



## SUNDAY SERVICE *February 4, 11:00 am* Critical Race Theory

Dr. Paul Ortiz will be in the pulpit this Sunday to address the topic of Critical Race Theory. Dr. Ortiz is a professor of history at the University of Florida and is Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. He is the author or co-editor of numerous books on race and labor in the United States. Susan Christy will serve as Worship Associate, and James Chase provides our Story for All Ages.

### 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-HIRLSg6lRfA/live>

## FAREWELL PARTY

The coffee hour on the 4th will be a going away party for Paul and his wife Sheila Payne who are moving to Ithaca, NY in the Spring where Paul will teach in the Cornell University Labor School. There will be cake and fruit!

## HUMANIST UU GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG) DISCUSSION *Sunday, February 4, 10:00 am*

Start your morning with an engaging conversation! Join our HUUGG Discussion Group in the Common Room (or via Zoom) at 10 am before service to discuss "Humanism and Its Aspirations"

Questions? Contact Kay at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com).

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98838567620>

## THE 1619 PROJECT — CLASS AND DISCUSSION *Sunday, February 4, 1:30 pm*

This Sunday, join retired history professor Richard MacMaster in the Common Room at 1:30 pm. Following his presentation during service last Sunday, Dr. MacMasters is facilitating two "classroom" sessions on The 1619 Project here at UUGG: the first on Sunday, February 4, and the second on and Sunday, March 3 also at 1:30 pm.

If you can't make the class "in person," please join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92823827968?pwd=b3VNL0RGN0h2QWVBLzVrTkQ4Ynd3Zz09>

Questions? Contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com).

## TGIF Celebration *Friday, February 9, 5:30 pm* Home of Carol & Jack Rivers 13177 SW 6th Ave. Newberry (In Town of Tioga)

Come join the conversation! Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. Our TGIF Celebrations are typically held the second Friday of each month. This month's gathering is at the home of Carol and Jack Rivers.

For more information about TGIF Celebrations or to volunteer to host one, please contact Rosemarie Dinklage at [rdinklage@icloud.com](mailto:rdinklage@icloud.com).

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### FABULOUS FEBRUARY RAFFLE

*Saturday, February 24*

What an outstanding Auction we enjoyed Saturday evening! It was a wonderful and fun community building activity. Now we are looking forward to February 24<sup>th</sup> when UUFG will have a fabulous February Rummage Sale.

Read on to see how you can help make the February 24<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale a success!

#### Donate

De-clutter. De-junk. Clean house. Tidy up. Organize. Transform your home. Bring your **Superfluous Stuff** to UUFG on Friday, February 23 for the sale the next day.

We welcome all kinds of household goods, tools, craft and hobby supplies, toys, kitchen supplies, sporting goods, jewelry, yard and gardening tools and working electronics . Please no clothing without a special exception. Small furniture items are welcome too.

If you need assistance transporting or storing your donations please contact me.

#### Help

We will need a small team of three or four people to begin immediately to plan publicity, prepare supplies and assist donors with early donations.

On Friday and Saturday of sale weekend we need twelve or more volunteers on site from 7:30 am through 1:00 pm to assist shoppers.

After the sale, on Saturday afternoon we need help to clean up and prepare our sanctuary home for Sunday service.

**Please contact me at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com) and include the dates you are available if you'd like to help in any way.**

In Fellowship,  
Marilyn Roberts

### 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/home>



Or use the QR code here

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Connor Neilson, Amy Dyal, Toni Wallace and Kirsten Flamand!



Do you have a birthday this coming week, but aren't on our list? Please contact the office to let Cam know ([uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org)).

### NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

*Sunday, February 11, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the February 11 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](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for more info.

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

#### WORK MORNING

*Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am*

Stop by UUFG on Saturday, February 10 for some wholesome outdoor work, helping to keep our lovely Fellowship buildings and grounds in good shape! Work begins around 9 am, but come as your schedule allows. For information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING LOCALLY

- Gainesville Area AIDS Project Needs Volunteers
- Every Tuesday GAAP offers a hot meal to community members living with HIV/AIDS.
- Please consider signing up to help with GAAP on Tuesdays in February.
- GAAP (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ACA92FA0F85-gainesville#/>)

~ Peter Marino

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate February anniversaries of our membership.

