

## Virtual Sundays at UUCG

10:00am Faith Development Online

11:00am Worship Service Online



Go to <https://zoom.us/join>  
Or dial 646-558-8656  
and enter our Meeting ID:  
565-460-176

## November Theme: Healing

**November 1** *Grief and Healing:  
A Service of Remembrance*

*\*Daylight Saving\**

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader*

**November 8** *One Nation, Indivisible?*

Rev. Jan Taddeo and Bob Patrick,  
*Service Leaders*

**November 15** *Healing the Broken Parts*

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**November 22** *To Cling to the Shore  
or Let Go?*

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader*

*Followed by Town Hall Meeting*

**November 29** *The Duty to Delight: Regret,  
Anxiety and Thanksgiving*

Virtual Visit to Tennessee Valley UU Church  
Rev. Chris Bruice, *Service Leader*

**December 6** *Stillness*

Virtual Visit to Greenville UU Fellowship  
Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, *Service Leader*

**Plate contributions  
are shared equally with  
New Life Technology Group**



## Exploring Spiritual Practices With Reverend Jan

2nd/4th Wednesdays 10-11am



Spiritual Practices  
with Rev. Jan &  
UUCG Friends  
Via Zoom

The Unitarian Universalist Association  
and Side with Love present

A POST-ELECTION  
**vigil & community gathering**



## Town Hall Meeting

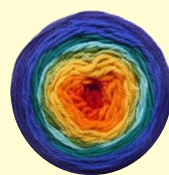
Saturday, November 22  
After Service



On Zoom

We will  
discuss the  
2021 budget

## Sewers & Crafters Needed



For a  
Special Project  
for UUCG

Contact  
Reverend Jan  
at [revtaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:revtaddeo@uucg.org)

## Post Election Vigil

with Rev. Jan Taddeo on Zoom  
*Prayers for Peace  
and Sharing of the Heart*

Wednesday,  
November 4,  
8pm-9pm



## Samhain Ritual

Saturday, November 7, 6-8pm  
With Sylvan Sanctuary



Led by  
Bob Patrick

## Thursdays Virtual Happy Hour

6pm-8pm



Online  
Via  
Zoom

## Aluminum Can Drive



Please bring your  
clean, empty  
aluminum cans  
to UUCG Or  
contact Rev. Jan  
to pick up

Visit [www.uucg.org](http://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.*

# Nurturing Connections Online

Visit our **Calendar Online** for more information and links to our Zoom rooms.

For all of the following events, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 646-558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID

**Choir Connection Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm, Meeting ID: 646-248-750** email [mparker@uucg.org](mailto:mparker@uucg.org)

**Exploring Spiritual Practices with Reverend Jan: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 10-11am, Meeting ID: 998-083-078** We will be exploring different Spiritual Practices together.



**Virtual Happy Hour Thursdays 6-8pm, Meeting ID: 882-436-315**

Open chat room for congregants to share what is on their heart with each other.

**Tarot Sundays 4-6pm** with Sherree Bailey. Email [admin@uucg.org](mailto:admin@uucg.org) for link, check calendar for topic.

**Yarns from the Heart: 1st and 3rd Wed.: November 4 and 18 10am-12pm Meeting ID: 994 7414 0257** Knitters and crocheters gather to create prayer shawls, baby blankets and other fiber gifts for members and friends of UUCG and the wider community. [yarnsfromtheheart@uucg.org](mailto:yarnsfromtheheart@uucg.org)



**Gwinnett Understanding Secular Truths (GUST): 2nd Mondays November 9 at 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 311-901-332** GUST presents programs that explore atheism, skepticism, and secular humanism and works to encourage community and friendships. Contact Dylan at [gust@uucg.org](mailto:gust@uucg.org) or visit <http://brights.meetup.com/295>



**Women's Spirituality Group: 2nd Fridays, November 13 7-10pm, Meeting ID: 894-489-117**  
Please join us for ritual and deep sharing. Together we create sacred space to go deeper into the feminine. Led by Sharon Yun and Sherree Bailey. Please email [womensgroup@uucg.org](mailto:womensgroup@uucg.org).

