



SUNDAY, MAY 12, IS FLOWER COMMUNION

Flowers Requested!

Celebrating Mothers Day with a Flower Communion

On Sunday, May 12, we will honor Mothers and Mothering, and celebrate the Flower Communion, a Unitarian Universalist tradition. Sue Boon facilitates our service, with James Chase providing our story for all ages. Jane Kozhevnikova accompanies music.

If you are able, please bring a flower/some flowers to share. They will be combined into a lovely presentation, and all attendees will be able to take a flower home with them.

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>

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

This month, we celebrate May anniversaries of our membership.

- *Fifteen Years:* Carol and Jack Rivers
- *Seventeen Years:* Catherine Turner
- *Nineteen Years:* Art Newman
- *Thirty-Two Years:* Carrie Zubillaga
- *Forty-Nine Years:* Judith and Bob Kendall

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am

Eight new members will be introduced during the May 19 Sunday service. These eight members have completed the Path to Membership outlined in our Governing documents, including attending a Newcomers Orientation session and completing required paperwork.

If you are interested in becoming a member and have attended Newcomer Orientation, you could be included. Please contact Judith Kendall immediately to complete the necessary paperwork: judithkendall@cox.net, 352-727-8481.

If you have not attended a Newcomer Orientation session, all is not lost, as one is scheduled for this Sunday (May 12) following the service. Contact Judith or sign up at the visitor information table in the Phillips Social Hall immediately after service. Newcomer Orientation is offered monthly, and introductions of new members occur about twice a year.

VETS FOR PEACE' PEACE POETRY AND PEACE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, May 18, 2:00 pm

Each year, our Social Justice Council co-sponsors Vets for Peace' Peace Poetry and Peace Scholarship Ceremony at UUFG. Local students write poetry and complete for scholarships offered by Vets for Peace.

From the Vets for Peace website: the event intends "to stimulate discussion and critical thinking on tough subjects like war, bullying, racism, injustice, hate, environmental harm and inequality. By addressing these issues, we can begin to make them right."

Please consider attending this open-to-the-public event that consists of children reading Peace Poems and musical performances in our Sanctuary, followed by wonderful food and company in the Phillips Social Hall. For more information, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES

Petitions for a Constitutional Amendment for Medicaid Expansion

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

1. 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? 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.

Social Justice Circle
Sunday, May 19, 1:15

Mark your calendars for a Social Justice meeting at 1:15 pm in the Common Room on Sunday, May 19. We will be planning for next year. If you have ideas to share please attend in person in the Common Room or drop in on Zoom at

<https://zoom.us/j/93192413653?pwd=YjFxY2I0WW82VDhvdTcvZTZDZmJ6QT09> Meeting ID: 931 9241 3653
Passcode: 135760

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!

UUFG FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE

The UUFG Foundation funded four grants during our spring grant cycle. One was submitted by Debra Neill-Mareci for kitchen wear improvements.

Items bought with this grant money were lightweight matching dinner plates, small plates, bowls, serving platters, and stackable glasses. These replaced the assortment of heavier mis-matched plates, glasses, and bowls that were more difficult for volunteers to lift, stack, and organize.

Also purchased through this grant were a washable cutting board set and a knife sharpener to reuse the current knives.

Thank you to Hazel Hazlett for making recommendations for needed changes and to Debra for making these improvements to the UUFG kitchen supplies. They will be enjoyed during coffee hours and pot lucks for years to come

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

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Sunday, May 12, 12:00 pm

Newcomer orientation, an information session for people new to our congregation, will be held following the May 12 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Al Tweedy, Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer, Jenny Gavilánez-Slone, and Mary Gove!



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, May 11, 9:00 am

Stop by UUFG on Saturday, May 11, 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

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

~ New Location ~

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm

Thursday evening Pickleball continues for a few more weeks! However, the location has changed from our own parking lot to the Pickleball courts at Blues Creek. The gatherings are officially hosted by Blues Creek resident Liz Stewart.

Courts are located at 4923 NW 75 Lane. Parking is available as you enter Blues Creek itself from NW 43rd Street extension. The pool, clubhouse and tennis courts are on the right. If the adjoining lot is full, you can park on the road beside the courts. Please do not park on the grass! Restrooms are available in the clubhouse.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

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>

**I AM GRATEFUL TO...**

I appreciate the three new members who worked on Wednesday last week to mow and help clear our grounds near the 34th street sidewalk.

Steve Cecil, Susan Cone and George Dondanville all came to be introduced to the mower and grounds work at UUFG. Their hard work for two hours made a real difference!

~ Marilyn Roberts

Big thanks to *Sandra Topp* and *Hazel Hazlett*, who stepped up to host this past Sunday's Coffee Hour, such an important part of our church week. My guess/hope is, others lent a helping hand; thanks to them as well.

~ Susan Christy

My grateful thanks to *Bobby Mermer* from the Alachua County Labor Coalition and *Marilyn Roberts* who installed the new Medicaid Expansion Petition drop box for completed petitions in 90 degree heat! And to *Cam Pierce* who affixed the Medicaid Expansion Petition holder for unused petitions to the outside of his door.

~ Lisa Renner

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.

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.

RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, March 5, 68 adults attended service, Our YouTube channel shows 31 views of the service online.



UUGF'S CHALICE CHOIR

Our Chalice Choir's singing season has ended, but the memories remain! Many thanks to the Chalice Choir, Director Tané DeKrey, and Kirsten Flamand for all her work helping to coordinate music each week. Pictures by Debra Neill-Mareci





FOOD4KIDS FOOD 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)

~ Judi Oltmans



Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	May 12	May 19
Outside Greeter	Aaron Broadwell	
Welcome Table	Martha Harrell Vic Harrell	Joy Avery
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Jonathan Coron
RE Monitor	Norden Lucke	Diana Hagan
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Marcia Wolfe Dan Wolfe	Judith Kendall
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish



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

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUGF business and concerns submitted to the office (email uufice@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.

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



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 uufice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

UUFUG CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12 —

- 10:00 pm** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? Contact James Chase, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, at dre@uufg.org)
- 10:00 pm** CYREC Steering Committee (Common Room)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 pm** Newcomer Orientation (Starts at Welcome Table — For info, contact Judith Kendall at judithkendall@cox.net)
- 12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)
- 3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)

Monday, May 13 —

- 12:30 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary — note the new hours. GBC will no meet on Monday evenings)
- 6:30 pm** Care Team (Common Room — Questions? Contact Jim Wright, Care Team Chair, at jim.wright123@gmail.com)

Tuesday, May 14 —

- 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 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 uualdosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, May 15 —

- 7:00 pm** Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (Phillips Hall — For info, click [HERE](#))
- 7:00 pm** Questors Discussion Group (Common Room — closed group)

Thursday, May 16 —

- 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, May 17 —

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

Saturday, May 18 —

- 2:00 pm** Vets-for Peace — Peace Poetry and Peace Scholarship Ceremony (Sanctuary and Phillips Hall — For info, contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)

Sunday, May 19 —

- 9:45 am** UUFUG Foundation (Classroom 3 — Questions? Contact Jeanne Gossman, UUFUG Foundation Chair, at jggossman@yahoo.com)
- 10:00 am** Childcare (Classroom 5 — Questions about Religious Education at UUFUG? 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)
- 12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)
- 1:15 pm** Social Justice Circle (Common Room — Questions? contact Mary Bahr, Social Justice Council Chair, at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com)
- 3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)