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SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday, June 30, 11:00 am Use Your Skills and Interests to Make a Difference

This Sunday, UUFG member Steve Atlas facilitates a service exploring how people can take their varied skills and find unexpected ways to use them to help others in our larger community. Marcia Wolfe 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

UUFG'S 2024-25 BOARD

As of July 1, our new fiscal year begins. Our Governing Board remains unchanged, except that Mike Hazlett is stepping down from the Vice Presidency. The Board is grateful for his service this past year. His contributions to our Fellowship's life are many, in particular managing UUFG's most successful stewardship campaign ever!

- Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President leahcobblee@gmail.com
- Mary Anthony, Treasurer maryanthony13@gmail.com
- Erin Parish, Secretary erinuu603@gmail.com
- Norden Lucke, Trustee bobosuncoast@hotmail.com
- Tim Christy, Trustee tim.christy42@gmail.com
- Tom Mareci, Trustee thmareci@gmail.com
- Vice President vacant



SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday, July 7, 11:00 am Welcome Rev. JeKaren Olaoya!

This Sunday, we welcome our new minister, Rev. JeKaren Olaoya to our Fellowship! Members, please "mark your calendars" and be sure to attend

this important occasion as we support Rev. JeKaren in her new ministry with us. Mary Anthony serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM REV. TRACIE BARRETT

I wanted to take a quick moment to say thank you for having me as your board consultant for the last year. It was an honor and a privilege and honestly an absolute pleasure to journey with you this last year.



As my contract ends and you prepare to welcome Rev. JeKaren to the fellowship, I want to share how much growth and strength I've witnessed. This past year you've become more certain in yourselves and who you are as a community. My hope for you all is that you continue to grow deep roots and spread your branches wider to be a sheltering place for the community around you.

Thank you all for this past year and I wish you all the best in your next part of your journey!

Also, don't fret, I'll still be around with Rev. JeKaren's blessing to guest preach from time to time

Much love and many blessings, Rev. Dr. Tracie Barrett

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to David Etherington, Denis Whittaker, Chris Andrew, Sarah Hausman, and Lisa Renner!

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, June 23, 38 adults attended service in person. Twelve children participated in "Messy Playdate activities supervised by four adults. Because we streamed the UUA General Assembly service last Sunday, we do not have YouTube data.

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.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate June anniversaries of our membership.

- Two Years: Michael Hazlett & Joanna Lowenstein
- *Five Years:* Jonathan Coron
- Fourteen Years: Jo Anne Smith
- Twenty-One Years: Denis Whittaker
- Twenty-Four Years: Joy & Michael Avery
- Twenty-Six Years: Michael Moulton
- Twenty-Seven Years: Jeff Dunn
- Thirty-Four Years: Paul Avery

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators: June 30 July 7		
Outside Greeter	Tom Palmer	
Welcome Table	Barbara Palmer	
Foyer Monitor	Jowe Rowe	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Judith Kendall Diane DePuydt	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

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>

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...



Lynn Jamieson stepped in to help with this past Sunday's Coffee Hour — thank you Lynn! So good to have you back, and not just for your prodigious talents hosting any social event. Thanks as well to those who stepped up to help Lynn, including Marilyn Roberts, Debra Neill-Mareci and Tom 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 uuoffice@uufg.org.

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, June 30 —

10:00 am Messy Playdate (Playground — Questions about Childcare or Religious Education 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 1 —

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

Tuesday, July 2 —

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 Erin Parish at erinuu603@gmail.com or Anna Deyle at deylea@gmail.com)

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4 —

Office Closed for Independence Day 7:00 pm Freedom of Choice — Narcotics

Anonymous (Common Room — For info, contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at admin@uufg.org)

Friday, July 5—

12:30 pm Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, July 6—

10:00 am Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room

 Questions? Contact Peggy Maloney, FoC
 Chair, at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)

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)