

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

January 21, 11:00 am

Building Beloved Community

This Sunday, we welcome Rev. Tracie Barrett back to our Fellowship's pulpit. Currently, Unitarian Universalism espouses [seven principles](#). Rev. Barrett theme is "Building Beloved Community," which she will explore in the context of a proposed 8th Principle: "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." Tom Mareci serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Music is provided by The UUKetarians, our new Ukulele band, under the direction of Tane' DeKrey.

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-H1RLSg6IRfA/live>

SHARE THE PLATE WITH THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

Sunday, January 21, 11:00 am

Our Share the Plate this Sunday benefits the Southern Poverty Law Center, headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama. The Center specializes in civil rights and public interest litigation. They do not take legal fees from clients, and accept no government funding, but rely on contributions. SPLC is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond. They work in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy and advance human rights for all people.

All non-designated offering this Sunday will benefit the SPLC.

You may contribute to our Share the Plate collection in several ways:

1. Simply put money in the offering basket on Sunday.
2. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
3. Go to our website's donation page at <https://www.uufg.org/give/donate.html> — click the Donate button, and select "Share the Plate."

Here Comes the Sun!
Here Comes the Fun!

**HERE COMES OUR
2024 UUFG AUCTION!**

Saturday, January 27, 6-8 pm

Tickets on sale now — see page 2 for info!



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HERE COMES THE AUCTION

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The 2024 UUGF **HERE COMES THE SUN!** Auction is almost here! Next Saturday, January 27, we will meet at 6:00 pm to eat and drink, laugh a lot, and BID, BID, BID!



- Doors open at 6:00 pm for BROWSING.
- SILENT AUCTION starts at 6:15 pm, ends at 7:15 pm.
- LIVE AUCTION, RESTAURANT RAFFLE, and HEADS & TAILS end the evening.

This Sunday after church, you can

- Buy your Auction Tickets
- Get your Restaurant Raffle Tickets
- Pick up an Auction Catalog
- Sign up to donate appetizers and desserts to nourish our bidders the night of the auction

Our Auction Website is up and running...

To access it, [CLICK HERE](#), or visit our www.uufg.org website for the link

On the AUCTION website, you can

- Check out the Auction Catalog. We have so much to bid on!
- Buy your ticket to the auction.
- Choose your ticket type – single or couple (a couple get the same bid number)

Put in name, email, cell phone # and credit card info. Ignore all other questions!

Food Donations Needed

We are no longer accepting donations to sell at the auction, BUT, **we do need donation of food to eat at the auction.** Can you help? We will need sweet and savory finger foods (nothing that requires utensils, please). Think light and heavy appetizers, both healthy and non, and some dessert cookies. Doris Hargrave is coordinating this effort; please contact her at dharg39@gmail.com soon to let her know what you can bring.

Payments

We will be accepting payment via credit card for auction payments. Please know that if you use a credit card to pay your invoice, you will also be paying the credit card fees involved. In this case, that will be 30 cents plus 3.4% of the purchase total. If you do not want to pay these fees, no worries! You can pay by check. We even take cash!

Transportation

Worried about driving home in the dark after the auction? Willing to offer a ride to someone? Contact Barbara Palmer via email at bakntep@gmail.com, or call or text her at (425) 761-6372. She will connect drivers with riders. We don't want anyone to miss the auction!

Childcare

Free childcare is available onsite during the auction. Please contact our DRE James Chase at dre@uufg.org to make arrangements as soon as you can. They need to know how many kids to plan for.

