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January 2020 Newsletter for UUCG



Sundays at UUCG

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

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not."

—Oprah Winfrey

January Theme: Integrity

January 5 A Life Without Resolution

Lydia Patrick, Service Leader Lorena Griffin, Worship Associate

January 12 Owning Our Roots

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader* Bill Benshoof, *Worship Associate UU 102*

January 19 Growing Our Tree

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Plate contributions are shared equally with Mosaic Georgia



Assisted Listening Devices Available



Wheelchair Accessible



DUNGEONS DRAGONS

1st and 3rd Fridays 6-9pm January 3 and 17 Childcare Provided

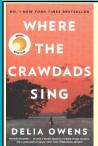
Organized by Kelsey Glenn, Aline and Edmund Harris



Guest At Your Table UUSC Fundraiser Women Leaders, Strong Communities

Pick up a box in the foyer and keep it on your dining room table to remember and donate to those in need. Bring your full boxes back by January 12. For more info, go to Uusc.org/guest





Book Club

Wednesday
January 22
7pm
In the Library
All are Welcome!



Women's Spirituality Group Friday, Jan. 10 at 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.

GUST

Monday, January 13 7-9pm

A Tour of the Creation Museum



Jim Millette will give a presentation on the Creation Museum and how it looks at

evolution and contributes to the debate about religion and science.

MLK Day Parade January 20 at 11am

Gwinnett Justice Center. Parking info: https://www.unitedebonysociety. org/dr-martin-luther-king-parade/



Spring Covenant Groups



Register Online Now! LEARN LISTEN SHARE

2nd/4th Mondays 7pm-9pm 1/27 to 5/11 1st/3rd Wednesdays 7pm-9pm 1/29 to 4/29 2nd/4th Wednesdays 7pm-9pm 1/22 to 5/6 2nd/4th Thursdays 10am-12pm 1/23 to 5/7

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



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett

12 Bethesda Church Road



Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

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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.KrogerCommunityRewa rds.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 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.

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.



hatha yoga

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.

Yoga, Wednesdays, 5:00 pm—6:00pm No class Jan. 1, 8, and 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.

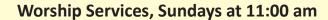
Women's Spirituality Group, January 10 at 7pm



Join us on the Friday closest to the full moon 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 Dieties. Integrate what you learn through hands on crafts, singing, drumming, and communing with other women through prayer, song, and fellowship. Email womensgroup@uucg.org for more info. Non-binary folks welcome. Led by Sharon Yun, Sherree Bailey, and Sue Tumbleweed.

Fostering Spiritual Growth...

January Theme: Integrity





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.

January 5 A Life Without Resolution

Can't keep track of your New Year's Resolutions? This year focus on something else ... your breathing ... in... and out... that's it. Well done!

Lydia Patrick, Service Leader Justin Miller, Worship Associate

January 12 Owning Our Roots

Having immersed myself in Dolly Parton's America and related resources, together we'll explore our relationship with our roots and being our authentic selves, and what it might mean to be an authentic Unitarian Universalist.

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

January 19 Growing Our Tree

It takes more than healthy roots to grow a strong tree, it takes care and attention to keeping the tree healthy. If we think of our UU faith as a tree, what is the care and attention needed to keep our tree healthy, strong, and growing?

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader Bob Patrick Worship Associate

January 26 Bearing the Fruit

The fruit of our faith tree is apparent in our actions in the wider community, and also in our everyday spiritual practices and interactions with all whom we encounter. How are you nurturing the seeds within to bear fruit in your life?

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader Daniel Bailey, Worship Associate

February 2 Resilience, Not Resistance

When have we resisted the need for support or assistance, forging on believing we *should* be able to do that hard thing on our own? How can and does a faith community help us to be more resilient and less resistant?

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader Lydia Patrick, Worship Associate

Give Away the Plate—Mosaic Georgia

Give Away the Plate is our community outreach program that chooses a non-profit every three months to donate half of our plate collection to. UUCG Members are encouraged to nominate nonprofits for consideration.



Our first quarter—January through March - Give-Away-The-Plate recipient is **Mosaic Georgia**, located in Duluth. Founded in 1986 as Gwinnett Rape Crisis, the 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 raised \$720.66 for Habitat for Humanity.

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, January 5 at 10:00am: the Faith Development Team will host a guided discussion introducing the monthly theme of Integrity from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. Come discover ways to live into the theme of Integrity beyond Sunday mornings. What gifts does this month's theme of Integrity hold for you?

