

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

“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will take a qualitative change in our souls as well as a qualitative change in our lives.” - MLK

February Theme: Beloved Community

February 7 *Staying in the Struggle*

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader*

February 14 *Beloved Community
as Spiritual Practice*

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader*

February 21 *Beloved Community
and Interdependence*

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leaders*

February 28 *Virtual Field Trip
to UUC Fort Lauderdale*

Reverend Susan Smith, *Service Leader*

March 7 *Fire of Commitment*

Rev. Jan Taddeo, *Service Leader*

*Plate contributions
are shared equally with
Beyond the Ribbon*



T-Shirt Bag Donations

Gently used T-shirts and Bag Makers needed for our Spring Renewal Bag.



More info
on Page 9

Courageous Coffeehouse



Thursdays
6pm-
8pm

CUUPS Workshop Ritual Construction



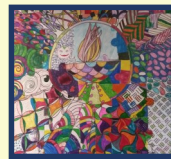
Saturday, Feb. 20

6-9pm

How to create
Ceremony and Ritual for
yourself and others.

Vision Journal Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 24 7-9pm



With Candice Currier

Platelet Donations Needed!



A member of our congregation is battling leukemia and needs platelet donations

www.atlantabloodservices.com

Food Bank Donation

Drop Off at UUCG

1st Sundays

February 7

2-4pm



Click here for
current needs

Board Meeting Online

Wednesday, February 17 7-9pm

Online through Zoom

Click here for link



New to UU Gwinnett?



Text “Welcome”
to 678-931-8228

So we can support
you in connecting
with our congregation

Visit www.uucg.org & select “Calendar” 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 walls 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

Tarot Sundays 4-6pm Meeting ID: 978 9585 2363 with Sherree Bailey. Topics on page 8

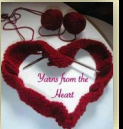


Choir Connection Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm, Meeting ID: 646-248-750 email mparker@uucg.org



Courageous Coffeehouse Thursdays 6-8pm, Meeting ID: 882-436-315
Open chat room for congregants to share what is on their heart with each other.
With Maryjane Stout and Bill Benshoof.

Yarns from the Heart: 1st and 3rd Wed.: February 3 and 17 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 Feb. 8 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.



Women's Spirituality Group: 2nd Fridays, February 12 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 Feb. 14 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, February 14 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.

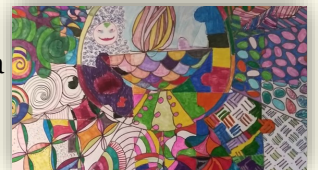


Book Club: 4th Wednesdays February 24 7-9pm. Meeting ID: 144-736-833
More info about the current book selection is at <https://www.uucg.org/learning/adult-programs/book-group/>

CUUPS will be hosting a Workshop on Ritual Construction February 20 from 6-8pm Meeting ID: 400-036-556 More information on pg. 8



Vision Journal Session Last Wednesdays 7:30-9pm February 24 Meeting ID: 92604838439 Join Candice Currier as she leads participants through a meditation and visioning exercise. Then, express your vision through your preferred art mediums. Each month will focus on a different theme.



Full Moon Magick and Ritual February 27 7:30-9:30pm Meeting ID 933 1676 4508
Every month on the Full Moon.

Spring Equinox Ritual with Sylvan Sanctuary Saturday, March 20 from 6-8pm
More info on the Sylvan Sanctuary, DOTR Facebook Page



Fostering Spiritual Growth...

February Theme: *Beloved Community*



Online Worship Services, Sundays at 11:00 am

Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or dial 646-558-8656 a
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.

February 7 *Staying in the Struggle*

In this service we'll explore ideas related to this quote from Victoria Safford: *"The goal [of Beloved Community] is reconciliation, not to destroy your opponent, nor cast them out, but to stay in the struggle till love wins."*

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

February 14 *Beloved Community as Spiritual Practice*

In this service we explore the practices we may need to develop and engage to live more fully into our covenants. We'll begin our exploration with this quote from Catholic teacher, theologian, and activist Henri Nouwen, *"Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives...That person is always in your community somewhere; in the eyes of others, you might be that person."*

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

February 21 *Beloved Community and Interdependence*

Every person is ultimately dependent on the web of life for our survival. We need not only friends and companions, but also every living thing on this planet in order to thrive. How do we balance our individualism and our interdependence?

