



SUNDAY SERVICE

January 7, 11:00 am
Fear — Do Not Be Afraid

This Sunday, we begin our exploration of this month's Touchstone theme of "Justice." UUFG member Mary Keith speaks from our Fellowship's pulpit. The title of her sermon is "Fear — Do Not Be Afraid."

As we age, our basis for fear changes. Come along for a journey to examine our fears as they transform over our lifetimes. We will see what our current worries are and how we cope with them. Dealing with fear is especially challenging for a UU as we don't always have a deity to turn to. How do we cope with what goes thump in the dark of night? Sue Boone serves 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-H1RLSg6lRfA/live>

MANY THANKS TO OUR FELLOWSHIP'S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

FROM UUFG STAFF

Our Fellowship's staff wishes to express collectively our profound gratitude to all our members and friends for the holiday cards, thoughtful notes and gifts wedged into our holiday boxes! And much thanks as well to Diana Hagan and our Personnel Committee for organizing the boxes. It is indeed wonderful to work in such a beloved community!

UUFG'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL ENDORSES CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION

This week the Social Justice Council of UUFG sent an endorsement of the Resolution for Ceasefire in Gaza that Jewish Voices for Peace is bringing before the Gainesville City and Alachua County Commissions.

Our letter of endorsement and the resolution calls for: "an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine; the restoration of water, fuel, electricity, and other basic services; and the passage of adequate humanitarian aid to Gaza."

The Social Justice Council is joining with other faith-based organizations, community organizations, unions, and businesses to endorse this action.

If you are not a member of Social Justice but would like to support this cause, please try to attend the next City and County Commission meetings or send emails or letters to those bodies encouraging them to support a resolution for Ceasefire. Look for a News and Needs post announcing meeting times.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate January anniversaries of our membership.

- *One Year:* Robin Castellanos
- *Four Years:* Madelyn Moyer, Abi Fletcher, and Susan & Tim Christy
- *Seven Years:* David Etherington
- *Eight Years:* Amy Dyal
- *Nine Years:* Martha and Vic Harrell
- *Fifty-One Years:* Tom Bullock

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, January 13, 9:00 am

On the second Saturday of every month, a dedicated crew spends the morning at our Fellowship working to help keep our buildings and grounds attractive and in good repair. We have tasks available for all abilities and commitment levels. Stop by the morning of January 13 to lend a hand! For more information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

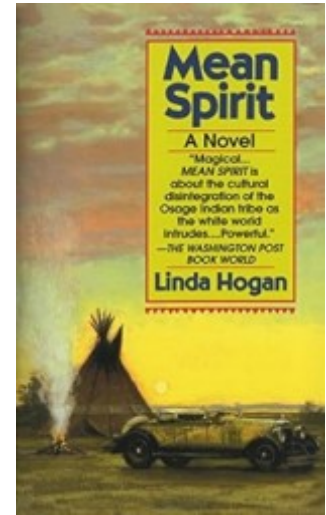
**Common Read Starting in January*****Mean Spirit* — a Novel**

Social Justice 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.

Here is a description:

Early in this century, rivers of oil were found beneath Oklahoma land belonging to Indian people, and beautiful Grace Bantek 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*!

***Monday, January 15* — Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**

Social Justice will sponsor an after-service sign-making event on Sunday, January 14th the day before the parade. Alice Primack will organize the sign-making. We will look for partners to march with us from other committees. Mary will bring this up at the Fellowship Council. Watch the *Gazette* and News-and-Needs for more information about where to meet on Monday!

***Sunday, January 21, 11:00 am* — Share the Plate with the Southern Poverty Law Center**

The Southern Poverty Law Center fights for justice and equity in courts, combating white supremacists who are emboldened and energized. They help teachers across the country create inclusive school communities where children are respected, valued, and welcome participants.

