



## Sundays at UUCG

10:00am Faith Development

11:00am Worship Service

"Awe is my religion, and mystery its church" - Charles Simac

May 5

### Founders Day: Celebrating the Past, Present, and Future

Miriam Patrick, *Service Leader*

Christiana McQuain, Coordinator of Family Ministries and the Faith Development Team

UU 101, Social Justice Event

May 12

### Transcendent Mystery and Wonder

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

Josh Gentry, *Worship Associate*

UU 102

May 19

### The Mystery of the Future

#### Bridging Ceremony

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

Bob Patrick, *Worship Associate*

Congregational Meeting, Potluck

May 26

### "Yes, but... or "Yes, and..."

#### -- The Paradox of Science and Magic

Lorena Griffin, *Service Leader*

Miriam Patrick, *Worship Associate*

### June 2 The Transcendence of Poetry

Rev. Jan, *Service Leader*

Sherree Bailey, *Worship Associate*

Plate contributions are shared equally with UU Trauma Response Ministry



Assisted Listening Devices Available



Wheelchair Accessible



## Social Justice Event

May 5 12:30-2:00

New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta



## Women's Spirituality Group

May 17 7:00pm

Register online

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.

## Skating Party!!!

Sundays May 26 & June 16 2-5pm

All American Skating Center

5400 Bermuda Run,

Stone Mountain

Register Online

\$5 Donation Requested

No one turned away for lack of funds



## Active Hope Workshop

With Beth Remmes

Saturday, June 1

10am-1pm

Register Online

\$10 donation requested

Transform fear and despair about environmental and cultural problems into inspiration and a sense of empowerment.

<https://earthspiritaction.com>

## Green New Deal Town Hall

Wed., May 8 7:30-9:30pm

with Grassroots Gwinnett

Learn more about this House resolution that promotes 100% Clean Energy by 2030, Protection of the Environment, Green jobs, and Economic Bill of Rights & Clean Water, Air and Food



## Book Club

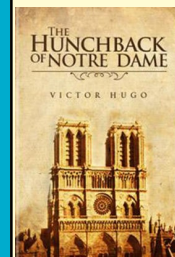
Wednesday,

May 22

7:00 pm

In the Library

All are welcome!



Monday, May 27, 7:30-9:30

## AROMA Meet and Greet

This is an opportunity to meet various activist organizations in the Atlanta area. [activismatlanta.com](http://activismatlanta.com)

Activists Recruiting Organizing & Mentoring In Atlanta Register Online



## Is there an Anthem you'd love to hear the choir sing again?



Please Vote for your favorite anthem!

The winning piece will be sung by our choir in July.

<https://tinyurl.com/Uucganthem>

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 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.
- **Amazon.** UUCG will receive 4% or more of your purchase, go to: [https://www.amazon.com/?\\_encoding=UTF8&tag=u030-20](https://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=u030-20) and shop as you normally do!
- **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.
- **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).



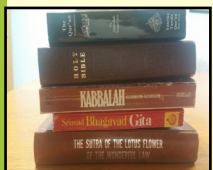
**The Racial Equity Organizing Team** is seeking more people to support our work in becoming a more radically welcoming congregation for people of color, indigenous peoples, and people of all ethnicities. We host workshops, movies, and book discussions, and encourage participation in local interfaith 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:** 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. 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. Contact Carol Richardson for more information.



## 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).

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

**Out and About**—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.

**Greeters Needed:** Contact Katrina Yurko at [membership@uucg.org](mailto:membership@uucg.org)

Look at bulletin boards in the hallway for more information and opportunities.

# Fostering Spiritual Growth...

## May Theme: Mystery

### 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. You may contact Reverend Jan Taddeo at [RevTaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:RevTaddeo@uucg.org).

#### **May 5 Founder's Day: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future**

Join us for our annual celebration of our Unitarian Universalist roots and the founding and continuing story of UUCG.

