

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE *January 14, 11:00 am* Reproductive Rights Equal Human Rights

This Sunday, as we approach the 51st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, we welcome UUFG member Dr. Jean Cook to our Fellowship's pulpit. Her theme is "Reproductive Rights Equal Human Rights." Liz Stewart serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Tané DeKrey.

By request of the Worship Team and the speaker, this Sunday's service will NOT be live-streamed. We hope you can join us in person for member Jean Cook's important message.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) TRAINING AT UUFG

"Our Whole Lives" – known as OWL – is a lifespan sexuality education curricula developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Per the [UUA's website](#), "It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives." The curricula includes workshops and activities for K-1 children through Older Adults.

James Chase, our Director of Lifespan Faith Development, is gathering information on who would be interested in attending OWL training during the Summer of 2024!

This training is available for instructors in the larger community, not just Unitarian Universalists.

To learn more, please click [HERE](#) to complete the interest form.



MLK DAY PARADE *Monday, January 15, 12:00 pm*

You are invited to march in the MLK Day parade on Monday, January 15th. Meet us on the east side of Bo Diddley Plaza at noon on Monday. Wear comfortable shoes and your yellow shirt or other appropriate shirt for the occasion. It is approximately a mile to the end of the parade with rides back to the plaza available.

MAKE A SIGN FOR THE PARADE *Sunday, January 14, 12:00 pm*

On the Sunday before the parade (January 14th) Alice Primack from our UUFG Social Justice Council will have markers and poster board available for making signs for the MLK march. Join us in the fellowship hall during coffee hour and make your sign.

BONFIRE & HOT DOGS *Monday, January 15, following March*

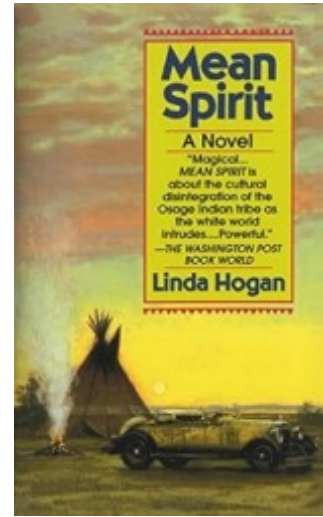
Mary Bahr is inviting any marchers to a bonfire with food including vegan hot dogs at the end of the march. She lives in the NE neighborhood just west of the MLK Center. RSVP (kmlisle@yahoo.com) and she will send you directions. Anyone who wants to participate but cannot march let her know; you can attend the Bo Diddley event and show up early to tend the fire. RSVP for directions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMON READ
Mean Spirit — a Novel

As our first Common Read of the year, our Social Justice Circle will read an Osage author’s novel about the Osage Nations tragedy described in the movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The title is *Mean Spirit* by native American writer Linda Hogan, who was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Here is a description:

Early in this century, rivers of oil were found beneath Oklahoma land belonging to Indian people, and beautiful Grace Banket became the richest person in the Territory. But she was murdered by the greed of white men, and the Graycloud family, who cared for her daughter, began dying mysteriously. Letters sent to Washington, D.C. begging for help went unanswered, until at last a Native American government official, Stace Red Hawk, traveled west to investigate. What he found has been documented by history: rampant fraud, intimidation, and murder. But he also found something truly extraordinary—his deepest self and abiding love for his people, and their brave past.



Stay tuned for information about discussions of *Mean Spirit*! — but go ahead and start reading today!

Here Comes the Sun! Here Comes the Fun!
 2024 UUG Auction
 Saturday, January 27, 6-8 pm



- ★ Silent Auction, Live Auction, Food, Drink, Raffles, Games
- ★ Goals: Raise money, have fun, build community

The auction needs YOUR donation. (Baked goods to be auctioned are the only tangible item accepted.) Here’s what we really need: service opportunities, learning opportunities, gift certificates/cards, event tickets, vacation rentals, meal/party events . . . and, of course, monetary donations.



Suggestions for parties: arts and crafts, around the world dinners, bike rides and picnic lunches, evenings out for parents (sitting and dinner), poker nights, Nerf gun battles, board game party, beer tasting, chili dinners, take me out to the ballgame (tickets, transportation).



Suggestion for service opportunities: yard work, pressure washing, car detailing, gardening services, garage/shed cleaning, babysitting, clothing alterations, genealogy service, rides to and from the airport, pet sitting, private shopper services.

Suggestions for learning opportunities: Harn Museum tour, UF campus tour, birding at Sweetwater Wetlands Preserve, learning to knit or crochet, quilting for rookies, cooking classes.

