



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am

**Buddhism and Free Thought
& New Member Recognition**

This Sunday, Aaron Broadwell is in the Fellowship's pulpit, exploring the topic of Buddhism & Free Thought. Tom Mareci serves as worship associate, and Jane Kozhevnikova accompanies music on piano.

At this service, we will also formally welcome new members to our Fellowship, and we will "share the plate" with [Peaceful Paths](#).

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>

FOUNDATION GRANT — CAMELLIAS!

The UUGF Foundation awarded four grants this spring cycle. One of these grants, submitted by Joy Avery and Marilyn Roberts, will go toward camellia clean up in the UUGF Memory Garden.

The Memory Garden is populated with 44 beautiful colorful camellias. Unfortunately, the shrubs are overgrown and covered with prickly vines and Virginia creeper. Weeds are growing up from the ground and vines are descending from the trees. The area needs pruning and cleanup that requires professional equipment, expertise and labor. The grant will cover the cost of contracting with a licensed, insured maintenance crew to clean and prune the area.

The Memory Garden is a special place to many members, friends, and visitors to UUGF. It is a place of tranquility and deserving of proper care and maintenance. Thank you Joy and Marilyn for submitting this grant application.

SHARE THE PLATE WITH PEACEFUL PATHS

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Peaceful Paths is the certified domestic violence center serving Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. They offer a wide range of services such as emergency shelter, helpline, victim advocacy, education and support, crisis counseling and support groups, and violence prevention programs.

At the May 19 Service, all non-designated offerings will be given to Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network.

You may contribute to our Share the Plate collection in several ways:

1. Simply put money in the offering basket on Sunday.
2. Send a check to the Fellowship with "Share the Plate" in the memo line.
3. Use the QR code below 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. Please put "share the plate" in the notes field.



HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



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

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!



A BRIEF NOTE ON THE UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

By Leah Cobb Lee,
Congregation President

This summer, the [UUA General Assembly](#) will be 100% virtual (the GA will be in-person only in alternate years as part of the effort to reduce our association's carbon footprint).

I have attended GA virtually for the past three years and have always found it engaging and fulfilling. I highly recommend it! This year will be even better because we will have many opportunities to gath

er in-person at UUFG to participate in GA. If you are interested in helping plan some of these events, please reach out to me at leahcobblee@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Fred Judkin and Chris Vulpe!



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).

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

~ New Location ~

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm

Thursday evening Pickleball continues for a few more weeks! Come join the game at 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.

FROM THE UUGF CARE TEAM

Did You Know there is a number to call when you are depressed?

It's easy to feel anxious, depressed or worried. There are so many challenges affecting us today that it is easy to feel overwhelmed and not sure where to turn for help and support. We don't want to overburden our friends and close family members. Maybe its evening or the weekend and our doctor's or therapist's office is closed. What can we do?

One answer is the Florida Warm Line: (800) 945-1355. It is open from 4 pm to 10 pm 365 days a year. Here, you can talk to someone about any mental health issue or concern that is bothering you. It may be anxiety, depression or something else. It is not intended for emergencies or possible suicide. Rather, this is a place to turn to when most doctors and therapists are closed and you just feel you need to talk to someone, without burdening friends or family. Here is more information from the Warm Line website:

The Florida Warm Line is a FREE resource open 365 days a year from 4 to 10 pm: perfectly timed to be available after traditional mental health resources are closed for the day. This phone line was launched in 2016 and is run by the Florida Department of Children and Families through a partnership with the Peer Support Coalition of Florida.

The goal of this phone line is to empower and uplift people to take their mental health into their own hands. And also, to support them in that journey with people who truly understand what they are going through. Operators help you identify the root issue needing attention, and will ensure you have all the care you need because everything you experience matters. The Florida Warm Line number is 1-800-945-1355.

This phone line is for adults 18+ who are dealing with mental health issues. Family members that need support for a loved one can benefit from using the Florida Warm Line. One example includes tips on how to be the best supporter for your loved one in need.

If you are ever feeling lonely, without support, and need someone to talk to, (even if it's just about your day or a funny joke you need to share) don't hesitate to call.

For more information visit: www.kipuhealth.com/resources/the-florida-warm-line-is-here-for-you.

If you or a loved one are in crisis or having suicidal thoughts, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be reached at 988. The Alachua County Crisis Center can be reached at 352-264-6789.

