

## **Dragons Love Tacos!** **Saturday, October 8, 5:00 pm**

### **Fundraiser for Reproductive Rights**

Join us Saturday, October 8 for a community building taco party to raise funds and awareness for reproductive rights!

**5:00 pm – Happy Hour!** Margaritas available at our cash bar

**6:00 pm – Taco Dinner is served!** Pick from four delicious options, including veggie

**Location:** UUFG's Social Hall and Tent Area

**Donations will be accepted at the door.** Proceeds benefit National Abortion Rights organizations as well as UUFG.

Childcare provided.

**To Register, click [HERE](#) or on the adjoining image!**

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

*Sunday, October 2, 11:00 am*

**No Longer Hanging in the Balance:**

**Yom Kippur**



Yom Kippur officially begins at sundown on October 4, ending the next evening. Our guest speaker, Sivan Rotholz, reflects on this high holy day in the Jewish faith tradition. Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate, James Chase provides our story for all ages.

#### **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>

### **NEWCOMER ORIENTATION**

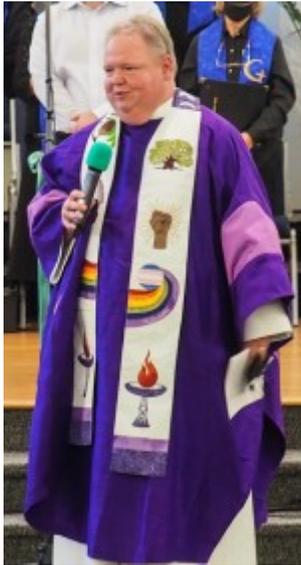
*Sunday, October 9, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, resumes after the October 9 service, following a summer hiatus.

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.



**Rev. Christe Lunsford  
wearing stole at  
Installation**



**Debra Neill-Mareci**

## THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

### Part I. The Two Deborah/Debras

Deborah McEdward and Debra Neil-Mareci are two very active long-time members of UUFG. Both raised their children in this congregation and have been instrumental in shaping the Fellowship in many different ways. Their dedication to us has been steadfast and very generous in terms of time, talent and expertise in many areas.



**Deborah McEdward**

When we chose to bring Rev. Christe Lunsford to us as settled minister, part of the process was to have a very special event called the Installation to celebrate. As part of this tradition, it is customary for the congregation to give a welcome gift. The Two Deborah/Debras took on this task with their combined talents and the result is indeed stunning!

Next time, read about how they combined their expertise and the steps that were taken to create this work of art!!

~ Liz Stewart

**TGIF CELEBRATION**  
*Friday, October 7, 5:30 pm*  
**Home of Rosemarie Dinklage**  
**3979 NW 2rd Circle**

Our TGIF Celebrations have resumed! Bring your drink of choice and a snack to share.

Please put the date on your calendar. Directions to my house from the Fellowship:

Take 34th Street south, make a right turn on 16th Ave. Pass a church and synagogue on your right. Next entrance is Wood Creek Village. Take 3rd street to your left. Stay on your right. When you see several parking spaces on your left, you have arrived. I am in build 10. My door has a wreath with sun flowers

Lost: call 352-375-8225

~ Rosemarie Dinklage,

**YOUTH GROUP**  
*Sunday, October 2, 12:00 pm*

Youth Group is back! All 12-18 year olds are welcome to join us on October 2 from 12-2 in Classroom 7 (aka the Charles Darwin room)!

We will be introducing our Youth Group to new members and planning out the next year. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the meeting (gluten free and vegan options available). We're excited to see you there!

For more information about our Youth Group, please contact James Chase, Director of Religious Education, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org).

~ Lane Hagan

## UUFG FOUNDATION FALL GRANTS AVAILABLE!

The Foundation is now accepting proposals for the fall grant cycle. Do you have an idea for improvements to the UUFG building, grounds, or programs? We would love to help make your great idea a reality. **Please submit a grant application to the Foundation before the October 15th deadline.**

For application instructions and forms, click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with one of the Foundation members or email us at [foundation@uufg.org](mailto:foundation@uufg.org).

