

The Gazette



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 26, 11:00 am

Spiritual Safety

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in our Fellowship's pulpit. As we conclude this month's Touchstone theme of Trust, Rev. Christe explores how spiritual reflection may depend on our experiences of safe spaces. In this vein, our Safety Committee members serve as worship associates. James Chase provides our story for all ages, and Derek Nirenberg directs our Chalice 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live>

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

~ IN PERSON ONLY ~

Sunday, April 2, 11:00 am

Next Sunday, Reverend Christe is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we begin our exploration of the April Touchstone theme of Grief. A Capella group Resonance provides music, and Anna Deyle serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages. Please remember to bring a mask.

Because of the content of this service, it will not be broadcast online, so please do make every effort to attend this in person only service.

TOWN HALL MEETING ON SAFETY

Sunday, March 26, 12:15 pm

Please join us for this Sunday when we'll explore various aspects of spiritual and physical safety. A Town Hall meeting will start about 20 minutes after the service ends.

Town Hall topics will include medical, weather, fire and civil disturbance and will be presented by members of the UUG Safety Committee. The event will take place in the Sanctuary. Concise presentations on the four topics will be followed by a question/answer period. Please attend!

MARCH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Postponed

Normally, our Governing Board meets the fourth Monday of every month. However, to allow more time for stewardship data collection and processing, the Board has postponed its March meeting to a later date. Please watch the Gazette and our news-and-needs listserv for more information.

GAINESVILLE AREA AIDS PROJECT

Collection begins Sunday, April 2

Toilet paper and laundry detergent! The Social Justice Committee is collecting these items for the Gainesville Area AIDS Project (GAAP) starting Sunday, April 2, then on April 9 and April 16. GAAP provides many direct services to people with HIV/AIDS, one of which being free personal hygiene items.

Please help us make this collection a resounding success by contributing a bottle of laundry detergent (no powders or pods) or a pack of toilet paper. (16-roll packs are ideal, but no roll is turned away.)

Next Sunday, look for a table with a sign at the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off your donations. Anyone with an SUV or other large car who can help me transport the goods will receive extra jewels in their heavenly crown (if you believe that sort of thing.) Contact Peter Marino for details, pmarino30@gmail.com

~ Peter Marino

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL



Electric Car Show & Ribbons for Climate Change

Sunday, April 2, 12:00 pm

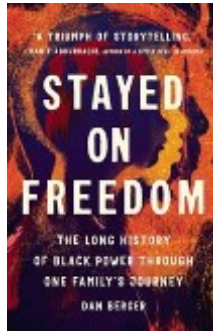
An electric car show with vehicles on display drawn mainly from members who own hybrids, plugin hybrids, and EVs. The show will be held as an after-service coffee event on April 2nd. Social Justice will have information connected with the new IRA climate bill on rebates and tax credits on electric cars at their table during the show.

An interactive activity: Ribbons for Climate Change will help participants think through the ramifications of a changing environment as part of the Electric Car Show on April 2nd

Stayed on Freedom—Common Read

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 pm

This spring, our common read is *Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey* by Dan Berger. This biography explores the lived historical experiences of UUG member Zohara Simmons and her family. Zoharah will lead discussion for book at 2 pm on Sunday, April 2 under the tent weather permitting.



The book is published by Basic Books, and is available at the UUG Book Cart and through book stores, and on Kindle. Get your copy and be ready for discussion in on April 2!

Social Justice Service

Sunday, April 23, 11:00 am

April 23 is a "Social Justice Service" that will feature speaker UF student Melanie Schepmans. Melanie will offer a young person's view of Climate Change. After Service local environmental groups will table along with our Social Justice Circle.

We will have information connected with the new IRA climate bill on rebates and tax credits on appliances and home energy saving improvement. The Social Justice checklist and annual report will also be available along with new Social Justice brochures.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT AND SURVEY

Social Justice has published our 2022 Annual Report. We also ask you to consider activities you would like to participate in during the year ahead by filling out our Social Justice Checklist.