**Miriam Patrick, Service Leader**

**Christiana McQuain, Coordinator of Family Ministries and the Faith Development Team**

#### **May 12 Transcendent Mystery and Wonder**

Our living tradition draws from the direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life. Let's explore how we can tune in to those experiences and renew our spirits.

**Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader** **Josh Gentry, Worship Associate**

#### **May 19 The Mystery of the Future Bridging Ceremony**

Human beings seem driven to live into their visions of the future which might include personal goals, global change and everything in between. How do we both savor the world as it is here and now, and save the world for future generations?

**Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader** **Bob Patrick, Worship Associate**

#### **May 26 "Yes, but..." or "Yes, and..." -- The Paradox of Science and Magic**

Modern science delivers us into the belly of philosophy. We'll consider that the unexplained may be scientific after all.

**Lorena Griffin, Service Leader** **Miriam Patrick, Worship Associate**

#### **June 2 The Transcendence of Poetry**

Poetry has the power to paint images in our minds, express feelings that prose can't touch, and take us to far away places and distant planes of existence. In this service people will share the transcendent poetry that has been part of their journey.

**Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader** **Sherree Bailey, Worship Associate**

## ***The Yin-Yang of Mystery* by John Daido Looi**

The Chinese character for mystery, oryugen, is the character for mountain, which looks like an inverted letter T with two squiggles on each side of the vertical line. This line is the mountain, and the squiggles on either side represent the mist in the valley that invokes a certain anticipation of the hidden.

Mystery is usually associated with the darker side of life, with death or fear of the unknown. In religion and art, mystery is light itself. It's the lifeblood that pumps through true religious and artistic practice. Mystery is the itch that you can't scratch, the driving force of spiritual and creative journeys. It sets in motion the basic questions of our existence. It fuels genuine scientific investigation. It invites us to peek around the next corner, into the darkness....

When we expect a certain result, only two things can happen: We will either find what we're looking for or we won't. Either way, we are blind to all other possibilities because we're focused on our expectation. Don't expect, in life or in art. Open yourself to discovery. Enjoy the mystery. All the good stuff is hidden in the dark corners. It's what gives life its sense of vitality.

The human imagination is infinitely powerful and profound. It allows each person to bring to the work of art something that is unique to him or her.... In art, mystery is touched through understatement and implication. Mystery abhors naked exposure and explanation.



# Sunday Morning Faith Development Programs...

## May Theme: Mystery

### May 5, 10:00am: Introduction to Mystery

*Program developed and facilitated by Josh Gentry*

### May 12, 10:00am: Spiritual Practices: *Sitting In Wonder*

Life is not a test, it is not a mission to be completed in a certain way, it is not a trial, and it is most definitely not an experiment. This life is meant for intentional living. We are part of nature, not cogs in a machine. Let us choose to be still, sit with the wonder of nature and reconnect with ourselves so that we may live intentional lives. We will be outside if weather permits or inside with natural objects to connect to.

*Facilitated by Sherree Bailey*

### May 19, 10:00am: Faith in Action

*Facilitated by The Faith Development Team*

**Faith Development Programs will go on hiatus for the Summer and resume after Labor Day.**

## UUCG Property Projects Update

### *Project Budget: as of 4/28/19*

Funding Sources	Budget	Actual	Notes
Endowment Fund Loan	\$25,000		Approved: 4 years, 3% interest
Member/Friend Funding	\$25,000	\$250	Designated Gifts
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>		
Expenses	Budget	Actual	Notes
Blue Landworks, LLC Professional Engineers	\$16,000	\$12,161	Expect some additional hourly charges
Easement (Legal & Real Estate Expenses)	\$4,500	\$250	
County Permits	\$4,500		
Construction	\$25,000		Bids requested 4/22/19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>		

**Sewer Project:** Please check the bulletin board next to the Pastor's Parlor for regular updates about our project to connect with the Gwinnett County Sewer System. Here's what was presented at the Town Hall Meeting on April 28. We are still waiting on bids from contractors as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Easement forms will be delivered to Park 156 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. When those are returned and submitted to the county, then our design plan can move forward for permitting.

