

The Gazette



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Religious Education Programs
for Kids and Adults Start...

September 18th!

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SUNDAY SERVICE ~ Mabon
Sunday, September 18, 11:00 am



This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford is in our Fellowship's pulpit as we celebrate Mabon – an ancient observance of autumnal equinox and fall harvest. Mary Anthony serves as worship associate, and our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Derek Nirenberg.

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>

SHARE THE PLATE with
Florida Rights Restoration Coalition
Sunday, September 18, 11:00 am

On September 18, we "Share the Plate" with Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRRC), an organization committed to ending the disenfranchisement of and discrimination against people with convictions. For those with past convictions in Florida, FRRRC is working to remove barriers to employment, housing, and opportunities.

For those who want to register to vote, but still owe fines and fees as part of their sentence, FRRRC is working to remove those financial barriers. At this service all non-designated donations will be given to the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.

You may also

1. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
2. Click [HERE](#) for our website's donation page and select "Share the Plate" as an option.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR ALL AGES**

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 am

CartUUnS for Kids

This fall we are going back to the basics with our kids and youth. We have a curriculum called CartUUnS, where we will be exploring the fundamental UU Values and Beliefs with the help of Pixar short films. Our teachers will introduce the value of the day, show the kids a related short film, and then have discussions and activities that will keep our kids learning and growing through the educational hour. *Classrooms 5 & 6*

Popcorn Theology

Adult Curriculum: Begins with an exploration of your own identity circles and your personal theology - Then opens to a discussion of current events and culture and how we live out our UU values everyday. This class is open for drop in participation -- come in and out as your schedule allows. *Common Room*

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven

Adult Curriculum: A woman-honoring curriculum that examines pre-Judeo Christian cultures and the divine feminine. More than Goddess 101, this curriculum builds week to week examining how your life might have been different if, when growing up, the divine had been imaged as female. Because of the encouraged depth of personal sharing, this group will be closed and no new participants accepted after the third session. *Classroom 3*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



For the week of September 18, please wish “happy birthday” to Renée Richter, David Willkomm and Evelyn Prentice -Bryant!

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).

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.

**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

**LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GATHERING
*Friday, October 14, 5-7 pm***

LGBTQ+ members and friends of UUFG are invited to a social gathering at the home of Peter Marino and Aaron Broadwell on Friday, October 14th, from 5-7pm. 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 UUFG. (Contact Peter at pmarino300@gmail.com or Aaron at g.broadwell@gmail.com if you have questions or want more information.)



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Debra Neill-Mareci for her work these past weeks to ensure that our Emma’s Revolution concert was such a success!

~ 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.



**MABON CELEBRATION AT
UUGF'S FIRE CIRCLE**

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 pm

Our Sacred Oak CUUPS chapter invites you to attend a Mabon Circle this coming Thursday, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come to our Fire Circle, located south of our classrooms near the labyrinth.

For those of you who are familiar with Mabon, feel free to bring appropriate materials. Otherwise, please just bring your own folding chair if you don't wish to stand or sit on the ground.

For more information, please contact Deborah McEdward at dmcedward@gmail.com



**DISCUSSION OF PLAY
FAHRENHEIT 451
WITH BAG LUNCH**

Saturday, September 24, 12:00 pm

Based on a 1953 dystopian novel by American writer Ray Bradbury, this play presents a future American society where books are outlawed and "firemen" burn any that are found.

Go to see the play at the Hippodrome any time between August 31 and September 18. Then bring your bag lunch and join the Discussion moderated by Nancy

Parkinson at noon on Saturday, September 24 in the tent area outside the Phillips Social Hall.

For show information, visit <https://thehipp.org/fahrenheit-451/>

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate the September anniversaries of the following members of our Fellowship:

- *One Year:* Renée Richter
- *Four Years:* Cindy Prabst & Wendy Visscher
- *Six Years:* Jeanne Gossman, Harry Mangle & Judy Bruce-Mangle
- *Seven Years:* Aaron Broadwell & Peter Marino
- *Eight Years:* Zoharah Simmons
- *Ten Years:* Pauline Masterton
- *Seventeen Years:* Irene LaBelle
- *Twenty Years:* Barbara Graeber
- *Twenty-Five Years:* Becky Moulton
- *Twenty-Six Years:* Debra Neill-Mareci, Bud & Clare Jones
- *Twenty-Eight Years:* Llew Kohler
- *Thirty-Seven Years:* Kirsten Flamand

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

	July	YTD
Income	\$21,550	\$46,274
Expenses	<u>\$15,750</u>	<u>\$38,199</u>
Net	\$5,800	\$8,075

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, September 26.

If you have questions, please contact Cam Piece, Congregational Administrator, at uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

**Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!
September 18**

Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Joy Avery
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Harry Mangle
Ushers	
Visitors Table	
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker



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.

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.




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.



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.

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

RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, September 18, 83 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 40 views.



HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.

KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE



UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education (Classrooms & Common Room)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall & Lawn)
1:00 pm Social Justice Circle (Tent area)
3:00 pm Literati Book Club (Zoom — contact Liz Stewart at marmstew002@gmail.com for link)

Monday, September 19 —

UUFG Business Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 20 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom)
5:30 pm Fellowship Council (Zoom — Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com for info.)
6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, September 21 —

- 2:00 pm** Safety Committee (Zoom — contact Jonathan Coron at coronjonathan@gmail.com for info)
7:00 pm Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall)

Thursday, September 22 —

- 10:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Mabon Circle (Fire Circle — Questions? Contact Deborah McEdward at dmcedward@gmail.com)
7:00 pm Gainesville Handweavers (Phillips Hall)

Friday, September 23 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, September 24 —

- 8:00 am** Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)
10:00 am Messy Playdates (Playground — contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org to register your child or for more info)
12:00 pm Discussion of Fahrenheit 451 (Tent area — contact Nancy Parkinson at njp116@gmail.com for more)

Sunday, September 25 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education (Classrooms & Common Room)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary & YouTube)
12:00 pm Leadership as Spiritual Growth Luncheon (Phillips Hall & Tent area)

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, within the next several weeks, 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.

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](#)