



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, June 18, 11 am

This Sunday, our service focuses on Juneteenth and the theme of anti-racism. Mary Anthony serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. 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-HIRLSg6IRfA/live>

UUG OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, June 19 thru Friday, June 23

Cam Pierce, our Congregational Administrator, is away from June 19 through June 23, and Rev. Christe is attending General Assembly prior to their leaving for the UU Congregation of Fort Wayne, IN. Many thanks to our volunteers who are looking after the Fellowship this Coming week!

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SHARE THE PLATE WITH BREAD OF THE MIGHTY

Sunday, June 18, 11:00 am



Bread of the Mighty Food Bank will be our organization to receive our Share the Plate collection this Sunday, June 18. 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, churches, homeless shelters and other organizations who then distribute food to directly feed the hungry. Two of those organizations are also very important to UUG as they work with Food4Kids which we contribute to and which helps provide food on weekends to students at Westwood Middle School, where children from Pineridge attend.

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 BREAD OF THE MIGHTY

Sunday, June 18, 10:00 am

Every third Sunday, our Social Justice Circle gathers before service to discuss our Share the Plate guest. On June 18, join us at 10 am in Classroom 3 for a conversation with a representative of Bread of the Mighty. Come learn about the important role this Food Bank plays in Gainesville. And then during the 11 am Service we will take up a collection to help with their work in the community.

~ Alice Primack

A UPDATE FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Interim Minister Search Committee would like to give you an update on where we are in the process. Unfortunately, we did not get a match for an interim minister. We join 15 other UU congregations nationwide that did not get a match for an interim minister. There is a shortage of ministers who are available to fill this role. We currently intend to re-enter our application for an interim minister next spring when that process re-opens.

The UUA automatically changed our request for an interim minister to a request for a contract minister. The differences between an interim minister and a contract minister are numerous, but basically an interim minister is generally full time, works with us for two years, and helps us prepare for a full time settled minister. A contract minister could be full time or part time, on site or remote, and generally does not help prepare a congregation for a settled minister.

We have identified three possible outcomes in our search for a contract minister. Reverend Christe has been an enormous asset in helping us understand our options, and our chances of success with each outcome. Those outcomes include the following, in order of preference:

Outcome 1: We find a full-time contract minister. This would be our best case, but the least likely to actually happen due to a shortage of contract ministers.


Outcome 2: We find a part-time, in-person, contract minister who could perform all the duties of a minister, but on a part-time basis. This outcome also seems less likely.

Outcome 3: We find a remote part time contract minister who would help us with governance and staff supervision but would not provide worship services or pastoral care.

If we cannot find an in-person contract minister, and we must pursue the third option, Reverend Christe suggests we may reach out to ministers at area liberal churches, such as Gainesville UCC and/or Westminster Presbyterian, for help with pastoral care on a contractual basis. Or we could develop an in-house pastoral care committee that would look after our pastoral care needs. This option would, of course, depend on the support of volunteers from the congregation. Also, we may reach out to UUA ministers from other Florida congregations to officiate at weddings and memorial services.

The interim search committee will provide regular updates on our progress on this journey. Please feel free to reach out with any input or questions to any member of the committee.

The committee members are Liz Stewart (marmstew002@gmail.com), Mary Bahr (kmlisle.mary@gmail.com), Mary Anthony (maryanthony13@gmail.com), Mike Hazlett (mh-hazlett@wiu.edu), Norden Lucke (bobosuncoast@hotmail.com) and Tim Christy (tim.christy42@gmail.com).



 “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!)

 11am 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.



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 26, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board for the 2022-2023 meets for the final time on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. In July, our new Governing Board “takes the reins.”

All members and friends are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

[pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

HUUGG —

RELIGION FOR BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 18, 10:00 am

June 18th is the third Sunday. On the first Sunday we watched the “Religion for Breakfast” episode about the rise of atheist churches around the world on YouTube.