**Parking Lot Repair:** We have long been concerned about the large hole that has developed in our parking lot, consuming several of our parking spaces and creating a hazard. Don Graff has done considerable work to clear the area and prepare it for repair. He has also obtained several estimates for the repairs over the last few years. Estimates range from \$14,000 to \$35,000, but we have a way forward to create a sturdy, temporary repair that is estimated at \$3,000 plus a lot of us coming together to do the labor. This repair will hold up until we can engage in a full Capital Campaign to do more expansive work on the parking lot as well as other dream projects, like updating our HVAC system, expanding the Sanctuary, and renovating other parts of our building. Work on this will begin this spring ... and MANY HANDS will be needed! Dates will be announced soon!

# Social Justice Events

**Sunday, May 5 12:30pm-2:00pm Social Justice Program: New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta Register online for lunch**



We will hear the moving stories of two high-achieving young immigrant women who are dedicated to serving the immigrant community whose fates and futures are determined by federal immigration policy. We will discuss how we can collaborate to build power to work for immigration justice in Gwinnett. Roxana Acosta, a TPS holder from El Salvador who has lived in the US for 32 years will share her story. She is a PhD candidate in nursing at Emory and her research is focused on helping improve working conditions of low income farm workers. Katherine Narvaez, a graduate of Mary Baldwin College, and DACA holder, who works at Center for Pan Asian Services and a winner of a full graduate fellowship to John Hopkins University will share her story. Katherine's beloved step-father, a business owner who employed several people, was deported in 2018. Please register by May 2 if you would like lunch for a \$10 donation.

**Monday, May 27 7:30pm-9:30pm AROMA: Activists, Recruiting, Organizing, & Mentoring in Atlanta Meet & Greet at UUCG.**

AROMA aims to provide a *gateway* for interested people to begin to discover activism and what it means. We wish to serve as a *recruitment agency* for social justice movements in the Atlanta area. We strive to *reach out* to those frustrated with injustice in the world and give them hope by *exposing them* to the little-known work and legacy of social justice activism. We want to *connect* potential activists with current activists, organizations and movements. We commit to *support* these "new recruits" as they self-direct their exploration of the many ways to engage in activism. We endeavor to help them find their place in today's movements, and *guide* them in learning and developing the knowledge and skills necessary to participate fully in making the changes we need in the world. For more info visit [activismatlanta.com](http://activismatlanta.com)



**Saturday, June 1 10am-1pm Active Hope Workshop with Beth Remmes**

This participatory workshop addresses the environmental and cultural problems that we are facing. It is based on over four decades of community work with thousands of people around the world. It is designed to help you transform fear and despair into inspiration and a sense of empowerment. We will explore gratitude, anger, grief, and hope and move into a deeper understanding of how to create our best collective future. We will end the workshop with exercises to help us support one another as we go forth and work towards peaceful world where all beings can thrive. After taking this course participants can apply for grants to support their projects inspired by this workshop. Please visit [earthspiritaction.com](http://earthspiritaction.com). \$10 Donation Requested. No one turned away for lack of funds. Please register online.

## Green New Deal Town Hall May 8

This event is sponsored by the Green Team. Grassroots Gwinnett is holding a Town Hall at UUCG Wednesday, May 8 from 7:30-9:30pm for Gwinnett Residents. The world's top scientists warn we have 12 years to take action to avoid the catastrophic effects of climate change. Join us in a conversation on what a Green New Deal means for the U.S., Georgia, and Gwinnett County. We will have speakers from several environmental groups to discuss how we can have an equitable Green New Deal to uplift oppressed communities, the issues in Georgia you should be concerned about, and actions you can take to get involved and stay informed. We will have many speakers including Caleb Scott with the Sunrise Movement of Atlanta, Isoke Luqman and Chandra Farley with Representatives from Partnership for Southern Equity / Justice Energy Circle, and Anthony Pacheco with Asian Americans Advancing Justice.

