

March Theme - Practicing Humility:

Let go of certainty

Check your assumptions

Release attachments

Embrace imperfection

Learn and grow from mistakes



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Sundays at UUCG

10:00 am Faith Development
11:00 am Worship Service

March 4
Humility and Imperfection - A Service of Compassionate Presence
Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader
Toby Lyles Worship Associate
Bryan Bishop, Pianist
Choir warm-up before service

March 11
Give Good Gifts
Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader
Lorena Gay-Griffin, Worship Associate
Bryan Bishop, Pianist
Choir warm-up before service

March 18
Humble Is As Humble Does
Lydia Patrick Service Leader
Sherree Bailey, Worship Associate
Choir warm-up before service
Potluck Lunch & Vegan Cookoff, UU 103

March 25
*Walk Humbly with Your God**
Rev. Taddeo Service Leader
Daniel Bailey Worship Associate
Bryan Bishop, Pianist
Michael off. No choir



March plate contributions are shared equally with Peace of Thread, a non-profit group helping women refugees rebuild their lives.
www.peaceofthread.com

Assisted Listening Devices Available 
Wheelchair Accessible 

Corley Elementary Thanks You for the 2018 Teacher Appreciation Event



UUCG provided fruit platters, veggie trays, cheeses, and sweet and salty snacks.

Teachers and staff send many thanks back to all of you.

Cheers to the Chili Cook-Off winners!



We raised \$135 for the UUCG 2019 Operating Budget!

- 1st Place: Ben & Jennifer Lower
- 2nd Place: Peggy & Dave Averyt
- 3rd Place: Nathalie Bigord

UU 103



March 18 After Service

MLK, Jr.'s Telegram to the UUA: Stories from Selma

Vegan Cook-off

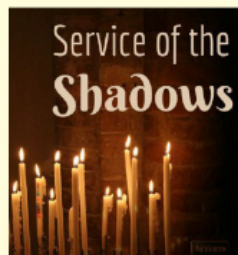


March 18 After Service

Visit www.uucg.org and select "Register" to enter your recipe or story!

Register

Good Friday Service



Friday, March 30 7:30 pm

Jan Taddeo and Bob Patrick, Service Leaders

Bryan Bishop and Michael Parker, Music Leaders

A contemplative service to reflect on the story of Jesus' last hours

Visit Gibbs Garden



Tuesday, March 27 10:00 am

Hosted by SAGE
Tickets \$16-\$20
1987 Gibbs Drive, Ball Ground, GA

Register

Field trip to El Refugio and Stewart Detention Center



Saturday April 14 6:30am - 7 pm.
RSVP due April 5

Contact JoAnn at joannweiss@hotmail.com
Presentation on March 4 After Service too

New Adult / Young Adult Potluck Meet and Greet



Sunday, April 15 5pm-8pm

Hosted by Rev. Taddeo 1811 Shoreline Trace, Grayson, GA 30017

Contact Jo Benschhof Joannabeshoof@gmail.com

Register

Visit www.uucg.org & select "Calendar of Events" for details!

Send your news to Announcements@uucg.org by noon on Tuesdays.



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We are a radically welcoming sanctuary in a green space. We foster spiritual growth as we joyfully nurture connections and community within our walls and beyond.



Nuture your SPIRIT. Help HEAL our world.

“Here you will be cared for and called upon to care for others.”

Stewardship

- **Annual Pledge.** Members are asked to make an annual financial pledge each Fall in the amount of their choice. Gifts of 2% or more of disposable income help keep UUCG financially strong.
- **Birthday Club.** Give a \$1 for each year you're celebrating on your birthday to help grow the Endowment Fund. Write "Birthday Club" on the memo line..
- **Amazon.** Visit www.uucg.org and click on the Amazon link at the bottom and UUCG will receive 4% or more of your purchase.
- **Kroger Community Rewards.** Visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to register your Kroger Plus Card. You keep all your points & Kroger gives to UUCG based on your purchases. Select "My Account" to login and add UUCG (19343).
- **Planet Green Recycle.** Place these unwanted or used electronics in the bin in the Lounge for UUCG to submit for funds: Inkjet Cartridges, Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories, GPS & Radar Detectors, Mobile Hot Spots, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, digital/video cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, video game consoles & handhelds, video games & accessories, laser/toner cartridges.
- **Blue Boat Bargains.** Visit our store on e-Bay or make a donation to UUCG when you shop on e-Bay or donate items for UUCG to sell on e-Bay.
- **UUCG Sales.** Fair trade coffee, chocolate, and cocoa at the Equal Exchange cabinet, books and jewelry and other items from our Bookstore, artwork from the gallery, and CDs from the Tech Team all benefit the UUCG operating budget.

Grow & Connect by Getting Involved!