**Belief Exploration: 2nd Sundays November 8 12:30pm-1:30pm, Meeting ID: 896-987-304**  
We explore the sources of world faith traditions. 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. Speak to Carol Richardson or email [beliefexplorers@uucg.org](mailto:beliefexplorers@uucg.org) for info.



**Spiral Scouts: 2nd Sundays, November 8 12:30pm-2:00pm**

For children ages 3-12 and their families, this earth-based scout program encourages young people to co-create their programs. Contact [spiralscoutsleaders@uucg.org](mailto:spiralscoutsleaders@uucg.org) for more info.

**Book Club: 4th Wednesdays, November 25 7-9pm. Meeting ID: 144-736-833**

More info about the current book selection is on <https://www.uucg.org/learning/adult-programs/book-group/>



**Samhain Ritual with Sylvan Sanctuary November 7 from 6-8pm**, More info on the Sylvan Sanctuary, DOTR Facebook Page

**UU 101 Visitor Orientation Meeting ID: 709 584 522, November 15 12:30pm**

Join us after the service. You will learn more about Unitarian Universalism and UUCG.

After attending UU 101, you may attend UU 102. Please register: <https://bit.ly/UUCGregistration>

**UU 102 Path to Membership Meeting ID: 520 702 428, November 15 12:30pm**

You will meet with Rev. Jan and learn what it means to be a member. Please register online.



See Page 5 for CUUPS offerings this month—CUUPS will be hosting Wolfenoot, a Workshop on Altered States, a Full Moon Gathering, and a Thanksgiving Sumbel

Email [cuups@uucg.org](mailto:cuups@uucg.org) for Zoom meeting IDs and more info.

# Fostering Spiritual Growth...

## November Theme: Healing



### Online Worship Services, Sundays at 11:00 am

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or dial 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 565-460-176

[Click Here for Virtual Intention Table Activities](#)

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

### **November 1** *Grief and Healing: A Service of Remembrance* Daylight Saving Time—clocks go back 1 hour

In this annual service dedicated to remembering our beloveds who have died, we'll explore the healing journey through grief. If someone or several someones in your life died in the past year, please send those names to Rev. Taddeo at [revtaddeo@uucg.org](mailto:revtaddeo@uucg.org) so she can have a ribbon prepared in advance to attach to our memorial wreath. Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

### **November 8** *One Nation, Indivisible?*

There's no way to know for sure what our country and our lives will look like in the aftermath of Election Day. Many predict upheaval, uncertainty, and uprisings. How can and does our Unitarian Universalist faith guide us to be agents of healing and change during this time, for ourselves and for others  
Rev. Taddeo and Bob Patrick, *Service Leaders*

### **November 15** *Healing the Broken Parts*

From the personal to the national to the global, there is so much that feels broken as we witness a pandemic continuing to grow and political unrest around the world. We could debate if things were ever whole, but we do know there is a yearning for healing, wholeness, and connection. If there is to be peace, let it begin within each of us.  
Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

### **November 22** *To Cling to the Shore or Let Go?*

On June 8, 2000, the Elders of the Hopi Nation offered a proclamation to guide us all during times of challenge, change, and upheaval. As we enter the season of holidays and celebrations under the shadow of pandemic and political change, who will we choose to be?  
Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

Followed by a *Town Hall Meeting* to discuss the 2021 budget

### **November 29** *The Duty to Delight: Regret, Anxiety and Thanksgiving* Virtual Field trip to Knoxville, TN

Is there a way to be thankful while also being mindful of the inequities, inequalities and injustices in the world. This Sunday we will explore how our duty to change the world can be informed by what the activist Dorothy Day called "the duty to delight." <https://www.facebook.com/tvuuc/>  
Rev. Chris Buice, Tennessee Valley UU Church

### **December 6** *Virtual Field Trip to Greenville UU Fellowship*

For more info, go to <https://greenvilleuu.org/sunday-services-link/>  
Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, Greenville UU Fellowship



# Sunday Morning Faith Development Programs

To access Faith Development Programs on Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or dial 646-558-8656. For Adult FD enter Meeting ID: 145-984-149. Please register for Elementary ID

Christiana McQuain has created a robust resource of Faith Development materials for at home study to supplement our Sunday morning programs. For Adult Faith Development Beyond Sunday Morning, [click here](#).

