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# SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am

#### Faith in Love

Unitarian Universalist have made a commitment to love in their values. Let's explore what it can look like to have faith in the love we want for ourselves and our community.

This Sunday features a sermon by Rev. JeKaren Olaoya. Jeff Stevens serves as worship associate, and James Case provides our story for all ages. Tané DeKrey provides musical accompaniment.

#### 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

# ALACHUA COUNTY LABOR COALITION CANDIDATE FORUM AT UUFG

Thursday, August 1, 6:00 pm

The ACLC is sponsoring a candidate forum in our Sanctuary this coming Thursday starting at 6:00 pm in our Sanctuary. This forum features candidates for the Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Commission, and State Representative for district 22.

Have a question for the candidates? Please email suggestions to <u>info@laborcoalition.org</u>. ACLC will review submissions and candidates will provide answers to questionnaires in the days leading up to the forum, which will be available to read on the ACLC's website (https://laborcoalition.org/).

See page 3 for flyer!



# HELP "GET OUT THE VOTE" FOR FLORIDA'S GENERAL ELECTION

The Social Justice Council will be tabling again after the service on Sunday.

We are writing postcards to send to primarily African American residents of Volusia County, encouraging them to vote in the election on November 5. This project is part of a larger, nationwide "Reclaim Our Vote" campaign sponsored by the <u>Center for Common Ground</u>.

You can help counter the effects in Florida of recent legislation that restricts voters' access to the polls and makes voting more difficult.

We can help you write your initial postcard. Once you "have the gist," you can then take a packet of 10 or 20 postcards home to sign and then return them to UUFG before October. We will provide postage and mail the postcards in bulk in early October.

If you don't have time to actually write postcards after service, you can just pick up a packet with easy-tofollow instructions to take home and write.

Please help to get people to vote!

Thank you.

Alice Primack and Lisa Renner



#### I AM GRATEFUL TO...



For the third week in a row, *Lynn Jamieson* served as our Lead Coffee Hour Host. Lynn does so much, so often, to provide delicious fare, elegantly presented, to enhance our social hour and build community. This past Sunday, she was assisted by

Elizabeth Farris, Hazel Hazlett, and Marilyn Roberts, three women who are also often instrumental in making Coffee Hour happen. Heartfelt thanks go to each these hard-working women, so generous with their time and efforts. Big thanks as well to all those who brought goodies to share, this week and every week.

~ 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.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Aaron Broadwell, Tamara Evonne, George Miljevich, Gene Mills and Marlee Hitchcock!



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).

#### RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, July 28, 51 adults attended service in person as 11 children and youth participated in religious education programming. Our YouTube video recording shows 43 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: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home

## "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."

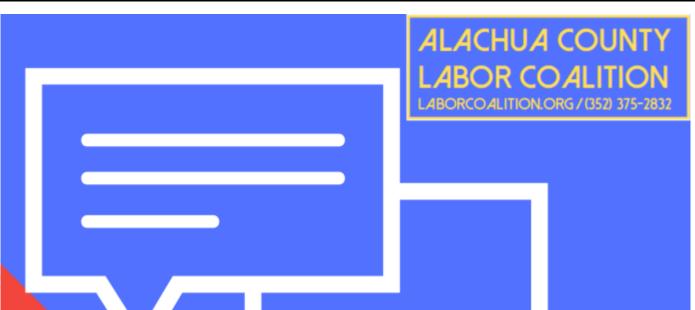
#### **OUESTIONS:**

Contact Susan Christy at susan.christy42@gmail.com

#### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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





# ACLC CANDIDATE FORUMS

Gainesville City Commission
Alachua County Commission
State House of Representatives District 22

Learn where your city, county, and state candidates stand on issues important to Gainesville's working class



WHEN: AUGUST 1 2024, 6:00PM WHERE: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP-4225 NW 34TH ST, GAINESVILLE



#### 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.

# 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



## KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

#### **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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! July 28 August 3		
Outside Greeter	Diane DePuydt	
Welcome Table	Alice Primack	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Ben Lee	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Marcia or Dan Wolfe	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

#### 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 uuvaldosta@yahoo.com with "Meditation Tuesday" in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

#### UUFG CALENDAR

#### Sunday, June 28 —

**10:00 am** Messy Playdate (Playground— Questions about Religious Education programming or Childcare at UUFG? 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)

Monday, July 29 —

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 30 —

**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 31

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

Thursday, August 1 —

**6:00 pm** Alachua County Labor Coalition Candidate Forum (Sanctuary — for info, click <u>HERE</u>)

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

Friday, August 2—

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

Saturday, August 3

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

12:00 pm Youth Group Cooking Party (Kitchen & Phillips Hall — For info, contact James Chase, DLFD, at dre@uufg.org)

12:00 pm Worship Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Worship Team Co-chairs Erin Parish at erinuu603@gmail.com or Anna Deyle at deylea@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 4 —

**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)

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

#### **UUFG'S 2024-25 BOARD**

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