Sunday, January 12 at 10:00am: The Light in the World

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. *Facilitated by* Sherree Bailey

Sunday, January 19 at 10:00am: We host discussions about various ways to get and stay involved in the movement to work toward social justice in our community, our nation, and the world. How can you put your faith into action and let your life speak? How can your compassion make a difference?

Sunday, January 26 at 10:00am: Faith Development presents a video and leads an engaging discussion, providing resources for further exploration.

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. Join us this month as we explore the concept of Belonging through our personal histories, the Story of the Universe, and the miraculous interconnection with all of life on earth.

Check the Faith Development Bulletin Board at UUCG or the e-news for upcoming topics.

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.

Auction Organizing Meeting January 19

Would you like to help with one of the most exciting UUCG fundraisers of the year? It's time again to plan for the UUCG annual auction. The auction will be April 25, 2020.

The next planning meeting is at 12:15pm in the Library, January 19. Theme, format, and details are determined by those who show up. Come when you can!

Thomas Yun and Lorena Griffin are the organizers.

Folks are needed to handle food, publicity, fundraising, asking for donations, making the auction booklet and other forms, providing entertainment, etc. No commitment is too big or too small. We will meet more regularly about 6 weeks prior to the event date. If you are interested in volunteering or want more info, come to the meeting or contact auction@uucg.org.

Guest at Your Table

Guest at Your Table boxes are now available! Pick one up in the foyer, place it on your dining table and collect coins and cash throughout the month to support the important work of the UU Service Committee.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's 2019-2020 Theme is **Women Leaders, Strong Communities** From www.uusc.org: Since our founding, UUSC's work has been shaped and sustained by women's leadership.

Today, we are proud to partner with women leaders who are increasing representation for women in their communities, while strengthening access to justice for all. During this year's Guest at Your Table program, please join us to learn more about women leaders from UUSC partner organizations taking on some of today's greatest human rights challenges.

You can learn more about justice, women leaders, UUSC's programs, and ways to get involved at 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. Donations will be collected until January 12.



The Corley Elementary School Gift Card Drive has Ended!



Thanks to each and every one of you for making this year's drive a success. UUCG collected **\$1,010** in cash and cards! Everything has been delivered to the school. This year's collection surpassed last year's contribution of \$735 thanks to the generosity of this wonderful community. The school is very grateful.



Endowment Fund Year End Report

As of December 19, 2019 The UUCG Endowment Fund Inc. has a net worth of \$73,846.80.

\$46, 097.49 invested in the UUA Common Endowment Fund

\$ 5,577.19 held in checking and savings at BB&T

\$ 182.12 3+ shares of Coca-Cola stock

\$21,990.00 current balance for the UUCG sewer loan

Many thanks to those of you who have supported us this year with Birthday Club, memorials and other donations. Slow and steady, but the fund keeps growing.

Doug Beers, Treasurer



UUCG Fundraisers

We are always open to donations by congregants. Perhaps you have a craft or activity or skill you would like to share for a fee or donation which would then be given to UUCG. You may create an event or offering anytime you'd like. Email 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.



Private Chef for Hire:

Manoshi Mukherjee has offered her culinary expertise to make delicious meals as a private chef. Proceeds for her services will be given to UUCG. Also Manoshi is offering cooking classes for 2-3 people who can make 4-6 portions, \$20/person. You get to take your meal home. For a menu and prices, please email syun@uucg.org.

Martin Luther King Day Parade January 20

It is a UUCG tradition to march in the Lawrenceville MLK Day Parade. We always have a large group and have a banner and signs to let people know who we are and share our sentiments of solidarity. Feel free to bring your own signs as well.

Following is information for transportation and Parking - Please plan accordingly to avoid unnecessary delays.

There will be NO VAN / AND OR BUS SERVICE in the morning. The service will be available from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM only. Please prioritize arrangements for transportation to the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. The three locations available for parking are as follows:

Moore Middle School (LIMITED PARKING) -1221 Lawrenceville Highway (HWY 29). Most parking spaces are reserved for vendors and organizations with reserved parking passes only.

Central Gwinnett High School – 564 W Crogan St. (HWY 29)

First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville -395 W Crogan St. (corner of HWY 29 and Langley Drive).

NO PARKING AT THE GWINNETT JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Several local businesses might allow parking.

Limited Transportation will only be provided in the afternoon starting from Moore Middle School at 2:00 p.m to Central Gwinnett High School and First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville.

