



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, November 6, 11:00 am

Social Justice Sunday: Democracy

This Sunday, our Social Justice Council facilitates a service dedicated to Democracy. We'll celebrate our Fellowship's participation with UUTheVote, honoring members of our congregation who wrote many letters and postcards.

We also welcome UUFG member Nancy Parkinson to our Fellowship's pulpit, where she will discuss "When Democracy Dies." Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. 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-HIRLSg6IRfA/live>



TRET FURE IN CONCERT

Saturday, November 12, 7:00 pm

A prolific artist in the contemporary singer-songwriter arena, Tret Fure performs in concert at UUFG on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 pm as she celebrates the release of her seventeenth CD: "Stone by Stone."

Tickets for either in person or online viewing are now available via Eventbrite. Click [HERE](#) for information.

Tickets On Sale Today!

You may also purchase tickets following services. Look for the ticket sales table at coffee hour!

This event is a fundraiser for our Fellowship, so please mark your calendar and bring a friend!

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UUFG FOUNDATION GRANTS

The UUFG Foundation funded four grants for the fall cycle:

1. Updated Name Tags for all UUFG members and supporting friends. These Name Tags will incorporate our symbols logo as well as preferred pronouns.
2. New Gutters on the west wall of the Social Hall to prevent large volumes of water from funneling off of the roof onto the landscaping and splashing on the concrete slab where we are now gathering during social hour.
3. New Choir Risers. Angled risers for the dais in the sanctuary to allow improved choir members' ability to see the conductor, hear other singers, and more effectively blend their sound with the rest of the choir.
4. Youth Room Update with new paint, furniture, and storage as the current furniture is aging has suffered mildew and dust buildup from neglect through the pandemic. This will provide increased seating to accommodate all youth group members and leaders.

Do you have an idea to improve UUFG facility or programs? Our next grant cycle is coming Spring 2023.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Anna Deyle, Carol Shelley, Marilyn Kershner, Dianna Ott, Andrew Vargas Brigit Neilson, Elisabeth Ohrn, and Amy Cummings-Aponte!



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).

ON GRATITUDE:

Not feeling ready or able to join in the rebirth and rebuilding of our Congregational Spirit quite yet? There is still a way in which you might help.

Many folks, new and old, members and friends alike, are now stepping up to help UUFG soar to new heights. You could be the "wind beneath their wings!" A simple "Thank you" or "I appreciate what you do!" can make someone's day and let them know their contribution of time or talent is recognized and appreciated.

Take a moment to send a card, email, text, and make a phone call. Just a few minutes of your time may encourage someone else to give just a tiny bit more and help us be the Fellowship we strive to be.



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 if you are able to assist with set up or break down. There is also a column for comments. 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

We do need about six people to assist with set up and with break down.

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. We just wanted to leave enough space for people who plan to bring multiple things.

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.

The UUFG Thanksgiving Dinner is always a great time for fun and fellowship during the Holiday Season. We hope to see you all there!

Thank you,

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Sunday, November 6, 11:00 am Service

Celebrate UUFG's work with UUtheVote to promote Voting!

And take a realistic look with Nancy Parkinson at the present and future state of Democracy in Florida and the United States. UUFG members have registered voters; written and mailed hundreds of letters and postcards to encourage voting among registered but infrequent voters; produced and distributed voter information; created buttons; phonebanking; textbanking; and staffed our Booths at various events. Others will be Poll Workers on November 8. Come and honor and celebrate these Volunteers! Then during Social Hour view the inspiring messages about voting contributed by the Gainesville community at our Pride Booth, as these are hung around the tent.

Sunday, November 20, in 11:00 am Service

Share the Plate with 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.

Sunday, November 20, in 11:00 am Service

Guest At Your Table Begins

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 Dec. 4 or 11.

Sunday, December 4 after 11:00 am Service

Cookie Caper!

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 Social Hall on Saturday, Dec. 3, between 2pm and 3pm.

Sunday, December 11 during 11:00 am Service

Return Guest At Your Table Donations

Please bring your Donation in the form of a Check made out to UUFG. All donations will be sent together to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. We will have a table set up in the Sanctuary with a basket to collect checks.

Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm

Winter Solstice Concert

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

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.

THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

VI. Reception

Following tradition, this masterpiece was presented to Rev. Christe during their Installation Ceremony on April 24, 2022 by Board President Martha Soles. Due to the pandemic, the Installation had been delayed for over two years, but it was indeed an impressive ceremony with many visiting dignitaries, wonderful music and moving inspirational messages.

~ Liz Stewart



Rev. Christe Lunsford wearing stole at their Installation




HOLIDAY PICTURE FUNDRAISER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, November 12, noon to 5 pm

James Chase, our Director of Religious Education, is contributing their professional-grade photographic skills to help raise funds for our children and youth religious education program!

James is facilitating a 4 hour photography event on Saturday afternoon, November 12, with ten 15-minute sessions available. Pictures will be taken in our beautiful Memory Garden.

Each session will cost \$50, and will include a minimum of 10 fully edited family/group pictures to be delivered digitally in print quality with a print release. All funds collected benefit our educational programming.

These sessions are ideal for holiday cards, to print, or to use online.

Each group session may include up to six faces; two sessions may be purchased by any group larger than 6, up to 12 — they will receive the full 30 minutes, and a minimum of 20 edited pictures.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org.



UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6 —

- 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 Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Common Room)
12:00 pm Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, November 7 —

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

Tuesday, November 8 — Election Day

- 7:00 am** Precinct 17 Voting (Phillips Hall)
8:30 am Morning Meditation (Zoom)
5:30 pm Fellowship Council (Zoom — Questions? Contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Leadership Development Committee (Common Room)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, November 9 —

- 11:30 am** UUFG Men's Lunch Group (Ballyhoo Grill — for info, contact Harry Mangle at hmangle2@cox.net)
7:00 pm Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall — Questions? Contact Catherine Turner at cat.r.turner@gmail.com)

Thursday, November 10 — UUFG Business Office Closed

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 11 — UUFG Business Office Closed — Veterans Day

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

Saturday, November 12 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
9:00 am Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Campus)
10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room)
12:00 pm Picture Fundraiser (Memory Garden)
7:00 pm Tret Fure Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 13 —

- 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)

CAM PIERCE OUT OF OFFICE

Thurs, Nov 10 Through Mon, 14

Cam Pierce, our Congregational Administrator, will be out of the office starting this coming Thursday, November 10. He will return to the office on Tuesday, November 15 at 9:00 am.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, October 30, 68 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 74 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> to set up your account.

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

Coming Soon: In Person at UUFG!

UUFG's Mindfulness Meditation group continues to offer 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).

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 uvaldosta@yahoo.com with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email 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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators: November 6	
Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Cindy Prabst
Foyer Monitor	Harry Mangle
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall
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.

UUFG ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- <https://facebook.com/uugainesville/>
- <https://facebook.com/Social-Justice-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-of-Gainesville/>
- <https://facebook.com/earthkeepersuufg/>
- <https://facebook.com/groups/uufgparents/>
- <https://facebook.com/groups/UUFGYAG/>
(UUFG Young Adult Group)
- [Religious Education Facebook Page](#)



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

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, November 13 —
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/>