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*We are a Welcoming Congregation.
We seek to foster a climate of purposeful
inclusion of all regardless of gender, age,
race, ethnicity, national origin, disability,
sexual orientation or expression.*

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PLEASE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER VALERIE FREEMAN

Valerie Freeman is the newly appointed Director of Equity and Outreach for Alachua County Public Schools. She is the former principal of Lawton Chiles Elementary and has served in the field of education during the last 27 years as a teacher, behavioral resource/dean of students, assistant principal, and principal.

Her previous work experience has included exposure at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Her educational background includes a Bachelors, Masters, and Educational Specialist degree in the field of education.

Married for 32 years to Horace Freeman Jr., she is the mother of two children both of whom are graduates of the Alachua County Public School System. One is an English and Language Arts teacher in Gainesville, Florida, and the other is an Accountant in Orlando with an accounting firm, KPMG.

Under the leadership guidance and support of Superintendent Karen Clarke and Deputy Superintendent Donna Jones, the ultimate goal of the Alachua County Office of Educational Equity and Outreach will be to shift our school district to a culturally competent entity that will ensure that all students achieve success and reach their full potential.

Welcome, Guests!

We're glad you're here! Some things to know:

Window Room: The room at the back of the Sanctuary is for small children who want to stay with their parents, but who need to move around or for parents who need to calm a crying child. Parents can sit, see and hear the service, while children have some extra space. Don't forget a hymnal.

Visitor Table: We'd love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Visit the Phillips Social Hall after service and look for the table with the green tablecloth.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Today, 12:15 pm

Members, please attend a Town Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary following today's service. We will discuss proposed changes to our bylaws. The vote to approve the revised bylaws will be held at next Sunday's Congregational meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 12:15 pm

On Sunday, January 21, members please attend our Congregational Meeting on social justice issues and bylaws revision. In addition to voting on proposed bylaw changes, attending members will vote on Social Justice work and issues for congregational study and action for the 2018-19 church year.

MARTIN LUTHER KING MARCH

*Monday, January 15, 11:30 am
City Hall Plaza*

Join the UUFG contingent in this annual March in memory of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will gather at 11:30 am near City Hall for preparation and then attend the noon Holiday Kick-off at the Bo Diddley Plaza. The March begins at 1 pm from the Plaza to the MLK Center. Please wear your yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" tee (sold at the Book Cart) or another yellow tee shirt.

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I AM GRATEFUL FOR...

Many people have commented about how beautiful our courtyard fountain is now. Cam posted a photo of the fountain covered with sparkling ice last week. We are grateful for the considerable efforts of **Amanda Harding and her husband** who did a professional quality job of cleaning and repainting the fountain. The work was Amanda's donation to our most recent auction. Thank you!

ô Marilyn Roberts

Do you have a ðgratitudeö to share? Put a card in our ðGratitude Boxö on top of the hymnal bookcase or send an email to Cam at uoffice@uufg.org. Cards are next to the box, so you can describe your thanks for someone who works ðbehind the scenesö to make our Fellowship a warm and welcoming place. Your gratitude will be included in an upcoming *Gazette*.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ANGELA KING — LIFE AFTER HATE

Friday, January 19, 5:30 pm

Angela King, a former white supremacist and co-founder of Life After Hate, will be coming to UUFG to discuss her story and the work of her organization. Her non-profit uses the experiences of its founders to educate, guide and counsel individuals who wish to leave a life of hate.

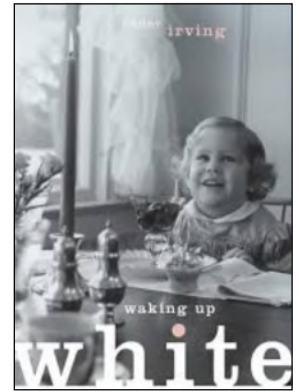
The event will begin with appetizers and drinks at 5:30 pm in the Phillips Social Hall, followed by her presentation at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

SANCTUARY DE-DECORATION

Plans for de-decorating the sanctuary were delayed by the early January frigid weather and school closings. Kirsten Flamand and her student volunteers will take down our holiday décor today after the Town Hall Meeting. Please thank them for their work in first decorating and then de-decorating our Sanctuary!

ALL CONGREGATIONAL READ

UUFG's Social Justice Circle invites you to participate in the 2018 All-Congregation Read: *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving



Discussion Dates: Meet in the Sanctuary

- **Saturday Jan 20, 10-11:30 am**
- **Sunday, Feb 4 1-2:30 pm**
- **Saturday, Feb 17 10-11:30 am**

Discussions will be structured as independent sessions, so if you can only make one or two, you are welcome! Discussion Guide will be sent via email and available in hard copy.

You have lots of ways to get the book:

- Purchase the book at the lowest Amazon price at the UUFG book cart in the Phillips Social Hall.
- Buy a copy online.
- Kindle editions are cheaper ô only \$8.69.
- Audio copies are available through Audible (free with trial!).
- Social Justice has purchased some copies available on ôlibrary loan.ö Contact Mallory to borrow a copy.

