

Sundays at UUCG

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



The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.

— Albert Einstein

March Theme: Wisdom

February 1 *A Wise Owl Once Said...*

Lydia Patrick, *Service Leader*
Victoria Fashakin, *Worship Associate*

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Justin Miller, *Worship Associate*

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UU 101, UU 102 Potluck Sunday

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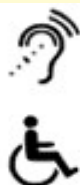
Flower Ceremony

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*
Lorena Griffin, *Worship Associate*

Plate contributions are shared equally with Mosaic Georgia



Assisted Listening
Devices Available
Wheelchair



American Sign Language
Practice Group
First Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
in the Library



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

1st and 3rd Fridays 6-9pm

March 6 and 20

Childcare Provided

Organized by Kelsey Glenn,
Aline and Edmund Harris

Sunday, March 15 at 2pm
Join UUCA in the 2020 Hunger Walk
Wear your Side with Love shirts.
Register at
<http://bit.ly/hungerwalkrun>.



Moving Chairs

We need a volunteer every Friday evening and Sunday afternoon to move chairs into and out of the Sanctuary.



Sign up with this link:
<http://bit.ly/movechairs>

GUST

Monday, March 9 7-9pm

The Good Place

The Good Place is a TV show that explores different philosophies and ethics while it dramatizes real conundrums. We'll discuss the show and share our versions of the afterlife.



Women's Spirituality Group

Friday, March 13

7pm-10pm

Led by Sherree Bailey,
Sharon Yun,
and Sue Tumbleweed



Bring a journal, rattle or drum, and snack. Ask to be added to our Facebook group. Ebooks of *Rise Up and Call Her Name* by Elizabeth Fisher are available.

Save the Date!

UUCG Auction

April 25

7-10pm

Blue Boat Home

Live music
Mixed Genes
Costume Contest



Donations of finger food or money needed to provide

Sunday lunch for undocumented students at

Freedom University

Please contact
Freedomufood@gmail.com



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

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett



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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 help 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 and place in the offering
- **Amazon.** UUCG will receive a percentage of your purchase when you use this link: https://smile.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=u030-20 and shop as you normally do! Bookmark this page!
- **Kroger 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 (NV919).
- **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 10am
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.



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.



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.



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! The Social Justice Council is still in need of someone to be the convener and facilitator. If you are interested in learning more about what's involved in being the convener of the Social Justice Council, please contact Rev. Taddeo at revtaddeo@uucg.org.



Two Hands Sangha, Sundays at 6pm, Day-long meditation March 1 1-9pm
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.

Spiritual Practices



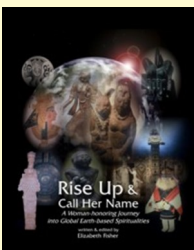
Tai Chi, Thursdays from 7:00—8:30 pm

All ages and levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and flat soft shoes or sock feet. Contact Rob at taichi@uucg.org.



Yoga, Wednesdays, 5:00 pm—6:00pm No class March 4

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 Weiss has been practicing yoga for 8 years and is registered with Yoga Alliance. Email JoAnn at yoga@uucg.org to sign up.



Women's Spirituality Group, March 13 at 7pm

We have completed all 13 Sessions and are now starting over with Session 1. This is a great time for newcomers to join!

Join us second Fridays as we explore *Rise Up and Call Her Name* by Elizabeth Fisher, a UU women's group curriculum that leads us through geography and history to explore different Goddesses and Feminine Deities. Integrate what you learn through hands on crafts, singing, drumming, and communing with other women through prayer, song, and fellowship. Email womens-group@uucg.org for more info. Non-binary folks welcome.

Fostering Spiritual Growth...

March Theme: Wisdom

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. Children 5 and over are encouraged to be with their parents in the service. There is a table of intention in the back of the service with activities related to the service for fidgeters. You may contact Reverend Jan Taddeo at RevTaddeo@uucg.org.

March 1 *A Wise Owl Once Said* . . .

Looking for guidance does not involve a 360* head turn, but it might mean stretching your vision and living into the questions.

Lydia Patrick, Service Leader **Victoria Fashakin, Worship Associate**

March 8 *The Love of Wisdom* . . .

... and the wisdom of love speak offer ways to approach questions of ultimacy and meaning in our lives. What are your big questions?

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader **Justin Miller, Worship Associate**

March 15 *Wisdom in All Ages and Stages*

Ever met an “old soul” in a young body, or someone “young at heart” in a body that’s been around a while? How might we listen more deeply for the wisdom within ourselves and others?