- If you are interested in learning more about what's involved in serving in an elected position at UUCG, or want to recommend someone to serve, please contact Thomas Yun, Katrina Yurko, or Denise Benshoof.
- Worship Associate applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Laboratory classroom. They are due by March 15. Contact Bob Patrick or Rev. Taddeo.
- Pastoral Care Associate applications are available on the bulletin board outside the Laboratory classroom. They are due by March 31. Contact Wally Watson or Rev. Taddeo.

Faith in Action

Living our values

Give Away the Plate



UUCG shares Sunday morning offering with selected non-profit groups as a way to acknowledge our gratitude and give to our community. UUCG members, youth, and staff can nominate an organization. Current plate recipient is Peace of Thread, a group helping women refugees to rebuild. Contact the team at giveawaytheplate@uucg.org.

Yarns from the Heart, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00am



Knitters and crocheters gather to create prayer shawls, baby blankets and other fiber gifts for members & friends of UUCG and the wider community. Contact Laura at Ldecastro@uucg.org.

Immigration: Two Opportunities

Presentation: A Bird's Eye View - Sunday March 4 12:30-1:30. This presentation will begin with a few working definitions: undocumented, refugee, asylum seeker. It will discuss the growth of the immigration detention system since 1996 (especially since 9/11/2001) and the role of prisons-for-profit. It will bring you up-to-date of what is happening under Trump – and what is happening in our own Gwinnett County. It will discuss the violation of civil and human rights at Stewart Detention Center – one of the nation's largest immigration detention centers- in Lumpkin, GA. Finally, we'll talk about the work of El Refugio, a small but mighty hospitality house and visitation program one mile from SDC.

Field Trip: Visit Stewart Detention Center & El Refugio - April 14. This will be an all-day excursion, but so very worthwhile. Contact JoAnn Weiss by April 5 to register.

Words of Wisdom? is a ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett. Each month, our community focuses on a particular theme. Through this blog, we invite you to explore these themes with us through daily reflections that may become for you a way of finding wisdom in your day. Or, they may lead you to your own reflections that deepen wisdom. Visit www.uucg.org.





UU Singer- Songwriter
Peter Mayer
 In Concert
 at UUCG

Friday, March 2nd
 8:00 pm
 (Doors open at 7:30)

\$15 advance, \$20 at the door

Loved for Songs like Blueboat Home, Holy Now, and Church of the Earth

Register online using "Register for Events" button at www.uucg.org
 or with this link: <http://www.jotform.us/form/13535224736>
 (Make checks payable to Peter Mayer)

12 Bethesda Church Rd, Lawrenceville, GA, 30044
www.uucg.org

Visit www.blueboat.net to learn more about Peter Mayer.

Collection for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalist

In 2015, a new organizing collective called Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) was formed. BLUU provides information, resources and support for Black Unitarian Universalists (UU) and works to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith. UUCG is targeting \$10 per member by March 11th to donate toward the \$1,000,000 matching grant to fund BLUUs work. Make checks payable to UUCG and write BLUU on the memo line; place cash in an envelope marked BLUU and drop in collection plate on Sunday, or go to the UUCG home page and click on Give button at the top right (write BLUU in the comments.) For more information contact Barbara Stahnke treasurer@uucg.org.

Movie Night
Save the Date



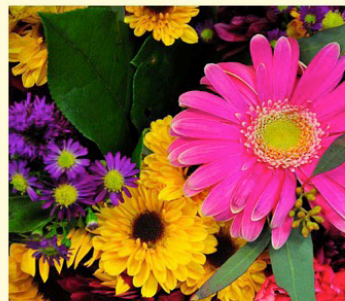
Saturday, March 31

Doors open at 6:30 pm
 Film begins at 7:00 pm.

Hosted by Green Team

Flower Ceremony

The Joy & the Suffering of Humanity



Sunday, April 1
11:00 am

Rev. Taddeo, Service Leader
 Miriam Patrick, Worship Associate

Bring a flower from your garden to share



Steve and Karen working with an environment class at Georgia Gwinnett to build birdhouses for brown headed nuthatches.

Wake Now Our Vision



The SAGE group recently had a great informative presentation on estate planning. While many of us are considering changes, we would like to remind you to sign up for the UUAs *Wake Now Our Vision* campaign.

You have until the end of 2018 to sign up and register a future estate gift to UUCG or the UUCG Endowment Fund. In 2019 the campaign will send us a matching payment of 10% of your future gift. Where else can you get to see the benefit of a stewardship gift during your lifetime. If you have questions about the program, please contact Doug Beers (dougbeers@bellsouth.net) .

Please also consider making a Birthday Club donation to the Endowment Fund in the amount of the years you are celebrating. It is our primary source for new funds which are placed in social responsible investments to insure the long term financial future for UUCG.

