Mareci, Liz Stewart, Kirsten Flamand, Debby Jo Malickson and all who helped manage operations over the last

two weeks when both Rev. Christe and I were out of the office.

And I am grateful, especially, for the many cards and kind comments that I have received from this congregation following my father's death. Your support means more than I can express.

~ 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 uoffice@uufg.org.

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

“Meditation: It's Not What You Think”

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.

We are currently reading *No Time Like the Present* by Jack Kornfield. Meditation instruction is always available when requested and there is no inconvenient time to start. For more information and to get the Zoom link, please contact diane.depuydt@gmail.com or peteturner123@gmail.com.

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 uualdosta@yahoo.com with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

UUFG CALENDAR

Week of July 10

Sunday, July 10 —

- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)

Monday, July 11 —

- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 12 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uualdosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, July 13 —

- 12:30 pm** UUFG Art/Craft Discussion Group (Phillips Hall)
- 6:30 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall)

Thursday, July 14 —

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 11:30 pm** UUFG Men’s Lunch Group (One Love Café — Questions? Contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)

Friday, July 15 — UUFG Office Closed.

Rev. Christe Lunsford on leave for a UUA function through June 25

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 10:00 am** Messy Playdates (Playground — contact James Chase to register at jameschase209@gmail.com)
- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, July 16 —

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

Sunday, July 17 —

- 9:00 am** UUFG Foundation (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)
- 3:00 pm** Literati Book Club (Zoom — contact Liz Stewart at marmstew002@gmail.com for info)

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!

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Outside Greeter	Cindy Prabst
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack
Audio-visual	Garett Hecker

ROOM USAGE AND CALENDARING EVENTS AT UUFG

Activity on our campus is increasing rapidly, both in terms of our own meetings and ongoing rental events.

During the week you may find some spaces such as the Phillips Social Hall set up with tables and chairs. If you’re using the space and moving furniture around, please return the arrangement to its original form.

If you plan to hold a meeting on our campus, whether inside or outside, please contact the office (uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669) to confirm space availability and to put your event on our church calendar.

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUFG 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.



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, July 10 —

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/>

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 ON SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://facebook.com/uugainesville/>

<https://facebook.com/Social-Justice-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Gainesville/>

<https://facebook.com/earthkeepersuufg/>

<https://facebook.com/groups/uufgparents/>

<https://facebook.com/groups/UUFGYAG/>

(UUFG Young Adult Group)

For more, visit the church's Facebook page:

<https://fb.me/e/1ad0GM80I>