JOIN UUFG'S BOOK SALON *Wednesday, January 24*

The Book Salon will meet Wednesday, January 24 to discuss Richard Russo's book *Nobody's Fool*. See Paul Hargrave at the Book Cart for more details about time and location.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish a very happy birthday to Nancy Parkinson and Merlin Wagner!

(If your birthday is in this coming week and doesn't appear on this list, please contact the office.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAITH DEVELOPMENT?

By Heather Arata, DRE

This Sunday in RE:

After beginning in the sanctuary, children and youth are invited to participate in our Soul Matters Children's Chapel.

Nursery (ages 0-4/5): Room 2 with Katie and Carrie. From 12 pm to 1 pm, the kids will be on the playground. Snacks will be provided.

After RE:

Children 7 years old and younger stay on the playground—all other children and youth may go where they like on the UUFG grounds, as long as they are with or within sight of adults. Supervision is available until 1 pm — please pick up and sign out your child from the playground by then.

Looking at the weeks ahead in RE:

Sunday 1/21: RE Classes

Sunday 1/28: Children's Chapel

Sunday 2/24: RE Classes

Office Hours: I am in the RE Office on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm and on the playground on Sundays. Contact me at DRE@uufg.org and/or by phone at 352.377.1669.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, January 7, 112 attended service or participated in religious education activities.



PLEASE SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONE

PODCASTS OF SERMONS ON UUFG.ORG

Podcasts of most UUFG sermons are normally uploaded one or two days following Sunday service. Visit UUFG.org > Worship > Sunday Services > Sunday Sermons.

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Talk to an usher for information.



THANK YOU! FROM UUFG'S STAFF!

The Fellowship's staff extends our deep thanks to the Congregation for your generous and kind support.

We all have thoroughly enjoyed opening our holiday boxes — we are moved and cheered by your gifts and your warm words of appreciation.

We feel privileged to work in such a warm and supportive environment. You are truly a "Welcoming Congregation!"

We look forward to this next year and new opportunities to serve you, doing our best to help you make your vision of Unitarian Universalism come alive.

Sincerely,
Rev. Maureen Killoran
Heather Arata
Tony Canty
Thomas Royal
Juan Rivera
Katie Hagan
Carrie Washington
Cam Pierce

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

One of our ongoing Social Justice projects is *Habitat for Humanity of Alachua County*. We realize that not all of you can go to a build site and "pound" a hammer. However, Habitat for Humanity runs a "Restore" where items can be donated, and the profits from the Restore go to building homes.

Do you have items around your house or cluttering up your garage that you might donate? This link to the Restore website list the types of donations accepted:

www.alachuahabitat.org/restore-donations

Fred Judkins has a utility trailer and is willing and eager to pick up and deliver items to the Restore for you if it is not convenient for you to do so.

Fred lives in an apartment complex and often finds things that people leave when they move (mostly students) that are appropriate for Habitat and takes them there, so he has excellent moving skills.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

11:00 am **Worship Service**
Reproductive Justice
 Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran
 Mary Anthony, worship associate
 This Sunday, we ÷Share the Plate÷ with Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

11:00 am **Worship Service**
Edges of the Spirit
 Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran
 Mallory Szymanski, worship associate

Thanks to SUNDAY FACILITATORS

	January 14	January 21
Greeters & Ushers	Lynn Jamieson Martha Soles	
Chalice Table	Kirsten Flamand	Elysse Andrews
Sound	Joe Ukeiley	Josh Wagner
Lock up	Judith Kendall	Heather McAuslane
Hospitality Clean Up	Martha & Vic Harrell	Singing Meditation
Welcome Table	Martha & Vic Harrell	Joy Avery Rick Croley

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 14 —
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Children & Youth Religious Education
12:15 pm Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Dancing Otters Wiccan Class* (Common Room)

Monday, January 15 — OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club* (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 16
8:30 am Morning Meditation (Common Room)
7:00 pm Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society* (Phillips Hall)
6:00 pm UU Players (Classroom 5)
7:00 pm Membership Committee (Common Room)

Wednesday, January 17 —
3:00 pm Coming of Age Mentor Orientation (Common Room)
6:30 pm Governing Board (Common Room)

Thursday, January 18 —
7:00 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, January 19 —
12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club* (Phillips Hall)
5:30 pm Life after Hate with Angela King (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 20 —
10:00 am UUFG Common Read Program (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 21 —
10:00 am Coming of Age Mentor Orientation (Common Room)
11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Children & Youth Religious Education
12:15 pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Dancing Otters Wiccan Class* (Common Room)

*Non-UUFG event

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

We have a secure online form for different kinds of donations to UUFG. Please go to uufg.org>Give>Donate and click the ÷Donate÷ link to create your online profile for giving.