Rev. Taddeo, Service Leader **Bill Benshoof, Worship Associate**

March 22 *The Wisdom of Compassion: Ritual of Compassionate Presence*

Being a compassionate person is a wise way to move through the world.

This service explores how to be responsible, authentic, and accountable with our compassion.

Rev. Taddeo, Service Leader **Dmitri Novak, Worship Associate**

March 29 *Wisdom Creates the World*

This is a service exploring how the wisdom of our bodies and compassionate relationships create our personal and collective reality.

Daniel Bailey, Service Noël Lemen, Worship Associate

April 5 *Longing for Liberation* *Flower Ceremony*

Liberation has different meanings to each of us based on all that makes us who we are ... our identities, cultural context, and life experiences. For those who yearn for liberation, what might that mean?

Rev Taddeo, Service Leader **Lorena Griffin, Worship Associate**

Our Whole Lives Comprehensive Sexuality Program



If you have a child in the age range of 7th to 9th graders and you would like to participate in our *Our Whole Lives Comprehensive Sexuality Program* this spring, please contact Reverend Taddeo at revtaddeo@uucg.org. We are currently exploring a variety of schedules for offering this, and seeking people who would like to be trained as facilitators, or who are already trained as facilitators, to lead the program this spring, or possibly during the summer.

Give Away the Plate Donations—Mosaic Georgia

Founded in 1986 as Gwinnett Rape Crisis, this organization titles itself *Sexual Assault Center and Children's Advocacy Center*. It serves men and women of all ages as well as children. They provide free, confidential support and services to victims and survivors of rape, sexual assault, and child sexual molestation and abuse. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, forensic medical exams (regardless of whether or not a victim wants to report to the police), education, and training. Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised \$691.56 for Mosaic Georgia so far.



Sunday Morning Faith Development Programs

It is our goal to provide you with inspiration and resources to help you live deeper into your UU faith on Sundays and throughout the week. Come **join us at 10:00 on Sunday mornings** for fellowship and learning, and opportunities to live into the questions as you search for truth and meaning. Childcare will be provided.

Sunday, March 1 at 10:00am: Invitation into Wisdom

Family Faith Development: *Gather the Spirit*

Join us for this multigenerational program that teaches stewardship with a focus on clean, drinkable water which all of Earth requires. Through a lens both scientific and religious, we'll explore actions we can take as Unitarian Universalist stewards.

Adult Faith Development: *Invitation into Wisdom*

Is wisdom about accumulation - more knowledge? More experience? Or is it about something else... Join us as we explore the ways in which wisdom connects us, and how it intersects with our UU values.

Sunday, March 8 at 10:00am: Spiritual Practices: *Wisdom in Plants*

How did the first humans know what plants were safe to eat? Many believe that plants actually communicated with ancient people in a way that told them of their qualities. With modern science, we now have information about so many properties of plants, and how they help us and the environment. Join us as we learn to listen to and meditate on wild plants to experience their wisdom. **Led by Candice Bizzell**



Sunday, March 15 at 10:00am: Faith in Action

Sunday, March 22 at 10:00am: Explorations: *Dreamwork*

Fourth Sundays at 10:00am March 22, Apr. 26, May 24



“Working with dreams’ means remembering and exploring the dreams from sleep with an eye to their deeper meanings. Each one of us is uniquely blind to the deeper meanings of our own dreams, and dream work helps us see what amazing gifts are there, just below the surface of ‘manifest content’ and obvious appearance.”

- Jeremy Taylor, D. Min

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Taylor was a Unitarian Universalist minister, who saw dream work as an essential tool for addressing the social and environmental calamities of the world, and for changing the world for the better. Join us on the Fourth Sunday of each month for an exploration of dream Join us on the Fourth Sunday of each month for an exploration of dream work, as we share our dreams, using Jeremy Taylor’s book as a guide. “Our collective perils are real and pressing. We have manufactured them for ourselves, and we must look at them consciously and clearly in order to find ways of disarming ourselves, reforming our institutions, reconciling ourselves with our planetary neighbors, and with the ecological interconnectedness of all beings. Dream work can enhance and energize these efforts by breaking down our prematurely closed prejudices, opinions, ideologies, and world views.” – *Jeremy Taylor, D.Min.*

Program facilitated by Thomas Yun

Sunday, March 29 at 10:00am: Special Program

Facilitated by Noel Lemen

Early Elementary at 11:15am, ages 5-7 years old: 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 around 11:15am for this program.



