

# The gnuus

Gwinnett News for Unitarian Universalists

December 2018-January 15, 2019 newsletter for UUCG



**Sundays at UUCG**  
**10:00am Faith Development**  
**11:00am Worship Service**  
**December Theme: Peace**

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Miriam Patrick, Worship Associate

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**Congregational Meeting, Pot-luck, UU 101**

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Daniel Kelly, Service Leader

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Sherree Bailey, Worship Associate

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*Plate contributions are shared equally with IRC,  
International Rescue Committee*



**Assisted Listening Devices Available**  
**Wheelchair Accessible**



**Gift Card Drive  
for Families of  
Corley Elementary**



**December 2nd through the 16th**

Please bring Walmart Gift Cards  
In \$5 increments up to \$25  
Please write the amount on the card.  
You may drop them off in small green gift bags in the back of the sanctuary and foyer.

**Social Justice Meeting**

**December 2 from 12:30-2pm  
In the Library**



**MeToo Women's Reflection Circle**

4 Wednesdays  
7-9PM  
December 5 & 12  
January 2 & 9



A safe and supportive space for women to talk about their experience with sexual abuse. Please commit to all four sessions. Register online or contact Rev. Jan Taddeo for more info.

**Congregational Meeting  
December 16 After Service**

**Discuss and Vote on**

- 2019 Budget**
- By-law for proxy voting**
- Mortgage refinance**

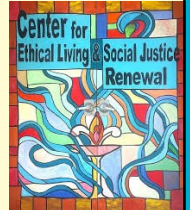
Pick up more information in the foyer



**Service Learning Journey**

**March 30 - April 3**

Please come with us to the CELSJR in New Orleans, LA. Must Register by Dec. 15 Led by Rev. Jan Taddeo And Dan Kelly More info in the Family Faith Journeys Flier



**Articulating your UU Faith**



December 2 from 1-3pm

In the Playhouse

Open to Everyone

led by Rev. Jan Taddeo

Learn about how to share our faith with others

**Bake Sale Fundraiser**

**Bake Day December 15 10am-2pm  
Bake Sale December 16 after Service**

Volunteers Needed!  
\$10/Supplies per household  
Sponsor a household by putting \$10 in the offering in an envelope labeled bake sale.



**Spring Covenant Groups begin in January**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7-9pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> OR 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays 7-9pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 10am-12pm

<https://form.jotform.com/Syun/registration>



Visit [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) & select "Calendar of Events" for details  
Send your news to Announcements at [uucg.org](http://uucg.org) by noon on Tuesdays.



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

## Stewardship

### Funding Our Vision

- **Annual Pledge.** Our shared ministry is funded by the generous gifts of members and friends. Gifts of 2% or more of net income helps UUCG in becoming a strong and vital faith community.
- **Birthday Club.** Give a dollar for every year you're celebrating on your birthday to grow our Endowment Fund. Write "Birthday Club" on the memo line.
- **Amazon.** Visit [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) and click on the Amazon link at the bottom. UUCG will receive 4% or more of your purchase.
- **Kroger Rewards.** Visit [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://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 (NV919).
- **Planet Green Recycle.** Place unwanted or used electronics in the bin in the Lounge for UUCG to submit for funds: inkjet cartridges, laser/toner 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.
- **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.** Contributions for 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.

# Faith in Action...Living Our Values

## Yarns from the Heart Care Shawl Ministry, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00am



Knitters, crocheters, quilters and other fiber artists gather to create prayer shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets, hats, scarves, and other gifts for members, friends, and the wider community. Join us! Contact us at [yarnsfromtheheart@uucg.org](mailto:yarnsfromtheheart@uucg.org).



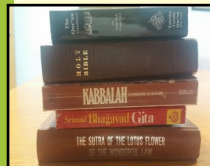
**The Racial Equity Organizing Team** is seeking more people to support our work in becoming a more radically welcoming congregation for people of color, indigenous peoples, and people of all ethnicities. We host workshops, movies, and book discussions, and encourage participation in local interfaith events that promote racial equity. Contact Reverend Taddeo at [revtaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:revtaddeo@uucg.org).



