



## SUNDAY SERVICE *Sunday, May 14, 11:00 am* Parents Day

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit as we continue exploring this month's Touchstone theme of Reconciliation. Their sermon theme is "Parents Day." 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live>

## NEW NAMETAGS FOR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTING FRIENDS

Thanks to a grant from the UUFG Foundation, we have new nametags for our members and friends. Please pick yours up in the Sanctuary when you arrive on Sunday. These nametags incorporate our symbols logo and pronouns as indicated.

If your nametag is missing or contains mistakes, please notify Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at [uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

## MASKING POLICY AT UUFG

**Sunday services:** we continue to ask attendees at our Sunday worship services to wear masks. If you don't have one handy, you can pick one up at our Welcome Table as you arrive.

**Other UUFG events:** Attendees may agree to make masking optional. Please have a mask available as you arrive.

**Non-UUFG events on our campus:** Masking is optional.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

Last Sunday, May 7, our Fellowship held its annual congregational meeting. After quorum was established, membership voted on the following items:

- Approval of the 2022-2023 Annual Meeting minutes (passed unanimously)
- Approval of the FY 2023-2024 budget (passed 46 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention)
- Changes to Bylaws — affecting composition of the Governing Board, making all Board terms two years, approving five as the number of individuals on the Leadership Development Committee (passed 51 yes, 1 abstention)
- Approval of the slate of officers and trustees for the UUFG Board: Leah Cobb Lee, President; Mike Hazlett, Vice President/President-Elect; Erin Parish, Secretary; Mary Anthony, Treasurer; Tom Mareci, Trustee. Board Trustees Tim Christy and Norden Lucke will continue until June 30, 2024 (passed unanimously).
- Approval of the slate of members for the Leadership Development Committee: Susan Christy, Liz Stewart, and Judith Kendall. Aaron Broadwell and Warren Hodge will continue until June 30, 2024 (passed unanimously)
- Approval of the proposal to continue the discussion of Article 2 (passed 43 yes, 18 no, 6 abstentions).

## Meritorious Service Award

The Governing Board honored Alice Primack as recipient of our Fellowship's 2022-2023 Meritorious Service Award.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AT UUFG IN MAY



Sunday, May 21, 1:00 pm

*Social Justice Circle*

Our circle meets monthly to discuss upcoming Social Justice initiatives using a hybrid format. We're "live" in the Common Room at 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 21, but you can also attend via Zoom. Anyone interested in our social justice program is welcome to attend.

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98151055621>

Sunday, May 21, 11:00 am

*Share the Plate with UUA Climate and Environment programs*

Create Climate Justice (<https://www.uua.org/environment>) includes Green Sanctuary and several other programs for the Climate. Non-designated offerings collected this Sunday will benefit this cause.

Sunday, May 21, 10:00 am

*Conversation on UUA and Social Justice at UUFG*

Alice Gridley and Mary Bahr will lead a discussion about what the UUA does and also what we are doing in relation to Climate/ Environment/ Immigration. We will meet at 10:00 AM in classroom three.

Monday, May 22, 6:00 pm

*Popcorn and a movie: Don't Look Up*

We hope to stream this movie on Zoom and offer an in-person viewing with a discussion afterward. Mark your calendar!

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97162773484>

Sunday, May 28, 3:00 pm

*Common Read: The Climate Book by Greta Thunberg*

If you want the scientific language of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) translated for non-scientists, this is the book for you.

This anthology with an all-star cast of writers on climate is the UUFG Social Justice common read for the Summer. We will discuss the book's different sections monthly by Zoom on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM. First discussion will be *Part 1: How Climate Works, the Science*, pgs. 1-41



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.

One of the recommended ways to fight climate change is to educate yourself and share with friends and family. You don't have to go it alone.

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

***For information about these events or our Social Justice activities more generally, please contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com).***

**GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS:** The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uoffice@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.

## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

	April	YTD
<b>Income</b>	\$16,475 (budget: \$29,300)	\$294,767 (budget: \$282,066)
<b>Expenses</b>	\$26,397 (budget: \$28,105)	\$258,622 (budget: \$284,032)
<b>Net</b>	(\$9,922)	\$36,145

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund's cumulated income and expenses from July 1, 2022 through April 30, 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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org), or Mary Anthony, Treasurer, at [maryanthony13@gmail.com](mailto:maryanthony13@gmail.com)

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

*Sunday, May 21, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the May 21 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](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for more info.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Jenny Gaviláñez-Slone, Fred Judkins and Chris Volpe!