The annual report highlights our democracy focus plus all the other amazing social justice activities we did together last year.

The checklist offers you ways to participate in *our 2023 focus on climate and environment* activities and lets us know what Family Promise activities you would be interested in participating in.

Please respond by reading the report and by clicking the link below for the checklist, which you can fill out online or in person the next time we table after service.

Checklist link:

<https://forms.gle/bBbJ3Z2Nk4f8u3XM6>

Annual Report

For the 2022 Social Justice Council Annual Report, please click the link below or copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://www.uufg.org/wp-content/uploads/SJ-Annual-Report-2022.pdf>

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



UUFG FOUNDATION GRANTS

Submission Deadline Is April 1

UUFG Foundation is now accepting grant applications for Spring 2023. If you have an idea for a way to enrich our programs or building and grounds, please consider submitting an application for funding your project.

Examples of recent projects include:

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) CPR and First Aid classes
- Storage Cabinets for Phillips Hall
- Exterior Door Replacement
- Sanctuary Monitors and Cameras for streaming
- Ministerial Installation
- Refurbish Street Sign
- Memory Garden Dedication Stone

The application can be found on the UUFG Foundation web page at <https://www.uufg.org/home/who-we-are/uufg-foundation/>

If you have any questions or concerns ask one of us on the Foundation or send us an email at foundation@uufg.org

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2023.

UUFG Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman, Sandra Topp, Cindy Prabst, and Tamara Evonne.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Madelyn Moyer, Carolyn Lawrence, Garrett Hecker, Llew Kohler, and Derek Nirenberg!



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).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Sixty-four adults attended our March 12 service while 45 views show on our YouTube video presentation. On March 19, 50 adults attended in person, while 42 views show on our YouTube video.

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> to set up your account.



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Debra Neill-Mareci for watching out for our Fellowship during the week I was away.

~ Cam Pierce

To LDC members, *Kristin Stevens, Rev. Christe, Lynn Jamieson, and Peggy Koulias*, who were essential in the success of recent leadership training.

~ Judith Kendall

Many thanks to this past Sunday's Coffee Hour Hosts *Hazel Hazlett, Peggy Koulias, and Marilyn Roberts*. You ladies are wonderful, once again stepping up when needed.

Thanks also to the UUFG Foundation Directors, specifically *Jeanne Gossman, Cindy Prabst and Tamara Evonne*, for hosting the March 12 Sunday Coffee Hour. Not only that, but they have signed up to do it again in June. Doubly sweet!

~ Susan Christy

I am thankful and honored to work with Safety Committee Members *Jonathan Coron (chair), Mike Hazlett, Cam Pierce, Joseph Rowe, and David Willkomm*. Along with Norden Lucke, a former member and now Board Liaison to the committee, they are dedicating their time and energy to achieve the objectives of their recently revised and Board adopted UUFG Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). This plan, available at the Town Hall after today's service or by contacting our Congregational Administrator, outlines how UUFG will respond to four distinct emergencies: medical, weather, fire, and civil disturbances.

An earlier plan created in 2016 by *Vic Harrell and Rev. Maureen Killoran* was updated in 2020 by the Board appointed Security Task Force. That task force included *Jeff Dunn, chair, and members Marilyn Roberts, Cam Pierce, Cindy Prabst, Mike Hazlett, Pam Brandes, and me*.

I hope to see many of you at the town hall after the service on Sunday.

~ Harry Mangle

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.

SWEETWATER WETLANDS TOUR

On Friday, March 17, we had a beautiful day at Sweetwater Wetlands with a walking group (shown here) and another group on the tram with a tour narrated by a ranger.

We got an excellent history of the Park from our ranger with a description of how over 13 organizations support Sweetwater and its start as a water treatment facility that uses nature to clean the water that comes from Gainesville to the prairie and how that development as led to it also being one of the top 10 birding spots in the southeast US.

