

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

July 30, 11:00 am



Rev. Tracie Barrett

This Sunday, we welcome the [Rev. Tracie Barrett](#) from The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Orlando to our Fellowship's pulpit. Rev. Tracie continues our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of Play. Liz Stewart serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages, with music by our summer choir. 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-H1RLSg6IRfA/live>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

~ MASKS & 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.

FELLOWSHIP CARE TEAM FORMING

Monday, August 14, 6:30 pm

On Monday, August 14, at 6:30 pm, you are invited to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss and organize a Fellowship Care Team. This Team will help meet some of the pastoral care needs we will have in the coming year without a resident minister.

We will focus on creating a system for visiting members and supporting friends who are in the hospital or under Hospice care, or who are in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or are homebound.

We will also focus on providing emotional and spiritual support to those going through difficult changes or challenging circumstances in their lives. If this type of service to the community interests you please join us for the Zoom meeting on August 14th.

For the link or for more information, please contact me at jim.wright123@gmail.com

~ Thank you, Jim Wright

SHALL WE PLAY A GAME?

What better way to spend an evening in conversation, cooperation and competition? Anna Deyle and Jeff Stevens would like to invite you to join them for our monthly game night. Bring your favorite board games, card games, puzzles and more.

Give your input on what day works best for you and other details through our online poll:

<https://forms.gle/Tx6VTHoze2Rp9PjX6>

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FROM THE UUGF FOUNDATION

We on the UUGF Foundation are often asked where the Foundation money comes from and how we decide the amount of money to offer for grants each year.

The Foundation was started in 1982 by forward thinking members of UUGF as a way to ensure our fellowship remains strong well into the future. It is funded by gifts that are often given in honor or in memory of someone, as bequests in wills, and in celebration of special events such as weddings.

The Foundation is a professionally managed endowment fund that is separate from the yearly UUGF operating budget. This money is used for grants that are awarded yearly or twice yearly for projects that will improve or benefit the UUGF congregation, building, or grounds. The amount awarded for grants is calculated using a formula that does not affect the principle balance. Foundation Directors oversee and insure ample funds are available to provide opportunities for congregational growth for future generations.

Let us know if you have any questions concerning the Foundation, email us at foundation@uugf.org

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

PICKLEBALL CONCLUDES FOR THE SUMMER

Our weekly summer Pickleball gatherings on our Fellowship’s parking lot have concluded for the season. Thanks to all who participated! Kirsten Flamand reports that we had between seven and twelve Pickleball athletes attending the Thursday evening games each week.

Though Pickleball is done for the summer, please stay tuned. Kirsten looks forward to resuming Pickleball games at UUGF this coming fall!

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, July 16, 58 adults attended service. On July 23, 54 adults attended, with 74 views showing on our YouTube channel.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUGF

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

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home>



SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE
Volunteers Needed
at Bread of the Mighty
Saturday, August 12,
10:00 am

Volunteers are needed at Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, located at 325 NW 10th Ave., Gainesville, FL, 32601, on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00–12:00. Come and make a difference for the families that count on Bread of the Mighty for support, and help heal injustice in our community. If you can make it, please contact Judi Oltmans for details. rjmsoltmans@yahoo.com 954-803-2348

This event is for all ages, however, those under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers park in their lot or down the side of NW 4th street. The volunteering includes sorting, packing, and stocking. Closed toe shoes are required - and the warehouse is not climate controlled (but will be soon!).

Bread of the Mighty works with Food4Kids and Westwood Middle School (where Pineridge children attend), two organizations UUGF supports.

Bread of the Mighty serves five counties: Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette and Levy. They collect, sort, store and distribute donated food and basic essentials to more than 170 nonprofit agency partners such as food pantries and other organizations who then distribute food to directly feed the hungry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Aaron Broadwell, Tamara Evonne, Gene Mills, and Marlee Hitchcock!



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

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.





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

Next meets Sunday, August 27, 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 fourth discussion is on Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. For more info, contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com

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

Subsequently, we'll have two 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.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Thanks go out to *Lynn Jamieson, Hazel Hazlett and Rose Cole* for hosting last week's Coffee Hour. These ladies so often take on this task, making our social time after service such a treat. Blessings on them!

~ 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT
 UUFG THIS FALL**

Starting in July, James Chase — formerly our "Director of Religious Education" — was promoted to "Director of Lifespan Faith Development." As such, their hours expanded and their responsibilities extended to give them the opportunity to promote religious education at our Fellowship for all ages.

Currently, James is recruiting volunteers for Religious Education programming as well as feedback on possible adult curriculum for the fall.

From James:

Volunteers Needed

As you know, our Religious Education program runs on Volunteers. I have had an amazing team of folks who have kept our RE programs running this last year, and this now they need some extra support.

If you are willing to teach classes, advise our youth, provide safety monitors, or even step in as a "second body in the room," so we are able to meet our Safer Congregation policy with children and youth, please reach out!

If you are interested in teaching, we will provide the training/supply the materials. If you have skills or offerings I haven't mentioned, please feel free to reach out and we can absolutely find a place for you!

Thank you for your consideration,

**Adult Religious Education
 ~ Feedback Needed ~**

I am so close to having our Children and Youth RE programs ready to go for this Fall, and now it's time to figure out the Adult programs!

Does anyone have any offerings they would like to make for this season? Do you have a curriculum you love and would like to lead? Please reach out and let me know if so! We have our first hour (10-10:50) but if we have a lot of interest I am more than happy to try to figure out after service programming as well.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing what amazing ideas and suggestions we have for our Adult Spiritual Development and growth this year!

James Chase
 Director of Lifespan Faith Development
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UUGF CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30 —

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

Monday, July 31 —

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

Tuesday, August 1 —

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

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

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

Friday, August 4 —

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, August 5 —

10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — Questions? Contact Peggy Maloney at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)

Sunday, August 6 —

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)

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

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	July 30	August 6
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett	
Welcome Table	Barbara Palmer Tom Palmer	
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Joe Roe
RE Monitor	No RE	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Mike Hazlett	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

MESSY PLAYDATE

Join us on the playground Sunday, August 6, 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 Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org.

**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

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