

# The Gazette



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## SUNDAY SERVICE March 24, 11:00 am “Sailing the UUFUG Boat Home”

Join us for a special Pledge Sunday service on March 24th as we “Sail our UUFUG Boat Home!” Feel free to wear your “nautical attire” to service. Evan Waldt is in our Fellowship’s pulpit. Liz Stewart serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Our Chalice Choir provides music under the direction of Tané DeKrey.

### 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>

## PLEDGE SUNDAY LUNCHEON March 24, 11:00 am

Following service, stay for lunch on us in the Phillips Social Hall as we “bring our UUFUG Boat to port!” We will provide a variety of options including chicken, vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free choices.

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Monday, March 25, 6:30 pm

Our Governing Board holds its monthly meeting on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 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?](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZlZlFkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

[pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZlZlFkd0FOTGJ0dz09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZlZlFkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344 / Passcode: 321615

For more information, contact Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, at [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com).

## UUFUG FOUNDATION GRANTCYCLE UNDER WAY *Applications Due by Friday, March 29*

The Foundation is still accepting grant applications for this Spring 2024 cycle. Applications are due Friday, March 29, and we will make our decisions by early May.

If your committee or group has an idea that will improve UUFUG building and grounds or programs, please consider submitting a grant proposal. Applications can be filled out and submitted online at:

<https://forms.gle/NmAfntxSz9EWYEGGA>

You may upload supporting documents within the application itself so have any pictures or documents ready to upload as you fill out the form.

We suggest you request an email copy of your completed form when you submit by clicking on “send me a copy of my responses” found at the end of the application

*Each application will require submission of a [completed signature page](#).*

There are three ways this can be done:

1. Upload a PDF copy of the signed document with your application
2. Email the PDF to [foundation@uufg.org](mailto:foundation@uufg.org)
3. Place a printed signed copy in the Foundation mailbox in the UUFUG office.

Please ask any Foundation member if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help.

UUFUG Foundation: Jeanne Gossman, Cindy Prabst, Kristin Stevens, Pete Turner, & Sandra Topp

SOCIAL JUSTICE ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

UUGF Banned Books Library

The UUGF 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!



Social Justice Circle — Sunday, April 14, 1:45 pm

All are invited to attend our April 14 Social Justice Circle Meeting. Normally, we meet on third Sundays, but this month we're meeting on the second Sunday, so we can attend the Read-Out!) Come get training for gathering petitions for Medicaid Expansion. Medicaid Expansion in Florida would allow anyone whose income qualifies to join Medicaid. Right now in Florida, only pregnant women and their children and people with disabilities are eligible for Medicaid. This amendment would allow about 800,000+ low-income Floridians to get health care under Medicaid. It will also benefit rural hospitals who are dependent on Medicaid funds and it now has bipartisan support in the legislature. If you would like to work on this petition drive please mark your calendars and plan to attend the April 14 training during our Social Justice Circle meeting at 1:45 pm in the Common Room or via Zoom.

Readout in the Park — Sunday, April 21, 2:30 pm

Don't miss the "Readout in the Park" on April 21 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm on the Plaza in front of City Hall (200 E University Ave.)! Mark your calendars to come and hear Gainesville celebrities — including our own Zoharah Simmons! — read from banned books with musical interludes.

Volunteer for Food4Kids — Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am

Mark your calendars for a volunteer session with Food4Kids. Volunteers will assemble food packages to send home with children whose families have difficulty providing enough food. The packages help feed the children and their families over the weekend. This benefits the whole family including preschool aged children who don't get the free breakfasts and lunches their older siblings benefit from during the week. Watch your Gazette and News-and-Needs for more info!

*We had a great time volunteering at Food4kids on March 16!*



UUGF Petition Drive for Medicaid Expansion Begins!

Sunday, April 28, 12:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the start for UUGF gathering Medicaid Expansion petitions and providing voter information for our upcoming Democratic primary in August and general election in November. Look for our table with the YOUR VOTE MATTERS banner at coffee.

~ Mary Bahr




# Gainesville

## BANNED BOOKS



**SUNDAY**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**2:30-4:00**

**Local Literary  
Celebrities  
will read from  
Banned Books  
with musical  
interludes**

-  **Readings**
-  **Music**
-  **Banned Books Giveaway**

**Location:**  
Gainesville City Hall Plaza  
200 E University Avenue  
On the plaza in front of City Hall.

Bring folding chairs, hats, water,  
and umbrellas.

### Speakers include:

**Best-selling Author  
Lauren Groff**

**UF Professor  
Dr Paul Ortiz**

**Civil Rights Pioneer  
Dan Harmeling**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville



FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Fourth in a series covering all aspects of safety protocol)

By Gene Cowell

Did you know...

how UUG is prepared to deal with a civil disturbance emergency?