These are just suggestions. Use your imagination!

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE DONATION FORM!](#)

Or, pick up a donation form at the Auction Table on Sunday.

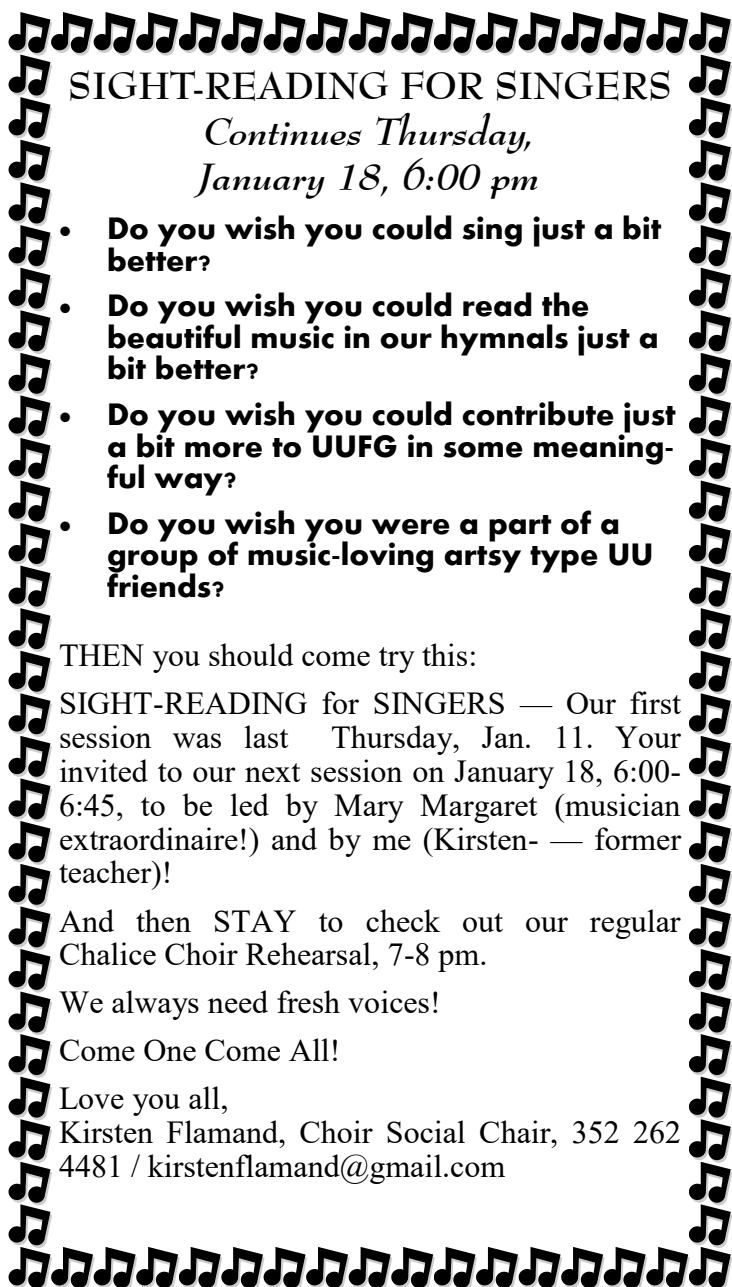


NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, January 14, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the January 14 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.



SIGHT-READING FOR SINGERS

*Continues Thursday,
January 18, 6:00 pm*

- **Do you wish you could sing just a bit better?**
- **Do you wish you could read the beautiful music in our hymnals just a bit better?**
- **Do you wish you could contribute just a bit more to UUG in some meaningful way?**
- **Do you wish you were a part of a group of music-loving artsy type UU friends?**

THEN you should come try this:

SIGHT-READING for SINGERS — Our first session was last Thursday, Jan. 11. Your invited to our next session on January 18, 6:00-6:45, to be led by Mary Margaret (musician extraordinaire!) and by me (Kirsten- — former teacher)!

And then STAY to check out our regular Chalice Choir Rehearsal, 7-8 pm.

We always need fresh voices!

Come One Come All!

Love you all,
Kirsten Flamand, Choir Social Chair, 352 262 4481 / kirstenflamand@gmail.com



I AM GRATEFUL TO

I am extremely grateful for *Kay Anderson*.

Kay has not only allowed members to participate in the popular UUG Humanist Discussion group via Zoom, but she has also simplified

the Zoom experience for everyone by using the same Zoom link every week.