The brief program begins at 11:00 a.m. and the parade line-up starts approximately 11:25 a.m. There is also a program with performances and vendors at Moore Middle School.

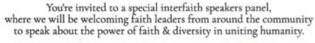
75 LANGLEY DRIVE United Ebony Society

The UU group is usually at the end of the line up somewhere near the War Memorial. All parade walkers should plan to arrive no later than 11:00 a.m. Those persons that need to be dropped off; turn on to Langley Drive off of Lawrenceville Hwy 29, turn left on Constitution Blvd. Drive 100 yards and unload behind the War Memorial site at the Justice Center. Someone will be there to direct you to the main area.

Please remember this is a parade, not a march or protest.

For more info, go to https://www.unitedebonysociety.org/dr-martin-luther-king-parade/







Deacon Greg Ollick

St John Neumann Catholic









Church of Latter-Day Saints, Community of Grace Lutheran Chinmaya [Hindu] Mission,



Location: Madina Institute Mosque 3580 Sweetwater Rd. Duluth, GA 30096 | ph: 770-279-1200

Faith Speaks, Diversity Unites: a Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance Event

Written by Barbara Stahnke

On January 11, 2020, from 7PM to 10PM, the Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance is hosting a panel of faith leaders at the Madina Institute Atlanta Masjid. The Madina Masjid is located at 3580 Sweetwater Road, Duluth, Georgia 30096. The panel will feature faith leaders from Chinmaya Hindu Mission, Church of Latter-Day Saints, Community of Grace Lutheran Church, Guru Nanak Mission Society, Madina Institute Mosque, Saint John Neuman Catholic Church, Temple Beth David, and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett (our very own Rev. Jan Taddeo is the faith leader representing us). These faith leaders will be answering questions that reveal their stories; reflecting how they live out their faith in their daily lives, evidencing the human experience of their lived faith. After the panel, attendees will be offered the opportunity to share their lived faith story with other attendees through answering the same questions with each other. All are welcome who are interested in Gwinnett faith diversity in uniting our community. Please register for this free event.

The Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance was formed after the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in October 2018. Temple Beth David invited the community to attend their vigil and worship service. Their willingness to share their faith inspired other faith communities to join in work to foster inclusion and acceptance. Meeting monthly at different Gwinnett faith homes such as churches, congregations, mosques, synagogues, and temples, the Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance works toward our mission. The Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance currently has Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Jesus Christ of Latter -Day Saints, Lutheran, Muslim, Sikh and Unitarian Universalist faith representatives. I was so amazed by the welcome from the Temple Beth David community and invitation to grieve with them during their time of suffering. I had to join the endeavor to create an interfaith effort in Gwinnett County. We hope that other faith communities will join us in our mission.

The mission of the Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance is to promote understanding and respect among the different faiths of Gwinnett County by interaction, communication and education. We will strive to create and enrich the community by working together to promote inclusion and acceptance. We will focus on our commonalities while embracing our differences. Steve Darnowsky of Temple Beth David describes his feelings, "As a member of Temple Beth David, I was very comforted by the outpouring of support after the Pittsburgh tragedy. I am very heartened by ongoing efforts to carry this community spirit forward to gather strength and unity from our diversity." This panel is our first event of what we hope to be an ongoing bi-annual panel exploring topics of how we live out our faith and the ways that diversity. We are also working on racial equity projects and other religious tolerance and acceptance projects as well as exploring ways to engage Gwinnett youths. The Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance is welcoming of everyone who agrees with our mission to join us. For more information you can go to our website at gwinnettinterfaithalliance.org or email interfaithalliance@gmail.com

As a member of UUCG and a member of the Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance, I would love UUCG to have a presence at this interfaith event. Feel free to email me for more information as well bstahnke@comcast.net .

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!

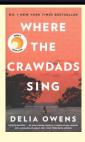


Nurturing Connections

Book Club: January 22 at 7:00 pm Where the Crawdads Sing

by Delia Owens

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 January 18. Magikal Arts with the Crafty Pagan will be at 3:30pm on Feb. 1 before the Imbolc 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 Imbolc Ritual on February 1. 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 spiralscouts@uucg.org for more info.

UU 101, January 19 UU 102 January 12



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.

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Parish Minister

RevTaddeo@uucg.org Cell: 678-558-48434 Appointments scheduled at:

revtaddeo.acuityscheduling.com

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Building Open

Sunday 9:30 -12:30 Tuesday 9:30 - 2:30 Friday 9:30 - 2:30 or by appointment 770-717-7913

