

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

“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.” *Viktor E. Frankl*

December Theme: Stillness

December 6 *Blue Christmas*

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

December 13 *Words of Wisdom?*

Rev. Jan Taddeo and Bob Patrick,
Service Leaders

Congregational Meeting After Service

December 13 at 4pm *A Blue Christmas*

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December 20 *Light Within Darkness*

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

December 24 *Christmas Eve Service* *Jesus, Our Brother*

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

December 27 *TBD*

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



Rev. Taddeo Study Leave

November 23 - December 8

Please Contact Pastoral Care at
770-847-0566
if you need
support or want
to reach the minister.



CUUPS Event

The Nurturing Darkness Ritual and Workshop

Saturday,
December 5
6pm-8pm
on Zoom



Food Bank Donation

Drop Off at UUCG

1st Sundays

December 6

2-4pm

Pasta Sauce, Soup, potatoes,
dry pasta, toilet paper,
deodorant, shampoo



Congregational Meeting

December 13 after Service

We will vote on the 2021 Budget
If you are a member and did
not receive your
ballot through
email, contact
admin@uucg.org



Exploring Spiritual Practices With Reverend Jan

2nd/4th Wednesdays 10-11am



Spiritual Practices
with Rev. Jan &
UUCG Friends
Via Zoom

Board Meeting Online

Wednesday, December 16 7-9pm

Online through Zoom

Click here for link



Covenant Groups

January - May 2021

Registration Open



1st/3rd Wednesdays 7-9pm

2nd/4th Mondays 7-9pm

2nd/4th Wednesdays 7-9pm

2nd/4th Thursdays 10am-12pm

Thursdays Virtual Happy Hour

6pm-8pm



Online
Via
Zoom

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

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett



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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.

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

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. check calendar for topic. Dec. 13 time change 6-8pm

Yarns from the Heart: 1st and 3rd Wed.: December 2 and 16 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



Gwinnett Understanding Secular Truths (GUST): 2nd Mondays December 14 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 or visit <http://brights.meetup.com/295>



Women's Spirituality Group: 2nd Fridays, December 11 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.

Belief Exploration: 2nd Sundays December 13 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 for info.



Spiral Scouts: 2nd Sundays, December 13 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 for more info.

Book Club: December 9 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/>



Winter Solstice Ritual with Sylvan Sanctuary December 19 from 6-8pm, More info on the Sylvan Sanctuary, DOTR Facebook Page

UU 101 Visitor Orientation Meeting ID: 709 584 522, December 20 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, December 20 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 a Nurturing Darkness

Workshop December 5 from 6-8pm and Full Moon Magick and Ritual December 29 from 7-9pm

Email cuups@uucg.org for Zoom meeting IDs and more info.

Fostering Spiritual Growth...

December Theme: Stillness



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.

December 6 *Blue Christmas* Virtual Visit to Greenville UU Fellowship

The winter holidays can be particularly challenging when you or your family are experiencing grief due to a recent loss, or to the anniversary of a loss. In the midst of a pandemic, we are all touched by grief and loss in different ways. This meditative service will provide an opportunity to honor the complexity of grief at the holidays. Go to <https://greenvilleuu.org/> for more information.

To watch the service, go to <https://www.facebook.com/GreenvilleUU/live/>

Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, *Service Leader*

December 13 *Words of Wisdom?*

Followed by the Congregational Meeting

In this service we bring some selections from our *Words of Wisdom?* blog with perspectives on stillness, calm, and peacefulness.

This will be a shorter service to allow our congregational meeting to begin at 11:45am.

Rev. Taddeo and Bob Patrick, *Service Leaders*

December 13 at 4pm *A Blue Christmas*

For any number of reasons, the Christmas season is not a joyful time of year for every person.

This year may be especially challenging as we continue to maintain safe boundaries with family and friends. This is a service to honor the complex emotions that many feel during this time.

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

December 20 *Light Within the Darkness*

Together we'll seek to ignite the still, small spark within each of us that can light our way during difficult times.

