



## SUNDAY SERVICE ~ *March 3, 11:00 am* “Solar Power Transformation”

On February 15th, construction began on installing solar panels on our Fellowship Hall’s roof. This Sunday, we welcome Barry Jacobson of [Solar Impact](#) to our Fellowship’s pulpit as we introduce this month’s Touchstones theme of “Transformation.” Susan Christy serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages.

### 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-HIRLSg6lRfA/live>

## 1619 PROJECT CLASS *Sunday, March 3, 1:30 pm*

On March 3rd, don’t miss Richard MacMaster's third and last class on the 1619 Project. The class will be held in person in the Common Room and on Zoom.

Zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/j/98707395025?  
pwd=WTNQRmV5N1owYUNzY1ZjSWdhdVdYQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98707395025?pwd=WTNQRmV5N1owYUNzY1ZjSWdhdVdYQT09)

Passcode 889473

Meeting ID 987 0739 5025

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK MORNING *Saturday, March 9, 9:00 am*

Every second Saturday of the month, a dedicated group of volunteers spends the morning working on a variety of tasks to keep our Fellowship and Grounds looking beautiful. Stop by as your schedule allows for some camaraderie and healthy, constructive outdoor activities!

For info, contact Marilyn Roberts, Facilities Chair, at [mrobertsrn@gmail.com](mailto:mrobertsrn@gmail.com).

## MARCH IS UNBANNING BOOKS MONTH AT UUFG

### Banned Books Display *Sunday, March 3, 12:00 pm*

On Sunday, March 3, Social Justice will kick off Unbanning Books Month with an informational display in the Phillips Social Hall during coffee hour of the books we have purchased with our Foundation Grant and a donation from Vets for Peace. This coffee hour will also open the banned books library to check out at the book cart.

### UUFG’s Social Justice Council invites the Congregation to participate in Unbanning Books Month!

- Read a Banned book! Unfortunately, there are lots of opportunities for this. Check one out of our library or the public libraries. Our Public libraries are not yet subject to book bans so there are lots of books there you can read.
- Read a banned picture book to a child or lots of children.

### Readout in the Park with Zoharah Simmons *Sunday, March 24, 2:00 pm*

March 24<sup>th</sup> after church: Participate in our Readout in The Park organized by Social Justice member Zoharah Simmons.

We will hold our readout at the Plaza in front of City Hall at 200 E University Avenue from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

~ Mary Bahr

**UUFG FOUNDATION GRANT  
CYCLE BEGINS**

*Applications Due by Friday, March 29*

It's that time of year again! The Foundation is now accepting grant applications for this Spring 2024 cycle. If your committee or group has an idea that will improve UUFG building and grounds or programs, please consider submitting a grant proposal this month. Applications are due Friday, March 29, and we will make our decisions by early May.

New this cycle, applications can be filled out and submitted online at: <https://forms.gle/NmAftxSz9EWYEGGA>  
This Google Doc form is very user friendly. Some things to keep in mind:

There are options to 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 UUFG office.

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

In fellowship,

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

**NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION**

*Sunday, March 10, 12:00 pm*

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the March 10 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](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net) for more info.

**PETITION DRIVE FOR  
MEDICAID EXPANSION  
IN FLORIDA**

*Begins following training on  
Sunday, March 17, 1:30 pm*

The Social Justice Circle will be collecting petition signatures for Medicaid expansion in Florida beginning in March. 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.

***UUFG to Be Community Hub***

The Board has approved a Social Justice request to put a petition form drop box at the entrance of the Fellowship. This will make UUFG Social Justice a Community hub for collecting the petitions. Regional Hub Alachua County Labor Coalition will pick up the completed petitions from the lockbox each week and process and forward them to the State organization.

UUFG Social Justice will begin gathering Medicaid Expansion petitions after our training at the March 17th Circle meeting which will be available on Zoom. If you would like to help gather petitions please plan to attend this training on March 17th at 1:30 pm.

Lisa Renner is leading the petition Drive. Please contact Lisa if you would like to volunteer at [ejrenner@hotmail.com](mailto:ejrenner@hotmail.com).

~ Mary Bahr

**UUFG OFFICE CLOSED THIS  
COMING  
MONDAY & FRIDAY**

Cam Pierce, UUFG's Administrator, expects to be out of the office Monday, March 4 for jury duty. He will also be out of the office for spring break from Friday, March 8 through Wednesday, March 13

## UUG VOLUNTEERING AT FOOD4KIDS

*Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am*

Our Social Justice Circle is sponsoring a volunteer day at Food4Kids! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. We'll help out by filling backpacks with food and stocking the pantry.



If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Judi Oltmans for more details at [rjmsoltmans@yahoo.com](mailto:rjmsoltmans@yahoo.com).

