



## SUNDAY SERVICE

July 16, 11:00 am

### *Radical Play: Rest and Resistance*

Samara Powers is in our Fellowship's pulpit, continuing our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of "Play." James Chase provides our story for all ages, with music provided by our summer choir. Please remember to bring a mask.

We will also "Share the Plate" with Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida at our service,

#### **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>

## SUNDAY SERVICE

July 23, 11:00 am

### *General Assembly Reports*

This Sunday, we hear from some of our members who attended last month's General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association — either in person or online — as they describe their experiences and take-a-ways. James Chase provides our story for all ages, with music provided by our summer choir. Please remember to bring a mask.

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## SHARE THE PLATE WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTH, EAST & NORTH FLORIDA

Sunday, June 16,  
11:00 am

This Sunday, we "Share the Plate" with Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida at our service on July 16. Planned Parenthood delivers vital sexual and reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of people. Planned Parenthood local health centers provide a wide range of services — namely preventive care, including birth control, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and screenings for cervical and other cancers. At the Sunday service on July 16, all non-designated offerings will be given to Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida.

*You may contribute to our Share the Plate collection in several ways:*

1. Simply put money in the offering basket on Sunday.
2. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
3. Go to our website's donation page at <https://www.uufg.org/give/donate.html> — click the Donate button and select "Share the Plate."

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVERSATION ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am

Every third Sunday, our Social Justice Circle gathers before service to discuss our Share the Plate guest. On July 18, join us at 10 am in Classroom 3 for a conversation about the work that Planned Parenthood does in our community.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

~ MASKS &amp; SOLAR ~

*Monday, August 7, 6:30 pm, on Zoom*

Members, please mark your calendars to attend a Congregational Meeting that we will hold via Zoom at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 7.

At this meeting, our Governing Board will bring the Fellowship's masking policy to the congregation for consideration.

The Board will also bring forward an initiative to install solar panels on the Fellowship Hall roof.

Please watch the Gazette and News-and-Needs for more information about this important meeting.

**INTERGENERATIONAL  
GAME NIGHT***Needs Your Input!*

Jeff Stevens and Anna Deyle are organizing an Intergenerational Game Night for UUFG. Jeff has set up a Google form to gather information on our members' interest, so they can schedule a date.

To participate in the interest survey, please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser.  
<https://forms.gle/Tx6VTHoze2Rp9PjX6>

**HUUGG DISCUSSION**

~ RELIGION FOR BREAKFAST ~

*Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am*

Please join the this open discussion this coming Sunday at 10:00 am in the Common Room at UUFG, addressing the latest "Religion for Breakfast" episode."

To watch the video, click the link below:  
<https://youtu.be/gVAeLUVAvao>

It's a 20 minute investment to see the entire video, but it covers a timely topic- manifesting. For info about our "Religion for Breakfast" series, which meets on first and third Sundays, contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com).

**HEARING LOOP  
AVAILABLE**

Please talk to an usher for information.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING***Monday, July 24, 6:30 pm*

Our new Governing Board holds its first meeting of the 2023-2024 fiscal year on Monday, July 24, via Zoom. Members and friends are welcome to attend. Please submit any agenda items to Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, by Monday evening, July 17. Leah's email is [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com)

**Zoom meeting link:**

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

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

**UUFG'S GOVERNING BOARD  
FOR 2023-2024**

As of July 1, our new Governing Board includes

- Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President — [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com)
- Mike Hazlett, Vice President — [mh-hazlett@wiu.edu](mailto:mh-hazlett@wiu.edu)
- Mary Anthony, Treasurer — [maryanthony13@gmail.com](mailto:maryanthony13@gmail.com)
- Erin Parish, Secretary — [erinuu603@gmail.com](mailto:erinuu603@gmail.com)
- Norden Lucke, Trustee — [bobosuncoast@hotmail.com](mailto:bobosuncoast@hotmail.com)
- Tim Christy, Trustee — [tim.christy42@gmail.com](mailto:tim.christy42@gmail.com)
- Tom Mareci, Trustee — [thmareci@gmail.com](mailto:thmareci@gmail.com)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Please wish "happy birthday" to Michael Avery, Jim Friske, Tom Bullock, Peter Marino, Keara Nix, Cindy Capehart, and Jack Rivers!



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)).