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

December 24 *Christmas Eve Service Jesus, Our Brother*

Every night a child is born is a holy night, and on this holy night we explore our profound interconnectedness through story and song.

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

December 27 *Virtual Field Trip TBD*

Recordings of Services on YouTube

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 to view our offerings and connect with us as you are able.



Sunday Morning Faith Development Programs

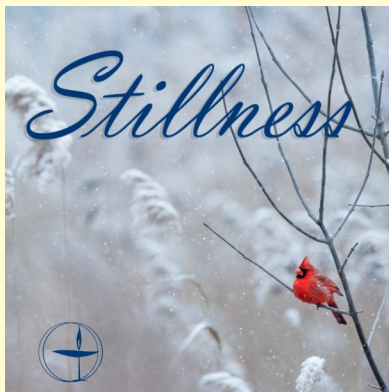
To access Faith Development Programs on Zoom, go to <https://zoom.us/join> or dial 646-558-8656. For Adult FD enter Meeting ID: **145-984-149**. Please register for Elementary ID

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.](#)

The above link will lead you to resources on the spiritual traditions of many winter holidays including Advent, Chalica, Hannukah, Winter Solstice, Yule, and Kwanzaa. The following is an excerpt from the page on Advent:

Advent is about traveling lightly. Advent is about opening our fists to find we can trust God with our vulnerability. Advent is about the new story being written in our lives. Advent is about God with us in the hardships in life.
~ Jess Cast

Adult Faith Development



Sunday, December 6 at 10:00am: *Finding Stillness in Gratitude*

Beyond Thanksgiving, there is quiet power in the intentional practice of being thankful. Join us for an exploration of the stillness and peace that can be discovered when we center ourselves in gratitude.

Sunday, December 13 at 10:00am: *Light of the World: Intention and Practice*

Sunday, December 20 at 10:00am: *Querencia and the Stillness of Place*

Is there a specific place that you go when you are in need of calm and strength? A place that moves you into stillness as you move into it? Join us as we share our experiences of how place can serve to kindle or sustain our light during times of darkness.

Sunday, December 27 at 10:00am: No Program

Children's Religious Exploration

Sunday, December 6 at 12:30pm: *CartUUns Program*

Sunday, December 13: *Religious Exploration at Home*

No online session, resources provided

Sunday, December 20 at 12:30pm: *CartUUns Program*

Sunday, December 27: *Religious Exploration at Home*

Resources provided, Enjoy the day together as a family

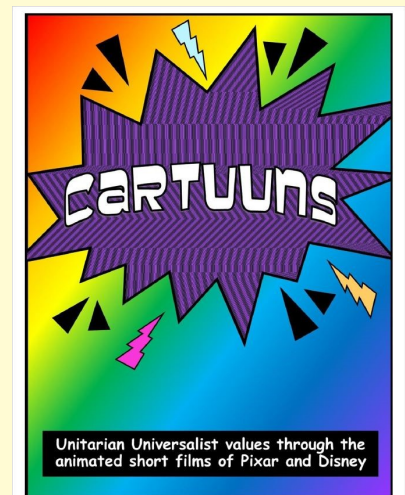
Family Faith Development Resources: During this unique period of social distancing and virtual programming, the UUCG Faith Development Team is committed to providing parents and caregivers resources to support you in navigating your faith journey from home. Please use this link for more information: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



UUCG 2020 Holiday Marketplace

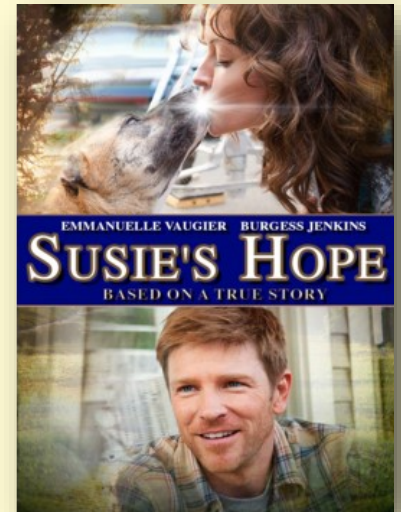


Enjoy COVID-free holiday shopping and give to UUCG at the same time.

