



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, March 5, 11:00 am

Holi — Day of Colors!

Holi is rooted in ancient Hindu tradition, marking the ending of winter, the beginning of spring, the triumph of good over evil, and the divine, eternal love of Radha Krishna.

Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit, introducing Holi and exploring our Touchstone theme of Trust. Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages, and our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg. 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-HIRLSg6lRfA/live>

UUGF STEWARDSHIP DRIVE ENTERS WEEK TWO!

Last Sunday, we distributed close to 50 stewardship packets containing updated directories, and this past week we mailed packets to remaining members and supporting friends. If you don't receive yours soon, please contact the office.

Many thanks and much appreciation to those who have already returned your pledge cards!

We hope to have all pledge cards returned on or by our March 19 Celebration Sunday event, so that we can create a strong budget for your consideration at our congregational meeting on May 7.

To make your pledge online, please click [HERE](#).



HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Sunday, March 5, noon

This Sunday at UUGF, we'll create our own festival of Holi with a joyful celebration of color following service. You're invited to join the fun out on the playground, where color becomes an immersive experience!

Following service, exit out the back of the Sanctuary to the playground. All the colors are non-toxic and are made with corn starch, so they are water soluble.

To prepare for Holi, we recommend that you

- **Wear white or neutral-color clothing that you don't mind getting covered with color! A white t-shirt works well.**
- **Bring a change of clothing for your drive home - or bring beach towels to cover your car seats.**
- **Be ready for fun!**

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the February anniversaries of our membership.

- *Seven Years:* Elisabeth Ohrn & Norden Lucke
- *Eighteen Years:* Erin Parish
- *Nineteen Years:* Michael Lattimer
- *Twenty Years:* Rose Cole
- *Thirty-Two Years:* Glee Biery

LOVING LEADERSHIP

A Monthly Update from the Leadership Development Committee (LDC)



Mary Anthony Named as UUFUG Treasurer

On Monday night the UUDF Governing Board accepted the LDC’s recommendation and appointed Mary Anthony for the position of Board treasurer. This is an interim appointment to fill a vacancy mid-year.

Mary has been a member at three UU congregations. In her 10 years at UUFUG she has been a Governing Board trustee and secretary, a member of the Worship Team and the Committee on Ministry, and a Foundation Director. They value hard work and service, and will be a valuable addition to the Board.

With this appointment, the LDC will have filled all financial leadership positions: Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair; Mike Hazlett, Pledge Campaign Chair; and Mary Anthony, Board Treasurer. We commend these committed leaders for agreeing to serve in these crucial positions. We also recognize Rose Cole, who continued to assist with finances after the end of her official position, and Congregational Administrator Cam Pierce, who performed much of the finance-related work while these positions were vacant.

Congregational leadership can be a spiritually fulfilling work that helps us in our personal faith journey as well as advancing Unitarian Universalism in the world. I hope you will consider leadership roles in our congregation when you are asked, or volunteer to explore leadership opportunities with a member of the LDC: Aaron Broadwell, Mary Bahr, Warren Hodge, Judith Kendall, or Harry Mangle

Judith Kendall,
LDC Chairperson

TGIF CELEBRATION

Home of Janet Davies & Kirk Anthony
9820 SW 9th Place
Friday, March 10 at 5:30 pm

Our monthly TGIF gatherings continue at the home of Janet Davies and Kirk Anthony on Friday, March 10 at 5:30 pm. Come join the conversation! Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share.

UUFUG FOUNDATION GRANTS

Submission Deadline Is April 1

UUFUG 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 UUFUG 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.

UUFUG Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman, Sandra Topp, Cindy Prabst, Mary Anthony, Tamara Evonne.



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Many thanks to *Lynn Jamieson* and *Bev Giordano* for hosting this past Sunday’s Coffee Hour, and to *Peggy Koulias, Rick Buncher, Pete Turner* and *Joy*

Avery for hosting Coffee Hour the preceding Sunday. Thanks as well to the choir member who talked Pete into volunteering!

~ Susan Christy

Liz Stewart and *Judith Kendall* for helping complete our stewardship & directory mailing this past week!