Health Fair Happenings



The 2018 Health Fair was held at UUCG on Feb. 24 and featured 20 exhibitors and 5 speakers. Thank you to Nathalie Bigord's company, Atlanta's Best Home Nursing Care, for their \$150 sponsorship of this event, and to Barbara Jenkins' realtor sponsorship of \$50. Thanks to these UUCG members for participating as an Exhibitor: Paige Varner with Birth Companion Doula Services; Lydia Patrick showing how Tupperware can help reduce your carbon footprint; Mandy Miller with The Creative Center for Wellness; Jen Garrison with Me2/Orchestra

Atlanta; Terry Welsher and Bill Kennedy with Citizens Climate Lobby; Sara Heath for doing free blood pressure checks at the Health Fair and Sharon Yun with demonstrations on using Cutco Knives to prepare healthy meals. Thanks to Sherree Bailey, who raised \$65 doing 10 minute massages. Patty Riehm did an awesome job as one of our featured speakers, and trained many people during this event on the "Hands Only" CPR method. Although the turn-out of attendees was disappointing, a total of \$1,115 was raised for the 2018 Operating Budget from this event. Talk to Peggy Averyt if you are willing to head up this event next year. THANK YOU PEGGY!



Serving with Grace: Just the Facts

And PLEASE READ this info on church furlough

In keeping with our efforts to make the GNUUs leaner and, hopefully, more enticing, I'm going to cut to the chase - here's what your board of trustees acted on in our February business meeting.

- If you only read one thing here, please make it this: We have a furlough planned for June 16-30, per our budget, in order to make ends meet. The board has opted to close the church ENTIRELY during the furlough, so that staff members are not alone in bearing the brunt of this action. This isn't meant to be a punishment for our staff members! We will all share the pain.
- The board voted in favor of moving toward policy-based governance (as discussed at the last town hall). We are now reviewing what bylaws will need to be changed to make that happen.

Worship Services, Sunday at 11:00am



Our services are led by our minister, the Rev. Jan Taddeo, and our wonderful team of Service Leaders and Worship Associates. This is our sacred time to gather in sacred space to recall our true selves, reflect on the meaning of our lives, and explore questions of ultimacy together. All ages are welcome in our worship services. A nursery offers childcare for youngest ages. Children aged 5-8 begin in service and are invited to explore together in a program space.

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Faith Development for all Ages, Sundays at 10:00am



March Theme: Humility

March 5: Forum

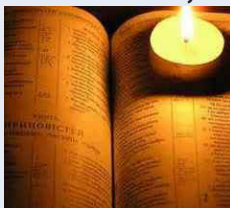
March 12: Spiritual Practices

March 18: Faith in Action

March 25: Earth-Centered practices

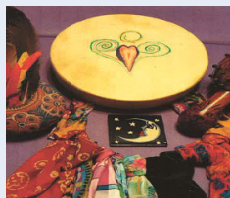
Contact faithdevelopment@uucg.org.

The Seekers, Third Sundays at 12:30pm



The Seekers explore the great religious books and texts of the world. We have no prescribed theology and honor each person's spiritual path toward enlightenment, comfort and reason. We invite you to join us if you have an interest in theological writings and would like to share your views in an open, accepting environment. We meet the third Sunday of the month in the Laboratory. Grab a plate from the potluck and come on down. Contact: Debra Greenwood debra404@gmail.com.

The New Moon Women's Circle, select Fridays



A group meets monthly on the Friday closest to the New Moon at 6:30 pm.

This group is open to cis women, trans women, and nonbinary people who are comfortable in a space focused on the divine feminine. We share in a ceremony handed down from the Chumash tradition that involves several rounds of ritual including rattling, drumming, prayer, meditation, song, food, and eating. The purpose of this group is to celebrate the divine feminine and join our energy for healing of self, family, community, and earth. Contact: Paige at paigevamer@gmail.com.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Teens



Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information and helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. OWL provides a safe and judgment free environment to ask questions and get answers leading to informed choices. Program rotates with Coming of Age. Classes began in January for the 2017-2018 program year.

Sylvan Sanctuary: 8 Gatherings a Year, 6:00-8:00pm with Magical Arts at 3:30



The Druids have a vital relationship with the Earth, celebrate the Sun and its sacred days, hear the call to the inner life, and are weaving a wisdom that is both personal and communal. Sylvan Sanctuary hosts 8 rituals a year at the four seasons, solstices and cross quarters of the year. On March 17, come and celebrate the Spring Equinox. All ages are invited to Magical Arts of the Crafty Pagan at 3:30pm before rituals.

Contact Bob Patrick at robert.patrick59@gmail.com for details.

Two Hands Sangha on Sundays at 6:00pm



The Two Hands Sangha Mindfulness and Meditation Community invites members and friends of UUCG to its Sunday evening meditation practice.

