

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, September 25, 11:00 am
Leadership as Spiritual Growth

This Sunday our UUFG Leadership Development Committee facilitates our service. Aaron Broadwell leads a discussion with panelists Harry Mangle, James Chase, and Elizabeth Stewart as they explore our topic, “Leadership as Spiritual Growth. Warren Hodge and Judith Kendall are Worship Associates. A capella group Resonance provides music for our service. After the service, the discussion continues at a light lunch outdoors under the canopy.

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, September 26, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting this coming Monday, September 26 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

Zoom link:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

LEADERSHIP AND LUNCH

Sunday, September 25, 12:00 pm

There really IS such a thing as a free lunch! It follows this Sunday's service.

Come at 11 a.m. for the service “Leadership as a Spiritual Practice.” Aaron Broadwell leads a discussion with panelists Harry Mangle, James Chase, and Elizabeth Stewart. Warren Hodge and Judith Kendall are Worship Associates. Resonance will sing.

How do we develop leaders? We start with followers, with participants in various aspects of Fellowship Life. You will have an opportunity to explore these possibilities with congregational leaders at lunch under the canopy after the service

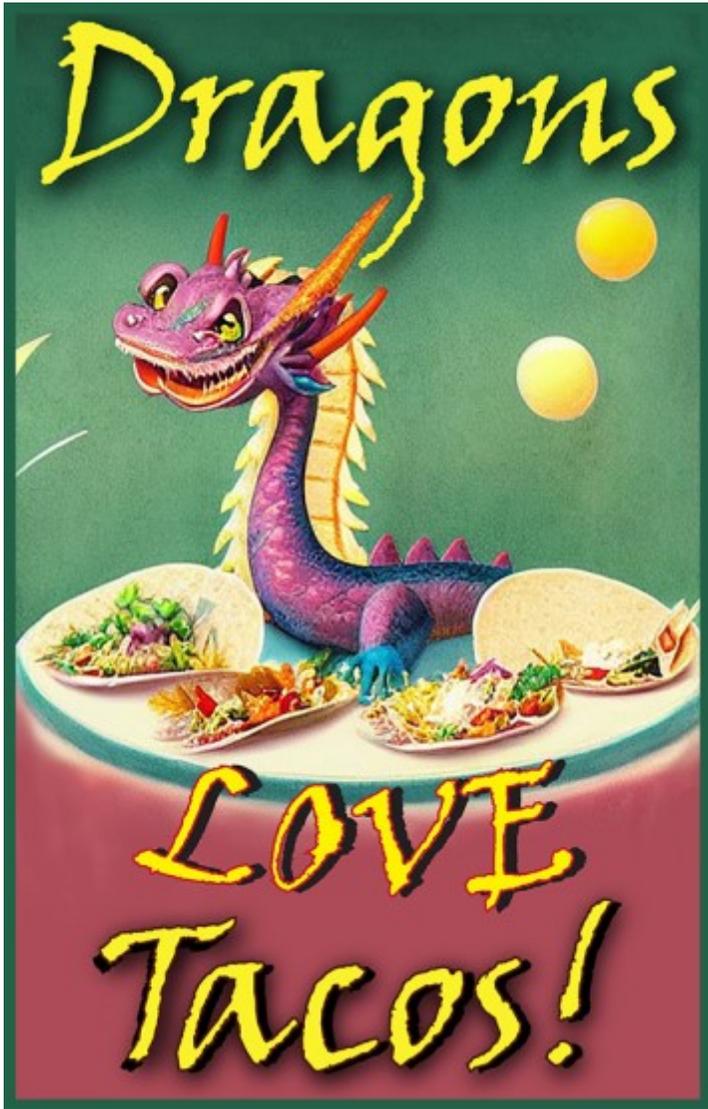
Pick up your lunch from the serving table and select one of the tables designated with a leadership area: Facilities, Safety, Membership, Social Justice, Finance, Governance, Worship, Music, Hospitality, Religious Education, and Fun and Fellowship.

Tables will be staffed with leaders from the designated areas to discuss their programs and answer questions. Bring the Opportunity Card you receive in the service, fill it out, and leave it with the table monitor.

Both the service and lunch are brought to you by the UUFG Leadership Development Committee: Mary Bahr, Aaron Broadwell, Warren Hodge, Judith Kendall, and Harry Mangle.

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Save the Date!

Dragons Love Tacos! Saturday, October 8

Fundraiser for Reproductive Rights

On Saturday evening, October 8, our Fellowship is sponsoring a fundraiser, splitting proceeds between our Fellowship and National Abortion Rights organizations.

