



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Sunday, May 26, 11:00 am*

### UU Principles Applied in the Prison System

This Sunday, Jonathan Coron, a member of UUFG and former wellness education specialist with the Florida Department of Corrections, will share his use of UU Principles in his interactions with and programs for inmates, and occasionally with the staff. Sue Boone serves as worship associate, and 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-HIRLSg6lRfA/live>

## UUFG BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSED

*Monday, May 27*

*Friday, May 31 — Friday June 7*

The Fellowship's office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

### Volunteers Needed

Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, is on vacation from Friday, May 31 through Friday, June 7.

Our Fellowship could use a few volunteers to check phone messages, walk the grounds, change the front sign and generally help ensure that our Fellowship remains in good shape. If you'd like to help, please email Cam at [uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org). Thanks!

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 pm*

Normally, our Governing Board holds its monthly meeting on the fourth Monday of each month. However, in observance of Memorial Day, the Board will meet on Tuesday, May 28 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=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

[pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94077032344?pwd=WE94Y3hmVFJrcmZla1Fkd0FOTGJ0dz09)

Meeting ID: 940 7703 2344 / Passcode: 321615

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

## BOB KENDALL

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Saturday, May 25, 11:00 am*

Members and friends are invited to attend a service celebrating Bob Kendall's life on Saturday, May 25 at 11 am in the Sanctuary. A luncheon follows in the Phillips Social Hall.

#### In This Gazette:

- UUA General Assembly 2024
- April Financial Report
- Absentee Ballot initiative
- Medicaid Expansion Petition Drive
- Food4Kids collection continues through this Sunday
- Gratitudes, Calendar, Sunday Facilitators, Birthdays and more!

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

#### 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 UUFUG 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.

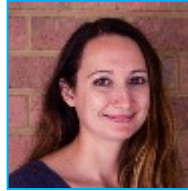
This effort will continue until the November election.

#### UUFUG Banned Books Library

The UUFUG Banned Books Library is open for check-out! 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!

#### GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette is reserved for UUFUG 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.



#### 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 gather in-person at UUFUG to participate in GA. If you are interested in helping plan some of these events, please reach out to me at [leahcobblee@gmail.com](mailto:leahcobblee@gmail.com).

#### 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



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICE

I AM GRATEFUL TO...



Big thanks to *Debra Neill-Mareci* for stepping up to host last Sunday's Coffee Hour. The *Questors Touchstones Group* that Debra facilitated has disbanded, and we thank Debra and that whole group for the many times they hosted Coffee Hour. Their contributions to our Sunday morning social hour will be missed!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish "happy birthday" to Remy Chase, Harry Mangle, Liz Stewart, Helena Boehling, Bryn Mathews and Jeff Stevens!



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)).

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

Thursday, May 30, 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.

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>

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](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org) / 352-377-1669.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

|          | April                       | YTD                           |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income   | \$32,274 (budget: \$26,524) | \$266,435 (budget: \$265,240) |
| Expenses | \$22,149 (budget: \$31,013) | \$210,239 (budget: \$312,426) |
| Net      | <b>\$10,125</b>             | <b>\$56,196</b>               |

Year-to-Date numbers here reflect our general fund's cumulated income and expenses from July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

Please note that detailed financial reports are included in the monthly board meeting package that is emailed to the congregation prior to the Governing Board's monthly meeting. If you have questions, please contact Cam Pierce, Congregational Administrator, at [uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org), or Mary Anthony, Treasurer, at [maryanthony13@gmail.com](mailto:maryanthony13@gmail.com).

| <b>Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!</b> |                           |                    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                                       | <b>May 26</b>             | <b>June 2</b>      |
| Outside Greeter                       |                           |                    |
| Welcome Table                         | Alice Primack             |                    |
| Foyer Monitor                         | Ben Lee                   | Jonathan Coron     |
| RE Monitor                            | Ben Lee                   | Peggy Maloney      |
| Ushers                                | Debra Neill-Mareci        | Debra Neill-Mareci |
| Visitors Table                        | Marcia Wolfe<br>Dan Wolfe |                    |
| Audio-visual                          | Erin Parish               | Erin Parish        |

**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)

**UUGG CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 26 —**

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

**Monday, May 27 — Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**12:30 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary — note the new hours. GBC will no meet on Monday evenings)

**Tuesday, May 28 —**

**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))

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

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

**Thursday, May 30 —**

**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@uugg.org](mailto:admin@uugg.org))

**Friday, May 31— Office Closed**

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

**Saturday, June 1 —**

**10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — Questions? Contact Peggy Maloney, FoC Chair, at [maloney1952.pm@gmail.com](mailto:maloney1952.pm@gmail.com))

**Sunday, June 2 —**

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

**10:00 am** HUUGG / Humanist Class (Common Room & Zoom — Questions? Contact Kay Anderson at [kayanderson59@gmail.com](mailto: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)



**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

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