UUFG Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman (Chair), Mary Anthony, Tamara Evonne. Cindy Prabst, and Sandra Topp

## OCTOBER SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR



### Know Your Voting Rights

Watch for emails and stop by the Social Justice table outside after Sunday Services for continuing weekly updates on the ins and outs of voting in Florida. Get ready for the November midterms. Learn how to check if you are registered and how to register online, how to unlock the mysteries of Vote By Mail and what the new Florida Voting legislation means for you. Get your “Your Vote Matters” sticker to wear!

### Write Letters and Postcards to Encourage Voting

Each Sunday stop by the Social Justice "Your Vote Matters" table 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 or take home materials to write and return.

### *Sunday, October 16 in 11:00 am Service*

#### Share the Plate with the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County

The Human Rights Coalition is a collective group of local clergy, scholars, and community activists and organizers who are committed to educating and assisting individuals and groups who are experiencing difficulties receiving their basic human rights. The organization is non-partisan, non-profit and grassroots, promoting collective efforts and coalition-building. At this Service all non-designated donations will be given to the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County.

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

#### Movie “Disclosure”

We resume our Movie series with the movie “Disclosure.” This film follows 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. Watch for the Zoom link in upcoming Gazettes and settle in for an evening to watch and then discuss afterward.

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

#### United Nations Day Program

Co sponsored by UUG 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=aDMzeTBWTUw4SG5jQ3A5UjVUdjcxQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 6662 9717 Passcode: 895421

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

#### Pride Festival

UUG 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.



## I AM GRATEFUL TO

Debra Neill-Mareci, Tom Mareci, Marilyn Roberts, Jim Wright and others who helped “batten down” UUFG in preparation for Hurricane Ian, including striking our tent and pitching it on Friday, making it ready for Sunday coffee hour!

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



## WRITE LETTERS AND POSTCARDS TO ENCOURAGE VOTING

Each Sunday stop by the Social Justice Action Table 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.

## REV. CHRISTE LUNSFORD OUT OF OFFICE *September 28 thru October 6*

Rev. Christe Lunsford is on vacation next week, from Wednesday September 28 through Thursday, October 6. While they remain available for pastoral issues, for other Fellowship concerns, please contact either Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at 352-377-1669 / [admin@uufg.org](mailto:admin@uufg.org) or Martha Soles, Congregation President, at 540-645-9897 / [marthajsoles@gmail.com](mailto:marthajsoles@gmail.com)

## UUFG CALENDAR

### *Sunday, October 2* —

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

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

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Tent area)

### *Monday, October 3* —

**7:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)

### *Tuesday, October 4* —

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

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

**6:30 pm** Worship Team (Zoom — Questions? Contact Liz Stewart, Worship Team Chair, at [marmstew002@gmail.com](mailto:marmstew002@gmail.com))

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

### *Wednesday, October 5* —

**8:00 am** Lifeline Screening (Phillips Hall)

### *Thursday, October 6* —

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

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

**7:00 pm** Gainesville Handweavers (Phillips Hall)

### *Friday, October 7* —

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

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

**5:30 pm** TGIF Celebration (Home of Rosemarie Dinklage, [rdinklage@icloud.com](mailto:rdinklage@icloud.com))

### *Saturday, October 8* —

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

**9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (For info, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com))

**5:00 pm** “Dragons Love Tacos” Fundraiser for Reproductive Rights (Phillips Hall & Tent Area)

### *Sunday, October 9* —

**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** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table)

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, September 25, 84 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 41 views.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

For the week of October 2, please wish “happy birthday” to Rose Fletcher and Clare Jones!



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).

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS  
WORK MORNING**

*Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am*

Every second Saturday of the month, a dedicated crew spends a morning helping to make our Fellowship “sparkle!”

Come by UUG next Saturday starting at 9:00 am for a morning of healthful outdoor work and camaraderie! Stay as long as your schedule allows. For more info, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.

**ONLINE GIVING TO UUG**

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.

**HEARING LOOP  
AVAILABLE**



Please talk to an usher for information.

**KINDLY SILENCE  
YOUR  
CELL PHONE**



**GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS**

The Gazette is reserved for UUG 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!  
October 2**

<b>Outside Greeter</b>	Bev Giordano
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Barbara Palmer Tom Palmer
<b>Foyer Monitor</b>	David Willkomm
<b>RE Monitor</b>	Harry Mangle
<b>Ushers</b>	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
<b>Visitors Table</b>	Judith Kendall
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Garrett Hecker



**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 UUG, 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