We'll meet in the Phillips Hall and tent area for delicious tacos featuring the culinary skills of our own Jay Whitehead!

Because that Saturday is a homecoming football game with an unknown kickoff time, our start time isn't quite set. Please watch News and Needs and our members' MailChimp account for more information.

We'll post an Eventbrite sign up link as soon as details are settled!

"THE MINISTER'S STOLE: A CREATION STORY"



Introduction: This is the first of an eight part series telling the story of how Rev. Christie's beautiful stole came to be.

Though the gift was from the Congregation on the day of Rev. Christie's Installation, few of us understand the background or the initiative that went in to making this happen.

Watch for:

- I. The Two Deborah/Debras
- II. Conception
- III. Inception
- IV. Perception
- V. Fruition
- VI. Reception
- VII. Acclamation

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For the week of September 18, please wish “happy birthday” to Sue Dudley, Susan Christy, Nicholas Holland and Tyler Holland!



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.



HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.

KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE



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 uoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

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 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.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, September 15, 77 people attended in person, while our YouTube channel shows 30 views.



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

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!	
September 25	
Outside Greeter	Tom Palmer
Welcome Table	Alice Primack Barbara Palmer
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Jonathan Coron
Ushers	Fred Judkins Gene Mills
Visitors Table	No visitor table today
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker

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.

**REV. CHRISTE LUNSFORD
OUT OF OFFICE**

September 28 thru October 5

Rev. Christe Lunsford is on vacation next week, from Wednesday September 28 through Wednesday, October 5. While they remain available for pastoral issues, for other Fellowship concerns, please contact either Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at 352-377-1669 / admin@uuufg.org or Martha Soles, Congregation President, at 540-645-9897 / marthajsoles@gmail.com

UUFG CALENDAR

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)

Monday, September 26 —

6:30 pm Governing Board (Zoom)

7:00 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 27 —

8:30 am Morning Meditation (Zoom)

6:00 pm Weight Watchers (Sanctuary)

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

Wednesday, September 28 —

7:00 pm Young Adult Group (Phillips Hall — For info, contact Catherine Turner at cat.r.turner@gmail.com)

Thursday, September 29 —

10:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Gainesville Handweavers (Phillips Hall)

Friday, September 30 —

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

12:30 am Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, October 1 —

8:00 am Weight Watchers (Phillips Hall)

10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard (On UUFG Campus. For info, contact Pat Caren at pmrc423@gmail.com)

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)

MESSAGES CONCERNING REV. LOUISE ULRICH

Longer-term members may recall one of our Interim Ministers, a charming woman named Rev. Louise Ulrich who served our Fellowship from 2005-2006. Recently, we received two letters, transcribed below.

To the Family and Friends of Rev. Louise Ulrich,

Louise recently asked me to take dictation so that she could write a letter to all of you and let you know how she is doing. Some of you may not know the details, but Louise had a second stroke in March 2021, and has been in a nursing home ever since. It left her with serious injury to her memory. Additionally, she has been suffering from long-standing, gradually-worsening dementia, and some pretty severe arthritis.

Because of her condition, [her] letter is a mixture of fact and fantasy. The entire second paragraph, for instance, is imaginary. Also, she does not lack for clothes, and her coat wasn't stolen. She often thinks she is on a trip to Canada or in school. But she sincerely misses everyone and would love to hear from you. Her address is

Louise Ulrich
c/o Susquehanna Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Room 409A
282 Riverside Dr.
Johnson City, NY 13790

Sincerely,
Barbara Ulrich

Dear Friends and Family,

I write with the assistance of my wonderful daughter-in-law Barbara who already knows that my handwriting is despicable, and offered to create a manuscript. She astonished me this morning by stepping off of the elevator here in the US.

Yesterday, Leigh Ann and I went with most of the folks in this group — we partied in the late afternoon and early part of the evening. After dinner they all went up to the boys school, probably to play ping pong and stuff. Sometimes we do things jointly with them but not often. Leigh Ann has enjoyed being with them. Leigh Ann must be a regular college student or something.

I really am not working. It doesn't feel like most UU jobs. I'm eager to get home. I'm in dire need of some more clothes that fit. I've been thinking about getting the sewing machine out and making clothes. My coat has been stolen. My shoes are holding up well.

I always look forward to when Jim or any of his family come. They're unbeatable and unreplaceable. I'm so glad that Barbara is part of our family, and whenever I bring her up to people who don't know them, I don't know if they're surprised or not. My health is good. My spirits are too, especially when I'm with family, and being with family members has become one of the most important issues in my life.

Love,
Louise

