

The Gazette



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 21, 11:00 am

A Crash Course in Unitarian History

Unitarianism has been a contentious philosophy since the third century. The Roman Empire wasn't very enthused, nor were folks in Eastern Europe in the 16th century, nor was the English church in the 17th century, nor were the Puritans/Congregationalists in America in the 18th Century. With all this history, Unitarians were considered heretics as they would oppose the local orthodoxy.

We'll explore this rich history in the context of this month's Touchstone theme of "faith." UUFG member Sue Boone is in our Fellowship's pulpit, and Marcia Wolfe serves as worship associate. James Chase provides our story for all ages.

This Sunday, we also share the plate with GRACE Marketplace.

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>



SHARE THE PLATE WITH GRACE MARKETPLACE

Sunday, July 21, 11:00 am

GRACE is a low-barrier, housing-first shelter providing access to programs and services that meet the basic needs of people living on the street.

Their team of advocates, housing specialists, outreach specialists, and chefs are ready to help get the homeless off the street and back into housing. This Sunday all non-pledge offerings will be given to GRACE.

On Sunday, July 21, all non-designated offerings will be given to Bread of the Mighty.

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. Use the QR code below or click [HERE](#) to go to a Linktree page where you can select from three online giving options: PayPal, Venmo and Vanco, our online payment portal. Please put "share the plate" in the notes field.



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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/174Tfw-Oe6ApSRiHRKMcG3sl6kn9xMDLcSGfFeIYbH7c/edit>

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

~ Mary Bahr

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=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344 / Passcode: 321615

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE CIRCLE

Sunday, July 21, 1:30 pm

Our Social Justice Circle meets this month in the Common Room and via Zoom on Sunday, July 21 at 1:30 pm. On the agenda for this meeting is a discussion on resuming our monthly “Popcorn and a Movie” series and advance plans for social justice activities this fall. Anyone interested in our social justice programming is invited to attend!

For more information, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93192413653?pwd=YjFxY2I0WW82VDhvdTcvZTZDNmJ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 931 9241 3653

Passcode: 135760

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Tom Bullock, Peter Marino, Keara Nix, Cindy Capehart and Michael Bass!

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).



I AM GRATEFUL TO...



Big thanks to Coffee Host Extraordinaire Lynn Jamieson for hosting this past Sunday’s Coffee Hour. Ellen Cecil stepped up to help, as did Marilyn Roberts, Liz Stewart and Debra Neill-Mareci.

~ 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.

HUMANIST UU GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG)

DISCUSSION

Sunday, July 21 10:00 am

Come to the Common Room or follow the Zoom link on Sunday to join our twice-monthly conversation about Humanism. This Sunday’s discussion will include plans for upcoming meetings and possible schedule changes, so please attend!

Questions about HUUGG? Contact Kay Anderson at kayanderson59@gmail.com.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98838567620?pwd=TGhJbjI0WXBXYUZwVDVveGJRZ0xPQT09>

Meeting ID: 988 3856 7620

Passcode: 671899).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, July 14, 62 adults attended service in person as 9 children participated in religious education programming. Our our YouTube video recording shows 86 views..

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

Use the QR code or click [HERE](#) 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:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home>

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	July 21	July 28
Outside Greeter		
Welcome Table	Joy Avery	Alice Primack
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan	Ben Lee
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall	Judith Kendall Alice Primack
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

“CARDS OF CARING” LOOKING FOR MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

Here at UFG, 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 UFG.”

QUESTIONS:
Contact Susan Christy at susan.christy42@gmail.com

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 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

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

	June	YTD
Income	\$27,896 (budget: \$26,524)	\$304,643 (budget: \$318,300)
Expenses	\$17,977 (budget: \$30,966)	\$249,704 (budget: \$374,405)
Net	\$9,919	\$54,939

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund’s cumulated income and expenses from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This report concludes our fiscal year. We finished the 2023-2024 fiscal year “in the black” by \$54,939.

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.

UUA STATEMENT ON THE ATTACK AT THE POLITICAL RALLY LAST SATURDAY, JULY 13

Unitarian Universalism believes in the right of free speech and the democratic process. Attacks like those at Saturday’s political rally weaken democracy, and the Unitarian Universalist Association condemns this attack. At a time when democracy is already at risk, these events will only make our political environment more precarious.

As we prepare to meet this moment, we must return to our spiritual grounding and faithful practice. Take a breath, reflect together, wait for emerging truth over quick speculation. Anchor yourself in communities and relationships that foster resilience, liberation, and strategy. Cultivate nuance and seek out deep wisdom, political analysis, and spiritual grounding, as misinformation will be rampant.

Our Unitarian Universalist tradition is rooted in the values of human dignity, justice, compassion and democratic principles. We will remain vigilant in our commitment to protecting our democracy and the integrity of its principles and the rights of all its people. Let us keep love at the center. We are in this together.

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 Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@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 uualdosta@yahoo.com with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

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.



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

UUFUG CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21 —

10:00 pm Childcare (Classroom 5— Questions about Childcare or Religious Education at UUFUG? 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)

Monday, July 22 —

UUFUG Business Office Closed

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 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)

6:30 pm Governing Board Meeting (Zoom — Questions? Contact Leah Cobb Lee at leahcobblee@gmail.com)

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

Wednesday, July 24

6:00 pm Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classroom 3)

7:00 pm Young Adult Group (Phillips Social Hall — For info, join the group chat [HERE](#) or contact Renée Rich-ter at reneeofflorida@gmail.com)

Thursday, July 25 —

7:00 pm Freedom of Choice — Narcotics Anonymous (Common Room — For info, contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at admin@uufg.org)

Friday, July 26—

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Sunday, June 28 —

10:00 am Messy Playdate (Playground— Questions about Religious Education programming or Childcare at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)

10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5)

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

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

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