Thank you Kay !

~ Stuart Alan

Thanks go out to *Lynn Jamieson* and *Rose Cole*, who stepped up to host last Sunday's Coffee Hour so tastefully, in more ways than one. Thanks to *Kirsten Flamand*, our Social Hall was bedecked in Sunny Colors, as *Kirsten* uses her marvelous talents to set the stage for our *Here Comes The Sun* Auction throughout the Fellowship Hall.

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a "gratitude" to share, expressing appreciation for someone working "behind the scenes" to make UUG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uoffice@uug.org.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! January 14 January 21

Outside Greeter	Aaron Broadwell	Tim Christy
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell	Joy Avery Susan Christy
Foyer Monitor	Vic Harrell	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke	Jonathan Coron
Ushers	Fred Judkins	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo



HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE Grace Marketplace Volunteering

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Grace Marketplace on Saturday, January 6th.

We began by helping in the Grace Free Clothing Boutique. Alice, Bud, Carol, Elizabeth, Kay, Mary B., Mary G., Norden, Shannon, Shirley, Toni, and I hung up much-needed warm, winter clothing, and restocked the shoe rack.

Then we all headed to the Donation Center to do sorting and folding. Some of us went through jackets and long sleeve shirts to get them ready for the Boutique, and others folded and organized lots of donated blankets, sheets, and pillowcases. We all enjoyed our volunteer experience at Grace!

Join us for the next UUG Grace Marketplace volunteer day on Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00-12:00. Contact Judi Oltmans if you'd like to sign up to volunteer: rjmsoltmans@yahoo.com.

If you're interested in volunteering during the week at Grace email Leigh Scott, the Community Engagement Manager at Grace Marketplace, at leighscott@gracemarketplace.org

From <https://www.gracemarketplace.org>:

"Our mission is simple: to end homelessness. We achieve that goal by removing the typical barriers that keep people from getting help and providing them with safe shelter, effective services, and permanent housing solutions."

~ Judi Oltmans



KINDLY SILENCE
YOUR
CELL PHONE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to William Rhan, Kay Anderson, Nancy Parkinson, Evan Waldt, and Jon Kramek!



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).

HELP WITH BREAD OF THE MIGHTY FOOD DELIVERY

Your help is needed to pick up food from the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank and transport it to the First Methodist United Church, located around the block from Bread of the Mighty. This opportunity takes no more than 30 minutes to complete!

- Please sign up if you have upper body strength and a truck or SUV to transport the food.
- Every Monday from 11:30am-12pm

·GAAP Food Pick-Up Signup Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ACA92FA0F85-queer1>

~ Peter Marino

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, January 7, 65 adults attended service and our YouTube recording shows 61 views.

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.

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 / 352-377-1669.

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

UUFG's 2023-24 Board

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UUFUG CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 10:00 am** Children & Youth RE Steering Committee (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table — To register, contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net)
- 12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)
- 2:30 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)
- 5:30 pm** Leadership Development Committee (Common Room — Questions? Contact Judith Kendall, LDC Chair, at judithkendall@cox.net)

Monday, January 15 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day — UUFUG Business Office Closed

- 12:00 pm** Martin Luther King Jr. Day March (Meet at Bo Diddley Plaza's east side — For info, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, January 16 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 2:00 pm** Safety Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Jonathan Coron, Safety Team Chair, at coronjonathan@gmail.com)
- 6:30 pm** Finance Committee (Zoom — for info, contact Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, January 17 —

- 6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classrooms 3 and 7)
- 6:00 pm** Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall — meeting starts 7:00 pm)
- 7:00 pm** Questors Touchstone Discussion Group (Common Room — closed group)

Thursday, January 18 —

- 4:30 pm** Pickleball-for-All (Parking Lot — for info, contact Kirsten Flamand at kirstenflamand@gmail.com)
- 6:00 pm** Sightreading for Singers (Choir Room — for info, contact Kirsten Flamand at kirstenflamand@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Chalice Choir (Sanctuary — For info about music programming, contact Kirsten Flamand at kirstenflamand@gmail.com)

Friday, January 19 —

- 12:30 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)
- 5:30 pm** TGIF Celebration (Home of Rosemarie Dinklage)

Saturday, January 20 —

- 9:00 am** Buildings & Grounds Work Morning (Questions? Contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 21 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 10:00 am** HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — For info, contact Kay Anderson at 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)
- 12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)
- 1:00 pm** Social Justice Circle (Common Room — For info, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)