



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, October 9, 11:00 am
“Awe”

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in the Fellowship’s pulpit, introducing this month’s Touchstone theme of Awe. 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live>

LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GATHERING

Friday, October 14, 5-7 pm

LGBTQ+ members and friends of UUG are invited to a social gathering at the home of Peter Marino and Aaron Broadwell on Friday, October 14th, from 5-7 pm. We will be celebrating Pride Month in Gainesville and talking briefly about future events for LGBTQ+ folk in our congregation.

We will be serving wine, soft drinks, baked goods, and other finger foods. Spouses and children welcome!

Peter and Aaron live at 3721 NW 43rd Pl, Gainesville, FL 32605, in the Capri neighborhood across the street from UUG. (Contact Peter at pmarino300@gmail.com or Aaron at g.broadwell@gmail.com if you have questions or want more information.)

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 9, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following this Sunday’s service. 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 for more info.

BUILD OUR UUG 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.

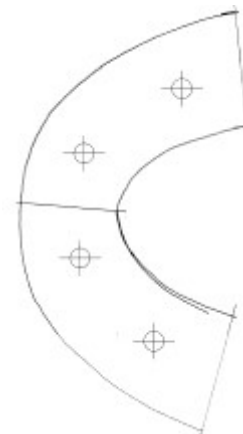


Rev. Christe Lunsford wearing stole at their Installation

THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY

Part II. Conception

It is traditional for a gift to be given at the Installation of a newly settled UU minister. Knowing this, several folks began to ponder what that might be. In sleuthing this out, the Two Deborah/Debras determined that Rev. Christe had requested a stole to commemorate the day. Stoles originated in the priesthood and are meant to convey a message of the person's self and beliefs. They are of high importance for ceremonies.



An initial sketch

A generic stole could have been ordered and presented, but our Deborah/Debras decided to make it much more personal and determined to create original artwork that would reflect Rev. Christe's important personal themes: CUUPS (Paganism), LGBTQ+, Sankofa Bird, Social Justice, Black Lives Matter, and Diversity. And, just to make it more special, Rev. Christe's favorite color, purple would be the dominate color. Now, the Labor of Love began. [Next time: "Inception"]

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	September	YTD
Income	\$18,645 (budget: \$26,900)	\$64,920 (budget: \$80,700)
Expenses	\$26,411 (budget: \$34,525)	\$65,445 (budget: \$83,345)
Net	\$7766	\$552

On September 30, we completed the first quarter of our current fiscal year. Year-to-Date numbers here reflect cumulated income and expenses recorded from July 1 through September 30, 2022. For comparison purposes, we also include our budgeted numbers for both September and our first quarter.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation. Our next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, October 24.

FIRST QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

This coming week, we will send out donation statements for the first quarter. Please watch your inboxes!

If you have questions your statement or UUFG finances generally, please contact Cam Piece, Congregational Administrator, at uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

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.

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



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. UUFUG provides postage.

PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 22,

noon — 8:00 pm, Bo Diddley Plaza

UUFUG 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.

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 2, 86 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 34 views.



POPCORN & A MOVIE

Disclosure

Monday, October 17, 7:00 pm on Zoom

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. Come watch via Zoom and stay for the conversation!

Zoom meeting link:

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

Meeting ID: 971 6277 3484

UNITED NATIONS DAY PROGRAM

Saturday, October 22,

10:00 am-noon, on Zoom

Co sponsored by UUFUG 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166629717?pwd=aDMzeTBWUw4SG5jQ3A5UjVUdjcxQT09)

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Meeting ID: 871 6662 9717 Passcode: 895421

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFUG

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.



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Thanks so much to *Rick Buncher* and *Derek Nirenberg* for so wonderfully supporting Worship Associate *Jeff Stevens* in Sunday's Yom Kippur service. The use of the shofar and then the saxophone did make me feel the sanctity of atonement because of the vibrations I felt inside. Your Worship Team appreciates you!
~ Liz Stewart, Worship Chair

Thanks to *Paul Hargrave* and the Book Salon for providing a delicious coffee hour on Sunday!
~ 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 uoffice@uufg.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of October 2, please wish "happy birthday" to *Jeanne Gossman* and *Lorain Nix*!



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).



HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.

KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE



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.

UUFG CALENDAR

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)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)

Monday, October 10 —

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

Tuesday, October 11 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 5:30 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom — for info, contact *Diane DePuydt* at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Leadership Development Committee (Zoom — for info, contact *Judith Kendall* at judithkendall@cox.net)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact *Carol Stiles* at uvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, October 12 —

- 7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall)

Thursday, October 13 —

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

Friday, October 14 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- 5:00 pm** LGBTQ+ Social Gathering (Home Aaron Broadwell, g.broadwell@gmail.com, and *Peter Marino*, pmarino300@gmail.com)

Saturday, October 15 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
- 10:00 am** Messy Playdates (Playground — for info or to register, contact *James Chase* at dre@uufg.org)
- 11:30 pm** UU Book Circle (Wahoo Seafood Grill — for info, contact *Martha Soles* at marthajsoles@gmail.com)

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)

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.

UUG 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/>
(UUG Young Adult Group)

[Religious Education Facebook Page](#)

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, October 9 —

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/>

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! October 9

Outside Greeter	Aaron Broadwell
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
Visitors Table	Mike Hazlett Harry Mangle
Audio-visual	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.

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THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Extends our appreciation to the

UU Fellowship of Gainesville

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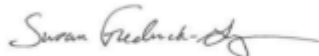
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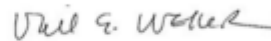
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Honor Congregation

For Participation in the Annual Program Fund



The Reverend Susan Frederick Gray
President
Unitarian Universalist Association



The Reverend Vail E. Weller
Director of Congregational Giving
Unitarian Universalist Association



Dear Leader,

Every year, each congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association is asked to give a financial contribution to support the wider movement and sibling congregations across our Association. This contribution supports the Annual Program Fund, which is the single largest source of income for the work of our UUA. It also strengthens the covenant among us.

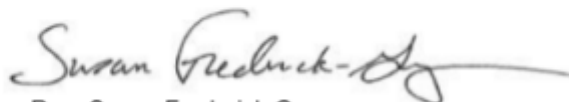
Your congregation gave the **full amount requested** to the Annual Program Fund during this past fiscal year. **This means you are an Honor Congregation, honoring the covenant among and between our congregations. THANK YOU!**

Your giving is a concrete expression of our congregations' covenant with one another, and is a recognition that we are not alone, but are part of an Association of Congregations. This support allows the UUA to serve the diverse needs of the 1,006 member congregations across five regions. **Congregational giving through the Annual Program Fund (APF) makes the work of the UUA possible.**

Please display this Honor certificate somewhere prominent and share with your congregation my personal appreciation on behalf of all the congregations that your generosity benefits.

Your support strengthens Unitarian Universalism. No individual congregation can possibly tackle the challenges of our society alone; we need one another, and our values are amplified powerfully when we support one another. Thank you for your giving to the Annual Program Fund. You make so much possible.

With deep gratitude,



Rev. Susan Frederick Gray
President
Unitarian Universalist Association