**The Green Team:** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett has established a Green Team in order to help our congregation live more fully into our shared UU commitment to affirm and promote "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We enter this work joyfully and with hope as we seek to model an ethic of care for our shared planet and all its inhabitants. Contact us at [GreenTeam@uucg.org](mailto:GreenTeam@uucg.org).



**The Social Justice Council** works on a range of issues, including immigrant rights, rights for the LGBT community, and environmental justice & awareness. The UUCG Social Justice council is open to all! Join us after the service on 1st Sundays as we plan internal education, build partnerships, have guest speakers, and provide active witness. We also laugh and have lots of fun together! Contact us at [SocialJustice@uucg.org](mailto:SocialJustice@uucg.org).



**Belief Exploration: December 9** The seekers group has evolved into **Belief Exploration**, a group of Unitarian Universalists and others who are interested in exploring the sources of world faith traditions. We have no prescribed theology and honor each person's spiritual path toward enlightenment and reason. The focus of this group will continue to evolve over the course of the program year. We invite you to join us if you have an interest in theological writings and would like to learn and share your views in an open, accepting environment. We meet after the worship service on the second Sunday of each month in the Laboratory. Do you have questions or want more information? Contact Carol Richardson.



## Two Hands Sangha, Sundays at 6:00 pm

The Two Hands Sangha Mindfulness and Meditation Community invites members and friends of UUCG to its Sunday evening meditation practice. Love offerings are appreciated, but not required. Visit [www.twohandssangha.org](http://www.twohandssangha.org).

## More Opportunities to Serve and Engage with UUCG

**Worship Associates:** Contact [WorshipAssociates@uucg.org](mailto:WorshipAssociates@uucg.org) if interested or apply at <https://form.jotform.com/Syun/worshipassociateapplication>

**Pastoral Care Associates:** Contact [Pastoralcare@uucg.org](mailto:Pastoralcare@uucg.org) if interested.

**Child Care Volunteers:** Contact Sharon Yun at [syun@uucg.org](mailto:syun@uucg.org).

**Out and About**—a group organizing activities to do outside of the church: Contact [admin@uucg.org](mailto:admin@uucg.org) for more information.

**Faith Development:** Contact **Christiana McQuain** or visit [www.uucg.org/share-your-gifts](http://www.uucg.org/share-your-gifts) to learn more.

Look at bulletin boards in the hallway for more information.

# Fostering Spiritual Growth...

December Theme: Peace

January Theme: Grace

## Worship Services, Sundays at 11:00 am



Our services are led by our minister, the Reverend Jan Taddeo, and our inspiring team of Service Leaders and Worship Associates. This is our sacred time to gather in our cherished 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, and child care is available for the youngest if desired. There is an early elementary program at 11:15 for children ages 5 to 7. Children 8 and over are encouraged to be with their parents in the service. You may contact Reverend Jan Taddeo at [RevTaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:RevTaddeo@uucg.org).

### **December 2 *Looking Inward, Radiating Peace* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

An anonymous quote (often attributed to Chinese philosopher Lao-Tse) begins, "If there is to be peace in the world..." and ends "... there must be peace in the heart." In this service we explore wisdom from ancient and modern teachers as to how we might radiate peace in our heart, and beyond.

### **December 9 *Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Women* Josh Gentry, Service Leader**

The holiday season should be filled with love and light, but that's hard to say when headlines look grim. Join us for a celebration of solidarity and community where women's lives and voices are valued -- even by men.

### **December 16 *Seeking Peace in an Era of Hate* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

How can we generate deeper connection and peace during this era when acts of hate seem to be emboldened.

### **December 23 *Birth of the Sun King* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

We celebrate the longest night and the lengthening of the coming days with this ancient story of the maiden, the mother, and the crone visited by the Faeries to celebrate a holy birth.

### **December 23 *Afternoon Service at 2pm A Blue Christmas* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

For any number of reasons, the Christmas season is not a joyful time of year for every person. This is a service to honor the complex emotions that many feel during this time.

### **December 24 *Christmas Eve Service at 7pm Stories and Songs of the Season* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

A night for all ages to share in singing and sharing the songs and stories of Christmas.

### **December 30 *Cultivating Peace for a New Year* Bob Patrick, Service Leader**

"Life is filled with suffering, but it is also filled with many wonders . . . To suffer is not enough. We must also be in touch with the wonders of life. They are within us and all around us, everywhere, any time." These are the opening lines of *Being Peace*, the small book by Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh. We gather on this last Sunday of the year to build some peace-skills together as we begin the new year.