***Sunday, January 21, 1:00 pm* — Social Justice Circle**

At our January 21st SJ Circle meeting, Kathryn Taubert will give a presentation on the Climate Citizens Advisory Committee, which is helping put together a county climate change plan. We will be holding a hybrid meeting with business from 1 - 2 pm, with Kathryn's presentation starting at 2 pm. The congregation is invited to join the meeting by Zoom or in person in the Common Room to learn about the climate change mitigation plans being developed for our local area by this advisory committee.

***Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm* — Popcorn & a Movie**

We will restart our monthly "Popcorn and a Movie" viewings via Zoom on Monday, January 21st. Movie title TBA

***Sunday, January 28, 11:00 am* — 1619 Project**

Richard McMasters has agreed to do three sessions on his course on the 1619 project. He will be doing the first one as a service on January 28th. in person, or on Zoom. We will hold the remaining two sessions at times TBA.

VOLUNTEERING AT GRACE MARKETPLACE

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 am

Our Social Justice Circle is sponsoring another volunteer day at Grace Marketplace! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 6 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

~ Judi Oltmans

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."

Here Comes the Sun! Here Comes the Fun!

2024 UUFG 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.

TGIF CELEBRATION

Friday, January 12, 5:30 pm

Rosemarie Dinklage's Home
3979 NW 23rd Circle, Gainesville

Our monthly TGIF gatherings continue this next Friday at Rosemarie Dinklage's home. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage!

Parking: Across from Rosemarie's building (No 10), look for guest parking

Lost? Call Rosemarie at 352-375-8225

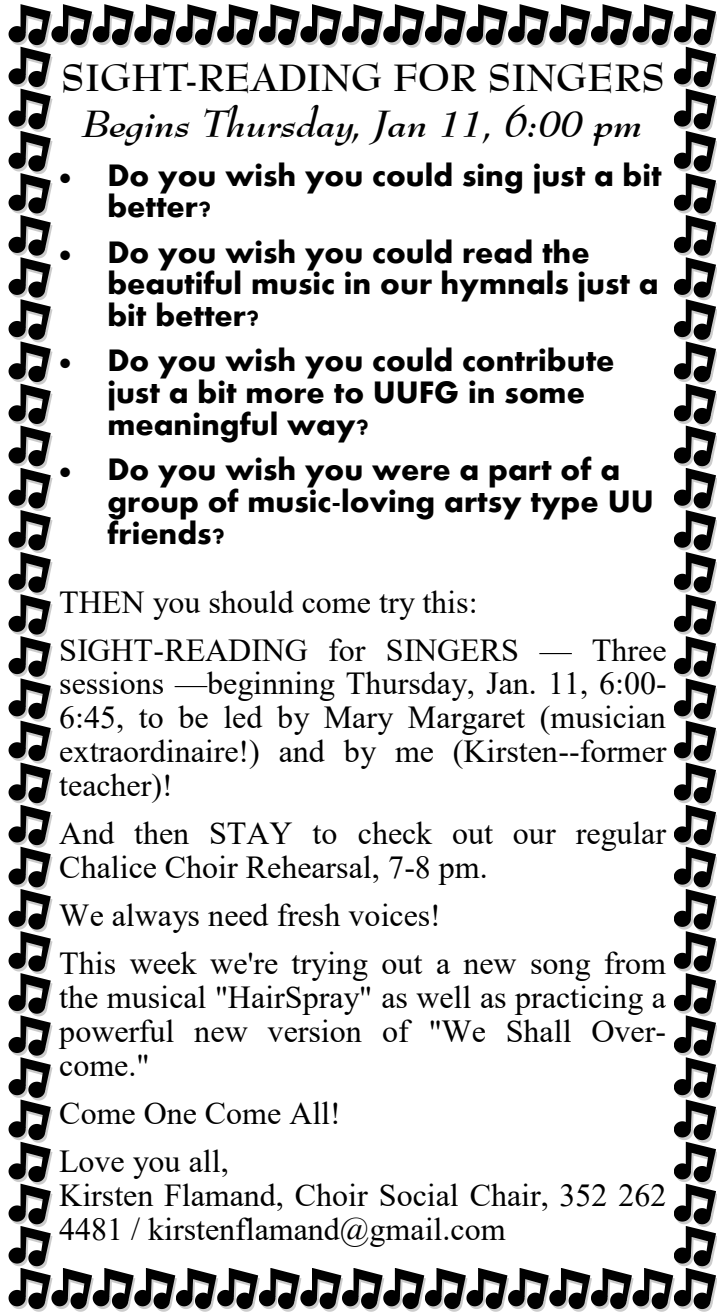
PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

Resumes Thursday, Jan 11, 4:30 pm

After a few weeks off, Pickleball for All begins again this coming Thursday, January 11, 4:30 to 5:45 pm, in our parking lot.