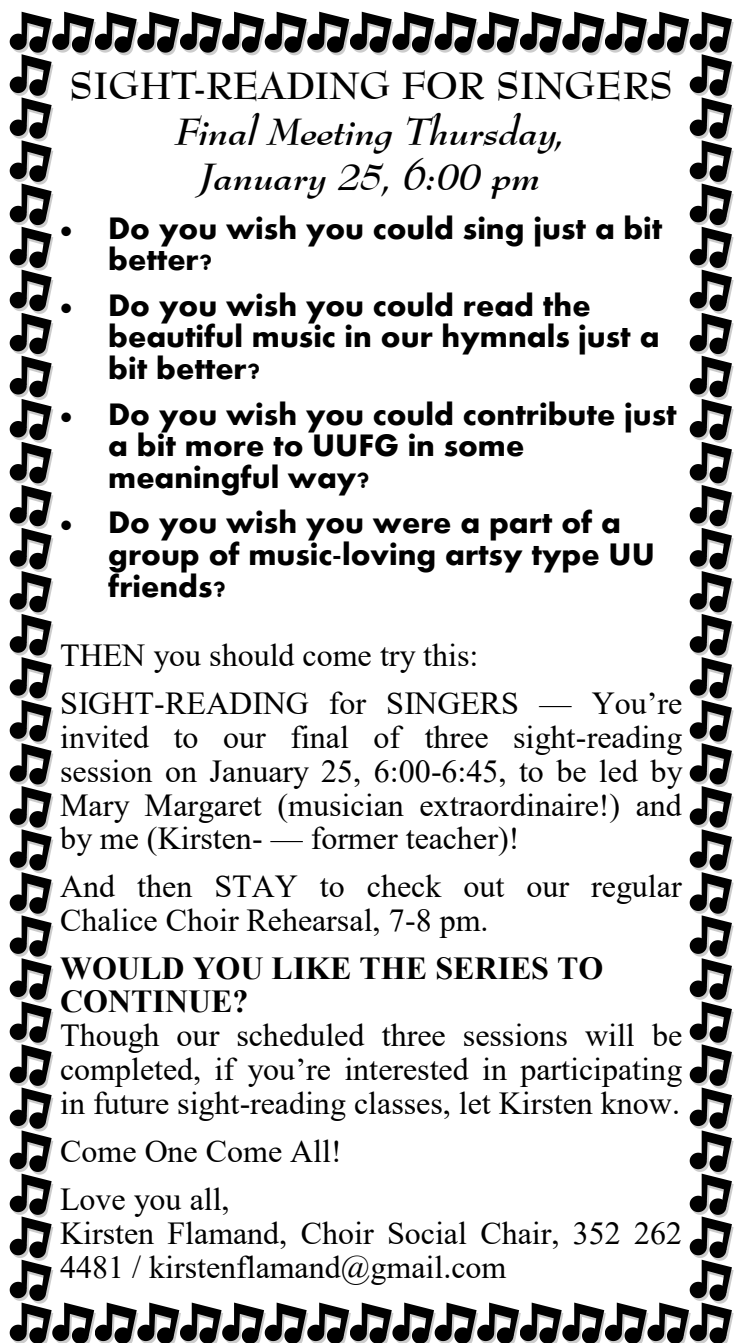
SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	December	YTD
Income	\$20,507 (budget: \$26,524)	\$142,052 (budget: \$159,144)
Expenses	\$21,011 (budget: \$31,103)	\$120,211 (budget: \$186,948)
Net	\$504	\$21,841

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, which concludes the second quarter of our fiscal year.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation prior to the Governing Board’s monthly meeting. If you have questions, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at uoffice@uufg.org, or Mary Anthony, Treasurer, at maryanthony13@gmail.com.



SIGHT-READING FOR SINGERS

*Final Meeting Thursday,
January 25, 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 UUFG 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 — You’re invited to our final of three sight-reading session on January 25, 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE SERIES TO CONTINUE?

Though our scheduled three sessions will be completed, if you’re interested in participating in future sight-reading classes, let Kirsten know.

Come One Come All!

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board holds its monthly meeting on Monday, January 22 at 6:30 via Zoom. Our Board welcome members of the congregation to attend any part or all of the regular meeting. Members are also welcome to talk briefly at the beginning of each meeting during an open “congregational input” time period (information introduced during the open congregational input time may not be addressed at this month’s meeting).

Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344

Passcode: 321615

For information, contact Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, at leahcobblee@gmail.com.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



Big thanks to our Coffee Hour Hosts this week: *Lynn Jamieson, Pat Caron, and Barbara Palmer.* Barbara was not scheduled to host this past Sunday, but when she found out one of our hosts was ill, she jumped right in to help Lynn and Pat. We do that so well, here at UUFG: jump in to help!

~ Susan Christy

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Pixel Jones!



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).

HUMANIST UU GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG) DISCUSSION

Sunday, January 21, 10:00 am

Let’s examine a holiday tradition, the Christmas tree, with our *Religion for Breakfast* scholar. I always heard that was a pagan practice. Here’s the link to the YouTube video. <https://youtu.be/m41KXS-LWsY>

Librarians are always concerned about sources of information. Where do you look for information? Who do you trust? I think we need to continually check our assumptions, understandings, beliefs, ideas.... What do you think?

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Questions? Contact Kay at kayanderson59@gmail.com.

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

~ Kay Anderson

FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE *(Third in a series covering all aspects of safety protocol)* By Gene Cowell

Did you know...

how UUFG is prepared to deal with a fire emergency?

Should a fire break out at the Fellowship, whether a service is underway or “after hours,” our Fire Suppression System is prepared to react swiftly.

Manual fire extinguishers, wet and dry sprinkler systems and smoke sensors are located throughout the buildings and in air handling units. A local firm, Gator Fire Equipment Company, maintains our system components and completes city-mandated inspections of our wet and dry systems four times a year. Other fire suppression equipment is inspected quarterly or annually, as appropriate, with additional inspections occurring at three, five, and seven-year intervals

Our “wet” system runs through interior portions of our buildings. The “dry” system feeds the sprinklers in the breezeway. Because those pipes are in an unheated area, they are filled with pressurized air instead of water to avoid freezing. In the event of fire, the air pressure is released and water rushes through the pipes.

