



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, May 7, 11:00 am
Bridging

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship's pulpit to introduce this month's Touchstone theme of Reconciliation. This service also incorporates a bridging ceremony recognizing our older, graduating youth. 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>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 12:15 pm

Members, please mark your calendars to attend our Fellowship's annual congregational meeting in the Sanctuary following the May 7 Sunday service.

At this meeting, members will vote on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, slates of candidates for both Governing Board and Leadership Development Committees, bylaws changes, and guidance for our General Assembly delegates.

For the agenda and information about these ballot items, please click [HERE](#).

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

- *Fourteen Years:* Carol & Jack Rivers
- *Sixteen Years:* Catherine Turner
- *Eighteen Years:* Art Newman
- *Thirty-One Years:* Carry Zubillaga
- *Forty-Eight Years:* Judith & Bob Kendall

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TGIF CELEBRATION

Friday, May 12, 5:30 pm

Home of Carol & Jack Rivers
13177 SW 6th Ave., Newberry

Come join our monthly celebratory gathering! This month, our TGIF gathering is at the home of Carol and Jack Rivers. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Questions about TGIF? Contact Rosemarie Dinklage at rdinklage@icloud.com.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, May 14, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the May 14 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.

MAY SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR

Saturday, May 6, 2:00 — 4:00 pm

Vets for Peace — Peace Poetry, and Peace Scholarships award ceremonies

This event is a yearly project of Veterans for Peace sponsored by UUFG Social Justice Council. Children reading Peace Poems, Music, and great food afterward at the reception. The public is invited, especially UUFG members along with the child finalists, their families and teachers, and school board members. UUFG members are invited to bring finger foods for the reception.



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. ***Please see the graphic on the Gazette's page 3 for an indication of why this subject is vital for study!***

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>



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. Watch upcoming Gazettes for the link.

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.

Conversation

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 and look for more details and a Zoom link coming soon.

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.

INTERIM MINISTRY SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The UUFG's Governing Board has formed a committee to review applications from the UUA for an interim minister. The committee is composed of Liz Steward from Worship, Mary Bahr from Social Justice, Mike Hazlett from Stewardship, along with Norden Lucke, Mary Anthony and Tim Christy from the UUFG Board.

If a worthwhile candidate emerges, the committee then chooses that candidate to present to the board as our interim minister for a term of at least one and possibly two years. The selection process started on May 1 and should be done by May 15. If a candidate has not been selected in this first round, a second round starts on May 22.

There have been recent surveys of the congregation regarding our direction, matters of interest, and what type of minister we should choose. The committee is reaching out to the members of UUFG for any final input they may wish to share regarding what they are looking for in an interim minister.

If you would like to share any thoughts you have regarding the selection of an interim minister, please send an email to tim.christy42@gmail.com.

~ Tim Christy, for the UUFG Interim Minister Selection Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" Rev. Christe Lunsford, Marilyn Roberts and Al Tweedy!



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).

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am

Come help make our Fellowship sparkle! We have tasks suitable for most ages and inclinations. Stop by for an hour or two as your schedule allows. Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.

ARTICLE TWO ONLINE WORKSHOPS

The UUA is sponsoring several 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 more of the workshops.

[Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm workshop](#)

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

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

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

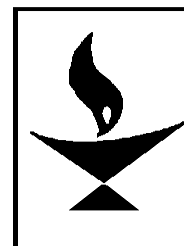
RECENT ATTENDANCE

Sixty-five people attended our April 30 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 50 views.

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 7 —

- 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** Messy Sunday (Playground)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:15 pm** Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
- 5:30 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom — Questions? Contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 6:30 pm** HUUGG / Humanist Circle Dinner (Bonefish Grill — RSVP to Al Tweedy at sylvester0077@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, May 10 —

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

Thursday, May 11 —

- 11:30 pm** UUFG Men’s Lunch Group (Local restaurant — for info, contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)
- 5:30 pm** Pickleball-4-All (Parking Lot — for info, contact Kirsten Flamand at kirstenflamand@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm:** Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 12 —

- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- 5:30 pm** TGIF Celebration (Home of Carol & Jack Rivers)

Saturday, May 13 —

- 9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts at mrobertsrn@gmail.com)
- 6:00 pm** Intergenerational Game Night (Phillips Hall — for info, contact Catherine Tuner at cat.r.turner@gmail.com)

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)

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Many thanks to *Marilyn Roberts, Sandra Topp and Hazel Hazlett*, our hosts for last Sunday’s UUFG Coffee Hour.
~ 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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	May 7	May 14
Outside Greeter	Bev Giordano	
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Wendy Visscher	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	
Visitors Table	Barbara Palmer Judith Kendall	
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.

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.

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



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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/>

DRUUMM:
Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries

PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, May 11, 8:00 pm

“Shine On Beautiful & Resilient People”

To Register to attend, visit

<https://druumm.wildapricot.org/event-5225905/Registration>

Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, Guest Preacher
Amanda Thomas, Musical Artist and the DRUUMM Choir

Shine on resilient and beautiful people with DRUUMM for our annual public worship featuring a festival of Black and Brown joy and resilience through original works of music and preaching. Musical director Amanda Thomas and guest minister Rev. Katie Romano Griffin are joined by gifted black and brown colleagues from across UU-verse to help bring some shine to your day including The Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper, Nasreen Khan, and Cassie Montenegro. We will feature original works of music, prayer, and poetry.

About our Guest Preacher, Rev. Katie Romano Griffin



Rev. Katie roots her ministry in relationships and in the belief that each person is inherently good and worthy of love. She is a passionate activist who believes in centering the voices of historically marginalized communities in justice work and advocates for applying an intersectional lens as we work towards co-creating a just world for all.

Prior to being called to All Souls Indy where she serves as the first called BIPOC minister, Rev. Katie served Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in the DC Metro as an Associate Minister. Before entering professional ministry, she served as a lay campus minister at Florida Gulf Coast University, had a rich career as a nurse, and worked as the co-owner of a marketing and public relations company. She has a background in coaching and hypnosis, too.

Rev. Katie is a 2017 graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School. She serves as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain with an emphasis on providing emergency/disaster ministry. She serves as a member of the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee, the UU Trauma Response Ministry and she has worked with the Sophia Lyon Fahs Educational Collaborative in developing a multi-faith, multicultural curriculum. She is a co-author of the book *Class Action: The Struggle with Classism in Unitarian Universalism* and has contributed to the blog *Braver/Wiser*.

About our Musical Artist, Amanda Thomas



Amanda is a retired UU music director and a member of Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Oak Park, Illinois. She has been an active UU for 22 years, and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Association of UU Music Ministries and on the UUA's Music Leadership Certification Committee. She has led workshops and music at the UUA General Assembly as a soloist, choir member, worship leader, and choir director for Ministry Days, as well as for The Service of The Living Tradition. Amanda is now serving as a Troubadour and offering services as a freelance soloist, music/choir consultant, choral conductor, workshop facilitator, worship leader, vocal instructor and respite music director. Amanda believes we can each find our own joy through music. As UU's each travel their own path to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, Amanda enjoys the monumental task of creating ways to inspire and feed the souls of all individuals through music.