Our next episode to share (at 10:00 on June 18) will be “Qi explained.” Please join us in the Common Room for an enlightening discussion. Feel free to bring your own coffee, tea or whatever. Food is also allowed. Questions? Contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com

MESSY PLAYDATES

Join us on the playground

Sunday, June 18, 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.

SUNDAYS IN JULY FOCUS ON “PLAY” AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, July 2: 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.

There is room in this service for musical talent. If you would like to lead a hymn, song, play spoons, shred on your guitar, or perform please reach out to Evan at 775 338 3545. Text will get you the quickest response in the beginning.

Sunday, July 9: Continuing the theme of play, 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. 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 home-made Ice Cream made by Evan and Sarah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Doris Hargrave, Richard Ashwick, Janet Davies, Glee Biery, Mary Margaret Andrew, David Etherington and Denis Whittaker!



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).



**COMMON READ:
THE CLIMATE BOOK**
by Greta Thunberg
Discussion #2

Next meets Sunday, June 25, 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 second discussion is on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Alice Gridley facilitates our review of *Part 2: How our planet is changing*.

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.

We are looking for discussion leaders for July, August and September. Check out the book, choose a section (3-5), and let Mary Bahr know which one you will do at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

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.

**HEARING LOOP
AVAILABLE**

Please talk to an usher for information.



PUZZLEMANIA!

We have created a jigsaw puzzle exchange in the Phillips Hall!

If you have jigsaw puzzles you have completed (and are sure they have all the pieces!!) you may donate them or exchange them for different ones.

Look for stickers on the shelf to seal the puzzles shut for safety in transport. Just for fun, write your name on another sticker on the box so we can see who else has enjoyed them.

Puzzles are on the middle shelf of the tall white cabinet farthest to the right. Happy Puzzling!!

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Eighty people attended our June 11 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 55 views.

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>

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Gene Cowell, James Chase, Mike Hazlett, Tom Bullock, Diane DePuydt and Debra Neill-Mareci for looking after our Fellowship this coming week!

~ Cam Pierce

Do you have a “gratitude” to share, expressing appreciation for someone working “behind the scenes” to make UUGF a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uoffice@uufg.org.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

	May	YTD
Income	\$14,586 (budget: \$31,900)	\$311,034 (budget: \$313,966)
Expenses	\$27,963 (budget: \$28,845)	\$286,585 (budget: \$312,877)
Net	(13,377)	\$24,449

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation prior to the Governing Board’s monthly meeting. If you have questions, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at uuoffice@uufg.org, or Mary Anthony, Treasurer, at maryanthony13@gmail.com

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).

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

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 / 352-377-1669.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	June 18	June 25
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett	
Welcome Table	Diane DePuydt	
Foyer Monitor	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan	
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Mike Hazlett Alice Primack	
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker	Garrett Hecker

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.

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, June 18 —

10:00 am Social Justice Share the Plate conversation (Classroom 3)

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

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

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Monday, June 19 — 3:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 20 —

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, June 21 —

6:00 pm Pickleball for All (Parking Lot)

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

Friday, June 23 —

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

5:30 pm Youth Conference (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary — conference continues through Saturday night. For info, contact James Chase, DRE, at dre@uufg.org)

Sunday, June 25 —

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

3:00 pm Common Read (Zoom)

Monday, June 26 —

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

6:30 pm Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 27 —

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 HUUGG / Humanist Circle Dinner (Open circle at local restaurant. For info, contact Al Tweedy at sylvester0077@gmail.com)

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

Wednesday, June 28 —

6:00 pm Pickleball for All (Parking Lot)

7:00 pm Young Adult Group — (Phillips Hall)

Friday, June 30 —

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, July 1 —

10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — for info, contact Peggy Maloney at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)

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)

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

FAREWELL SERVICE AND RECEPTION FOR REV. CHRISTE

Sunday, June 11

Pictures by James Chase





