



SOCIAL JUSTICE SERVICE

Sunday, June 26, 11:00
Prophet and Prophets

This Sunday, we conclude our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of "Prophetic Imperative." Jeff Stevens facilitates our service, which features a presentation by Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson.



Rev. Matthew Johnson

Rev Johnson has served as Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford, IL since 2008. Prior to coming to Rockford, he served for five years at High Plains Church, UU, in Colorado Springs, CO. He graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago in 2003, and from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington in 1999. He completed his Doctor of Ministry from Iliff School of Theology in Denver in 2010.

He is the author of "Newborn Bards: A Theology of Preaching for Unitarian Universalists." He has been co-chair of the UUA's Presidential Search Committee, and an active leader in regional and national UU organizations for decades.

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>

UUG OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, June 27 through Monday, July 4

Both Rev. Christe Lunsford and Congregational Administrator Cam Pierce are out of the office this coming week; our office is closed next week, through the July 4 holiday.

Many thanks to Debra Neill-Mareci, Liz Stewart and Marilyn Roberts, who have been checking up on the Fellowship this past as well as for this coming week.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the May anniversaries of the following members of our Fellowship:

- *Three Years:* Jonathan Coron
- *Fifteen Years:* Hans Albaorn, Heather McAuslane, Frances Folwer and JoAnne Smith
- *Eighteen Years:* Carol Shelley
- *Nineteen Years:* Denis Whittaker
- *Twenty-Two Years:* Joy & Michael Avery
- *Twenty-Four Years:* Michael Moulton
- *Twenty-Five Years:* Jeff Dunn
- *Thirty-Two Years:* Paul Avery

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of June 19, please wish “happy birthday” to Danial and Matthew Alborn, Doris Hargrave, Diane Aikin, Pepper Russel and Lincoln Russel, Leonidas Chase, Richard Ashwick and Janet Davies!



For the week of June 26, please send birthday wishes to Glee Biery, Mary Margaret Andrew, Chris Andrew, Raedyn Fletcher, 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).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, June 12, forty-eight people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 76 views.

Our in person attendance on Sunday, June 19 was 44, while our YouTube video of the service shows 35 views.

TIPS FROM THE UUFG WELCOME TABLE ☺

Welcoming Visitors and Newcomers is SO VERY IMPORTANT!

Here’s one easy way to “break the ice” with a visitor you don’t know.

SAY THIS:

“Hi, I haven’t met you. My name is _____”

INSTEAD OF THIS:

“Hi, You must be new.”

Give this tip a try; you’ll be amazed at the really cool visitors are coming to UUFG.

It may be the beginning of a new friendship.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Liz Stewart and Kirsten Flamand for their work cleaning and organizing classroom 5!

~ 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 uuoffice@uufg.org.



Debby Jo Malickson & Art Newman with art by Dr. Georgiana Deevey

UUFG 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 e 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

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>

UUG AT JUNE RALLY TO ADDRESS RACISM

On June 3, prompted by the mass shooting in Buffalo, NY, Rev. Christe Lunsford and members of our Fellowship participated in a rally in downtown Gainesville to address racism. The rally was sponsored by the Alachua County Faith Leaders Alliance.

Pledge to the Journey of Anti-Racism

At the rally, attendees were asked to take a “Pledge to the Journey of Antiracism”:

- I pledge to examine myself and to seek with humility to correct my actions and attitudes that are racist.
- I pledge to examine policies, practices, and structures for racism, and to use my own power to improve them however I can.
- I pledge to listen to and learn from those who have different heritage, culture, and experiences from my own with an open heart and open mind.
- I pledge to my own tenet of loving my neighbors in tangible and productive ways.
- With this pledge, I commit myself to be on the journey of anti-racism and to stand against racism wherever it appears.



TV20 Rally Story

To watch the WCJB/TV20 story, which includes an interview with UUG member Jean Cook, please click [HERE](#).



Rev. Christe Lunsford speaks at June Rally to Address Racism

**“JOB OPENING” JULY 1ST
FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON(S)**

- **Want to share the “Good News” of Unitarian Universalism?**
- **Willing to hear stories of heartfelt struggles with religion?**
- **Ready to meet new and interesting people like you?**

If so, the call to be the new chair or co-chair of UUFG Membership awaits you!

On July 1, after almost five rewarding years and thirty-six new members later, I will be stepping down as chair of the Membership Committee. I have loved introducing new UU’s to our congregation and seeing them become strong members and leaders. It has been the ideal way for me to serve the congregation, but other service opportunities and family needs now call to me as I near the eighth decade of my life.

Beginning this July, I will join the Leadership Development Committee under the strong leadership of Judith Kendall to find and develop future UUFG leaders. I will also continue as a member of the newly formed Safety Committee.

The Membership Committee’s main goals are to lead our congregation in welcoming visitors, introducing them to Unitarian Universalism, establishing a Pathway to Membership, and encouraging their involvement in the life of our faith community. The committee accomplishes these things in close collaboration with Rev. Christe and our staff.

It is essential for UUFG’s continued vitality and growth to attract and keep new members. If you would like to be part of this rewarding effort, please contact me before July so I can share lessons learned along with documentation and materials that will provide a smooth start. To provide a smooth transition, I will be glad to initially mentor those who accept this opportunity.

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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.

***Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
June 26***

Outside Greeter	Bev Giordano
Welcome Table	Harry Mangle
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Harry Mangle
Ushers	
Visitors Table	Harry Mangle
Audio-visual	Garett Hecker

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

UUFG CALENDAR

*Week of June 5***Sunday, June 26** —**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)**Monday, June 27**— *UUFG Office Closed this week***7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)**Tuesday, June 28** —**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 uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)**Thursday, June 30** —**10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)**Friday, July 1** —**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)**10:00 am** Messy Playdates (Playground — contact
Leslie Chase to register at
lesliejchase@gmail.com)**12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)**Saturday, July 2** —**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)**Sunday, July 3** —**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)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/>

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.

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.

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