## Adult Faith Development

### A Call to Faith in Turbulent Times

This program, created to hold the energy and the anxiety of this election/post election season, will run through the month of November

**Sunday, November 1 at 10:00am: A Call to Vision**

*Facilitated by Bob Patrick*

**Sunday, November 8 at 10:00am: A Call to Love**

**Sunday, November 15 at 10:00am: A Call to Imagination**

**Sunday, November 22 at 10:00am: A Call to Relationship in Action**

**Sunday, November 29 at 10:00am: Thankful Healing**



"We are all more blind to what we have than what we have not" - Audre Lord What role does gratitude play in our role to heal? On this Thanksgiving weekend, we explore Gratitude as a spiritual practice.

## Children's Religious Exploration

**Sunday, November 1 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program : Bao**

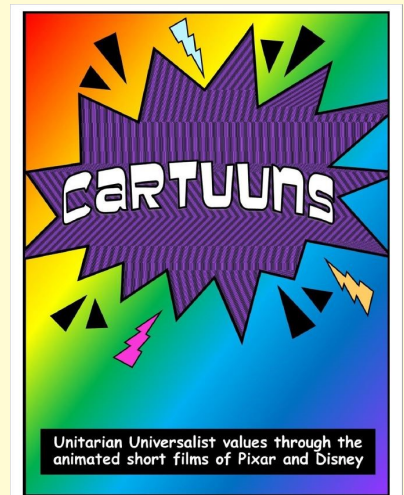
**Sunday, November 8: Religious Exploration at Home**  
*(no session, resources provided)*

**Sunday, November 15 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program**

**Sunday, November 22 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program**

**Sunday, November 29: Happy Thanksgiving**

Enjoy the day together as a family



**Family Faith Development Resources:** During this unique period of social distancing and virtual programming, the UUCG Faith Development Team is committed to providing parents and caregivers resources to support you in navigating your faith journey from home. Please use this link for more information: <https://www.uucg.org/family-faith-development-resources/>

## Come be Curious, Courageous, and Compassionate with us!

Please register all ages for Faith Development by going to this link: <https://bit.ly/uucgregister>.

If registering for Elementary RE, the Zoom info will be sent to you after you register.

You may also use this link to register as a volunteer.

# Covenant of Universal Unitarian Pagans Events

**Sherree Bailey has organized the following offerings by CUUPS this month:**

Check the calendar or email [cuups@uucg.org](mailto:cuups@uucg.org) for more info and links

**Tarot Sundays 4-6pm (except November 8 is 6-8pm) with Sherree Bailey**

Bring decks, thoughts, and questions.

Different topics each Sunday and readings.

November 1: **Ancestor Ask**, Click here for more info

November 8 6-8pm: **Justice and The Tower**, Click here for more info

November 15: **Oracle Cards**

November 23: **The Angel Cards**

November 30: **The Court Cards**



**Workshop November 14 6-9pm *Altered States* with Daniel Bailey**



**November 23 7-9pm Wolfenoot– For the Love of Animals Ritual**

Started by a 7 year old in New Zealand, Wolfenoot is a celebration of our connection to and love of our furry/feathered/finned family members. We will create this ritual together. Contact Sherree Bailey with your ideas.

**November 26 8-10pm Thanksgiving Sumbel**

This is a ritual where we create a container and take turns sharing and taking a drink. There will be three rounds of story, song, or poetry. There will be three rounds. The first will be in praise of the God/s / Dieties, The second round will be in praise of Ancestors, and the third round will be in praise of the self. You may want to prepare ahead of time by gathering written poetry and prose to share.