Stuff a stocking or gift yourself with something special from the UUCG Holiday Marketplace.

Minimal fees go to the Charity Auctions Today website and to PayPal. Over 92% goes directly to UUCG. Bidding started at 9:00 am on Black Friday and **ends at 5:00 pm Friday, December 4.**

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/UUCG-Holiday-Marketplace-2020-17548>



Some of the items being auctioned are shown on this page: Mixed Genes CD, Lydia's Kitchen Italian Cookie Sampler, lego chalice kit, air fryer, *Susie's Hope* produced and screenwritten by Dan Kelly, paint pour by Erin Averyt, Dance Class by Lisa Konczal, and art and a class by Katrina Yurko.



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 for more info and links

Tarot Sundays 4-6pm (Dec 13. is 6-8pm) with Sherree Bailey
All things Tarot, Card Readings, and a Meditation with Daniel Bailey
Bring decks, thoughts, and questions.

December 6 *The Court Cards Part 2*

December 13 Time Change: 6-8pm ***The Angels of Tarot***

December 20 *Animal Oracle Cards Inspiration and Intention*

December 27 *You are the Light of the World*



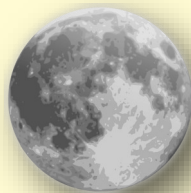
The Nurturing Darkness Ritual and Workshop December 5 6-8pm

We will be working with the concepts of the positive aspects of Darkness. Also, honoring Demeter whose festival is on Dec 7th.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/400036556> Meeting ID: 400-036-556

Alban Arthuan Winter Solstice Ritual December 19 6-8pm

Sylvan Sanctuary welcomes all who are interested to join in an Alban Arthuan Ritual at 6pm. 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. Location Online via Zoom.



Full Moon Magick and Ritual December 29 7-9pm

Please bring journal or paper and pen, a bowl of water--you are the bowl...you are the water and a drying cloth for tonight's journey into Fullness. This would be a good use for your moon water from last month. <https://zoom.us/j/93316764508> Meeting ID: 933 1676 4508



Happy Two-gether A Toddler Shower for Nathalie's Foster Angels

Nathalie has achieved a personal goal of receiving a permanent foster placement. (She does have dreams of adoption.) The Chalice Circle and Karen Smith invite you to a Zoom Toddler Shower on December 19, 2020 to introduce Jack and Henry as well as assist Nathalie with needed supplies. Break-out Rooms will be facilitated.

Toddler Shower for Nathalie Bigord

Time: Dec 19, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82153151630>

Meeting ID: 821 5315 1630

Contact Bstahnke@comcast.net for phone connections if needed.

December 19, 2020

3:00 -4:00 PM via Zoom

RSVP: Bstahnke@comcast.net

Target Gift Registry

<http://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=5bfa9b5b8ad5481aac9ad0c94bce6ed9>

Get Out the Vote Jan. 5 Run-Offs

Please make sure to request an absentee ballot before December 15, 2020 or go to the polls on January 5, 2021 for a run off election for two Senate seats and a Public Service Commissioner. Advanced voting begins December 14.

On the Georgia My Voter Page you can check registration, get a voter registration and absentee ballot application, find early voting times and locations, and find your election day polling place and times: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>. Click here for a sample ballot.

Voter registrations received by December 7 will be able to vote in this upcoming run off election.

People who are at least 17 1/2 years old can register, but must be 18 by January 5, 2021 to vote in the run off.

If you choose the absentee ballot option, mail it in early as it must arrive by January 5, or take it to one of the designated and secured Ballot Drop Off locations listed below. Click here for more info on absentee ballots. 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. Click here for examples. Get your loved ones, friends, and acquaintances to vote. Offer them support if they need help getting to the polls. You can join UU the Vote efforts by going to <https://www.uuthevote.org/>



DEMOCRACY ONLY WORKS WHEN EVERYONE VOTES!!!

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/>

Covenant Group 2021 Spring Registration

Spring 2021 Covenant Group Registration is Open! Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/UUCGregistration>
Sign up early to reserve your spot in your first choice group. All sessions will be on Zoom.