~ Mary Bahr



UUGF CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** Parenting & Religion Class (Common Room — for info, contact Diana Hagan at diana.hagan@gmail.com)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm** Town Hall Meeting on Safety and Security (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, March 27 — Office Closed

- 5:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 28 —

- 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 Dinner (Haile Village Bistro — To RSVP, contact Al Tweedy at sylvester0077@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Thursday, March 30 —

- 5:30 pm** Pickleball-4-All (Parking lot)
- 7:00 pm**: Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 31 —

- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Hanneke Cassel & Yann Falquet in Concert (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 1 —

- 10:30 am** Hanneke Cassel Violin Workshop (Phillips Hall)
- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room)

Sunday, April 2 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** HUUGG Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am** Messy Sunday for kids (Playground — for info, contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org)
- 12:00 pm** CYREC (Common Room)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:15 pm** Electric Car Show (Parking Lot)
- 2:00 pm** Common Read discussion (Phillips Hall / Tent Area)



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CELL PHONE

HEARING
LOOP
AVAILABLE



Please talk to an usher for
information.

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUG'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).

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uoffice@uug.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!
March 26**

Outside Greeter	
Welcome Table	
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts
Ushers	Norden Lucke Tim Christy
Visitors Table	
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker

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 uoffice@uug.org / 352-377-1669.

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 UUG, 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

Magnolia Roots Music presents
Hanneke Cassel and Yann Falquet

www.hannekecassel.com www.falquetgemme.com

In Concert

Friday, March 31st, 2023 - 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm)

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville, 4225 NW 34th Street, Gainesville



TICKETS: \$25 in advance (plus a small fee to Eventbrite)
\$30 at door (cash only, please)

TICKETS - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-hanneke-cassel-and-yann-falquet-tickets-568879151857>

100% of ticket sales go to the band.

For more information, contact Ken Meyer, 352-514-5606, meyer@arcinst.org

Effervescent and engaging, Boston-based fiddler **Hanneke Cassel's** style fuses influences from the Isle of Skye and Cape Breton with Americana grooves and musical innovations, creating a cutting-edge acoustic sound that retains the integrity and spirit of the Scottish tradition.

"Hanneke Cassel once again shows herself to be one of the finest and freshest fiddlers on either side of the Atlantic... an Edwardian drawing-room soiree, a modern concert hall performance, an intimate traditional session, and everything in between...." Alex Monaghan, Folk World (July 2017)

"... arrestingly beautiful... Her arrangements of Scottish and Cape Breton tunes and originals composed in the Scottish idiom combine soaring melodies, ferocious momentum and dazzlingly intricate interplay." The Mercury News (May 2017)

While Cassel has established herself as a leader in the *contemporary* Scottish fiddle scene, this year she embarked on a project with guitarist **Yann Falquet** to record the traditional tunes that inspired her love for Scottish music. Falquet, who has toured regularly throughout Canada, the U.S., Europe and Australia with Québécois band *Genticorum*, is a driving, captivating musician who helps breathe life into these old reels, strathspeys, jigs, and airs. But Yann also is well known for developing a personal guitar style for Québec folk music, inspired by the playing of the accompanists of different cultures (Brittany, Scandinavia, Ireland, North America).

The Cassel/Falquet duo show features mostly tunes from their recent album, ***Over the Sea to Skye***. <https://open.spotify.com/album/2QIPD1SB9VqVoCadM1gC3S?si=KNg6S3-4RHGeoEA7fmLdgg>

Check out this dazzling Cape Breton duo set by Hanneke and Yann:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAwtn20e6ic>

TRANS LIVES MATTER

MARCH 31, 2023 @ 5PM

Bring a sign and stand with us downtown for
a small demonstration. Let's tell
Gainesville that trans lives do matter!

#StopTransGenocide



Where?

SE 1st St & SE 2nd Pl.

northeast corner of the street

Any questions, want to help organize, or are you a larger organization that wants to help make this small demonstration something bigger?

Contact us @ GainesvilleFloridaTLM@gmail.com