MEDITATION FOR CELLO & PIANO

Steve Atlas, a member of UUGF, wrote this Meditation for cello and piano for his father. It was performed as part of the Choir Concert on May 3.

Steve's stepson made a video of that performance. We are pleased to include a link to the video of that performance for any of you who missed the performance or anyone who would enjoy hearing it again.



[Video \(1\).mov](#)

I AM GRATEFUL TO...



I want to thank everyone who brought flowers to the Flower Communion at last Sunday's service. A special acknowledgment to *Kay, Noëlle*, and several other folks who gathered the flowers into vases, brought

them into the sanctuary, and cleaned up afterwards. It takes a village...

~ Sue Boone

Big thanks to *Lynn Jamieson, Elizabeth Farris* and *Marilyn Roberts* for hosting last Sunday's Coffee Hour, and to all those who responded to the request for goodies and brought in sustenance. We really are good together!

~ Susan Christy

Do you have a "gratitude" to share, expressing appreciation for someone working "behind the scenes" to make UUGF a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uoffice@uufg.org.

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

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

Results of the May 7, 2024 Congregational Meeting					
	Total Yes	Total No	Total abstain	Percent Yes	Comment
Motion: To approve the May 7, 2023 Congregational Meeting minutes.	62	0	1	100.00	
Motion: To approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 operating budget.	63	0	1	100.00	
Motion to Approve Bylaws	40	1	1	97.56	
Motion: To elect the following slate of Officers to the Governing Board Trustee Tim Christy (two-year term) Trustee Norden Lucke (two-year term)	59	0	2	100.00	
Motion: To elect the following individuals as a member of the Leadership Development Committee: Member Joseph Rowe	61	1	1	98.39	
At General Assembly 2024, delegates will vote on whether an amended version of Article II should be adopted as the new Article II of the UUA bylaws. The final version of Article II was presented to the UUA board in October 2023 after a number of amendments by the 2023 General Assembly. Our Fellowship is sending four delegates to GA 2024. This ballot item provides our delegates with a sense of our congregation's collective stand on this issue while recognizing that the version of Article II that is ultimately put to a vote may not be exactly what we're reading today. Motion: To affirm that Unitarian Universalists should adopt an amended version of Article II as the new Article II of the UUA by-laws.	36	22	6	62.07	We have four delegates, and 62.1 rounds down to 50%, so two of our four delegates should vote yes and the other two should vote no.
UUFUG has been invited to endorse a resolution calling for a "cease-fire amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in Gaza," to be presented to the Alachua County Commission. Although the resolution is planned to be presented to the ACC before our annual meeting, the board felt it was best to move ahead with a vote so that 1) the board has guidance in case the resolution is presented to the Commission a third time and 2) that our UUFUG delegates to the 2024 UUA GA will have guidance in case they are presented with a vote regarding the Israel-Hamas war.. Motion: To endorse "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE AMID THE ONGOING ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR IN GAZA"	57	1	3	98.28	

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFUG



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

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.



RECENT ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, March 12, 63 adults attended service, Our YouTube channel shows 31 views of the service online.

Go directly to our Vanco page via this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home>



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.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	May 19	May 26
Outside Greeter	Diane DePuydt	
Welcome Table	Joy Avery Alice Primack	Alice Primack
Foyer Monitor	Jonathan Coron	Ben Lee
RE Monitor	Diana Hagan	Ben Lee
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Marcia Wolfe Dan Wolfe	Alice Primack
Audio-visual	Erin Parish	Erin Parish

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

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

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.

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.

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19 —

- 9:45 am** UUFG Foundation (Classroom 3 — Questions? Contact Jeanne Gossman, UUFG Foundation Chair, at jggossman@yahoo.com)
- 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** Ministerial Search Committee (Classroom 3 — Questions? Contact Norden Lucke at bobosuncoast@hotmail.com)
- 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)

Monday, May 20 —

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

Tuesday, May 21 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com or Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — For info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, May 22 —

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

Thursday, May 23 —

- 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 24 —

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

Saturday, May 25 —

- 4:00 pm** Ann Horowitz Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Phillips Social Hall — Private event)

Sunday, May 26 —

- 10:00 am** Messy Playdate (Playground — 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)
- 12:30 pm** RE for Children (Classroom 5)
- 3:00 pm** Joy of the Lord Outreach Ministries (Sanctuary & Phillips Hall)