The Green New Deal is a plan to fight climate change. It would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cutting them in half by 2030. That's what it would take to limit global warming to less than 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 which is the Paris Agreement's most ambitious climate goal. On February 7, 2019, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Representative Edward Markey, D-Mass., introduced a five-page nonbinding resolution to the House. Sixty House members endorsed the plan. So did four Senate Democrats running for president. That ensures that solutions to climate change will be a major issue in 2020. It includes seven goals:

1. Shift 100% of national power generation to renewable sources.
2. Build a national energy-efficient "smart" grid.
3. Upgrade all buildings to become energy efficient.
4. Decarbonize manufacturing and agricultural industries.
5. Decarbonize, repair, and upgrade the nation's infrastructure, especially transportation.
6. Fund massive investment in the drawdown and capture of greenhouse gases.

Adopting these goals would make "green" technology, industry, expertise, products, and services a major U.S. export. As a result, America could become an international leader in helping other countries transition to completely carbon-neutral economies.

# Cosmic Café and Auction Events still Open

***Didn't get a chance to come to the Auction? Ran out of cosmic cash and there were still events you wanted to bid on? Want to offer a fundraising event of your own?***

Have no fear, many events still have space left in them and we are always open to creating new events! Please register for the following events online. You may give your donation to Sharon Yun or the event organizer. Donation amounts are suggestions. No one turned away for lack of funds. The most important part of these events is having meaningful experiences with other UUs. You may create an event anytime you'd like. Email [admin@uucg.org](mailto:admin@uucg.org) or speak to Sharon Yun to schedule an event. Please describe the event in detail and give the time, place, and requested donation amount.

**Saturday, May 11 at 9am Stone Mountain Hike** with Dylan Peters. In memory of Karl Adams, we will hike the base trail (about 5.5 miles) around Stone Mountain and up to Karl's spot. Suitable for ages 10 and up. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing. Snacks will be provided. We will gather afterwards for pizza. Meet at Stone Mountain Park at the mouth of Base Trail. \$10 donation.



**Sundays May 26 and June 16 2-5pm Skating Party** at All American Skating Center, 5400 Bermuda Run in Stone Mountain. \$5 donation for skating pass.

**Saturday, June 8 2-4pm All Ages Tea Party** with Sharon Yun. Let's get fancy and enjoy tea, treats, and each other's company. Pastries by Lydia Patrick. \$10 donation requested.



**Saturday, June 15 10am-1pm Shamanic Breathwork™ and Heart Centered Breathing workshop** with Danel Bailey

Shamanic Breathwork is a powerful altered state process to connect with healing archetypes, inner shamans and healers, ancestors, spirits and divinity. We will establish sacred space through intention and sacred ceremony; then use the power of deep connected breathing and heart focus to enter an altered state in which we can explore and experience a journey to reconnect with our own spirits, heal our shadows, experience unconditional love, and taste what wholeness and inspirited living are. \$20+ Donation.



**Sunday, June 30 12:30-4pm Family Fun Day** with Kyle Mooney. Everyone is invited to Bethesda Park after service to participate in a cook out and games. \$5 donation.



**Sunday, July 21 1-3pm Plarn Crochet Workshop** with Janet Hazzard. Learn to make Plastic Yarn from plastic shopping bags and make a Plarn Bag. Basic crochet knowledge required. \$10 donation.



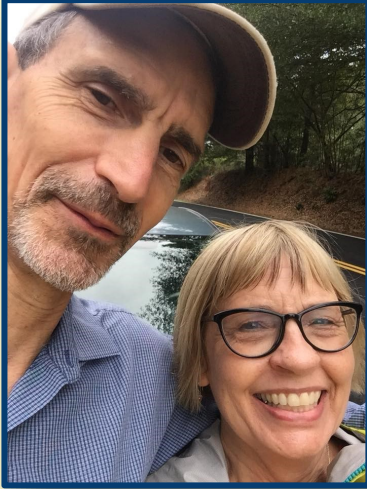
**Sunday, August 25 3-5pm Tea and Recital** with flutist Barbara Stahnke, pianist Bryan Bishop, and other UUCG musicians. \$10 Donation.