We'll set up two nets — one for Newbies and one for "the regulars." For more information, contact Kirsten Flamand at kirstenflamand@gmail.com.





SIGHT-READING FOR SINGERS
Begins Thursday, Jan 11, 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 — Three sessions —beginning Thursday, Jan. 11, 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!

This week we're trying out a new song from the musical "HairSpray" as well as practicing a powerful new version of "We Shall Overcome."

Come One Come All!

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

HUMANIST UU GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG) DISCUSSION

Sunday, January 7, 10:00 am

Our conversation about the Amsterdam Declaration (2022) by the Humanists International continues this coming Sunday in the Common Room and via Zoom.

Kay Anderson is bringing hard copies of the declaration for distribution. Zoom is also an option. Questions? Contact Kay at kayanderson59@gmail.com.

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



I AM GRATEFUL TO

Not only did the *Choir Circle* bring us wonderful music Christmas Eve, they also hosted a seasonal Social Hour afterwards, with the help of Kitchen Angel *Elizabeth Farris*. Bless you all for the music and the Wassail! Thanks as well to the continuing commitment of the *UUFG Book Circle*, under the direction of *Martha Soles*. This group hosts our UUFG Coffee Hour six times a year - including this past New Year's Eve morning - and we are grateful!

~ 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.

Thanks to Sunday and Christmas Morning Facilitators!

January 7

January 14

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

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS: The Gazette is reserved for UUFG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uoffice@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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Elise Atlas, Hanna Friske, Lane Hagan, Abi Fletcher, Lauren Samuels and Edrian Colburn -Deliz!



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).

FAMILY PROMISE HELP NEEDED

Week of January 7

Westminster Presbyterian Church has asked us to help with their Family Promise hosting the week of January 7th. They're asking for overnight hosting assistance as well as dinner hosts and food.

To sign up, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AADA923A3F58-family#/>

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, December 24, 79 adults attended our Christmas Eve service, while our YouTube recording shows 99 views. On December 31, 65 adults attended service and our YouTube recording shows 34 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.



**KINDLY SILENCE
YOUR
CELL PHONE**

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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**HEARING LOOP
AVAILABLE**

Please talk to an usher for information.

UUFU'S KAYAK DRILL TEAM AT THE FLYING PIG PARADE

Our precision Kayak Drill Team participated in last Saturday's Flying Pig Parade!
Images courtesy of Debra Neill-Mareci



UUGG CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7 —

10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions? 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 OWL Class (Classroom 4 — Questions? Contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org)

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

Monday, January 8 —

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

7:00 pm Care Team (Common Room — for info, contact Jim Wright, Care Team Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)

Tuesday, January 9 —

8:30 am Morning Meditation (**Zoom ONLY**. Questions? Contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)

9:00 am Life Line Screening (Phillips Hall)

2:00 pm Safety Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Jonathan Coron, Safety Team Chair, at coronjonathan@gmail.com)

7:00 pm Fellowship Council (Zoom — for info, contact Mike Hazlett, Governing Board Liaison, at mh-hazlett@wiu.edu)

8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uualdosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, January 10 —

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 11 —

11:30 am UUGG Men's Lunch Group (Local restaurant — Questions? Contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)

4:30 pm Pickleball-for-All (Parking Lot — 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 12 —

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

5:30 pm TGIF Celebration (Home of Rosemarie Dinklage)

Saturday, January 13 —

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

Sunday, January 14 —

10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)

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 — Questions? Contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org)

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