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SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday, October 23, 11:00 am True Colors: PRIDE

Monday, October 24 is Diwali, the festival of light celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs, marking the triumph of good over evil. This Sunday Rev. Christe Lunsford is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we recognize Diwali in the context of Gainesville's PRIDE month. Erin Parish 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 24, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board will hold its October meeting this coming Monday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

If you have questions, please contact Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt, Congregation Vice President, at diane.depuydt@gmail.com.

Zoom link:

https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?

pwd=WE94Y3hmVFIrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

"GET READY TO RUMMAGE!!"

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 am

Rummage: search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.

Now is the time to rummage through your <u>own</u> stuff and get rid of those usable items in a beneficial, recycling, earth-friendly, positive manner! One person's trash is another person's treasure!!

Rummage Sale:

A sale of donated articles conducted by a nonprofit organization (such as a church or charity) to help support its programs. [This means **you** donate, **UUFG** sells and gets money to support our programs! A great time to take advantage of the Fall weather to clean out, organize and get rid of your usable junk. NO CLOTHES!! Please take them to Goodwill or Salvation Army.]

Save the Dates!

Drop Off:

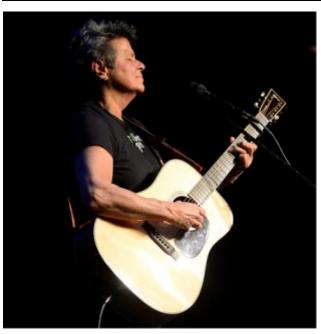
Friday, November 4, 2:00 pm — 7:00 pm: Drop off items to be sold and place them on appropriate tables in front of the Philips Social Hall. If you are unable to come on that date, please contact Liz Stewart (352)-283-3264 to arrange for another drop-off time.

Actual Sale:

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 am — 1:00 pm

If you are willing to help set up, take down, take money, or assist in any other way, please contact Liz Stewart (352)-283-3264. I'll be calling on you all to support this event!!





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 vie Eventbrite. Click HERE for information.

Tickets On Sale Today!

Starting this Sunday, you may also purchase tickets following services. Look for the ticket sales table at coffee hour!

SAMHAIN CELEBRATION Monday, October 31, 7:00 pm

CUUPS stands for Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. Our Sacred Oak 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.





THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

IV. Perception

How Debra and Deborah took the ideas

and determined what materials to use:

Quoting from Debra—

"This was very much a combination of our combined selections of cloth, colors, graphical ideas, textural surfaces and sewing notions to embellish the stole: (beads, threads, cloth surfaces, etc. A lot of hand sewing was done by Deborah- looking at the finished stole closely, you can see the accents of thread, beads, etc. to enhance the cloth graphics."

This involved many trips to Joann's Fabric store as well as digging into their own stashes of fabric and embellishments. Hours of time on sometimes tedious work! Much admired and appreciated...

~ Liz Stewart

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT UUFG!

Thursday, November 24

We are looking forward to another delicious, shared Thanksgiving celebration meal on Thursday, November 24!

Last week, we put out the "news and needs" call for volunteers to help organize this event. Our Thanksgiving planning team now has four members: Joanna Lowenstein, Peggy Lowenstein, Rosemarie Dinklage and David Willkomm!

With the idea that "many hands make light work," we are extending our call for volunteers to help make Thanksgiving happen at UUFG this year.



If you would like to lend a hand and join our Thanksgiving Team, please contact Cam in the office at uuoffice@uufg.org or 352-377-1669.

UU ROCK!

I AM GRATEFUL TO

I am grateful to Marilyn Roberts, Peg Canaday, Alice Gridley, Aaron Broadwell, Judi Oltmans, Nancy Parkinson, Norden Lucke, Cindy Prabst, Wendy Visscher and Tom Bullock for staffing our UUFG Booth at the Pride Fest! Also to Rev. Christe for providing support and joining with other Clergy to promote Pride events.

Also, a second gratitude to *Marilyn Roberts* for making the Compost Bin (located near our dumpster).

~ Alice Primack

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.







HOLIDAY PICTURE FUNDRAISER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

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, contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Irene LaBelle, Martha Soles, Carolyn Curtis, Heather McAuslane, and Joann Mossa!



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).



HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.

KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE





UUFG CALENDAR

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)

Monday, October 24 —

6:30 pm Governing Board (Zoom)

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

Tuesday, October 25 —

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)

Wednesday, October 26 —

2:00 pm Safety Committee (Zoom — For info, contact Jonathan Coron at coronjonathan@gmail.com)

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

Thursday, October 27 —

10:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

4:30 pm Wood Creek Homeowners Association (Phillips Hall)

7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, October 28 —

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

5:00 pm Trunk or Treat (UUFG parking lot)

Saturday, October 22 —

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard Maintenance Morning

11:30 am UU Book Circle (Wahoo Seafood Grill — For info, contact Martha Soles at marthajsoles@gmail.com)

Sunday, October 30 —

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)



REV. CHRISTE OUT OF OFFICE

October 27 through November 5

Rev. Christe will be away from our Fellowship from Thursday, October 27 though Saturday, November 5. They are attending UUA training followed by a short vacation. While they will remain available for pastoral concerns, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at uuoffice@uufg.org or Martha Soles, Congregation President, at marthajsoles@gmail.com with UUFG-related questions or issues.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, October 16, 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 with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! October 23	
Outside Greeter	Diane DePuydt
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Alice Primack
Foyer Monitor	Harry Mangle
RE Monitor	Harry Mangle
Ushers	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
Visitors Table	Alice Primack
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker



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 nation-wide 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.

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.

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.

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/