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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org)).

## ARTICLE TWO ONLINE WORKSHOPS

The UUA is sponsoring two more workshops via Zoom in May to craft amendments to the Article 2 revision in advance of General Assembly in June. Use the links below to register for one or both of the workshops.

[Thursday, May 18, 7:00 pm workshop](#)

[Sunday, May 21, 4:00 pm workshop](#)

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

Seventy people were reported as attending our May 7 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 46 views.

## I AM GRATEFUL TO



Kudos and thank yous to the members of the UUFG Chalice Choir UUFG Music Director *Derek Nirenberg* led this talented group in a compelling array of music and arrangements last Saturday evening. Special thanks to soloists *Beverly Sanders*, *Joanna Lowenstein*, *Rick Buncher*, *Director Derek Nirenberg* and *Pete Turner*, the latter performing an original composition by Chalice Choir member *Steve Atlas*. *Catherine Turner* teamed with her father *Pete*, *Rick Buncher* and *Jim Benedict* for several songs. It was a memorable night of music, and a labor of love by *Director Nirenberg* and the Chalice Choir.

~Tim and Susan Christy"

Thanks to *Joy Avery*, *Lynn Jamison* and frequent visitor *Martha Cebeza* for making it so much fun to co-host Coffee Hour last Sunday!

~ 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 [uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org).

## 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>

## UUFG CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 14 —**

**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](mailto:diana.hagan@gmail.com))

**12:00 pm** Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Classroom 3)

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

**Monday, May 15**

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

**Tuesday, May 16 —**

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

**7:00 pm** Leadership Development Committee (Common Room)

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

**Wednesday, May 17 — *UUFG Office Closed***

**7:00 pm** Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall — open event. For info on speakers, [www.paynesprairie.fnpschapters.org](http://www.paynesprairie.fnpschapters.org))

**6:30 pm** UUFG Foundation (Zoom — for info, contact Jeanne Gossman at [jggossman@yahoo.com](mailto:jggossman@yahoo.com))

**7:00 pm** Touchstone Discussion (Common Room — closed group)

**Thursday, May 18 —**

**5:30 pm** Pickleball-4-All (Parking Lot — for info, contact Kirsten Flamand at [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com))

**7:00 pm:** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Friday, May 19 —**

**12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

**Saturday, May 20 —**

**11:00 am** UU Book Circle (Meets at local restaurants for conversation — for info, contact Martha Soles at [marthajsoles@gmail.com](mailto:marthajsoles@gmail.com))

**12:30 pm** Piano Studio Recitals (Rental— Sanctuary)

**Sunday, May 21 —**

**10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)

**10:00 am** Social Justice / Share the Plate Conversation (Classroom 3)

**10:00 pm** HUUGG Class (Common Room — for info, contact Kay Anderson at [atkayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:atkayanderson59@gmail.com))

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

**12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Welcome Table — Questions? Contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net))

**1:00 pm** Social Justice Circle (Common Room & Zoom — for info, contact Mary Bahr at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com))

## 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 [cvglupe@mac.com](mailto:cvglupe@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

## 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](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

**Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!**  
**May 14**                      **May 21**

<b>Outside Greeter</b>	Aaron Broadwell	
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell	
<b>Foyer Monitor</b>	Vic Harrell	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave
<b>RE Monitor</b>	Norden Lucke	Diana Hagan
<b>Ushers</b>	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
<b>Visitors Table</b>	Aaron Broadwell Judith Kendall	
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Garrett Hecker	Garrett Hecker



**KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE**

**HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE**

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, May 14 —*

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/>

## VETS FOR PEACE — PEACE POETRY AND AWARDS EVENT

Last Saturday, May 6, our Social Justice Council co-sponsored the Vets for Peace annual peace poetry event, accompanied with scholarship awards. For more information about this event, visit <https://vfpgainesville.org/>

Pictures are courtesy of Mary Bahr.