Visit www.twohandssangha.org to learn more.

Music & Art

Choir

**Practice Tues. 7pm,
Warm-up Sun. 10:15am**

If you enjoy singing with others, come practice on Tuesdays, then warm-up on Sundays before worship service.

Contact: Michael at mparker@uucg.org

Music Night

**1st & 3rd Mondays,
6pm**

People of all ages and music abilities practice, perform, and share musical gifts. Bring your music stand, instrument and music.

Contact: Barbara at bstahnke@comcast.net

Me2Orchestra

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Are you a musician who plays classical music and is interested in erasing the stigma surrounding mental illness? Add your name to the interested group by contacting Jen at 1blonde.violin@gmail.com

Jam Night

Gathering Interest

If you would like to see a UU house band or interested musicians gather to play music periodically, contact Contact: Ben at jamnight@uucg.org.

Art Gallery

Enjoy work of local artists. A portion of the proceeds benefit UUCG. Contact Diana Dice at dpdice@hotmail.com for purchases.

Book Club, fourth Tuesdays at 7:00pm



All are welcome to a time of bonding, great discussion, and fellowship. Contact bookclub@uucg.org.

Boy Scouts of America, Mondays at 7pm



UUCG hosts Boy Scout Troop 99 for boys in grades 6-11. The troop meets in the Playhouse. Contact Maryjane Stout or Don Graff.

The Oak Grove Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)



CUUPS meets about every 3 weeks on Saturdays with potluck dinner at 5pm and program at 7pm. Childcare provided. Contact CUUPS@uucg.org for more details.

Covenant Groups



Covenant Groups participants build community and listening skills as they delve deep into worship themes at 8 gatherings. Go to www.uucg.org and click on "Register" to sign-up for upcoming groups. Contact Carol at CovenantGroupTeam@uucg.org for details.

Gwinnett: Understanding Secular Truths (GUST), Second Mondays at 7:00pm



GUST supports atheism, skepticism, and secular humanism and works to encourage community and friendships. Visit <http://brights.meetup.com/295/> or contact Dylan at gust@uucg.org.

Men's Breakfast on Third Saturdays at 8:00am



The Men's Breakfast group gathers on third Saturdays at Eagles Landing Cafe and Grill at 3001 River Dr, Lawrenceville, GA 30044 at the corner of Oak Rd. and River Dr.

Contact Doug at mensbreakfast@uucg.org.

Potluck Lunch & Membership Classes, Third Sundays



UUCG's 3rd Sunday potluck lunch provides a great opportunity for food, fun, & fellowship. Please bring a generous quantity of something yummy to share. Labeling dishes helps return items to their owner and helps welcome those with dietary concerns (vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.). Visitor Orientation (UU 101) & new Member (UU 102) classes are held on 3rd Sundays of even months too. Visit www.uucg.org and select "Register for Events" or just come!

Vegan Cook-off Contest on March 18!

SAGE (Seniors Aging with Grace and Enthusiasm)



If you're interested in special events with other UUCG seniors, contact the office at info@uucg.org to be added to the SAGE email group. Next outing is March 27 to Gibbs Garden. Contact SAGE@uucg.org.

Spiral Scouts, 2nd Sundays at 12:30pm



Spiral Scouts is for all children aged 3-12 and meets on the 2nd Sunday each month at 12:30pm in the Garden.

Contact cuups@uucg.org for more.

Tai Chi on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm



All ages and levels are welcome to Tai Chi at UUCG. Wear comfortable clothes and flat soft shoes or sock feet work fine. Contact Rob at taichi@uucg.org.

Walkers Group



Walks are determined by participants. Contact Wally at walkers@uucg.org if you'd like to learn more about opportunities to walk with UUCG friends and be added to the email list.

Yoga on Wednesdays at 6:00pm



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Yoga brings balance to the body, mind, and spirit through the use of breath and movement. This class is good for all ages and skill levels and includes pose modifications. The first class is free.

Thereafter, a 7 session pass is \$70, or drop-in is \$15 per session. JoAnn has been practicing yoga for eight years and is registered with Yoga Alliance. To register call JoAnn Weiss at 770-789-0785.

Youth Group



Discussion meetings take place on the First Sunday of each month during the 10:00 hour. Planning meetings are held on third Sundays, during potluck lunch after the Worship Service at 1:00pm.

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Parish Minister

RevTaddeo@uucg.org
Cell: 678-558-4834
Hours: Mon-Wed. 11am-9pm
Appointments scheduled at:
<https://revtaddeo.acuityscheduled.com/>

Building Open

Sunday: 9:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday: 10:00am-3:30pm
Friday: 10:00am-3:00pm
By Appointment: 770-717-7913

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