A designated UUFG member, currently Tom Bullock, performs monthly inspections, including fire extinguishers and safety lights and exit access. The Fellowship also renews its Fire Alarm Permit annually with the County Sheriff’s Office, identifying three Sanctuary key holders (currently Cam Pierce, Tom Bullock and Harry Mangle) to meet Gainesville Fire Department First Responders at the Fellowship should a fire break out.

Next month: more on fire and other emergency procedures at UUFG.

Questions? Contact any Safety Committee member: Jonathan Coron, Chairman; David Willkomm, Cam Pierce, Joseph Rowe, Ben Lee, and Gene Cowell.

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.



UUFG MEMBERS MARCHING IN THE MLK PARADE ~ JANUARY 15

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE

Sunday, January 21

- 1:00 pm: *Black History Month Planning*
- 2:00 pm: *Climate Action Committee Presentation by Kathryn Taubert*

The Social Justice Circle meets this Sunday at 1:00 pm to plan Black History activities for January and February.

At 2:00 pm we are hosting UUFG member Kathryn Taubert's presentation on the Alachua County Citizens Climate Action Committee. Social Justice voted to liaison with this committee as it develops recommendations that will help policymakers on the County's Joint Water and Climate Change Board write a comprehensive county-wide climate action plan, anticipated for completion in 2024.

The congregation is invited to join us for the meeting which will be held in person in the Common Room and on Zoom at

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93192413653>

You are welcome to skip the meeting and drop in at 2 pm in person or on Zoom to learn more about our county's plans to mitigate climate change.

~ Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair

LEARN ABOUT THE 1619 PROJECT

Sunday, January 28, 11:00 am

Sunday, February 25, 12:30 pm

Are you clear about what The 1619 Project and Critical Race Theory is? Or are you like most of us not sure?

Social Justice is offering the congregation several opportunities to learn more about these black history topics in 2024. The first will be Sunday, January 28th when historian Richard Macmaster will be in our Fellowship's pulpit.

He'll then facilitate two classes on the 1619 Project. These classes will be hybrid meetings in the Common Room and on Zoom on February 25th and a date to be announced in March.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Sunday, February 4, 11:00 am

Your opportunity to learn about Critical Race Theory will be on February 4th when best-selling author and UF labor history professor Dr Paul Ortiz will speak at our Sunday service.

Come and bring your friends to learn and discuss these important ideas.

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 11:30 am-12 pm

•GAAP Food Pick-Up Signup Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ACA92FA0F85-queer1>

~ Peter Marino

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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! January 21 January 28

Outside Greeter	Tim Christy	Wendy Visscher
Welcome Table	Joy Avery Susan Christy	Cindy Prabst Alice Primack
Foyer Monitor	Doris Hargrave Paul Hargrave	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Ben Lee
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Tim Christy	Alice Primack Wendy Visscher
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo

RECENT ATTENDANCE

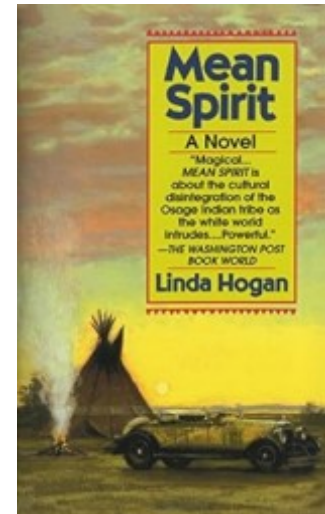
On Sunday, January 14, 67 adults attended service. Because of the sensitive nature of the topic, the service was not broadcast on our YouTube channel.

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.



We'll begin discussions of *Mean Spirit* in March— but go ahead and start reading today!

UUF~~G~~ CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUF~~G~~? 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 — For info about this new group for middle-school age children, contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org)
- 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)

Monday, January 22 —

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm** Governing Board Meeting (Zoom — Questions? Contact Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, at leahcobblee@gmail.com)

Tuesday, January 23 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, January 24 —

- 6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classrooms 3 and 7)
- 7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Social Hall — To confirm event and for info, join the group chat [HERE](#) or contact Renée Richter at reneeofflorida@gmail.com)

Thursday, January 25 —

- 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 26 —

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

Saturday, January 27 —

- 6:00 pm** Doors open for UUF~~G~~ Auction (Questions? Contact Susan Christy at susan.christy42@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 28 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUF~~G~~? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 10:00 am** Intergenerational Fireside Sunday (For info, contact James Chase, at dre@uufg.org)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 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)