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

February 28 *Virtual Field Trip to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ft. Lauderdale*

[Click here for the Zoom link.](#) Meeting ID: 109 963 251 Passcode: 986310

Learn more at <https://www.uucfl.org>.

March 7 *Fire of Commitment*

What does our UU faith require of us? What are the commitments we are living into personally and collectively that serve the common good?

Rev. Taddeo, *Service Leader*

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.



Gadding About by Reverend Jan

Our February theme is Beloved Community.

In what ways does UUCG increase your commitment to creating The Beloved Community?

In contemplating this question, I offer these excerpts from the King Center website about what Beloved Community meant for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. :

For Dr. King, The Beloved Community was not a lofty utopian goal to be confused with the rapturous image of the Peaceable Kingdom . . . Rather, The Beloved Community was for him a realistic, achievable goal that could be attained by a critical mass of people committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence.



Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of [personhood]. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict.

Dr. King's Beloved Community was not devoid of interpersonal, group or international conflict. Instead he recognized that conflict was an inevitable part of human experience. But he believed that conflicts could be resolved peacefully and adversaries could be reconciled through a mutual, determined commitment to nonviolence. No conflict, he believed, need erupt in violence. And all conflicts in The Beloved Community should end with reconciliation of adversaries cooperating together in a spirit of friendship and goodwill.

Our Communications Task Force is working on developing clear messaging about our congregation as we continue to increase our presence in print media, social media, and activities in the community. As part of this effort, they are setting up a "Padlet" to capture your thoughts on this question: "In what ways does UUCG increase your commitment to creating the Beloved Community?"

It's a great question, and I have some more: What are you reading, watching, or listening to that invites you to question your assumptions and dig deeper to uncover inherent biases? Are you engaging with resources to decenter whiteness, dismantle white supremacy systems, and develop anti-oppressive practices? Will you sign up to participate in the next round of the Transgender Inclusion in Congregations training? Have you read *The New Jim Crow*, *How to Become an Antiracist*, *The Color of Law*, *Widening the Circle of Concern* or *Centering* to learn more about how racism shows up in our culture, and in our Unitarian Universalist communities? Have you engaged with the resources on the Side With Love website? How are you contributing to our commitment to be a radically welcoming congregation? Do you have an accountability partner to work with in this effort?

Please look for the Padlet link coming out soon in the e-news and Facebook group. And please share what you are reading, watching, or listening to that moves you closer to our vision of Radical Welcome either in our Facebook group, or with our Shared Ministry Council at sharedministry@uucg.org

With love and gratitude...

Reverend Jan

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

February 7, 14, 21, 28, at 10:00am:



Every Sunday morning at 10:00am during the month of February there will be a Faith Development session during which we will explore the theme of Beloved Community. These will begin on Sunday, February 7th with an Invitation into Beloved Community.

Please check the weekly e-news throughout the month for details on each week's specific programming.

Children's Religious Exploration

UU LEGO® Sources

A LEGO®-centered & experiential program exploring the Sources of the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism. Each 45 minute session begins at 12:30pm. Please register here to get Zoom meeting info.

Sunday, February 7 at 12:30pm: UU LEGO® Sources

Sunday, February 14: Religious Exploration at Home

No online session, resources provided

Sunday, February 21 at 12:30pm: UU LEGO® Sources

Sunday, February 28 at 12:30pm: UU LEGO® Sources



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 visit this webpage and navigate to the pages for Themes or Resources for Families: <https://sites.google.com/view/uucgfaithdevelopment/>

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.

Tending the Flame

As many of you know, Faith Development is always seeking facilitators for the Sunday morning programs. Right now, we are looking to form a team of three or four volunteers who will each commit to leading one session a month. Bill Benshoof shares why this ministry resonates with him. We invite you to consider serving our community and your own spirit in this capacity. Reach out to me anytime with questions, or to express your interest in joining us. You can email me at cmcquain@uucg.org.

Blessings and Grace,
Christiana



The Congregation is the Curriculum

The "Faith Development" experience I want to be a part of is not about assignments, lectures, or reading other peoples' words to each other. My hope is that a small group of folks can open a "curiosity space" together to listen to each others' stories about what it means to be UU. How have you applied a Principle, used a Source, or adhered to a Covenant? What were the challenges, joys, and sorrows of that experience? How do we tap that wellspring of experiences the Congregation brings to our gatherings to help us all be better humans?

