

# The Gazette



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## SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday, October 16,*

*11:00 am*

### Be a Tourist in Your Hometown

This Sunday, Unitarian Universalist Seminarian Samara Powers is in our pulpit as we continue our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of Awe. Samara's sermon is titled, "Be a Tourist in Your Hometown." Mary Anthony serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages, and Derek Nirenberg directs our Chalice Choir.

#### 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-H1RLSg6IRfA/live>



## POPCORN & A MOVIE

### *Disclosure*

*Monday, October 17, 7:00 pm on Zoom*



We resume our Movie series with the movie "Disclosure." This film provides an in-depth look at Hollywood's depiction of transgender people and the impact of their stories on transgender

lives and American culture.

It features many famous transgender people in the film industry, and takes the audience on a history lesson using films and television shows to show how damaging and inaccurately the depiction and ideas of transgender people were displayed. Come watch via Zoom and stay for the conversation!

Zoom meeting link:

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

Meeting ID: 971 6277 3484

## PRIDE FESTIVAL — *Saturday, October 22, noon — 8:00 pm, Bo Diddley Plaza*

UUFG will have a booth at the Pride Festival, which combines our passion for Pride and for getting out the vote! In addition to booths from many organizations, there will be entertainment. Pride on Stage will display the talents of LBBTQ artists, emphasizing the diversity of the LGBTQ family as well as the joy of celebrating Pride in ourselves and our community.

### *Volunteers Needed!*

Want to help with Pride? Please stop by at the "Your Vote Matters" table in the tent during coffee hour! You can sign up for when you will help staff our booth at the Pride Festival, downtown at Bo Diddley Plaza on Saturday, Oct. 22.

You can choose to help with setup or take-down, or to sit for a couple hours and talk to those who come by. The weather is supposed to be nice, and we will have a canopy for shade.

Our booth will feature information about UUFG and also about voting. We will also offer a hands-on activity in which we will invite those who stop by to write an answer to "I Vote Because ...". Finally, we'll string those notes up to decorate the booth and share thoughts with others.

And while you're there, enjoy food and music and other entertainment at the Fest. It is a true community festival!

## THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

### Part III. Inception

The designs on Rev. Christie's stole are very special. Debra had interviewed Rev. Christie and gotten the basic ideas. She and Deborah worked together on deciding what was important and how it should look. Basic drawings and the CUUPs logo had been designed by Debra, being careful to redesign some so as not to infringe on any copyrights.

Next time, Deborah takes Debra's concepts and translates them into what materials should be used. Stayed tuned for "Perception."

~ Liz Stewart



**Rev. Christie Lunsford  
wearing stole at  
their Installation**



## LOVING LEADERSHIP

### *A Monthly Column from the Leadership Development Committee*

On September 25, about 75 people attended the Sunday service on Leadership as Spiritual Practice and many joined us for lunch and small group discussions about various congregational programs and groups. We collected 21 Opportunity Cards on which participants expressed an interest in being involved in the life of our congregation.

The LDC thanks these individuals and wants to let them know that program leaders will follow up with them. If you missed this opportunity and would like information about how you can become involved in the life of our congregation, or if you would like to complete an opportunity card, contact a member of LDC or stop by the Information Table outside after a Sunday Service. Together we will build the beloved community.

UUFG Leadership Development Committee:

Mary Bahr  
Aaron Broadwell  
Warren Hodge  
Harry Mangle  
Judith Kendall, Chair



### 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.

Starting next Sunday, you may also purchase tickets following service. Look for more info in the coming weeks!

### UNITED NATIONS DAY PROGRAM

*Saturday, October 22,  
10:00 am-noon, on Zoom*

Co sponsored by UUFG Social Justice Council, this United Nations Day Program's theme will be "Nourishing Peace," with keynote speaker Ariel Gold on "How Food Security and Peace are Intertwined

Locally and Internationally." Panel presentations will include "Nourishing Peace through International Education" and "Nourishing Peace through Refugee Medical Relief."

This event will be accessible via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166629717?pwd=aDMzeTBWUw4SG5jQ3A5UjVUdjcxQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 6662 9717

Passcode: 895421

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the October anniversaries of the our membership. We especially celebrate Mary Margaret Andrew, whose 50th anniversary of joining UUFG is this month!

- *One Year:* Jon Kramek, Mary Kramek and Dave Kramek
- *Three Years:* Kathryn Taubert and Jesse & Ron Prentice-Bryant
- *Four Years:* Gene Mills
- *Five Years:* Esther Negrin
- *Six Years:* Richard Ashwick and Carolyn & Richard Curtis
- *Eleven Years:* Jonathan Colburn
- *Fourteen Years:* Ron Lange
- *Fifteen Years:* Janet Davies
- *Seventeen Years:* Marilyn Kershner, Al Tweedy and David Willkomm
- *Thirty-Seven Years:* Jean Cook
- *Fifty Years:* Mary Margaret Andrew
- *Fifty-Two Years:* Debby Jo Malickson
- *Fifty-Three Years:* Bob Hornberger



### WRITE LETTERS AND POSTCARDS TO ENCOURAGE VOTING

*Today!*

For some time, we've collected your letters and postcards to send. The time for sending our UUtheVote messages is drawing close! But you still have time to write a few more letters and postcards to encourage people to get out and vote.