Food4Kids is located at 350 NW 39th Ave Suite D, Gainesville, FL 32609

### **From [food4kidsfl.org](http://food4kidsfl.org):**

"The Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida fills backpacks with nonperishable food and distributes them to students in need, from kindergarten through high school. The kids bring these backpacks home on Friday and return them on Monday so they can be refilled for the following weekend."

## FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM COLLECTION *Continues Through May*

We are collecting food donations again for the Food4Kids program through May, when the school year ends. Food4Kids provides food-filled backpacks to many schools including the ones that our Pineridge kids attend.

Below is a list of the foods they need. Please drop off your donations into the folding shopping cart in the Phillips Social Hall.

### **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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Brendyn Prentice-Bryant, Kathryn Taubert, and Halina Nix!



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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org)).



## I AM GRATEFUL TO...

Huge thanks to *Bud Jones* for transferring the new Mac computer in the sound room. He took many hours of his time to get everything coordinated with the camera system and monitors and ready for Sunday service. Yay, Bud.

~ Erin Parish

Thank you to *Martha Soles* and the *UUG Book Circle* for hosting this past Sunday's coffee hour. Kudos to Martha, to Alice Primack and especially to *Marilyn Roberts*, who after all her labor for the very successful Rummage Sale, was in the kitchen after service doing clean-up!"

~ Susan Christy

Thanks to *Judi Oltmans* for helping prepare a stewardship mailing that went out on March 29!

~ Cam Pierce

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@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org).

## HUMANIST UU GROUP OF GAINESVILLE (HUUGG) DISCUSSION

*Sunday, March 3, 10:00 am*

Start your morning with an engaging conversation! Join our HUUGG Discussion Group in the Common Room (or via Zoom) at 10 am before service.

Questions? Contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com).

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98838567620>

## UUFG CALENDAR

### *Sunday, March 3 —*

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

**10:00 am** HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room — For info, contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto:kayanderson59@gmail.com))

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

**12:00 pm** Coffee Hour & Banned Books Presentation (Phillips Hall)

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

**12:30 pm** Middlers Class (Classroom 6 — Questions? Contact James Chase at [dre@uufg.org](mailto:dre@uufg.org))

**12:30 pm** Auction Event—Card Making with Erin Parish (Choir Room)

**12:30 pm** Touchstone Discussion Group (Classroom 7 — For info, contact Katelin Rhan at [katelinbeal1213@gmail.com](mailto:katelinbeal1213@gmail.com))

**12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)

**1:30 pm** 1619 Project Class (Common Room — for info, contact Mary Bahr Social Justice Council Chair, at [kmlisle.mary@gmail.com](mailto:kmlisle.mary@gmail.com))

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

### *Monday, March 4 —*

***UUFG Business Office closed***

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

### *Tuesday, March 5 —*

**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))

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

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

### *Thursday, March 7 —*

**7:00 pm** Chalice Choir (Sanctuary — For info about music programming, contact Kirsten Flamand at [kirstenflamand@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenflamand@gmail.com))

### *Friday, March 8 —*

***UUFG Business Office closed***

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

### *Saturday, March 9 —*

**8:00 am** Kripalu Yoga Classes (Sanctuary — For info, contact Susan Christy at [susan.christy42@gmail.com](mailto:susan.christy42@gmail.com))

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

### *Sunday, March 10 —*

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

**10:00 am** Children & Youth RE Committee (Common Room — For info, contact James Chase)

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

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

**12:15 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Begins at Welcome Table — For info, contact Judith Kendall at [judithkendall@cox.net](mailto:judithkendall@cox.net))

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

**12:30 pm** OWL Class (Classroom 4)

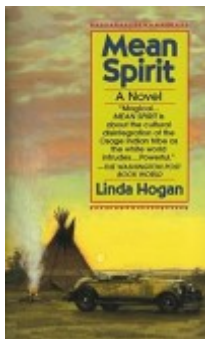
**3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR  
CELL PHONE

### 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.



However, because UUFG Social Justice is sponsoring three sessions on The 1619 Project through March, we have decided to postpone our common read discussions until later in the year and concentrate on The 1619 Project. 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, February 25, 67 adults attended service, while 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 [uoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uoffice@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!		
	March 3	March 10
Outside Greeter	Tom Palmer	
Welcome Table	Peggy Maloney Barbara Palmer	
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Vic Harrell
RE Monitor	Peggy Maloney	Norden Lucke
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Toni Wallace	
Audio-visual	Erin Parish Ricardo Sosa-Melo	Erin Parish

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

# LAST STARUDAY'S RUMMAGE SALE — SUCCESS AND FUN!

*Pictures courtesy of Harry Mangle*



# SOLAR POWER PROGRESS!!

