



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 11:00 am

Welcome Rev. JeKaren Olaoya!

Faith in the Queer Kids Club

When you feel like you don't belong, where do you go? How do you decide to commit yourself to a community? While there is not an official Queer Kids Club, Unitarian Universalism has been the gathering place of a wide variety of people on the margins.

Let's explore what it means to make a commitment to faith in a community and meet Rev. JeKaren Olaoya as she shares her own path to Unitarian Universalism and ministry. Mary Anthony serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages.

Following service, please come to the Phillips Social Hall for cake and refreshments.

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>



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.

SOLAR PANELS HARD AT WORK!

Our Solar Panel Committee reports:

- Our electric bill for May 2023 was \$872
- Our electric bill for May 2024 was \$35!!



BEV GIORDANO TO SERVE ON UUGF FOUNDATION BOARD

We are excited to announce that Bev Giordano will be joining the UUGF Foundation this month to replace Cindy Prabst, who completed her 3-year term at the end of June.

Bev Giordano joined UUGF in 2019, and she became actively involved immediately after becoming a member. She was involved in the UUGF Auctions in 2020 and again in 2024. She served as Secretary of the UUGF Governing Board for three years. She helps keep our grounds beautiful as part of the Friends of the Courtyard group.

Bev is a retired Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and was the Clinical Research Coordinator of Pediatric Genetics and Metabolism researching Prader-Willi Syndrome at the University of Florida. With her wealth of experience, she will be a great asset to our team.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication Cindy provided during her three years on the Foundation with her last two years as the Financial Director. She was a great steward of the Foundation, attending UUA meetings via zoom to more fully understand where our money is invested and keeping apprised of upcoming changes. She also put great thought into grant proposals ensuring that our money is spent wisely for improvements to UUGF.

Foundation Directors: Jeanne Gossman, Kristin Stevens, Sandra Topp, and Pete Turner

MEDICAID EXPANSION PETITION

Have YOU signed a Petition to place a Constitutional Amendment for Medicaid Expansion on the ballot in 2026?

Did you know that there are over 800,000 Florida citizens who are below the Federal poverty level and have no insurance who would be eligible for Medicaid assistance?

Did you know that the money needed would come from the taxes we have already paid?

Please DO sign the petition! Alice Primack will be tabling following today’s service — completing a petition only takes a few minutes, but expanding Medicaid will save lives for years.

~ Lisa Renner

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Debby jo Malickson!!

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).



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, July 13, 9:00 am

Stop by UUGF 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! Work begins around 9 am, but come as your schedule allows.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, June 30, 69 adults attended service in person. Because of technical difficulties, we were unable to stream last Sunday’s service.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUGF

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>

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

I AM GRATEFUL TO...



Grateful thanks to *Michael Bass*, who tabled for the Medicaid Expansion Petition a couple of Sundays ago — and has offered to do so again — and *Alice Primack*, who will be tabling this Sunday.

~ Lisa Renner

Many thanks to *Martha Soles* and the *UUG Book Circle*, for hosting this past Sunday's Coffee Hour. There were MANY helpers, including *Alice Gridley*, *Barbara Palmer*, *Doris Hargrave*, *Liz Stewart*, *Paula Waterman*, *Alice Primack*, *Joy Avery* and *Sue Boone*. Many hands make light work, and more laughs.

~ Susan Christy

I am so grateful to the four members of the committee who have been working for months to update our Fellowship's Bylaws, as well as our Policies and Procedures Handbook. *Kristen Stewart*, *Norden Lucke*, *Tom Mareci* and *Tim Christy* have put many, many painstaking hours into this difficult and important task. The close reading and attention to detail are impressive, all in service of making our governing documents easy to understand and use, and in keeping with our principles. Kudos to these four, in particular Kristen, whose understanding of values-based governance is a gift to us all.

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a “gratitude” to share, expressing appreciation for someone working “behind the scenes” to make UUG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uuoffice@uug.org.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!

July 7

July 14

Outside Greeter	Tam Palmrer	
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Ellen Cecil	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Marcia Wolfe	Marcia Wolfe Dan Wolfe
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@uug.org / 352-377-1669.

UUG'S 2024-25 BOARD

- Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President — leahcobblee@gmail.com
- Mary Anthony, Treasurer — maryanthony13@gmail.com
- Erin Parish, Secretary — erinuu603@gmail.com
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- Tom Mareci, Trustee — thmareci@gmail.com
- Vice President — vacant

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7 —

- 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)

Monday, July 8 —

- 12:30 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm** Care Team (Zoom — Questions? Contact Jim Wright, Care Team Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)

Tuesday, July 9 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 2:00 pm** Safety Team (Zoom — For info, contact Jonathan Coron, Safety Team Chair, at coronjonathan@gmail.com)
- 7:00 pm** Fellowship Council (Zoom)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — For info, contact Carol Stiles at uualdosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, July 10

- 6:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classroom 3)
- :00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Social Hall — For info, join the group chat [HERE](#) or contact Renée Richter at reneeofflorida@gmail.com)

Thursday, July 11 —

- 11:30 am** UU Men's Lunch Group (local restaurant — for info, contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)
- 7:00 pm** Freedom of Choice — Narcotics Anonymous (Common Room — For info, contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at admin@uufg.org)

Friday, July 12—

- 10:00 am** Eager Pup (Phillips Hall — for info, contact Cam Pierce at admin@uufg.org)
- 12:30 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

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GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

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