- *Three Years:* Elise and Steve Atlas
- *Five Years:* Beverly Giordano
- *Seven Years:* Diane DePuydt
- *Eleven Years:* Mary Anthony, Carolyn Holland, Carolyn Ziffer, Sandra Topp and Lauren Samuels
- *Fourteen Years:* Alice Gridley
- *Twenty-Two Years:* Kim Alexander
- *Forty-Five Years:* Marilyn Roberts

## I AM GRATEFUL TO...



Enormous thanks to the *Friends of the Courtyard*, who hosted this past Sunday's Coffee Hour. Why enormous? Because Sunday morning's Coffee Hour hosts *Peggy Maloney, Lynn Jamieson, Bev Giordano, Hazel Hazlett, and Barbara and Tom*

*Palmer* also worked Saturday morning to prepare for Saturday night's auction, then worked early and late at the Auction. Kudos to all!"

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a “gratitude” to share, expressing appreciation for someone working “behind the scenes” to make UUGF a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org).

## FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are collecting food donations again for the Food4Kids program through May. Food4Kids provides food-filled backpacks to many schools including the ones that our Pineridge kids attend.



Below is a list of the foods they need. Please drop off your donations into the folding shopping cart in the Phillips Social Hall.

### Nonperishable Food Donations:

- Breakfast Items
- (oatmeal packets, granola bars, 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)

Thank you!  
Judi Oltmans

## COMMON READ

Our Social Justice Circle’s first Common Read for 2024 is an Osage author’s novel about the Osage Nations tragedy described in the movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The book title is *Mean Spirit*, and the author is native American writer Linda Hogan, who was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.



However, because UUGF Social Justice is sponsoring three sessions on The 1619 Project through March, we have decided to postpone our common read discussions until later in the year and concentrate on The 1619 Project. Let Paul Hargrave know if you want to purchase a copy of The 1619 Project through the Book Cart. The book is also available in paperback, Audible, and eBook versions through the public library and book sellers.

## Thanks to Sunday Facilitators: February 4      February 11

Outside Greeter	Bev Giordano	Aaron Broadwell
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Mike Hazlett	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Toni Wallace Judith Kendall	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo

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## UUFUG CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 4 —**

**10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))

**10:00 am** HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — For info, contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com))

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)

**12:30 pm** Middlers Class (Classroom 6 — For info about this group for middle-school age children, contact James Chase at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))

**1:30 pm** 1619 Project Discussion (Common Room — for info, contact Mary Bahr Social Justice Council Chair, at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com))

**12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)

**3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)

**Monday, February 5 —**

**3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

**Tuesday, February 6 —**

**8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at [peteturner123@gmail.com](mailto:peteturner123@gmail.com) or Diane DePuydt at [diane.depuydt@gmail.com](mailto:diane.depuydt@gmail.com))

**6:30 pm** Worship Team (Zoom — Questions? Contact Liz Stewart at [marmstew002@gmail.com](mailto:marmstew002@gmail.com))

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

**Wednesday, February 7 —**

**6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classrooms 3 and 7)

**Thursday, February 8 —**

**11:30 am** UUFUG Men's Lunch Group (Nopal Restaurant — Questions? Contact Tom Bullock at [tbullock3@cox.net](mailto:tbullock3@cox.net))

**7:00 pm** Chalice Choir (Sanctuary — For info about music programming, contact Kirsten Flamand at [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com))

**Friday, February 9 —**

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

**5:30 pm** TGIF Celebration (Home of Carol & Jack Rivers, 13177 SW 6th Ave., Newberry)

**Saturday, February 10 —**

**9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (For info, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com))

**Sunday, February 11 —**

**10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))

**10:00 am** Children & Youth RE Committee (Common Room)

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Visitors' Table — For info, contact Judith Kendall at [judithk@uufg.org](mailto:judithk@uufg.org))

**12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)

**12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)

**2:30 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SIGN UP ONLINE FOR COFFEE HOUR**

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer yourself, you and a few friends, your family, your committee (you get the idea) to host Coffee Hour. It's fun, easy, and so appreciated!

**DOESN'T COST A DIME**

Reimbursement sheets are provided, and the reimbursement process is easy. Just save your receipts.

Questions? Contact Susan at [susan.christy42@gmail.com](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com)

**RECENT ATTENDANCE**

On Sunday, January 28, 74 people attended service, while our YouTube channel shows 69 views of the service online.

**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? You may put items directly into the pantry box, or leave them in a donation box in our Phillips Hall.

Elizabeth Farris is monitoring donations and helping ensure that our pantry box is filled regularly!

Questions? Contact Cam in the office at [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

**UU SIGHTINGS AT THE SUNSHINE STATE BOOK FESTIVAL**



UUFG Member Pat Caren (pen name Marie Q. Rogers) at her booth last weekend at the Sunshine State Book Festival.

*Pictures courtesy of Joy Avery*

Mary Bahr, UUFG's Social Justice Council Chair participated in a panel presentation on banned books in Florida. (Mary is second from the left.)



# UUFG AUCTION ~ PICTURES FROM SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



*Pictures courtesy of Liz Stewart*



