

The Gazette



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SUNDAY SERVICE

January 28, 11:00 am

The Need for the 1619 Project

This Sunday, we conclude our exploration of the Touchstone theme of “justice” and look forward to Black History Month in February. In this context, we welcome history professor Richard MacMaster to our Fellowship’s pulpit, where he will discuss “The Need for the 1619 Project.” Sue Boone serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Our Chalice Choir sings under the direction of Tané DeKrey.

Richard MacMaster is a long-retired history professor. He earned a doctorate at Georgetown in 1968, writing a dissertation on the United States, Great Britain and the Suppression of the Slave Trade to Cuba. In his first teaching job at Western Carolina University in 1969 he introduced a course in African-American history and has continued to be interested in that field, although he has mainly focused on eighteenth-century America, especially economic and religious trends and immigration.

He was a consultant for many years for the [Ulster American Folk Park](#), an outdoor museum of immigration from Northern Ireland.

He has been the coordinator for Gainesville’s Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice since 2012 and was co-founder of Welcoming Gainesville and Alachua County in 2016.

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>

SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

By Mary Bahr,
Social Justice Council Chair



Solar Update – Work will begin on our solar array on February 14th!

Grace Marketplace and Food4Kids Backpack Program

Food4Kids donations will continue through Mid-May to support the backpack programs that send food home on weekends to support food-insecure families. Look for the metal Cart with the Food for Kids sign at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

We will have volunteer opportunities with Grace Marketplace on Saturday, February 3rd, and Food4Kids on March 16th and April 27th.

Don’t know much About The 1619 Project and Critical Race Theory?

You are not alone! Here are some opportunities to find out more about these two important parts of Black History.

Richard MacMasters has agreed to do three sessions on his course on The 1619 Project. The first session will be presented this Sunday, January 28 in our Sunday service with two more sessions offered on Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, March 3rd at 1:30 pm. The last two sessions will be in the UUFG Common Room in person and on Zoom.

Sunday, February 4 — Professor Paul Ortiz will speak on Critical Race Theory

On February 4, Dr. Paul Ortiz will be in the pulpit 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 coeditor of numerous books on race and labor in the United States. Susan Christy will serve as Worship Associate.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR *Continued*

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! We are doing coffee this Sunday because of this celebration.

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 UUG 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.



The 1619 Project

Also on February 4th, at 1:30 pm Richard MacMasters will present Session 2 of The 1619 Project in person and on Zoom in the Common Room.

Sunday, February 18 — Share the Plate with Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

For info about our Share the Plate recipients, contact Alice Primack at primacks39@gmail.com

Sunday, February 18 — Social Justice Circle Meeting at 1:30 pm

In person and on Zoom in the Common room.

Sunday, March 3 — Richard MacMasters Session 3 of The 1619 Project at 1:30 pm

In person and on Zoom in the Common Room at 1:30.

Sunday, March 11 — Unbanning Books Month kickoff at coffee hour

Social Justice Notes

To be scheduled in March: Banned Books Readout in the park.

At our January 21 SJ Circle meeting, Kathryn Taubert gave a presentation on the Climate Citizens Advisory Committee (CCAC), which is helping put together a county climate change plan. Kathryn is a member of this committee and Social Justice is an organization that supports and liaises with CCAC.

The session was well attended and the group sent in feedback for the committee which Kathryn will relay. If you would like to add your input follow the link below and look for the "survey" link.

A few interesting facts from Kathryn's presentation: Alachua County has its own Department of the Environment, which is rare at the county level. The City of Gainesville and Alachua County are working closely to put together to implement the plan.

For more information follow the link below, and look at the Energy Dashboard for Gainesville, and take a survey to help the CCAC plan for surviving the climate crisis, check out

<https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Climate-Action>

The survey link is at the top of the page and the Energy Dashboard for Gainesville is toward the bottom.



UUFUG VOLUNTEERING AT GRACE MARKETPLACE

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am

Our Social Justice Circle is sponsoring another volunteer day at Grace Marketplace! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. We'll help out in the Donation Center, organizing and sorting donations for the Grace Free Clothing Boutique. Come and help make a difference for the people who count on Grace Marketplace for services and support.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Judi Oltmans for more details at rjmsoltmans@yahoo.com.

Grace Marketplace is located at 3055 NE 28th Dr, Gainesville, FL 32609

From Grace Marketplace

"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. Our comprehensive services meet people where they are and cover the basic necessities of life, including housing, healthcare, and employment."

~ Judi Oltmans

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



OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) TRAINING AT UUFUG

"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 Aizlyn Vargas, Kira Stevens and Tim Christy!



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).

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 for more info.



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.

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

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! January 28 February 4

Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher	
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Alice Primack	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Ben Lee	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Wendy Visscher	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, January 21, 65 adults attended service, while our YouTube channel shows 41 views of the service online.

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 uuoffice@uufg.org.

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.



**KINDLY SILENCE
YOUR
CELL PHONE**

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFG? 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)
- 12:30 pm** Board Retreat (Common Room)
- 2:30 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)

Monday, January 29 —

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

Tuesday, January 30 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at petesturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, January 31 —

- 6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classrooms 3 and 7)
- 7:00 pm** Auction Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Susan Christy at susan.christy42@gmail.com)

Thursday, February 1 —

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

Friday, February 2 —

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

Saturday, February 3 —

- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — Questions? Contact Peggy Maloney at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)

Sunday, February 4 —

- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFG? 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** 1619 Project Discussion (Common Room — for info, contact Mary Bahr Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 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)
- 3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)