**RECENT ATTENDANCE**

On Sunday, July 9, 54 people attended, with 43 views showing on our YouTube channel.

**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/home>



**COMMON READ:**  
***THE CLIMATE BOOK***  
 by Greta Thunberg  
 Discussion #3

*Next meets Sunday, July 23, 3:00 pm*

Please join our monthly conversations as we read this important anthology, incorporating work by an all-star cast of writers on climate.

Our third discussion is on Sunday, July 23 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. For more info, contact Mary Bahr at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

**Zoom link:** <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94464305998>

Subsequently, we'll have three more discussions held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm.

*More about The Climate Book*

The Climate Book gathers the wisdom of over 100 experts, including geophysicists, oceanographers, meteorologists, engineers, economists, mathematicians, and indigenous leaders — all providing perspective on how we can combat climate disaster.

The book is available from local booksellers in hardback for \$30, on order from Amazon for \$24 (used copies available for less), as an e-book for \$15.99, and on Audible for \$30 or one credit.

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

- *Four Years:* Jim Wright
- *Six Years:* Tamara Evonne
- *Twenty-Five Years:* Mary Bahr
- *Fifty-One Years:* Chris Andrew

## UUGF OFFICE CLOSED

*Thursday, July 13 — Wednesday, July 26*

Cam Pierce, our Congregational Administrator, is on vacation for two weeks, from July 13 through July 26. Volunteers will check messages and mail, but our business office will otherwise be closed. Here are contacts for UUGF concerns:

- General UUGF issues: Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President — [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com)
- Reimbursements/Accounting: Mary Anthony, Treasurer — [maryanthony13@gmail.com](mailto:maryanthony13@gmail.com)
- Facilities maintenance or repair: Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair — [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com)
- Web/Listserv: Debra Neill-Mareci, Webmaster — [dneillmareci@gmail.com](mailto:dneillmareci@gmail.com)
- Safety issues: Jonathan Coron, Safety Team Chair — [coronjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:coronjonathan@gmail.com)
- Sunday Service/Worship questions: Liz Stewart, Worship Team Chair — [marmstew002@gmail.com](mailto:marmstew002@gmail.com)
- Membership: Mary Keith, Membership Chair — [mcpk@comcast.net](mailto:mcpk@comcast.net) — or Judith Kendall for new-comer orientations — [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net)

♫ “SOME SING LOW, AND SOME SING HIGHER!” ♫

## JOYFUL JULY SUMMER CHOIR

*Newcomers Welcome! Come one, Come ALL!*

Our Summer Choir continues in July — come join us on July 9, 16, 23, and 30!

**Come to the Choir room each Sunday at 10 am. We'll review the hymns and an easy anthem that Derek selected. Then we sing at our 11 am service.**

**Warning:** This choir only happens if we get 8+ committed singers for each Sunday. So please reply to let us know if you want to sing with us — or if you're going to miss a Sunday!

**QUESTIONS:** Call Kirsten Flamand 352 262 4481 or email [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com).

## INTERIM MINISTRY FUND PLEDGE DRIVE CONCLUDING THIS WEEK

The letter below was included in last week's Gazette and distributed electronically. The pledge drive continues this coming week after which time members may still make contributions to the fund, but we will not actively solicit pledges.

Dear Members and Friends of UUFG,

At our Annual Congregational Meeting last May, UUFG members approved an annual budget with a \$56,000 deficit, amid much discussion about whether the congregation could afford to hire an interim minister.

Several members decided that it was crucial for the congregation's well-being to close the deficit and assure an interim salary. The Governing Board gave permission to solicit one-time contributions to be placed in an Interim Minister fund. Our goal was \$84,000 (there is approximately \$28,000 in Rev. Christe's sabbatical fund that is available) to cover the deficit for two years. We now have total commitments of \$45,650, more than half of what we need.

To be clear, this is not a permanent solution, but it will buy us some time to continue our post-COVID recovery. We have made progress in the past year, but we are still not functioning at pre-COVID levels. This is a crucial time for our congregation when the values we hold dear are under assault in our state and nation. Now, more than ever, UUFG needs to be a beacon of liberal religious values in North Central Florida.

Unfortunately, UUFG, along with about 20 other congregations across the country, did not receive an interim minister this year. There simply were many more congregations with vacancies than there were available ministers. The Board, assisted by our search committee, is exploring other options, such as a contract minister, who might be part-time or remote.

