

# The Gazette



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## SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday, October 30, 11:00 am Samhain: In Awe of Hands

This Sunday, we examine the ancient Pagan festival of Samhain, which marks the gathering of the harvest and looks toward the coming of winter. To our Fellowship's pulpit we welcome Carl Ide from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta and our own Liz Stewart. Erin Parish serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Please do bring your 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>



## 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 UUGF 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!



## 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.

## RUMMAGE SALE

*Drop off items: Friday, Nov 4, 2 pm to 7 pm*

*Rummage Sale: Nov 5, 8 am*

**See Page 2 for Details!**

**“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 *own* 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 / marmstew002@gmail.com. I’ll be calling on you all to support this event!!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Please wish “happy birthday” to Leah Cobb Lee, and Hazel Hazlett!



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).

**REV. CHRISTE LUNSFORD**

**Notes from the Minister**



Beloveds,

As the Fellowship begins to awaken from our 2+ years of closure, leadership is attempting to encourage and inspire ways that each and every one of UUFG’s members and friends can engage and participate in creating a vibrant community that makes change in the world.

The speed of church is slow; this is a truth. However, this community is hungry and in need. The ministry of the Fellowship cannot be full or stable without the ministry of the congregation itself.

A healthy shared ministry can only happen in partnership when all hands help in its creation.

So I have some thought questions to pose.

- Who is UUFG?
- What do you want UUFG to be?
- How are your gifts and talents serving the UUFG community?

As of this writing, absolutely nothing is planned for this community beginning Jan 1, 2023. No fundraiser events like an auction. No community building dinners. The small core of volunteers who have gotten this community’s church year started need a rest; they need to receive your love and care. The time is now for planning.

If the desire is to hold on to the past, the before-COVID times, then we are holding on to grief for something that can never be the same as it was. If the greater desire is to bend the moral arc and strive for beloved community, even though it may be hard and scary, then we need to find ways to move forward together.

In Faith  
Rev. Christe

**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.

# THE MINISTER’S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

## V. Fruition

Bringing this beautiful work of art to fruition was truly a labor of love. Debra estimates the number of hours spent collaborating, purchasing materials, cutting, sewing, embellishing, at least 30 to 40 hours apiece.

This from Debra:

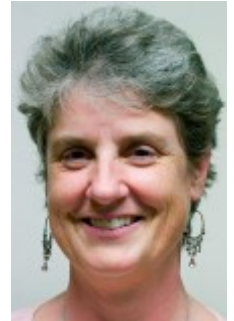


**Debra Neill-Mareci**

Most of my time was researching, creating graphics and doing the computer illustrations (I had the SOCUUPS logo and the Rev’s already) so they could be translated to patterns for the cloth design. We worked together on the layout from the beginning of the project starting with the original sketch.

Deborah spent hours embellishing with threads, cords, beading; cutting, applying the backing, and attaching the applique’ to the stole cloth. We worked together on the layout — the original diverse people graphic was changed once Deborah realized it was too complicated (the hair part).

I created another simpler, non-gender image in layers and we laid the paper cutouts on the stole to see how the layout of the profiles would work. We then picked the fabric and Deborah proceeded with creating the final cloth pieces. She had the brilliant idea of using the black beads once the applique was attached to the stole front.



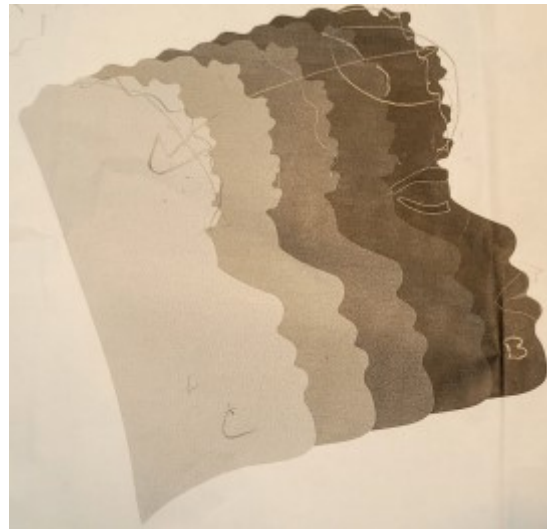
**Deborah McEdward**

Please examine the included photos to see this masterful work!

~ 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](mailto:dre@uufg.org).**



**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Many thanks to Susan and Tim Christy, who volunteered to help manage coffee hour this Sunday.

Our coffee hour depends on volunteers (like you?) to happen.

**Look for a sign up sheet on the fridge door. Facilitating coffee hour is not hard — an instruction sheet is available in the kitchen. Please gather a couple of friends and choose your week(s) to host.**

## UUFG CALENDAR

### *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)

### *Monday, October 31 —*

**7:00 pm** Samhain Celebration (Fire Circle)

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

### *Tuesday, November 1 —*

**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)

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

### *Thursday, November 3 —*

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

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

### *Friday, November 4 —*

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

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

**2:00 pm — 7:00 pm** Rummage Sale Drop Off

### *Saturday, November 5 —*

**8:00 am** Rummage Sale (Phillips Hall)

**8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)

### *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** 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 through 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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) or Martha Soles, Congregation President, at [marthajsoles@gmail.com](mailto:marthajsoles@gmail.com) with UUFG-related questions or issues.

## RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, October 23, 94 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 54 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](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com)) or Pete Turner ([peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto: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 [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com) with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

## I AM GRATEFUL TO



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).

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators: October 30	
Outside Greeter	Mike Hazlett Hazel Hazlett
Welcome Table	Barbara Palmer Tom Palmer
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Harry Mangle
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](mailto: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](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.
- **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/>



**11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Florida Unitarian Universalist  
Women's Retreat  
March 31- April 2, 2023**

**A Weekend Gathering of UU Women  
Featuring Shelley Graff facilitating  
Singing in Sacred Circle**

- Friday evening we will get to know one another and create community
- Saturday one-hour workshops offer choices  
Singing in Sacred Circle with Shelley Graff  
Free time in the afternoon for personal exploration
- Sunday we share a UU Service bringing it all together

DaySpring Conference Center is conveniently located off I-75 just north of Sarasota on Florida's West Coast. The beautiful campus nestled under ancient oaks and located on a cove of the Manatee River offers a serene setting for our annual retreat. Take a look.

<http://Dayspringfla.org>

\$232 per person covers expenses for a semi-private room plus meals for the weekend.

A limited number of single rooms are available at \$304 each.

8 women share a cozy cottage with 4 bedrooms and 4 baths, a screened porch and common area.

Come join us for an enriching and memorable weekend.

**To register or for more information contact Helen Leddy**  
[helen.leddy@gmail.com](mailto:helen.leddy@gmail.com)