Stop by the Social Justice Action Table after today's service to learn how you can encourage voting as part of the nationwide program with UUtheVote. You may choose to print letters at home and add a few sentences about why you vote, or write postcards with a prepared script.

These motivational messages will be sent to infrequent voters to encourage them to vote in upcoming elections. You may write during the Social Hour following service or take home materials to write and return. UUFG provides postage.





## I AM GRATEFUL TO

*Tom Bullock and Michael Avery* did grounds work.

We had an all woman team of four who safely washed all the exterior sanctuary windows. Many thanks to *Wendy Visscher, Kay Anderson and Judi Oltmans*, who all pitched in to help with the windows.

~ Marilyn Roberts

The Sanctuary certainly seemed brighter this past Sunday! Many thanks to *Marilyn, Judi, Kay and Wendy* for their fabulous job of cleaning the windows...all the way to the top, even!! A job well done and enjoyed by many!!

~ Liz Stewart

Much gratitude to *Peggy Maloney, Norden Lucke and Liz Stewart* for preparing our Touchstones mailing for October (a little late getting out because of printing problems).

~ Cam Pierce

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).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to *Brenda McCue, Christian Slone and Cam Pierce*!



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)).

## HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE



Please talk to an usher for information.

KINDLY SILENCE  
YOUR  
CELL PHONE



## 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.

## UUFG CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 16 —

**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, October 17 —

**7:00 pm** Popcorn & a Movie (Zoom)

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

### Tuesday, October 18 —

**8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom)

**6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

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

### Wednesday, October 19 —

**6:00 pm** Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall)

### Thursday, October 20 —

**10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

**11:30 am** UUFG Men's Lunch Group (Ballyhoo Grill)

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

### Friday, October 21 —

**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

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

### Saturday, October 22 —

**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

### Sunday, October 23 —

**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)

## SAMHAIN CELEBRATION

*Monday, October 31, 7:00 pm*

CUUPS stands for Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. Our CUUPS chapter will celebrate the great Pagan festival of Samhain on Monday, October 31, at 7:00 pm at our Fire Circle.

All members of our congregation and friends are invited to attend this ritual.

Stay tuned for more information!

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, October 9, 86 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 35 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.

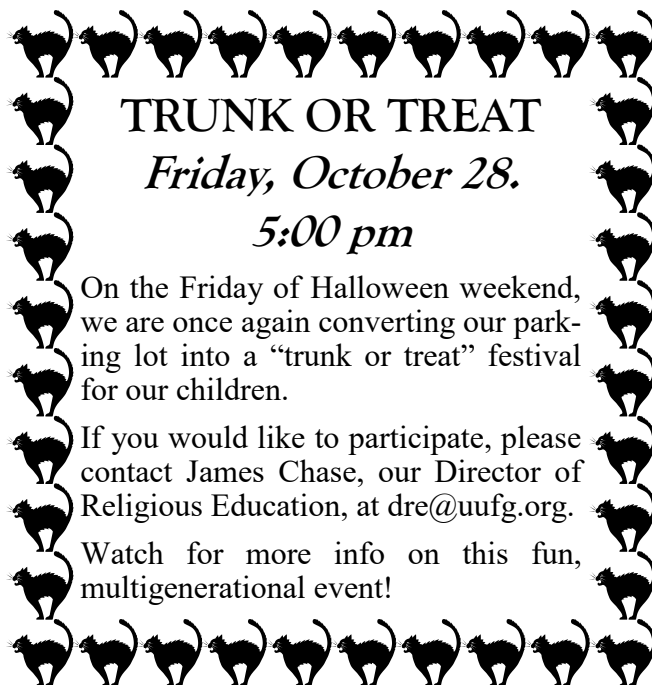
Coming soon, we hope to offer our meditation in a "hybrid" format. Those who wish to join our practice will be invited to come to the Common Room for meditation, while others may still "Zoom in." Please watch the Gazette and Chalice Connections for updates!

## 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](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com) with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

*Friday, October 28.*

*5:00 pm*

On the Friday of Halloween weekend, we are once again converting our parking lot into a "trunk or treat" festival for our children.

If you would like to participate, please contact James Chase, our Director of Religious Education, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org).

Watch for more info on this fun, multigenerational event!

**Food4Kids**  
nourishing our future

## 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](mailto: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.

## BUILD OUR UUFG COMMUNITY AT COFFEE HOUR Volunteers Needed!

Attending our coffee hour in our Phillips Hall and Tent area immediately following our service is a great way to catch up with friends and socialize.

Our coffee hour depends on volunteers (like you?) to happen. Would you and some friends like to help with coffee hour but are afraid you don't know what to do?

Fellowship Council has prepared some instructions for use by everyone. Once you get comfortable with the role, you may want to put your personal touch on it. About three volunteers is ideal in the small kitchen.

You can find these procedures in the kitchen. It may appear like a lot of detail but it's really simple:

***Prepare. Feed people. Have fun. Clean up.***

Look for a sign up sheet on the fridge door. Please gather a couple of friends and choose your week(s) to host.

## 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/>

## 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](#)

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