Fellowship volunteers on the Incident Response Team are trained to respond to potential incidents ranging from a non-lethal disturbance to an active shooter. Team members and their responsibilities include:

The Foyer Monitor. Duties: After check-ins, lock entry doors to the Sanctuary, Phillips Hall and Kitchen; remain in foyer during the service to observe the area in front of the building and screen those entering. Protocols are established as to how to deal with suspicious persons or weapons.

The RE Monitor. Duties: Establish phone contact with the Foyer Monitor and follow similar protocols, monitor the courtyard and other areas devoted to RE activities.

In addition, the minister or worship associate, RE director, ushers and AV technicians have received training on appropriate responses should suspicious or dangerous situations occur.

Questions? Contact any Safety Committee member: Jonathan Coron, Chairman, David Willkomm, Cam Pierce, Joseph Rowe, Ben Lee, Gene Cowell.

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.

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.

Guided meditation instruction is happily provided, but please let us know in advance if you desire it. 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

FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM COLLECTION

Continues Through May



The Social Justice Circle is collecting food donations for the Food4Kids program through May. Food4Kids provides food-filled backpacks to many schools in Alachua County.

Please drop off your donations into the metal shopping cart in the Phillips Social Hall.

Below is a list of the foods they need

Nonperishable Food Donations:

- Breakfast Items
• (oatmeal packets, granola bars, cereals)
• Canned/Boxed Goods
• (beans, meats, pasta, soup, veggies)
• Snacks
• (raisins, pretzels, fruit cups, pudding, peanut butter and jelly, etc.)
• Drinks
• (shelf stable milk, juice boxes/pouches)

Thank you!
Judi Oltmans

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uoffice@uug.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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Carolyn Lawrence and Llew Kohler!



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).

### COMMON READ

Our Social Justice Circle’s first Common Read for 2024 is an Osage author’s novel about the Osage Nations tragedy described in the movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The book title is *Mean Spirit*, and the author is native American writer Linda Hogan, who was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.



Let Paul Hargrave know if you want to purchase a copy of *The 1619 Project* through the Book Cart. The book is also available in paperback, Audible, and eBook versions through the public library and book sellers.

### ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.

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



Or use the QR code here

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, March 17, 83 people attended service, while our YouTube channel shows 55 views of the service online.



**KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE**

### I AM GRATEFUL TO...



I’m grateful for all the people who shared their expertise in getting our sound system back to peak performance. Especially all of the effort Jim and Erin have donated. Thanks!

~ Cindy Prabst

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.

### Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!

	March 24	March 31
Outside Greeter	Hazel Hazlett	Hazel Hazlett
Welcome Table	Alice Primack Susan Christy	Barbara Palmer Tom Palmer
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Jowe Rowe
RE Monitor	Ben Lee	Marilyn Roberts
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Alice Primack Judith Kendall	Mike Hazlett Judith Kendall
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Near our entrance, we have a “free pantry” box, which allows people to drop off or pick up food donations in our neighborhood.

Do you have some non-perishable food to share? You may put items directly into the pantry box, or leave them in a donation box in our Phillips Hall.

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.

## UUFUG CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 24 —**

**10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Pledge Luncheon/Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

**12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)

**12:30 pm** OWL Class—Finale! (Classroom 4)

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

### **Monday, March 25 —**

**3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

**6:30 pm** Governing Board Meeting (Zoom — For info, contact Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President, at [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com))

### **Tuesday, March 26 —**

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

**8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com))

### **Wednesday, March 27 —**

**7:00 pm** Young Adult Group (Phillips Social Hall — To confirm event and for info, join the group chat [HERE](#) or contact Renée Richter at [reneeofflorida@gmail.com](mailto:reneeofflorida@gmail.com))

### **Thursday, March 28 —**

**7:00 pm** No Chalice Choir rehearsal — the choir is taking a “field trip” to see *ordinary days* at the Gainesville Community Playhouse — For info about music programming, contact Kirsten Flamand at [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com))

### **Friday, March 29 —**

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

### **Saturday, March 30 —**

**9:00 am** Kripalu Yoga Classes (Sanctuary — For info, contact Susan Christy at [susan.christy42@gmail.com](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com))

### **Sunday, March 31 —**

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

**10:00 pm** Childcare (Classroom 5)

**11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)

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

## UUFUG's 2023-24 Board

- Leah Cobb Lee, Congregation President — [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com)
- Mike Hazlett, Vice President —
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- Mary Anthony, Treasurer — [maryanthony13@gmail.com](mailto:maryanthony13@gmail.com)
- Erin Parish, Secretary — [erinuu603@gmail.com](mailto:erinuu603@gmail.com)
- Norden Lucke, Trustee — [bobosuncoast@hotmail.com](mailto:bobosuncoast@hotmail.com)
- Tim Christy, Trustee — [tim.christy42@gmail.com](mailto:tim.christy42@gmail.com)
- Tom Mareci, Trustee — [thmareci@gmail.com](mailto:thmareci@gmail.com)



## HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

Please talk to an usher for information.



## 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](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com)