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SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday, November 20, 11:00 am Transgender Day of Remembrance and the Timucua

This Sunday, we continue exploring our Touchstone theme of Remembrance, marking our nation's Transgender Day of Remembrance, honoring the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Rev. Christe Lunsford joins UUFG member and University of Florida Anthropologist Aaron Broadwell for a conversation about the Timucua and recognizing Trans identity. Erin Parish serves as worship associate, James Chase provides our service 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE BEGINS Sunday, November 20

We will begin our annual Donation Drive to support the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 50 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible.

You may take home materials to make a box that your family could keep on the table to add money at each meal when you think of others in need as Guests, or you may simply give a check on December 4 or 11.

SHARE THE PLATE WITH SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER Sunday, November 20

Once a month, we "share the plate" with a worthy charity. This Sunday, we recognize the Southern Poverty Law Center.



This legal advocacy organization specializes in civil rights and public interest litigation. Based in Montgomery, Alabama, it is known for its legal cases against white supremacist groups, for its classification of hate groups and other extremist organizations, and for promoting tolerance education programs. At this Service all non-designated donations will be given to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

You may also

- 1. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
- 2. Click <u>HERE</u> for our website's donation page and select "Share the Plate" as an option.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

- *Three Years:* Barbara & Tom Palmer and Pam Brandes
- Five Years: Hazel Hazlett
- Seven Years: Lynn Jamieson, Samara Powers, and Liz Stewart
- Nine Years: Warren Hodge and Fred Judkins
- Fourteen Years: Janese Nix
- Sixteen Years: Carolyn Lawrence
- Eighteen Years: Beverly Sanders
- Twenty-Four Years: Tom Mareci
- Thirty-Twp Years: Deborah McEdward
- Thirty-Seven Years: Paul Hargrave

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NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Income Expenses Net October \$40,382 (budget: \$27,670) \$<u>25,947</u> (budget: \$28,445) \$14,435 YTD \$108,302 (budget: \$107,933) <u>\$92,587 (</u>budget: \$111,790) **\$15,715**

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect cumulated income and expenses recorded from July 1 through October 31, 2022. Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation. Our next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, November 28.



COOKIE CAPER!

Sunday, December 4 after 11:00 am Service

Bring your sweet tooth and your cash to our annual fundraiser for the Social Justice work of the Congregation! We will have plates or boxes of a dozen assorted cookies for sale to take home for the holidays, and you may also buy one or two cookies to enjoy during Coffee Hour.

Calling all cookie bakers: please let Nancy Parkinson (njp116@gmail.com) know that you will help by baking cookies and bringing them to the Phillips Hall on Saturday, December 3, between 2pm and 3pm.

THANGSGIVING DINNER AT UUFG Thursday, November 24, 2:00 pm

Who: You and any guests you want to bring When: 2 pm on Thursday, November 24 Where: our Phillips Hall and Tent Area

It is time to plan our annual UUFG Thanksgiving Dinner!

Here is a link to a Google spreadsheet where you can RSVP, add your number of guests, indicate what dish(es) you plan to bring, and volunteer help If you need any assistance with the spreadsheet, please let us know.



https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d1gPm_fOzLh1Cy-5_ir5Yazr1-fFqvEr8wZtJyufsv4/edit?usp=sharing

Please make sure to look over the dishes and or drinks that others have already signed up to bring so we don't end up with something like 6 mashed potatoes or 8 pumpkin pies! We need main meat (turkey, ham) and vegetarian dishes, side dishes, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverages. Do not feel obligated to bring three things even though there are three columns on the spreadsheet.

If you would like an alcoholic beverage, please make sure to bring it with you.

Also, make sure to bring a place setting for yourself and your guests.

Thank you,

Joanna Lowenstein (jhlowens@gmail.com) and Peggy Dellinger (jhlowens@gmail.com)

ARTICLE 2 CONVERSATIONS Monday, November 21, 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 22, 6:00 pm

The UUA has established a commission to study Article 2 of the UUA's bylaws, to gather feedback, and to propose possible revision in advance of the 2023 General Assembly. Article 2 addresses Unitian Universalism's "Principles and Purpose"

If you would like to know more about this ongoing conversation, its history and motivations, and how you may participate in the conversation, Rev. Christe Lunsford is facilitating several in person sessions in our Common Room here at UUFG:

The two remaining sessions are:

- Monday, November 21, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 22, 6:00 pm

Please let Rev. Christe (at minister@uufg.org) or me (at uuoffice@uufg.org) know if you plan to attend one of these meetings, so we have adequate materials on hand.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Big thank yous to those who made the Coffee Hour so special for our New Members Service: *David Willkomm, Lynn Jamieson, Debra Neill-Mareci, Hazel Hazlett*, and especially, *Jov Averv*, who pulled the

Coffee Hour all together!

