



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, June 18, 11 am

Working with the theme of “Play” for the month of July, Evan Waldt shares his sermon on the spiritual and joyful practice of letter or card writing.

Please bring your favorite writing device and prepare to sit in groups. As we explore and share. There will be some greeting cards provided by the magnificent Erin Parish and you are welcome to bring your own.

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 9, 11:00 am

Continuing our July Touchstone theme, Evan Waldt and Sarah Hausman will present a service on Play.

The summer choir is choosing some music, but if you would like to be a part of the service (even if you are not a WA or on the Worship Committee) please reach out to Evan at 775-338-3545. Text will get you the quickest response in the beginning. Reading parts are available.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 9, 12:00 pm

On 7/9 after service we will have an Ice Cream Social in our Phillips Social Hall. Evan Waldt and Sarah Hausman are sponsoring the coffee hour after their service on the Power of Play. There will be Vegan and Dairy Frozen Desserts. Please come and enjoy homemade Ice Cream made by Evan and Sarah.

KRISTIN STEVENS JOINS UUG FOUNDATION

The Foundation is pleased to announce Kristin Stevens will become a Foundation Director on July 1, 2023. She will be replacing Tamara Evonne who is to complete her three-year term as Foundation Director on June 30. Tamara has been a great asset to the Foundation and will be missed.

Kristin (she/her) is a web developer for Webster University and runs a graphic and web design business, Union Design & Photo, with her husband Jeff.

Kristin has been an active member of UUG for many years. She has served in multiple leadership positions at UUG including Congregational Board President and as UUG Board Secretary. She has been the Communications Committee Chair, newsletter editor, and a member of the Ministerial Search Committee. She is currently a member of the Finance Committee.

With her wealth of experience at UUG, she brings an invaluable, unique perspective to the Foundation team.

UUG Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman, Cindy Prabst, Sandra Topp, Pete Turner and Kristin Stevens

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, July 8, 9:00 am

Come help make our Fellowship “sparkle” next Saturday! Every second Saturday of the month, a dedicated cohort of volunteers gathers at UUG for a morning of yardwork and maintenance.

Come join the group, dropping in (and out) as your schedule allows. Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.



INTERIM MINISTRY FUND PLEDGE DRIVE

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

Judith Kendall — 352-727-8481 / 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.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to *Lynn Jamieson, Janet Davies, Hazel Hazlett, Mike Hazlett, and Tom Mareci*, for hosting the June 18 coffee hour, as well as making sure there was shade for those who wanted to go outside.

Thanks to *Martha Soles* and the *UUFG Book Lovers* group for hosting last Sunday's Coffee Hour, June 25. This group has signed to provide hospitality after service **once a month**. Their service to our congregation is an ongoing blessing.

~ 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 uoffice@uufg.org.

MESSY PLAYDATE

Join us on the playground
Sunday, July 2, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Please wish "happy birthday" to Raedyn Fletcher, Chris Andrew, Sarah Housman and Elisabeth Renner!

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).

HUUGG DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday, July 2, 10:00 am

For the first Sunday in July the "Religion for breakfast" episode will be "Was Thomas Jefferson religious?" in honor of our jingoistic national holiday on the 4th. We meet at 10 and try to finish by 10:45 in the Common Room.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, July 9, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the July 9 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 for more info.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Thirty nine adults attended our June 18 Sunday service with our online video recording showing 100 views. On June 25, 35 adults attended our streaming of the UUA's General Assembly service, with 154 views showing on our YouTube channel.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUGF

You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.



Joyful July Summer Choir announcement with musical notation border and icons.

"SOME SING LOW, AND SOME SING HIGHER!"

JOYFUL JULY SUMMER CHOIR
Newcomers Welcome!
Come one, Come ALL!

WHEN: Four Sundays: July 9, 16, 23, 30

WHAT: Derek has recommended several of our favorite (easiest!) anthems--one for each Sunday.

Our songs will support our July sermon themes (Thanks, Evan and Samara)

WHERE: 10 am in the Choir Room (We'll also celebrate our summer birthdays!)

11 am in the Sanctuary

WHY: because.....MUSIC!

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!

QUESTIONS: Call Kirsten Flamand 352 262 4481 or email kirstenflamand@gmail.com.

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2 —

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

10:00 am Messy Sunday (Playground)

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, July 3 — 3:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

UUFG Office Closed Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4 —

8:30 am Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)

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

Wednesday, July 5 —

6:00 pm Pickleball for All (Parking Lot)

6:30 pm Worship Team (Zoom — For info, contact Liz Stewart, Worship Team Chair, at marmstew002@gmail.com)

Friday, July 7 —

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, July 8 —

9:00 am Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com)

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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. To join contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
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Outside Greeter	Bev Giordano	
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	No RE
Ushers	Janet Davies Fred Judkins	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Mike Hazlett	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUFG’s Mindfulness Meditation group continues offers 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).

**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