**November 30 7-9pm Full Moon Gathering**

Ritual and Magick Setting Intentions

## Property Work Day November 7

Saturday, November 7 from 8am—11am we will work specifically on removing and replacing a portion of our concrete walkway. We need two volunteers to commit, so please click here to register if you are able to help. The date may change to November 14 depending on volunteer availability. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. Bring gloves and tools, and your own water and snacks. Please register online or contact Harry Falise.



## Food Bank Donations 1st Sundays



Food Bank Donations for the Lawrenceville Food Bank will now be collected monthly every First Sunday from 2-4pm at UUCG. You may talk to Peggy Averyt for more info. The November pick up is November 1 and the next one is December 6.

For current needs, go to <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/donate/>

Rev. Jan Taddeo has posted inspirational messages on our UUCG YouTube Channel. Also, our worship services have been recorded and are viewable on YouTube. Please visit [bit.ly/UUCGYouTube](http://bit.ly/UUCGYouTube) to view our offerings and connect with us as you are able.



# Get Out the Vote

If you haven't voted yet, please make sure to go to the polls on November 3, 2020.

On the Georgia My Voter Page you can check registration and find your polling place:

<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>



If you chose the absentee ballot option, you can't mail it back anymore. You must take it to one of the designated and secured Ballot Drop Off locations listed below. You can also bring it with you to a polling place and either turn it in or cancel it and vote in person. If you choose to vote in person, please wear a mask for the safety of you and others. You may not wear anything that promotes a candidate. You will need a picture ID such as your driver's license, state ID, or passport.

Get your loved ones, friends, and acquaintances to vote. Offer them support if they need help getting to the polls.

**DEMOCRACY ONLY WORKS WHEN EVERYONE VOTES!!!**

One last consideration – your absence from this election process is desired by some. That is your choice to make, not theirs. Use your power.

## GWINNETT COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS



### **Bogan Park Community Recreation Center**

2723 North Bogan Road NE  
Buford, GA 30519

### **Dacula Park Activity Building**

2735 Old Auburn Avenue,  
Dacula, GA 30019

### **Mountain Park Aquatic Center**

1063 Rockbridge Road SW,  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

### **Voter Registrations and Elections**

Beauty P. Baldwin Building  
455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200,  
Lawrenceville, GA

### **George Pierce Park Community Rec Center**

55 Buford Highway,  
Suwanee, GA 30024

### **Lenora Park Gym**

4515 Lenora Church Road,  
Snellville, GA 30039

### **Lucky Shoals Park Community Recreation Center**

4651 Britt Road,  
Norcross, GA 30093

### **Shorty Howell Park Activity Building**

2750 Pleasant Hill Road,  
Duluth, GA

All Gwinnett County Public Libraries will also serve as secured Ballot Drop Off locations.

No postage is necessary for Ballot Drop Off locations.

## Give Away the Plate — New Life Technology Group



The recipient of the Give Away the Plate program during the fourth quarter will be New Life Technology Group. This organization helps our planet by reducing e-waste and supports the community through its Computers for Kids Program. They work with businesses, schools, churches, and neighborhoods to collect used electronics and keep them out of landfills. All donated equipment is recycled or repurposed. All data is wiped according to government standards to guarantee donors' privacy. <https://www.newlifetechgroup.com/>

# Gadding About...

by Rev. Jan Taddeo

Our vision is to be a radically welcoming congregation, a sanctuary for all seekers who yearn for a faith community that will embrace them for all of who they are. Unitarian Universalist congregations embrace this wide circle of welcome for all who are seeking a liberal religious community.

The journey to radical welcome asks a great deal of us, and requires all of us to do the work! This program year, members and friends of UUCCG are encouraged to be even more intentional in learning how to expand and deepen our welcome. We begin with the Transgender Inclusion in Congregations program. I took part in this program earlier this year and found it truly transformational. I encourage EVERYONE to take part! You will learn what you don't know you don't know about gender (turns out it's very complicated), the ways in which intersectionality of various identities compounds challenges for inclusion, and how we can shift the culture of our congregation to be truly, deeply, unconditionally, radically welcoming to all who are seeking our life-saving faith.