~ Cam Pierce

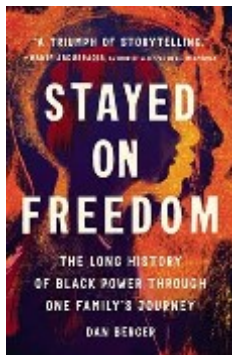
Do you have a “gratitude” to share, expressing appreciation for someone working “behind the scenes” to make UUFUG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uoffice@uufg.org.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, March 12, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the March 12 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMON READ FOR SPRING

*Stayed on Freedom: The
Long History of Black
Power Through One
Family's Journey*
by Dan Berger

***Stayed on Freedom* is very special since it is about our own member Zoharah Simmons!**

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

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, March 11, 9:00 am

Join our dedicated crew every second Saturday of the month for a morning of productive work and camaraderie! Swing by as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.

FAMILY PROMISE SIGN UP GENIUS

Week of March 19 — March 26

While our Fellowship is not actively hosting homeless families through Family Promise, UUFG has been asked to help with hosting duties at Westminster Presbyterian during the week of Saturday, March 19 through Sunday, March 26. To sign up, please follow the Sign Up Genius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AADA923A3F58-family>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Kathryn Taubert and Halina Nix!



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

Seventy-five people attended our February 26 service while 30 views show on our YouTube video presentation.

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.

PROPOSED ARTICLE TWO AMENDMENT PROCESS

As we have discussed at our Fellowship on a number of occasions, the Unitarian Universalist Association is currently reviewing Article 2 of the UUA's bylaws, which help define Unitarian Universalism's principles and sources. For information about the UUA's proposed Article 2 amendment process as discussed in the February UUA Board Meeting, please click on the link below.

https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/a2_amend_process_ga23.pdf

NOTES:

"Anyone interested in proposing an amendment to be considered for priority should submit their suggested amendment idea through a form. Suggested amendment ideas for priority would need to be submitted by April 30." UUA BOT Minutes

The form is not yet available — this is the proposed process, so the form will be made available after the process is actually approved.

Discussion workshops for all will then most likely be the second week of May.

Delegates may submit amendments up through the GA mini assembly, but last-minute amendments may not be considered for priority.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFO:

Just to be clear: the vote at General Assembly 2023 (this year) is to continue the conversation — not to adopt.

UUGG CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
10:00 pm HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Holi Festival of Colors (Playground)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
12:00 pm Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Common Room)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, March 6 —

- 7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 7 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
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 uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, March 8 —

- 8:00 pm** Safety Committee (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall — Questions? Contact Catherine Turner at cat.r.turner@gmail.com)

Thursday, March 9 —

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
11:30 am UUGG Men's Lunch Group (One Love Café)
7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 10 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
5:30 pm TGIF Celebration (Home of Janet Davies and Kirk Anthony)

Saturday, March 11 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts at mrobertsrn@gmail.com)

Sunday, March 12 —

- 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)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)
12:00 pm Newcomer Orientation (Starts at Welcome Table)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)
1:30 pm Rental: Fix Them All — Painting Class (Phillips Hall)

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.

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUGG'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).

TOUCHSTONE JOURNAL BY SUBSCRIPTION

Every month, our Fellowship explores a "Touchstone" theme. The latest issue of the *Touchstone Journal* is available via our website at <https://www.uufg.org/learning/adult/>

If you would like to receive mailed copies of the *Touchstone Journal*, please contact Cam Pierce in the office (uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669).



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Please talk to an usher for
information.

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, March 12 —

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/>

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! March 5

Outside Greeter	Bev Giordano
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Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney
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Foyer Monitor	Joseph Rowe
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RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney
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Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
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Visitors Table	
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Audio-visual	Erin Parish
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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@uufg.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 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



The Alachua County Faith Leaders Alliance, of which Rev. Christe is a member, is hosting an ‘Interfaith Trivia Night at First Christian Church on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 pm.

“PAINTING WITH A PIT”
Fundraiser for “Fix Them All”
Sunday, March 12, 2:00—5:00 pm

Next Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 5 pm on March 12, our Phillips Hall is rented for a fundraiser benefiting “Fix Them All.” All proceeds benefit this nonprofit low-cost spay & neutering program for dogs and cats in North Central Florida. For info about Fix them All, visit <https://www.fixthmall.org/>

Facilitated by artist Samm Wehman, participants will paint pictures of their pets, using pre-sketched outlines that Samm Wehman provides based on provided pictures.

All paints, supplies, personalized art instruction and light refreshments are provided.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Email paintingwithapit@gmail.com to register. Donate \$51 at <https://www.fixthmall.org/donate> to pay.



**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

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUGF business and concerns submitted to the office (email uuoffice@uugf.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.