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SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday, July 7, 11:00 am

To Be Faith-Full

What does it mean to live a life of faith? To faith-full be in Unitarian Universalism requires a commitment community and to liberation that can be different from other faith traditions. Let's explore what it looks like to have faith in other traditions and how we can use the best practices for our own formation.



Rev. JeKaren Olaoya is again in our Fellowship's pulpit as we continue our exploration of this month's Touchstones theme of "Faith." 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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCSnQkwxBNGT-H1RLSg6lRfA/live</u>

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING Saturday, July 13, 9:00 am

Stop by UUFG on Saturday, July 13, for our monthly "Sparkle Saturday" gathering. We have plenty of yardwork to manage as Florida's summer growing season is upon us!

"CARDS OF CARING" LOOKING FOR MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

Here at UUFG, we live our values by showing our concern for one another. A pivotal way to do this is to respond to the joys and concerns, especially the concerns, written in our Joys and Sorrows book every Sunday. The Care Team is looking for volunteers to send brief notes to those facing illness, loss, or other sorrows shared, as well as those who have big joys to announce. No special training, just a caring heart needed and an hour or less a week for a month.

Cards of Caring enrich both the recipient and the sender.

WHAT:

- Cards are sent to those who share Joys and Concerns on Sunday morning.
- These Joys and Concerns are published every Monday in Chalice Connections.
- Cards may also be sent as volunteers become aware of a need.

WHY:

• Part of being a Beloved Community is showing one another we CARE.

WHO SENDS:

Members of the congregation.

SUPPLIES:

- A box of general use and blank notecards will be provided.
- Postage and return address labels are in the box, as well as members' addresses.

LOGISTICS:

- Each volunteer sends cards for a calendar month (or two, if they wish).
- The box of supplies is then passed to the next volunteer.
- Two people can volunteer for the same month.
- If supplies get low, let Susan Christy or Cam know what you need.

WHAT TO SAY:

Notes are simple and sincere. Cards are signed, "your friends at UUFG."

QUESTIONS:

Contact Susan Christy at susan.christy42@gmail.com

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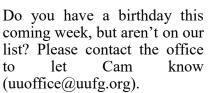
NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION Sunday, July 14, 12:00 pm

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Stuart Alan, Jim Wright, Michale Avery, Clifford Rhan, and Jim Friske!





GET READY TO SEND POSTCARDS TO VOTERS WITH UU THE VOTE! Sunday, July 21, 12:00 pm

UU the Vote has partnered with the Center for Common Ground for the nonpartisan Reclaim Our Vote campaign, and UUFG Social Justice is joining the effort. We will have cards and instructions at coffee hour starting on Sunday, July 21.

Our first campaign will be directed to over 900,000 Volusia County black women voters. To learn more and take the short training for postcarding see <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/174Tfw-</u> <u>Oe6ApSRiHRKMcG3sl6kn9xMDLcSGfFeIYbH7c/</u> edit

And we will see you at our table in the Phillips Social Hall on July 21!

~ Mary Bahr

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



Please talk to an usher for information concerning the Phoenix loop and the Williams headset systems.

I AM GRATEFUL TO...



What a party there was!!! Apparently, Coffee Hour was JAMMED, as UUFG celebrated the arrival of Reverend JeKaren. Luckily, Super Coffee Hour Host *Lynn Jamieson* had it all under control, with many willing helpers, including *Marilyn*

Roberts, Mary Anthony (who was also Worship Associate that morning!), Barbara Palmer and Sandra Topp, among others. Big thanks also to all those who brought in food, and helped to make Reverend JeKaren's first social hour with us a truly festive and delicious event.

~ 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 uuoffice@uufg.org.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, July 7, 95 adults attended service in person, while our YouTube video recording shows 55 views..

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

Use the QR code or click <u>HERE</u> to go to a Linktree page where you can select from three online giving options: Paypal, Venmo and Vanco, our online payment portal also available through our website.



Go directly to our Vanco page via this link: <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home</u>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SIGN UP ONLINE FOR COFFEE HOUR

Click <u>HERE</u> 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

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! July 14 July 21		
Outside Greeter		
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell	Joy Avery
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke	Diana Hagan
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Marcia Wolfe Dan Wolfe	Judith Kendall
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish



LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Do you have some non-perishable food to share? You may put items directly into the pantry box, or leave them in the donation box in our Phillips Hall.

Canned foods with "flip tops" for easy opening are especially popular.

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.

UUFG'S 2024-25 BOARD

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 pm

This fiscal year, our Governing Board holds its monthly meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month. (Note the change from last year, when the Board met every fourth Monday.) Its next meeting is on July 23 at 6:30 pm 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=WE94Y3hmVFIrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09 Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344 / Passcode: 321615

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

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION Tuesday mornings 8:30 — 9:45am

Join us in the Common Room every Tuesday morning. Please arrive by 8:15 to get settled. We start meditation at 8:30 am. You can use chairs or floor cushions as you prefer. We meditate for 25-30 minutes followed by reading, discussion and a closing recitation.

If you are immunocompromised or otherwise uncomfortable in a group of 5-8 people, you are welcome to wear a mask or join us via Zoom. Please let us know in advance, so we can send you the Zoom link.

For more info or the Zoom link, contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com.

UU VALDOSTA MEDITATION Tuesdays, 8:00 pm by Zoom

Our UU neighbors to the north have made their ongoing Tuesday evening meditations available to our Fellowship. Join their sessions Zoom at 8:00 pm each Tuesday, and at 8:10 pm they begin 30 minutes of silent meditation.

To join, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.



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UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, June 14 — 10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Childcare or Religious Education at UUFG? 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 (Starts at Welcome Table — for info or to register, contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net) 3:00 pm Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall) Monday, July 15 — 12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom — Questions? Contact Jim Wright, Finance Committee Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com) Tuesday, July 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) 8:00 pm Silent Meditation (Zoom — For info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com) Wednesday, July 17 **6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classroom 3) Thursday, July 18 — UUFG Business Office Closed 8:00 am Life Line Screening (Phillips Social Hall — for information, click HERE) 7:00 pm Freedom of Choice — Narcotics Anonymous (Common Room — For info, contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at admin@uufg.org) Friday, July 19— **UUFG Business Office Closed** 12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall) 7:00 pm Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary) Saturday, July 20-8:30 am Eager Pup Training (Phillips Social Hall — For information, click HERE) Sunday, July 21 — 10:00 pm Childcare (Classroom 5— Questions about Childcare or Religious Education at UUFG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org 10:00 am HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room & Zoom — 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 Youth Group (Classroom 7) 1:30 pm Social Justice Circle (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Mary Bahr at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com) 3:00 pm Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall) GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

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