**Please register for this program by November 13.** We will then invite all registrants to be part of small groups for processing in one session each month in December, January, and February. [Register here.](#)

This level of inclusion is not unique to UUCCG. It is codified in Article II, Section C-2.3 of the bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA):

*Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally created barriers for persons and groups with particular identities, ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace such barriers with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We strive to be an association of congregations that truly welcome all persons and commit to structuring congregational and associational life in ways that empower and enhance everyone's participation.*

Our radical welcome also includes the wide range of ways people engage and express their spiritual and religious beliefs, also codified in Article II of the UUA bylaws:

*Nothing herein shall be deemed to infringe upon the individual freedom of belief which is inherent in the Universalist and Unitarian heritages or to conflict with any statement of purpose, covenant, or bond of union used by any congregation unless such is used as a creedal test.*

As a member congregation of the UUA, we agree to replace barriers of power, privilege and oppression with a wide circle of welcome, engagement and empowerment; and, we agree that there will be no creedal test to be a member of our congregation. Article II of the UUA bylaws is also where you can find our seven principles, the sources from which we draw, as well as the purpose of the UUA. It is an important section that defines our values and commitments as a faith organization.

For many years there have been proposals and discussions about making changes to Article II. At the annual UUA General Assembly in 2017, the congregational delegates authorized the formation of a new commission to review Article II and in 2020 the commission was formed and charged:

*The Article II Study Commission is hereby charged to review Article II of the UUA Bylaws, and propose any revisions that will enable our UUA, our member congregations, and our covenanted communities to be a relevant and powerful force for spiritual and moral growth, healing, and justice. Proposed changes should articulate core UU theological values. The Board believes that one core theological value, shared widely among UUs, is love ... We therefore charge this commission to root its work in Love as a principal guide in its work; attending particularly to the ways that we (and our root traditions) have understood and articulated Love, and how we have acted out of Love. [Article II Study Commission | UUA.org](#)*

I'll keep you all updated on the work of the Article II Commission as I expect they will seek input from member congregations.

With love and gratitude...

Reverend Jan



# Letter from the Board

Dear All;

Thank you so much to those who have pledged for the 2021 fiscal year. The board has approved a tentative budget for the coming year, and we'll hold a Town Hall Meeting after the service on Sunday, November 22, to share it with you and answer any questions you may have.

On our wish list are increases in spending on social justice and marketing/outreach, and in contributions to our capital reserve fund. We also plan to give hourly staff a 2% increase in pay and to increase Christiana's hours so that we can continue to offer online services, even in a post-pandemic world (yes, that day will come). Currently, we pay outside services for cleaning and lawn care. We are looking to take those funds and to add a new 6-hour facilities position. This person would handle routine maintenance and would move chairs on Fridays and Sundays to facilitate space sharing with Turning Sun School. All of this will be discussed on the 22nd, so come prepared with your questions and comments.

Our ultimate goal for 2021 would be to bring in pledges of \$160,000. Our tamer goal is bring in \$140,000. We have currently received pledges for \$117,900. If you've not submitted a pledge yet, please do so as soon as possible by visiting the website (UUCG.org) and clicking on "give" at the top right of the page. We realize this has been an unconventional year and that many are struggling financially, due to job loss or decreases from Covid. If you are unable to pledge this year, please let Reverend Jan or me know and waivers will be granted. For those who are not feeling the financial burden of Covid, please consider increasing your pledge in support of your fellow members who are unable to do so.

Just a note on this year's financial position. Due to our Payroll Protection Program grant from the Small Business Administration, we are doing well and have the funds we need and will likely end the year without having to use our reserves.

Thanks to all for your support of our island of sanity amidst a chaotic world. We look forward to seeing you at the Town Hall Meeting on November 22 following the service.

Sincerely,

Lorena Griffin, for the UUCG Board of Trustees

**Rev. Jan Taddeo, Parish Minister**

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**If you need assistance,  
please call Pastoral Care**

**770-847-0566**

## 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.
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