The SILLULS

Sundays at UUCG

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



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

"Never doubt that a small group of committed, thoughtful people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

March Theme: Commitment

March 7 Fire of Commitment

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader

March 14 Luminescence

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March 21 Balancing Our Commitments

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leaders

March 28 Virtual Field Trip to UUC Charleston

Rev. Caitlin Coillberg, Service Leader

April 2 Good Friday Service

Rev. Jan Taddeo, Service Leader

Plate contributions are shared equally with Beyond the Ribbon



Food Bank Donation

Drop Off at UUCG

1st Sundays March 7 2-4pm



Click here for more info

Board Meeting Online Wednesday, March 17 7-9pm

Online through Zoom
Click here for link



Vision Journal Workshop

Saturday, March 31 7-9pm



With Candice Currier

Corley Elementary Gift Card Drive

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed! We raised \$1320!



Starting Point

March 2021 Newsletter for UUCG

An Introduction to the Unitarian Universalist Journey



Every other Sunday 2-3pm March 14, 28, April 11, 25

Spring Equinox Ritual

Saturday, March 20, 6-8pm With Sylvan Sanctuary



Led by Bob Patrick

Courageous Coffeehouse



Thursdays 6pm-8pm

Online Via Zoom

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

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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

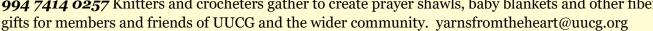


Choir Connection Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm, Meeting ID: 646-248-750 email mparker@uucg.org



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.: March 3 and 17 10am-12pm *Meeting ID*: 994 7414 0257 Knitters and crocheters gather to create prayer shawls, baby blankets and other fiber





Gwinnett Understanding Secular Truths (GUST): 2nd Mondays March 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, March 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 March 14 12:30-1:30pm, *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, March 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 March 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/



Starting Point: Every other Sunday 2-3pm starting March 14

A Small Group Ministry Program to explore the UU path. For newcomers and long term members alike. The series includes four one-hour sessions every other Sunday. March 14 and 28, April 11, and 25. Facilitated by Barbara Stahnke and Katrina Yurko. Click here for more info and to register.

Vision Journal Session Last Wednesdays 7:30-9pm March 31

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 March 29 7:30-9:30pm Meeting ID 933 1676 4508

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.

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

March 14 Luminescence

Luminescence is a time for recognition, reflection, refocus and renewal. During this service we recognize the many facets that are within each person, the many cultures within society, and appreciate the wonderful variety and diversity that makes things whole. We reflect and look within ourselves for our own inner spirituality, our own thirst for knowledge and understanding. We refocus our external efforts toward making the world a better place, toward bringing light to the darkest corners. And, in the end, we renew and re-covenant ourselves to those paths that lead to higher ideals.

Rev. Jan Taddeo and Christiana McQuain, Service Leaders

March 21 Balancing Our Commitments

In this time of the spring equinox, when day and night are in balance, we look at how we bring balance to our lives.

Rev. Taddeo, Service Leader

${\bf March~28~\it Virtual~Field~Trip~to~\it Unitarian~\it Universalist~\it Congregation~of~\it Charleston,~\it WV}$

For more info, visit https://www.facebook.com/UUCWV and uucharlestonwv.org

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April 2 Good Friday Service

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

In February we explored facets of Beloved Community - what it means to create a world community in which all can thrive regardless of identities and means - where none go hungry or homeless and the common good carries more value than the net worth of individuals or corporations. It's a huge vision. How does UUCG contribute to your commitment to creating The Beloved Community?

This month, we'll explore the commitment part of this question. A few years ago, the Membership Team asked me to take up leading the UU 102 Path to Membership program. I reviewed the materials we had been using, and they were good, but they were missing one important element: The Commitments of Membership. There was information about what a member gets, and information about financial commitment, but not much on what is expected of members and friends of the congregation with regard to living into our vision as a radically welcoming sanctuary in a green space, nurturing spiritual growth as we joyfully nurture connections and community within our walls and beyond.

A social club might offer a list of what you get with your membership, but in a faith community we make commitments to give, learn, and grow in order to realize our vision for a better world. We create programs to increase our sense of personal wholeness, develop meaningful connections with like-hearted people, and expand our sense of purpose and relevance in the world. These commitments will be incorporated into our new Starting Point program that is open to newcomers as well as long-time members of the congregation ... for any one who is interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and deepening your faith journey.

Here are the commitments we ask of our UUCG membership... take a moment to consider how you are living into each of these possibilities:

- Commitment to learn and grow in understanding how to live into our vision to be a radically welcoming sanctuary. This includes learning about being welcoming to people who identify on the continuum of gender identity and sexual orientation, people of different ethnic and racial identities, and religious and spiritual beliefs and practices that are consistent with our shared principles and values.
- Commitment to learn and grow in our vision to be a green space and being
 ecologically and environmentally aware in our practices within the congregation
 and in our wider lives.
- Commitment to your own spiritual growth and faith development.
- Commitment to connect with others in meaningful ways within the congregation.
- Commitment to connect with people and organizations in our wider community.
- Commitment to attend Sunday services on a regular basis, and/or obtain & listen to recordings of services.
- Commitment to support the congregation financially by making and fulfilling an annual financial commitment based on our suggested giving guide.
- Commitment to volunteer to support the programs and shared ministry of the congregation, and to serve as a leader insofar as your skills and experience coincide with the needs of the congregation.
- Commitment to learn about and become involved in the larger UU faith as you are able.

What new commitment might you be ready to make to move us closer to creating a model of Beloved Community at UUCG?



In shared faith...

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



March 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 10:00am:

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

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

Children's Religious Exploration

CartUUns

Elementary-Aged Children are invited to explore our Unitarian Universalist values through discussing themes of the animated short films of Pixar and Disney. Each session is 45 minutes.

Please register here.

Sunday, March 7 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program
Sunday, March 14: Religious Exploration at Home
No online session, resources provided

Sunday, March 21 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program Sunday, March 28 at 12:30pm: CartUUns Program



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.

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





Sylvan Sanctuary Spring Equinox Ritual March 20 6-8pm

Sylvan Sanctuary welcomes all who are interested to join a Spring Equinox Ritual at 6pm. Click here for more info. 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.

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



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Facilitated by Barbara Stahnke and Katrina Yurko.

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.



Corley Elementary Thanks You

Thanks to the generosity of this wonderful community, the Corley Elementary School gift card drive is a success. UUCG collected \$1,320 in funds for gift cards! Everything was delivered to the school last Thursday. This collection surpasses the 2019 contribution of \$1,010 and the 2018 contribution of \$735. The school is very grateful to each and every one of you.

Corley Elementary School

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 March pick up is March 7 and the next one is April 4. 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



paypal@uucg.org
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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 11am-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



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