The Faith Development experience I want to be a part of is not a task to be done, a prerequisite or preparation for something more fun, or an ego-building exercise in repeating facts and expounding on opinions. It is an experience that can't be contained in a classroom, a book of lesson plans, or adherence to a precise schedule.

Borrowing some words from Reverend Jan, the Faith Development experience I want to be a part of opens and holds space where everyone's compassionate spirits and inquiring minds are held with utmost respect and care, building over time a network of trusted souls we can count on.

If you would like to be a part of this sort of experience, I invite you to join me.

If you're experienced in hosting small groups, I invite you to join me.

If you haven't been involved before, but are willing to join in by helping out with Zoom, meeting announcements, or opening/closing words, I invite you join me in that.

If you are interested, but would rather not shoulder the responsibility alone, I invite you to join me and we'll work it together. Experience shows that forming teams of three co-leads is a great way to have a self-sustaining program, so I invite you to join me in that. And, if you are wondering if this is the right time to get involved, I think for a Member or Friend, the answer is "yes."

The need of all human souls for connection has never been greater, and I think our isolation one from another could grow worse before it gets better. I invite you to join me in this remedy, this ministry of connection.

The Congregation is the Curriculum.

Peace,
Bill Benshoof

30 Days of Love Challenge

Curated and Posted Weekly
SideWithLove.org & Facebook/SideOfLove

2021 WEEKLY THEMES

January 17 – 23
Living Our Values in the World

January 24 – 30
Hospitality and Inclusion

January 31 – February 6
Educating for Liberation

February 7 – 13
Restoration and Reparations

February 14
Side With Love Sunday

February 15
Assessment and Learning



30 Days of Love continues until February 14. Each week, there is a weekly theme with a menu of do-it-yourself activities in the following categories:

- Read: Articles, book excerpts, poems,
- Watch: Videos, concerts and roundtables discussion
- Participate: Artist workshops, writings and actions
- Listen: Music, meditation, lectures, poetry
- Worship: Worship moments - alone or together - to refuel

There are menus for general, kids, youth, and multigenerational/family audiences. Use one or all of the menus, or pick and choose from each!

Be sure to follow us on www.facebook.com/sidewithlove for livestreams, discussion posts, and other updates!

For more info, go to <https://sidewithlove.org/thirty-days-of-love>.

Live Events During 30 Days of Love 2021

General Participation events require pre-registration to participate. Most will also be livestreamed on the Side With Love Facebook page, but not all, depending on copyright and/or creator request.

Feb 3 @ 7pm **Reading, Writing, and Racism with Dr. Camika Royal and Dr. Bree Picower**

Join for a conversation with Dr. Camika Royal, Assistant Professor of Urban Education at Loyola University of Maryland School of Education and Dr. Bree Picower, Associate Professor at Montclair State University in the College of Education and Human Development.

Feb 4 @ 7pm **Addressing Race, Racism, and Bias**

In this writing workshop, Willona Sloan, Strategic Storyteller & Literary Host, will lead participants to tackle issues of racism, bias, and social justice through guided writing prompts, and look at ways to engage in behaviors and attitudes that demonstrate respect for one another's identities and better cultural understanding. The workshop will include writing, reading, and discussion, and will offer a safe and inclusive environment for learning.

Feb 9 @ 7pm **Gather At the Table**

In this webinar, Morgan and DeWolf talk about the circumstances behind their book *Gather At the Table* (Beacon Press). Sharon Leslie Morgan, a descendent of slaves on both sides of her family, began a journey toward racial reconciliation with Thomas Norman DeWolf, a white man from rural Oregon who descends from the largest slave-trading dynasty in US history. Over a three-year period, the pair traveled thousands of miles, both overseas and through twenty-seven states, visiting ancestral towns, courthouses, cemeteries, plantations, antebellum mansions, and historic sites. They spent time with one another's families and friends and engaged in deep conversations about how the lingering trauma of slavery shaped their lives.