**Sunday, October 20 1-3pm Finger Knitting Class for Children** with Janet Hazzard. For ages 6+. \$10 donation.





# Member Spotlight: JoAnn Weiss



This month we are shining the light on a beloved member of 18 years, JoAnn Weiss. JoAnn, and her husband, Steve Babb, raised their children at UUCG. Steve and JoAnn have been together 34 years, married for 28. JoAnn feels blessed to have a husband who is equally social justice minded and supports her in her various ministries. Their two adult children, Josh and Isabel, carry on the passion for social justice they learned from their parents and this congregation.

JoAnn and Steve came here looking for a good faith community to raise a family in because they had different religious backgrounds and hadn't been to a church in awhile. JoAnn has been a leader of Religious Education, Our Whole Lives, and the Coming of Age Program. She served on the Leadership Development Committee, chaired the Social Justice Committee, served with two Ministerial Search Committees, and the Green Team. Currently she is on the Social Justice Committee and offers her expertise to support our efforts for immigrant justice. JoAnn teaches yoga at UUCG on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary so come spend time on the mat with her in our sacred space!

JoAnn is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for El Refugio. She is also the House Coordinator. She writes grants and looks for funding sources. JoAnn visits different faith communities in the area and teaches about immigration justice and invites members to visit El Refugio with her. She does about 24 talks a year, which is why we don't see her as often on Sunday mornings!

El Refugio formed in 2010 at a small house in Lumpkin. It offers a ministry of hospitality and visitation serving immigrants detained at Stewart Detention Center, their families and friends. Georgia has 3 for-profit detention centers, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest number of any state in the U.S. JoAnn is grateful for UUCG's involvement with and generous support of this ministry since 2011.

Recently, comedian Samantha Bee visited El Refugio and decided to buy them a gorgeous historic house which offers much more room for the families staying there. On April 30th, the Indigo Girls did a concert at the Variety Playhouse to raise money for El Refugio. If you would like to help, you can visit with JoAnn during an organized trip she will announce soon, or you can donate items for deportation bags such as new or slightly used men's clothing and sneakers size 7.5-10.

There is a collection bin at UUCG organized by Sara Heath.



Recently, JoAnn was presented with the Yellow Rose Award by State Representative Shelly Hutchinson of House District 107. This award is given by the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus to women who have done exemplary service work. Shelly Hutchinson nominated JoAnn because of her dedicated selfless work with El Refugio.

JoAnn has a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in Government, a Master's in International Relations from the University of Denver, and a Master's in Public Health from San Jose State. She is a teacher of Adult Education at Gwinnett Technical College, and teaches yoga at several places in Gwinnett County.

JoAnn appreciates that the UU faith takes more of a humanistic, responsible viewpoint than using one religious text for guidance. She notes that UUs are not afraid to walk into really heavy duty social justice issues like Black Lives Matter. UUs tackle the hard issues such as being more welcoming, environmental issues, and immigration justice. Though there is struggle and mistakes are made, UUs are still willing to put themselves out there and live out their values with conviction.

Wow, JoAnn Weiss, we are so lucky to have you and Steve as a long-standing members of our congregation!



# May 19 Congregational Meeting Motion Language

## Motion 1 Language

### Article VI. Organizational Structure

**Section 6.3.4 Composition of the Board.** The Board shall consist of ~~seven~~ **eight** voting members: a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, **treasurer-elect**, and three (3) members-at-large.

**Officers:** The president, vice president, secretary, **treasurer**, and **treasurer-elect** shall be of legal age and are designated as the officers of the congregation.

**Members At-Large: Members At-Large shall be of legal age.**

**Minister:** The minister of the congregation shall serve as an ex-officio member, without voting privileges, of the Board.

**Youth Representation:** Up to two (2) Associate Members may be elected to serve on the Board as ex-officio, youth representatives. Associate Members do not have voting privileges and do not have legal fiduciary responsibility.