~ 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.

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.



WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm

The Annual Vets fpr Peace Winter Solstice Concert will be held at UUFG. Our Social Justice Council cosponsors this event put on by Vets for Peace. Tickets will be available from VFP members and from the Theater of Memory.

You may also learn more about the program and purchase tickets online via the Vets for Peace website: <u>https://vfpgainesville.org/</u>

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE Sunday, November 20, 1:00 pm

Our Social Justice Circle holds its monthly meeting this Sunday at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship's tent area. They meet to discuss upcoming Social Justice activities in our community and on behalf of our Fellowship. All are invited! For information, contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

ALDER MOONOAK MEMORIAL SERVICE Saturday, November 26, 2:30 pm

A service celebrating the life of UUFG member Alder MoonOak will be held on Saturday, November 26 at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship's Sanctuary.



UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, November 20 —
10:00 am Religious Education (Classrooms & Common Room)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent area)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)
1:00 pm Social Justice Circle (Tent Area)

Monday, November 21 —

- 6:00 pm Article 2 Conversation (Common Room)7:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- :00 pm Social Justice "Popcorn & a Movie" (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 22 —
8:30 am Morning Meditation (Zoom)
6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
6:00 pm Article 2 Conversation (Common Room)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, November 23 —

7:00 pm Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall — Contact Catherine Turner for info at cat.r.turner@gmail.com))

Thursday, November 24 —

UUFG Office Closed 10:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

2:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)

Friday, November 25 —

UUFG Office Closed

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, November 26 —

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm Alder MoonOak Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 27 —

10:00 am Religious Education (Classrooms & Common Room)

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent area)12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.

Go to <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK</u> to set up your account.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SIGN UP ONLINE FOR COFFEE HOUR

As we make our way together to whatever the New Normal will be, building community is an important goal for UUFG. Nothing builds community better than sharing food, drink and conversation. That sounds like Coffee Hour!

SignUpGenius is your new your portal to help make Coffee Hour Happen.

Please use SignUpGenius to choose a Sunday to help out with Coffee Hour. It's easy, it's fun, and it doesn't cost a dime.

To help with Coffee Hour, click <u>HERE</u>!

EASY

- Use SignUpGenius to conveniently pick your Sunday. Unsure how to do this? No worries - contact me at susan.christy42@gmail.com
- Easy to follow Coffee Hour instructions will be emailed to you, which make the task a piece of cake; same instructions are posted in the kitchen
- No need to cook or bake; this is NOT a competition, and Martha Stewart will NOT arrive.
- Many Sundays there is already plenty of food on hand in the kitchen.
- Some Sunday, folks arrive with goodies from home; what a bonus!

FUN

- Ever notice how loud the kitchen crew can be? That's because they are having a good time. Team up with
- Someone you miss,
- Someone you want to know better,
- Your grandchildren (who may need volunteer hours...),
- Your committee,
- Your Touchstones group,
- Your significant other,
- Any combination will make the task a treat.

DOESN'T COST A DIME

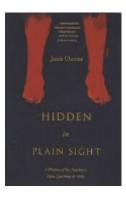
Reimbursement sheets are provided, and the process is easy. Just save your receipts.

Questions?

Contact Susan at susan.christy42@gmail.com

Inspired? Intrigued? Hungry? Sign UP!

~ Susan Christy



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMON READ

Our Social Justice Common Read for Winter is *Hidden In Plain Sight A History of the Newberry Mass Lynching of 1916*, by Janis Owens. Get your copy from Amazon or bookstores. Then plan to attend a live Reading by the local author in January.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! November 20

Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Joy Avery
Foyer Monitor	Doris & Paul Hargrave
RE Monitor	
Ushers	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Susan Christy
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 uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, November 13, 75 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 95 views.



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 brining 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

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 <u>https://www.blacklivesuu.com/</u>

Sunday, December 11 -

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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/</u> BLUUExplicitlyBlack/