Feb 11 @ 7pm **Envisioning Restoration and Repair: Art for Our Time**

With the world being what it is, it can be hard to imagine what it might take to even begin a process of restoration and repair, on any front. However, the practice of artistic creation can be and has been a way for people to do just that. Join us for a time of looking at and talking about works of art that respond to or have been shaped by crisis. No art historical background is necessary. The focus of our conversations will be about the art itself and what it might have to teach us about restoring and repairing our hearts, our country, and our planet. Offered by Rev. Tony Coleman.

Covenant of Universal Unitarian Pagans

CUUPS is offering the following events this month:

Check the calendar or email cuups@uucg.org for more info and links

Tarot Sundays 4-6pm with Sherree Bailey

All things Tarot, Card Readings, and a Meditation with Daniel Bailey

Bring decks, thoughts, and questions. Meeting ID: 978-9585-2363

Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97895852363>

February 7: Wands / Fire Elemental 6-10

February 14: Wands / Fire Elemental Court Cards

February 21: Oracle deck: The Anubix

February 28: Swords / Air Elemental Ace-5



CUUPS Workshop February 20 6-8pm

Ritual Construction

How to create Ceremony and Ritual for yourself and others

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/400036556>

Meeting ID: 400-036-556

Vision Journal Session February 24 7:00-9pm

Join Candice Carrier as she leads participants through a meditation and visioning exercise and create a vision board on a monthly theme. <https://zoom.us/j/92604838439> Meeting ID: 926 0483 8439



Full Moon Magick and Ritual February 27 7:30-9:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93316764508> Meeting ID: 933 1676 4508

Courageous Coffeehouse Thursdays 6-8pm

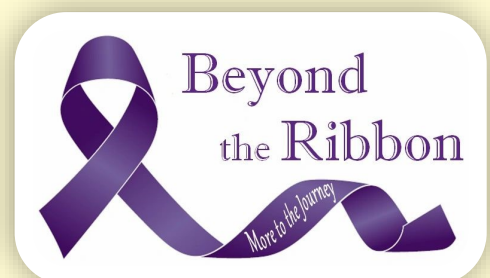
Formerly named Virtual Happy Hour, hosted by Bill Benshoof and Maryjane Stout. This has been an ongoing place for people to gather and talk about current events and anything that is weighing on their hearts or causes for celebration, and everything in-between. It is an informal gathering where you are welcome to drop in and out as you are available. You are invited to come by and say hi sometime! Thank you Bill and Maryjane for keeping this going since last April. Click here for the Zoom room.



Give Away the Plate — Beyond the Ribbon

Beyond the Ribbon is a Gwinnett-based organization that actively supports individuals who have received a cancer diagnosis and helps cancer patients cope with their disease. Its volunteers help, educate, support, and provide resources to patients and their families. They also advocate for greater awareness in the community.

“Our mission is to advocate for support and resources beyond the diagnosis of cancer, to educate, inspire hope, cultivate awareness and empower individuals throughout their journey and beyond.”
Please visit <https://beyondtheribboninc.org/> to learn more.



Spring Renewal Bag Donations

We are working on Spring Renewal Bags to deliver to everyone's homes in mid-March. This time the bags will be made out of t-shirts. If you have gently used t-shirts you are willing to donate, please drop them off in the bin in



front of the church by February 14. If you are willing to make some of the t-shirt bags, please contact Reverend Jan at revtaddeo@uucg.org. Rev. Jan will be making a "how-to" video for making the t-shirt bags. There are instructional videos on-line as well. These will have sewn bottoms, not tied bottoms.

Food Bank Donations 1st Sundays

Food Bank Donations for the Lawrenceville Food Bank are collected monthly every First Sunday from 2-4pm at UUCG. You may talk to Peggy Averyt for more info. The February pick up is February 7 and the next one is March 7. For current needs, please visit <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/donate/>



Platelet Donations Needed



A member of our congregation is battling leukemia and will need platelets again when chemo resumes. Donate to Team Terry! To learn how, go to www.atlantabloodservices.com

Donations to UUCG are Always Gratefully Received



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[Paypal.me/UUCG](https://paypal.me/UUCG)

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



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Building Closed



**If you need support,
please call Pastoral Care
770-847-0566**

Our Office Administrator Office Hours have changed. They are now Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm.

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 Bookmark this page!
- **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; and books, and CDs from the Tech Team all benefit the UUCG operating budget. We will deliver your items to you.