**Section 6.3.5 Duties of the Officers and Trustees.** Members of the Board shall perform those duties associated with their office in the Policies and Procedures Manual and as follows:

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Board and at all Legal Business Meetings of UUCG. The President or their designee shall serve as the official representative of UUCG at designated functions.

The **Vice President** shall serve as presiding officer at all Board meetings and/or Legal Business Meetings in the absence of the President. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Vice President shall also serve as presiding officer of the Church Council.

The **Secretary** shall maintain the official minutes of all Board and Legal Business Meetings of UUCG. The Secretary shall ensure that all policy changes are captured and maintained in the UUCG Policy Manual and that the Policy Manual is accessible to members and staff. The Secretary will ensure that an Annual Report is created for each fiscal year and made available at the congregational meeting that takes place in the spring.

The **Treasurer** shall ensure the financial records of the congregation are properly and accurately maintained. The Board shall obtain insurance to cover the activities of the Treasurer or ensure that the Treasurer is bonded.

***The Treasurer-elect shall work with the Treasurer in preparation for assuming the full duties of the office when they take the position of Treasurer. The Board shall obtain insurance to cover the activities of the Treasurer-elect or ensure that the Treasurer-elect is bonded.***

Members of the Board are expected to attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings. Should any member miss three consecutive meetings, they may, at the Board's discretion, forfeit their office.

**Section 6.3.8 Board Member Term of Office.** The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall serve for a term of one (1) year, while the **Treasurer-elect/Treasurer** shall serve for a term of two (2) years ***(the first year as Treasurer-elect)***, terms to be served July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> or until their successors are elected and qualified. ***A Treasurer-elect shall be elected each year to ensure staggered terms.*** At-Large Trustees shall serve staggered three (3) year terms. Members of the Board shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. ***The Treasurer-elect/Treasurer shall serve no more than one (1) two-year term.***

### Article XI. Other Legal, Insurance, and Financial Provisions

**Section 11.2 Bonding.** The President, Treasurer, **Treasurer-Elect**, Secretary, and other authorized signatories may be bonded at the expense of UUCG in an amount determined by the Board.



# May 19 Congregational Meeting Motion Language

## Motion 2 Language

### Article VI. Organizational Structure

**Section 6.4.1** ~~Leadership Development Committee~~ **Nominating Committee** shall consist of five (5) members, elected by the membership at the Spring congregational meeting from a slate of Voting Members. Terms shall be for two years, with three members and two members elected in alternating years. **Members of the Nominating Committee shall be members in good standing of UUCG for a minimum of 6 months prior to their nomination.** Members may serve up to two consecutive terms.

The **Nominating Committee** ~~Leadership Development Committee~~ is responsible for the identification, ~~and~~ recruitment, ~~and training~~ of persons to serve in UUCG elected leadership positions.

The **Nominating Committee** ~~Leadership Development Committee~~ shall be responsible for ~~preparing a ballot~~ **preparing a slate of candidates for elected positions and providing that slate to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at least 21 days prior the date of the Congregational Meeting at which candidates will be elected.** ~~use during Board and other elections. and making that ballot available to the membership in accordance with the notice requirements described in Section 7.1.1.~~

**Section 6.6** **Vacancy.** In case of a vacancy in an unexpired term, a candidate shall be recruited by the ~~Leadership Development Committee~~ **Nominating Committee.** Upon approval by the Board, the candidate shall begin serving the unexpired term.

### Article VII. Legal Congregational Business Meetings

**Section 7.4** **Legal Business Meetings.** There shall be at least two regularly scheduled congregational Legal Business Meetings per year, the Spring Meeting and the Winter Meeting.

The Spring Meeting shall be held each year on or between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> and shall include as part of its agenda: 1) election of **Board** Trustees and Officers, **and Nominating Committee members** 2) annual report of the Board and staff 3) financial report and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Winter meeting shall be held on or between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> to adopt the budget for the fiscal year and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The time and place for these meetings are to be determined by the Board.