4th Friday Game Night is March 27 from 6pm-8pm led by Dan Kelly

Come be Curious, Courageous, and Compassionate with us!

Please register all ages for Faith Development by filling out a form available in the foyer or going to this link: <https://bit.ly/uucgregister>. A vibrant faith development program only happens with You! We invite you to help us create an enriching experience of Faith Formation at UUCG. Use the above link to register as a volunteer.

Alban Eiler Spring Equinox Ritual March 21

Magical Arts and Crafts 3:30pm Ritual at 6pm Potluck After

Seed Bombs

Join us in recycling the church programs into seed bombs!
Seed bombs can be taken home or given to friends to grow.
Use them in your spell casting or plant your own indoor garden.
Mix your seeds or just have one of each seed.

Included will be the paper, water, blender, various seeds of native plants and flowers and molds to press them in. A donations is suggested to help off set cost of seeds and to provide to the congregation.

If the weather is nice enough this can be done outside. If not it will be in the tree house.
You are more than welcome to bring seeds and muffin tins or other molds to use.



Stepping Stones



In conjunction with the Meditation Path Project being lead by Landon, Candice Bizzell will be setting up to pour and decorate your own stepping stone to include in the path.

Bring any little bits of decoration you have. Good things to bring are pebbles, colored glass bottles, broken china or china to break, marbles or glass fish bowl items from the dollar tree, giant leaves (like elephant ears) any concrete molds you have, other non biodegradable items that can be placed in the concrete, and cake and pie pans you no longer want or use. There are a ton of ideas on Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/candiceebizzell/crafty-craft-crafts/concrete-crafts/>

It's a great time to look at the items you have been thinking of getting rid of and bringing them. This project is for all ages and will be done outside weather permitting. The concrete needs to cure for at least 4 days. After that we will store them in an area till they are ready to be placed along the meditation path. If you wish to take your stepping stone home you may.

Corley Teacher Appreciation Event



Here are pictures from the Corley Elementary School Teacher Appreciation event, provided on their last day of the Spring Parent / Teacher conferences. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we collected about \$325.00 this year! We were able to splurge on a gourmet spread.

We put smiles on over 150 staff members faces that day, as we provided healthy snacks and gratitude for their dedication and long hours.

Thanks to those who donated their funds and time to help this event be so well received.



UUCG Spring Auction: Blue Boat Home April 25

CALL FOR DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The UUCG Spring Auction will take place on April 25, 2020 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This is the most fun and entertaining fundraiser we put on as a congregation AND we could use your help!

Please DO fill out the donation form in the lobby or through the Registration form online. Is there something you enjoy doing that you would like to share with others? Perhaps you would like to host a workshop, or a social event, or an outing. You may use space at UUCG. Just check the calendar for availability and email Sharon Yun at admin@uucg.org to schedule your event. Last year we had an assortment of amazing activities, workshops, classes, and items offered by our congregants. Some highlights we will be seeing again are a Tea Party, Shamanic Breathwork, and exciting workshops.



Volunteer needs include people to help set up and decorate our sanctuary and to reset the sanctuary for worship the next day. Different roles during the auction need to be filled as well.

Please DO show up to the auction and participate in the Costume Contest! The theme of the auction this year is "Blue Boat Home" so costumes could be nautical or environmental or space age in nature. All Ages are encouraged to dress up and there will be separate prizes for kids and adults.

We are blessed to have our congregants Barbara and William Jenkins of Mixed Genes performing again this year AND there will be finger foods, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages INCLUDING sugar-free drinks.



There will be a Silent Auction, a Raffle, and an exciting Live Auction. Enjoy drinks, delicious treats, and music all night long. Best of all, you will have the opportunity to win amazing experiences and items while having lots of fun!

For those of you that have been sitting the auction out, PLEASE RECONSIDER. We are not exaggerating to say that the auction reboot last year was *THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR* for many in the congregation.

The next planning meeting is at 12:15pm in the Library, March 22. Thomas Yun and Lorena Griffin are the organizers. If you are interested in volunteering or want more info, contact auction@uucg.org.

There will be advertising space in the Auction Catalog. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to donate to UUCG for space in the catalog. Businesses and individuals can make tax-deductible donations of sponsorship, experiences, and items for our auction. We could use help seeking out donations from businesses in our community.



Artwork by Jessica Perlstein

Gadding About. . . By Reverend Jan Taddeo

It's been a while since I've written a Gadding About column, and, I've been doing a lot of gadding about lately, so it seems like a good time to revive my column.