### **January 6 *If Grace Were True* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

Universalist grace is gaining momentum among Christian pastors, and they are getting mixed reactions from their peers and parishioners. Unitarian Universalists hold that no one is outside the circle of love. Let's go deeper into the implications.

### **January 13 *Seeking Grace at the Border* Reverend Taddeo, Service Leader**

Refugees and immigrants have been seeking shelter through all the ages of human life. We will see a steady increase in refugee migrations as the effects of climate change force people around the globe and right here at home to find grace at the borders.

# Sunday Morning Faith Development Programs...

## December Theme: Peace

**December 2, 10:00am** *Waging Peace in a Troubled World* Facilitated by Josh Gentry

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict; peace is the active, living presence of love, tranquility, kindness and compassion. And we have to work for it. Come explore with us the reasons and ways we cultivate, embody, and live peace in our daily lives.

**December 9, 10:00am** *Spiritual Practices: Exploring the Interdependent Web of Existence Through Our Bodies*

One of the great struggles of philosophy through the ages is the dualism created between material and immaterial things. Expressed variously as body/spirit, body/soul, body/mind, matter/spirit, matter/non-matter, physical/metaphysical... How can we approach all that is as a unified whole? Is there a unified whole? In this session, I propose that we begin with where we are--in our own bodies with some gentle partnered experiences in and through our bodies as ways of recognizing the interdependent connections we already have with other beings around us with time for reflection and speculation as part of the session. Suggested follow up reading will be offered as well. *Facilitated by Bob Patrick*

**December 16, 10:00am** *Faith in Action Being Effective Peacemakers* Developed/facilitated by Sara Heath and Karen Smith

Join us for this exploration of the work of **Amnesty International**, a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. How can we support this organization's vision of a world in which every person enjoys all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

**December 23, 10:00am** *Christmas Holiday Weekend No Programs*

As always, space (and coffee!) will be provided for fellowship and reflection. The UUCG Faith Development Team wishes you a joyous, love-filled holiday season!

**December 30, 10:00am** *Special Program Embracing Peace, Accepting Grace* Facilitated by Christiana McQuain

Join us as we engage personal practices that serve to weave together the spiritual concepts of Gratitude, Peace, and Grace that we have been exploring throughout this holiday season.

## January Theme: Grace

**January 6, 10:00am** *What is Grace to a Unitarian Universalist?*

What can Grace mean in the present day of uncertainty and political angst? What can Grace mean within a liberal religious community where reason and science temper our understanding of that which we call Holy? Come explore these questions with us as we enter not the month of Grace.

**January 13, 10:00am:** *Spiritual Practices: Grace and the Light In the World* Developed/Facilitated by Sherree Bailey

Join us for a discussion and Guided Meditation using the 4 Tarot cards: The Hermit, The Sun, The Star, and The World/Universe. We are the Stars that sing. How do we manifest our personal light? We will use the imagery of these cards to explore how we shine in the world. You may bring your own deck but several will be available to choose from.

**Tweens Program for ages 8-11:** Sessions are offered every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Treehouse (except select holidays). This program is designed to engage participants in an exploration of the monthly themes through a Unitarian Universalist lens, using art and music as tools for self-exploration. The Tweens program provides our youth with an opportunity for them to identify their own experiences and perspectives, and to seek out, care about, and respect those of others.

**Early Elementary Program for ages 5-7:** Our program strives not just to teach about Unitarian Universalism, but also to provide experiences around the strength of community, life issues we all share, and personal empowerment at an age-appropriate level. In a group setting, with loving adult guides, young children can engage in spiritual seeking, develop their openness to sharing, and experience the benefit of a supportive community. Children join their parents for the beginning of service and are dismissed for this program around 11:15am.

# Upcoming Events

## UUCG Congregational Meeting, December 16 After Service

Please plan to attend this Congregational Meeting. Three important topics will be presented, discussed, and voted on.

