



June 2 & 9, 2024 — Volume 22, Issue 21

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 2, 11:00 am These Are a Few of Our Favorite Hymns

The UUFG Music Program invites you to join us next Sunday for "A SUMMER SING with SUMMER SWEETS" service. Six of our beloved choir members will introduce and explain why "These Are a Few of Our Favorite Hymns." We're inviting you to sing along with us, and then enjoy ice cream with us after the service. What a great way to start our summer season! Anna Deyle serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Tane' DeKrey accompanies music on piano.

Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am My UU Journey

Next Sunday, June 9, UUFG members Johnathon Coron, Thomas Mareci, and Michael Bass will share their "UU Journey" on June 9. Sue Boone serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Jane Kozhevnikova accompanies music on piano.

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

PICKLEBALL-4-ALL! Thursday, June 6, 7:00 pm

You'd think we picklers get super overheated — you'd be wrong! Our new courts are beautifully shady and often breezy. You'd think we get all fierce and competitive--you'd be wrong! Mostly we laugh a lot, and sometimes we even share watermelon. JOIN US at Blues Creek Courts, 4923 NW 75 Lane, Thursdays, 7-8:00 pm.

UUFG BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED Friday, May 31 — Friday June 7

Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, is on vacation from Friday, May 31 through Friday, June 7. Cam will be back in the office on Monday, June 10. Many thanks to our volunteers who are looking after the Fellowship this coming week!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING

Saturday, June 8, 9:00 am

Stop by UUFG on Saturday, June 8, 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. For information, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at mrobertsrn@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, June 9, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the June 9 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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

Petitions for a Constitutional Amendment for Medicaid Expansion

We now have two options for turning in Medicaid Expansion Petitions.

- You can fill out a Medicaid Expansion Petition form after Service on Sundays when a Committee member is tabling.
 OR
- 2. Pick up a blank form from the holder on the door outside the UUFG Office and return your completed form to the newly-installed drop box at the parking lot entrance by the Little Pantry.

Whichever method you choose — please DO complete and sign a Medicaid Expansion Petition form.

Thank you, Lisa Renner

Renew Your Absentee Ballot Application

Did you know everyone must renew their absentee ballot applications this year? Florida residents must request Vote By Mail forms one month before the next election. You must do this every two years and return the application to the Elections Office one month before the next election..

Social Justice will be tabling following service this coming Sunday with information about renewing your absentee ballot.

Come by and sign the Medicaid Expansion petition and check your registration and absentee ballot status.

This effort will continue until the November election.

UUFG Banned Books Library

The UUFG Banned Books Library is open for checkout! Don't forget to unban a book by reading it. You can choose from a wide array of books. Just look over the banned books and check one out at the book cart. Young folks will learn about the old fashioned library card found in the back of books in the library. Just fill it out and leave it at the book cart in the Phillips Social Hall. Enjoy your reading!



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators! June 2 June 9		
Outside Greeter		
Welcome Table		
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	David Willkomm
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Sue Boone	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

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

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 26 in person attendance numbers are unavailable, but our YouTube channel shows 48 views of the service online.

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.

I AM GRATEFUL TO...



Many thanks to Bev Giordano and the Friends of the Courtyard for hosting this past Sunday's Coffee Hour. Debby Jo Malickson, Debra Neill-Mareci, Elizabeth Farris and Hazel Hazlett were on hand to help out in the kitchen, while

many others dropped off food before service and helped with taking down the tables after service. Blessings to you all!

~ 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.

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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Easton Friske, Dan Slone, Ben Lee, Vic Harrell, and Ron Prentice-Bryant!



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).

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.

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



UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2 —

10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about 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 — Questions? 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 Business Office Closed the week of June 3 through June 7

Monday, June 3 —

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

Tuesday, June 4 —

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

7:00 pm Worship Team (Zoom — For info, contact Liz Stewart, Worship Team Chair, at marmstew002@gmail.com)

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

Wednesday, June 5 —

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

Thursday, June 6 —

7:00 pm Pickleball for All (Blues Creek Courts)

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

Friday, June 7—

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, June 8 —

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

Sunday, June 9 —

10:00 am CYREC/Children & Youth Religious Education Steering Committee (Common Room — Questions about Religious Education at UUFG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org

10:00 pm Childcare (Classroom 5)

11:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

12:00 pm Newcomer Orientation (Begins 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, June 10 — UUFG Business Office Reopens

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

6:30 pm Care Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Jim Wright, Care Team Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)

Tuesday, June 11 —

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 (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 uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, June 12 —

6:00 pm Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Classroom 3) **7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Classroom 7 — For info. join

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Thursday, June 13 —

11:30 pm UUFG Men's Lunch Group (Local Restaurant — For location and info, contact Tom Bullock at tbullock3@cox.net)

7:00 pm Pickleball for All (Blues Creek Courts)

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

Friday, June 14—

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, June 15 —

11:30 am UU Book Circle (For location and info, contact Martha Soles at marthajsoles@gmail.com)

Sunday, June 16 —

10:00 am Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about 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 — Questions? 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 — for info, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

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