1st & 3rd Wednesday 7-9pm (2/10-5/19)

2nd & 4th Monday 7-9pm (1/25-5/10)

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7-9pm (1/27-5/12)

2nd & 4th Thursday 10am-12pm (1/28-5/13)



Covenant Groups Nurture Meaningful Connections

Are you seeking an additional way of being present with our Beloved Community? **Covenant Groups** may provide the opportunity you are looking for!

What are Covenant Groups? Small groups of eight to ten people who meet for two hours, twice a month for eight meetings; creating a sacred space, exploring our monthly themes, listening and talking together. Each person is given uninterrupted time to share stories and find meaning from their own experiences. Trained, experienced facilitators are a part of every group meeting.

Why should I join a Covenant Group? We create a sacred space to focus our attention away from the cares of the present, leave the past behind, and let the future wait a couple of hours. We express a form of "radical hospitality" by giving each other our full attention without interruption, judgment, or advice.

When we listen, we focus completely on the personal journeys of our "fellow travelers."

When we speak, we are empowered to be vulnerable, to open our hearts, and to share our personal story.

In accordance with the Congregation and Group Covenants, our "fellow travelers" listen with anticipation and appreciation. Our personal stories are held in confidence by the group. Talking and listening together about our interests and passions helps both "new" and "old" members connect with and understand all that our Beloved Community has to offer them. The experience of speaking the truth about our personal experiences can empower us to listen to the stories of others.

Who can join? Newcomers, long-time members and everyone in between benefit from these small groups. It's a great way to build connections within our beloved community as people engage in deep and meaningful conversations based on our monthly themes.

I'm ready! How do I sign up? You can **register online**. Check the "Covenant Group" box and all of the sessions will appear. Scroll down to select the meeting time that works best for you.

Food Bank Donations 1st Sundays

Food Bank Donations for the Lawrenceville Food Bank are now collected monthly every First Sunday from 2-4pm at UUCG. You may talk to Peggy Averyt for more info. The December pick up is December 6 and the next one is January 3. For current needs, go to <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/donate/>



Congregational Meeting December 13

Dear Members,

We will have a Congregational Meeting December 13 following the service at 11:45am to vote on the 2021 budget. You have been emailed the budget and a virtual ballot which can be used ahead of the meeting as an absentee ballot. You may cast your ballot at any time or wait until the meeting and cast it then. If you do not have the ballot, please email Sharon Yun at admin@uucg.org.

Here is the Zoom info for our meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/565460176>
Meeting ID: 565 46 0176, it will be the same Zoom room as our Worship Service.

Gift Cards for Corley Elementary School

The UUCG community has continued to be very generous to the students and parents of Corley Elementary School. The school has no PTA, and we fill in and support the parents and students several times per year. The drive for gift cards began on 11/15/2020 and ends on 12/20/2020. For the convenience of the students' parents, Corley counselors are requesting gift cards from Walmart (and possibly Uber) again. We suggest a \$10 or \$25 Walmart card. BUT, funds of *any amount* can be pooled and UUCG will purchase the cards.

Ways to send your donation:

Send a check to the church with Corley in the memo line.
Mail to: 12 Bethesda Church Rd., Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

You may also use Venmo or Paypal to send funds and put Corley in the message box.

Venmo: @UUCG-Gwinnett
or Paypal: paypal@uucg.org, paypal.me/UUCG



Questions or suggestions: Email info@uucg.org

Thank you from the Corley Committee!

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 receives a percentage of your purchase when you designate Unitarian



Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett as your Amazon SMILES recipient. You will need to log onto Amazon each time using this URL: https://smile.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=u030-20
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• **Kroger Rewards.** Visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to register your Kroger Plus Card each year. 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 Equal Exchange Fair trade coffee, chocolate, and Cocoa, Books, and CDs from the Tech Team all benefit the UUCG operating budget. We deliver.

Donations to UUCG are Always Gratefully Received



paypal@uucg.org
Paypal.me/UUCG

2021 UUCG Pledge
Please fill out your pledge form online at bit.ly/uucgpledge



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