- The proposed 2019 UUCG Budget will be presented and discussed. A vote seeking approval will be held. A copy of the budget will be made available a minimum of two weeks before the meeting.
- Language for a by-law allowing proxy voting will be presented for a vote by the congregation. The exact language of the by-law change will be made available a minimum of two weeks before the meeting.
- Vote on mortgage refinance, exact terms available two weeks prior to the meeting.

## Family Faith Journeys: Articulating Your UU Faith / Bake Sale

For a full list of Family Faith Journeys experiences please read the enclosed flier. The December events are:

- December 2 there is a class from 1-3pm in the Playhouse: *Articulating Your UU Faith* led by Reverend Jan Taddeo. Curious about how to talk to others about UU? Learn how to offer the gifts of Unitarian Universalism to people who may not know about it.
- This month there is a Bake Sale December 16 after the service. We need volunteers to help us bake December 15 from 10am-2pm. Please bring \$10/household for supplies. If you can not help bake but want to support this fundraiser, you may sponsor a household by putting \$10 in an envelope marked Bake Sale in the offering plate. Please register online.

## #MeToo Women's Reflection Circle

This special group begins soon! It will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm – 9:00pm: December 5 & 12, January 2 & 9.

Reverend Jan is offering a series of four reflection circles inspired by a request for an opportunity for women who have experienced sexual abuse to come together. There will be four sessions with a structured conversation. These are designed to be intimate conversations with no more than 8 people in the group. This is an opportunity for women to share and listen to one another's stories, to offer support and hope in facing this topic, and to examine it within the embrace of our beloved community. This is NOT a therapy group, and there is no goal to "fix" anyone. If you feel you need more support than this series can provide, please contact Reverend Jan for resources.

To ensure a supportive space for every participant to both receive and contribute to the group, we ask that participants plan on attending all four meetings in the series and that you hold each other's sharing in strict confidence. If you anticipate a problem with this commitment, please let Reverend Jan know so she can help you decide whether to join the group.

Register via the UUCG website "Register for Events" button at the bottom of the Home page. Childcare may be provided if you indicate this need on your registration form. Our Office Administrator will forward your registration to Reverend Jan to confirm your participation.

## Covenant Groups begin in January, Register Today

The winter/spring season of Covenant groups will be from January 28-May 15. These are the sessions you may choose from: 2nd/4th Monday 7-9pm, 1st/3rd Wednesday 7-9pm, 2nd/4th Wednesday 7-9pm, and 2nd/4th Thursday 10am-12pm.

Anyone may join and everyone will benefit from engaging in deep and meaningful conversations based on our monthly themes and led by experienced facilitators. We create a sacred space to focus our attention away from the cares of the present, leave the past behind, and let the future wait a couple of hours. We express a form of "radical hospitality" by giving each other our full attention without interruption, judgment, or advice. When we listen, we focus completely on the personal journeys of our "fellow travelers." When we speak, we are empowered to be vulnerable, to open our hearts, and to share our personal story. In accordance with the Congregation and Group Covenants, our "fellow travelers" listen with anticipation and appreciation. Our personal stories are held in confidence by the group.

The experience of speaking the truth about our personal experiences can empower us to listen to the stories of others. It's a great way to build connections within our beloved community. Childcare is available. Please fill out your need for childcare on the registration form online so that we can arrange childcare for the entire season. Visit [www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org) and select the big "Register for Event" button at the bottom of the Home page.

# The Spirituality of Abundance: Opportunities to Practice your Faith through Generous Giving

Every Sunday we take a plate collection which we share half of with our quarterly Give Away the Plate recipient. Since November 4, we have raised \$459.59 for the IRC. The IRC responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and operates in many parts of the world, helping to restore health, safety, education, and economic well being to people devastated by conflict and disaster. In the United States, the IRC resettles thousands of refugees every year. The Atlanta office, located in Decatur, helps people who have fled danger, persecution, and deprivation to rebuild their lives in America. GATP donations are helping the local office to provide employment opportunities, counseling, English language instruction, and opportunities for refugee children to integrate into and enjoy American culture.



## Gift Cards for Corley Elementary

The UUCG congregation has continued to be very generous to the students and parents of Corley. The school has no PTA, so UUCG fills in to support the parents and students several times per year. The drive for gift cards begins December 2 and ends December 16. For the convenience of the students' parents, Corley counselors are requesting gift cards only from Walmart this year in increments up to \$25. Please write the amount on the gift card. There will be small green gift bags at the back of the sanctuary and in the foyer during fellowship. Thank you from the Corley Committee!