I continue in my training as a Warrior for the Human Spirit under the leadership of Meg Wheatley and Jerry Granelli. The primary sources for the teachings in this program are *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior* by Chögyam Trungpa, and *Who Do We Choose to Be* by Margaret Wheatley. We also draw from many other sources ... the list gets longer each month. Now in my third year of this training, I was accepted into the role of "Senior Student," meaning that I am one of 20 other students taking a leadership role in guiding other students in conversations about the teachings we explore each month.

This program has provided opportunities for me to visit some very sacred places in Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah in which our connections with the earth have been a profound aspect of the training. I am grateful for the opportunity to receive and take part in this training. It is deepening my compassion and broadening my insight and discernment in these troubled times across the globe. It becomes clearer with each month that passes that a prime directive for these times is to build strong community connections right where we are ... starting within our walls, and moving beyond them as effectively as we can.

In that effort, my gadding about has included participation in the Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance and the Gwinnett County Community Remembrance Project. It is inspiring, and joyful, to meet so many other leaders in our wider community who are committed to teaching tolerance, building interfaith relations, and exploring healing and reconciliation for our past as we engage in the remembrance of African Americans who were lynched in Gwinnett County.

I've been gadding about in Unitarian Universalist circles as well. Christiana McQuain and I are participating in a program offered by the Transforming Hearts Collective called Trans Inclusion in Congregations. We are participating within our respective professional organizations -- Christiana with other professional religious educators, and I with other ministers, and then we share notes. I thought I knew most of what I needed to know about gender identity and trans inclusion, but every month I find there is still so much to learn.

Our theme for March is Wisdom. In a philosophy class I took a very long time ago, I recall a Socratic expression that went something like this: "They who believe they are wise, are not at all wise; and those who claim no wisdom, are wise." This is more about humility than about knowledge or wisdom. What is wisdom to one person, may not be wise at all for someone else, so we are wise to move through our learnings and our knowings with a sense of humility, prepared to learn more, and know differently.

This is the value in gadding about. Meeting new people, hearing new ideas, learning new ways to understand and interact with the people I encounter each day help me to see what I don't know. We are all perfectly imperfect works in progress, which opens up infinite ways to be more compassionate, more kind, and more curious every day.

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.

Music Night

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:00pm

People of all ages and music abilities practice, perform, and share musical gifts. Bring your music stand, instrument and music. Contact Barbara at musicnight@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 prattdice@gmail.com.

This QR Code will take you to our



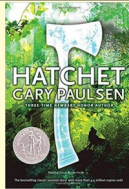
unique Amazon Smiles link so you can support UUCG as you shop!

Nurturing Connections

Book Club: March 25 at 7:00 pm

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

All are welcome to a time of bonding, lively discussion, and building friendships. Contact bookclub@uucg.org.



The Oak Grove Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)



CUUPS meets twice a month to share different practices and rituals. The next workshop is March 14. Magical Arts and crafts will be at 3:30-5:30pm March 21 before the Spring Equinox Ritual.

Child care is provided if requested by registering online at least a week in advance. Contact 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. Sylvan Sanctuary has been a grove for 10 years and is led by Bob Patrick, a founding Druid. Childcare is provided if requested at least a week in advance. Sylvan Sanctuary welcomes all who are interested to a Alban Eiler Spring Solstice Ritual March 21 at 6pm with a potluck after. Contact sylvan@uucg.org for info.



**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.

Contact Dylan at gust@uucg.org or visit

<http://brights.meetup.com/295/>

Potluck Lunch, 3rd Sunday



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 (ex: vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, nuts).

Walkers Group

Walks are planned by group participants. Contact Wally at walkers@uucg.org to learn more about upcoming walks with UUCG friends and to be added to the group's e-mail list. Open to all walks of life.



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 spiralscoutsleaders@uucg.org for more info.

UU 101 and UU 102, March 15



Join us after the service for the UU101 Visitor Orientation in the Library and UU 102 Path to Membership in the Pastor's Parlor. Childcare provided. Please register online ahead of time for childcare.

SAGE : Seniors Aging with Grace and Enthusiasm



Join other UUCG seniors for special events. Contact info@uucg.org to be added to the SAGE email group.

Belief Exploration



We explore the sources of world faith traditions. We have no prescribed theology and honor each person's spiritual path toward enlightenment and reason. 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. Speak to Carol Richardson or email beliefexplorers@uucg.org if interested.

Property Beautification Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help us spread mulch and beautify our property, please email revtaddeo@uucg.org.



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Friday 9:30 - 2:30

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