We will have the opportunity for an interim match again next year, and it appears that our chances are good, as several congregations who did not receive an interim last year did get a match this year. We will be in that same position. Since we will eventually need to pay an interim, the Board authorized us to provide the opportunity for everyone in the Fellowship to contribute. Funds will go into an account set up by Cam to be drawn on when we have an interim minister.

Because there is a two-year window, you could make a commitment now and pay it any time during the next two years. If you are retired, you may want to consider using your retirement fund minimum distribution as a direct transfer, as there are tax and Medicare premium benefits.

If you would like to participate, please complete the online form linked below. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact us.

In Fellowship,

Paul Avery — 352-256-5456 / [paulavery1951@gmail.com](mailto:paulavery1951@gmail.com)

Judith Kendall — 352-727-8481 / [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net)

**To make a pledge to the Interim Ministry Fund, please click [HERE](#)**

or copy this link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/95N2R9P48o8PfoS87>

**To contribute to the Interim Ministry Fund using our online donation platform, please click [HERE](#) and click on the "Interim Ministry Fund" button.**

## MESSY PLAYDATE

*Join us on the playground Sunday, July 16, 10:00 am*

During these summer months, we host Messy Playdates every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Bring a change of clothes and a towel for the car, and wear clothes you don't mind getting messy!

This is a sensory experience, and everyone will be allowed to lead the way as they play with all kinds of fun materials.

All ages are welcome, and this is a chance for all in the community to grow closer in spirit and play, while enjoying the amazing world around us!

On these Sundays, the Kids will not join us in Service, so the important learning and play are not interrupted. Childcare will be available from 10-1 every Sunday.

For more information, contact James Chase, Director of Religious Education, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org).

## UUGG CALENDAR

### *UUGG Business Office Closed through Wednesday, July 26*

#### *Sunday, July 16 —*

**10:00 am** Social Justice Conversation with Share the Plate Guest (Classroom 3)

**10:00 am** HUUGG “Religion for Breakfast” class (Common Room — Questions? Contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com))

**10:00 am** Messy Sunday (Playground — Contact James Chase at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org) for info)

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**1:30 pm** Social Justice Circle (Zoom. For info, contact Mary Bahr at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com))

#### *Monday, July 17 —*

**3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

#### *Tuesday, July 18 —*

**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 [peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com))

**8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com))

#### *Wednesday, July 19 —*

**6:00 pm** Pickleball for All (Parking Lot)

**7:00 pm** Touchstone Discussion Group (Closed group. Common Room)

#### *Friday, July 21 —*

**12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

#### *Sunday, July 23 —*

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**3:00 pm** Social Justice Common Read (Zoom. For info, contact Mary Bahr at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com))

#### *Monday, July 24 —*

**3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

**6:30 pm** Governing Board (Zoom. Questions? Contact Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, at [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com))

#### *Tuesday, July 25 —*

**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 [peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com))

**6:30 pm** HUUGG / Humanist Circle (Local restaurant. RSVP to 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))

#### *Wednesday, July 26 —*

**6:00 pm** Pickleball for All (Parking Lot)

**7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall. Questions? Contact Renée Richter at [reneeofflorida@gmail.com](mailto:reneeofflorida@gmail.com))

#### *Friday, July 28 —*

**12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

#### *Saturday, July 29 —*

**12:00 am** Rental Event (Phillips Hall)

#### *Sunday, July 30 —*

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)



## 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.

## I AM GRATEFUL TO



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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org).

## UUG VOLUNTEERS AT BREAD OF THE MIGHTY FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank on Saturday, July 8th. Mike, Hazel and Diane packed up fruits and veggies, Elise filled bags with non-food items, and Liz, Cindy and I filled boxes with bakery items. It was great to work together and help out this worthwhile organization.

Bread of the Mighty works with Food4Kids and Westwood Middle School (where Pineridge children attend), two organizations UUG supports. If you're interested in volunteering at Bread of the Mighty Food Bank their number is 352-336-0839.

~ Judi Oltmans



Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	July 16	July 23
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett	
Welcome Table	Joy Avery	
Foyer Monitor	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan	No RE
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Mike Hazlett	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

**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)

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**KINDLY SILENCE  
YOUR  
CELL PHONE**