## Guest at Your Table [uusc.org/guest](http://uusc.org/guest)

Please pick up a box in the Sanctuary and place it on your dining table to remind you of those in need in Central America. Put whatever you can into it and bring it back by December 16. Today, Central America's Northern Triangle is one of the most dangerous regions in the world. In numbers not seen since the 1980s, Hondurans, Salvadorans, and Guatemalans are fleeing violence, gender-based assault, and increased militarization in hopes of finding refuge in the United States. Partnering with grassroots organizations across six countries, UUSC is working to address root causes of violence in Central America, provide direct aid along the migration route, and support the rights of migrants in the United States. You can learn more about Central American migrant justice, UUSC's programs, and ways to get involved at [uusc.org/guest](http://uusc.org/guest). The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a 78-year-old human rights organization that advances human rights through grassroots partnerships. Guest at Your Table is the UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about critical human rights issues.



## 2019 Pledge Drive is Wrapping Up

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5% to 10% for 2019 so we can fully fund our ministries in 2019. Return pledge forms as soon as possible so we can complete our financial projections for 2019. Use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/Syun/pledge-form>, mail your pledge form to UUCG, or bring it with you on Sunday and put it in the box in the foyer.

If you have questions about your pledge or programs at UUCG, please contact Reverend Taddeo at [revtaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:revtaddeo@uucg.org).

## UUCG Art Committee



In 1994, the UUCG ART Committee was formed. It's mission was to create a space for members and artists in our community to exhibit original art. Exhibitors submit work, sign an agreement and participate in the installation. UUCG receives 20% of all sales and several paintings have sold this past year.

Did you know it took over 10 years to accumulate enough money to purchase the ceiling lights!! (\$700) Spend time viewing the current art exhibit, talking with your children about the paintings and contact me about purchasing a piece. The piece to the left is by Katrina Yurko and is hanging in our sanctuary.

Artfully submitted,  
Diana Pratt Dice  
ART Committee chair

# Congregational News

## Tending the Flame. . . Notes from Faith Development

*This reflection is adapted from words previously published on [www.wordsofwisdom.uucg.org](http://www.wordsofwisdom.uucg.org)*

As we enter the second week of the season of Advent, we turn our thoughts to Peace. It has been stated many times, but it certainly bears repeating: Peace is not merely the absence of conflict.

Peace is the active, living presence of love, tranquility, kindness and compassion.

We are living in a world that hungers for peace, so why is it so elusive? Every one of us has felt pain or grief, every life has been in some way touched by tragedy. And, though I truly believe that peace resides at the core of every human soul, it can be so difficult to resist falling back on anger and depression when the terrain of our life's journey becomes arduous and burdensome. When our personal struggles so mightily weigh us down. When injustice is so deeply apparent in our society. When we feel as though we are at war with our own government...

The one thing that peace has in common with war is that it must be waged. When darkness surrounds us, we must be diligent in our commitment to resisting picking up a weapon, lashing out in anger, or giving in to despair. Not just on a national or global scale, but on an individual, personal level. We must be dedicated to actively creating a culture of peace within ourselves, within our homes, and within our communities. Only then will we begin to see a shift toward peace in the culture of the nation, and eventually the world. Over the next month, as we reflect on the impact and the many facets of Peace, we will explore ways to address this idea of "living peace" in every aspect of our lives.

The capacity for peace resides within each of us, perhaps dormant, but always awaiting our conscious awareness, dedicated to awakening it and allowing it to shine forth into the world.

I wish you joy and peace throughout this holiday season.

~ *Christiana McQuain*

*Coordinator of Family Ministry*

## Music & Art

### Choir

**Rehearsal Tuesdays,**

**7:00 pm**

**Warm-up, Sundays,**

**10:15 am**

If you enjoy singing with others, drop in on Tuesday night for rehearsal and then warm-up with the choir on Sunday before the worship service. Contact our Choir Director, Michael Parker, at [mparker@uucg.org](mailto:mparker@uucg.org).

### Music Night

**1st & 3rd Mondays,**

**6:00 pm**

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](mailto:bstahnke@comcast.net).