### Article VIII. The Minister

**Section 8.3** **Ministerial Search.** When authorized by the membership, a Ministerial Search Committee, composed of seven members representing diverse perspectives of gender, race, household composition, religious orientation, and skill sets, shall be selected by the **Nominating Committee** ~~Leadership Development Committee~~ and approved by the voting congregation at a Legal Business Meeting. UUCG members shall be eligible to be elected after two years of active engagement in the UUCG congregational life.

The Ministerial Search Committee shall follow the search process prescribed by the Unitarian Universalist Association. The committee or its designee shall negotiate an initial job description and employment contract with the candidate. Said documents shall be presented to the Board for review and approval prior to approval of a candidate by the membership.

# Congregational News

## Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 19

Our annual May meeting is our opportunity to review all that we have done over the course of this program year, elect new leaders to our Board of Trustees and our Leadership Development Committee, and engage in other business as the Board deems necessary. The Board deems it necessary to recognize many of our members who have made significant contributions to our shared ministry. Nine people have been selected to receive our new *Partners in Ministry* award during this meeting. Please come and cheer for them ... and you may even BE one of the recipients this year!

The Board continues to review our bylaws for areas that need clarity, redefining, or changes that better serve the smooth governance of the congregation. Two changes to our bylaws are on the ballot:

**Motion 1: To update the UUCG Bylaws to create a Treasurer-elect position on the Board of Trustees.** The Treasurer-elect would serve for two years, the first year as Treasurer-elect and the second year as Treasurer. The Treasurer-elect shall work with the Treasurer in preparation for assuming the full duties of the office when they take the position of Treasurer. A Treasurer-elect shall be elected each year to ensure staggered positions. The Treasurer-elect/Treasurer may only serve one (1) two-year term. This will bring the total number of voting members of the Board of Trustees to eight (8). Edited sections are 6.3.4, 6.3.5, 6.3.8, and 11.2. Precise language for this change is included on the previous page.

**Motion 2: To update the UUCG Bylaws to change the Leadership Development Committee to a Nominating Committee.** This change is more aligned with the current function of the LDC. This change also includes specific requirements for members of the committee to be members in good standing of the congregation for a minimum of 6 months and clarifies the timeline for delivering a slate of candidates to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Edited sections are 6.4.1, 6.6, 7.4, and 8.3. Precise language for this change is included on the previous page.

Members will also elect new leaders at this meeting. The Leadership Development Committee has worked diligently to bring a full slate for the congregation's vote. Here are the excellent nominees you will see on the Ballot:

### Board of Trustees:

President: Marcus Kabel (2019-2020)

Vice President: Lorena Griffin (2019-2020)

Secretary: Terry Welscher (2019-2020)

Treasurer-elect: Greg Bandy (2019-2021)\*

Member At-Large: RJ Rice (2019-2022)

### Nominating Committee:\*\*

Thomas Yun (2019-2020)

Heather Meador (2019-2020)

Joe Bentley (2019-2021)

Jen Garrison (2019-2021)

Natalie Mann (2019-2021)

\*Contingent on the passage of Motion 1 Bylaw Change to create this position.

\*\*If Motion 2 does not pass, the Leadership Development Committee would continue in its present structure with these candidates serving as indicated

## 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, 6:00pm

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).

## 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 [prattdice@gmail.com](mailto:prattdice@gmail.com).

This QR Code will take you to our unique Amazon link that will give



UUCG 4% or more of your transaction. Save the link on your computer for future use.

# Nurturing Connections

## Book Club, 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm



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 twice a month to share different practices and rituals. Their next workshops are May 18 and a concert June 8. 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 Beltane on May 4. Contact [sylvan@uucg.org](mailto: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.

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 May 5 and UU 102 is May 12



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. 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)

## Rev. Jan Taddeo, Parish Minister

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## Building Open

Sunday 9:30-12:30

Tuesday 9:00-2:30

Friday 9:00-2:30

or by appointment

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