### Me2 Orchestra

**Wil start again in January**

Are you a musician who plays classical music and is interested in erasing the stigma surrounding mental illness? Contact Jen at [1blonde.violin@gmail.com](mailto:1blonde.violin@gmail.com).

### Jam Night

If you would like to see a UU House Band or interested musicians gather to play rock and folk rock periodically, contact Ben at [jamnight@uucg.org](mailto:jamnight@uucg.org).

### Art Gallery

Enjoy the beautiful selections of art on display in our sanctuary and foyer, all created by local artists. A portion of the proceeds of art sales benefits UUCG. Contact Diana Dice at [dpdice@hotmail.com](mailto:dpdice@hotmail.com).

# Nurturing Connections

## Book Club, 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm—No Dec. meeting



All are welcome to a time of bonding, lively discussion, and building friendships. Contact [bookclub@uucg.org](mailto:bookclub@uucg.org).

## Boy Scout Troop 99, Mondays at 7:00 pm



UUCG hosts this troop for boys grades 6-11. They meet in the Playhouse, and child care is provided for younger siblings during the parent meetings. Contact Maryjane Stout or Don Graff.

## The Oak Grove Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)



CUUPS meets December 1 for their annual Yule Party starting at 5:00pm. They have a workshop December Child care is provided if requested by registering online at least a week in advance. Contact [CUUPS@uucg.org](mailto:CUUPS@uucg.org) for more details. Also visit their Facebook page and group.

## Sylvan Sanctuary: Rituals for the 8 Sun Stations



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. Childcare provided if requested at least a week in advance. The next ritual is December 22 for Winter Solstice. For more info please contact [sylvan@uucg.org](mailto:sylvan@uucg.org)

## Gwinnett: Understanding Secular Truths (GUST) 2nd Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary



GUST supports programs that explore 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](mailto:gust@uucg.org)

## Men's Breakfast, 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 am



Men are invited to gather at Eagles Landing Café and Grill at 3001 River Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30044 at the corner of Oak Rd. and River Dr. Contact Doug at [mensbreakfast@uucg.org](mailto:mensbreakfast@uucg.org).

## Potluck Lunch, 3rd Sundays



Our 3rd Sunday potluck lunch is a great opportunity for food, fun, and friendship. Bring a generous quantity of a favorite recipe to share. Label dishes with information for special diets (vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, contains nuts, etc.).

## SAGE (Seniors Aging with Grace and Enthusiasm)



Join other UUCG seniors for special events. Contact [info@uucg.org](mailto:info@uucg.org) to be added to the SAGE email group.

## Spiral Scouts, 2nd Sundays from 12:30 pm-2:30pm



For children ages 3-12 and their families, this earth-based scout program encourages young people to co-create their programs. Meet in the Treehouse after the worship service. Healthy snacks provided. Contact [CUUPS@uucg.org](mailto:CUUPS@uucg.org).

## Tai Chi, Thursdays from 7:00—8:30 pm



All ages and levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and flat soft shoes or sock feet. Contact Rob at [taichi@uucg.org](mailto:taichi@uucg.org).

## UU101 is Dec 16 and Jan 20, UU 102 is Jan 20



Join us after the service for the UU101 Visitor Orientation in the Library. To learn about the path to membership come to the Pastor's Parlor for our UU 102 program. Lunch and Childcare provided. Please register online ahead of time for childcare.

## Walkers Group



Walks are planned by group participants. Contact Wally at [walkers@uucg.org](mailto:walkers@uucg.org) to learn more about upcoming walks with UUCG friends and to be added to the group's e-mail list.

## Yoga, Wednesdays, 6:00 pm



Yoga brings balance to the body, mind, and spirit through breath and movement. This class is for all ages and skill levels and includes pose modifications. First class is free, then 7-session pass is \$70, or drop-in for \$15. JoAnn has been practicing yoga for 8 years and is registered with Yoga Alliance. Call JoAnn at 770-789-0785 to register.

## Youth Group, 3rd Sundays 12:30-2:30



Youth ages 12-17 are invited to join us for youth-led, mentor guided discussion and activities. We also plan outings and service projects. For more info, contact [youthministrycommittee@uucg.org](mailto:youthministrycommittee@uucg.org)

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Friday 9:00-2:30  
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