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May 2023 Newsletter for UUCG

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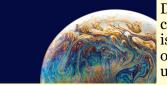
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Welcome to the Path of **Creativity**



The Path of Creativity

"Creativity is our ability to dream things up and make them happen." ~ *Peggy Taylor*

Dreaming things up. Who doesn't love conjuring up new ideas and images? Who isn't impressed when someone takes pieces of what is and - almost magically - presents us with what could be?

But often the "making [those dreams] happen" side of the creativity equation gets short shrift. It's not just the hard part; it's the scary part too. Putting something new into the world takes bravery - whether that's a piece of art or the art that is you. There is joy, beauty and play in creativity, but there is insecurity, loneliness, and self-doubt as well. Which means that this month is not just about imagination, artistry, and self-expression, but also courage.

The secret to creative self-expression is staying connected to each other. Those sacred sources of inspiration inside us – our imagination, unique voice, and inner muses – long to run free but are also often elusive. They want to come out and play, but may only do so when coaxed and cared for by the inspiration and support of others.

So, in the end, maybe the most important question this month is not just "What do you want or need to create?" but also "Who are your partners in creation?"

Find online resources for exploring The Path of Creativity here.



Events This Month

May 3....Yarns from the Heart+ May 6.....Property Work Day* May 6.Magical Arts and Crafts* May 6...Beltane Ritual* May 7...Food Bank Donations* May 7...Congregational

Conversation+* May 13...Sewing with Sherree* May 13....Open House* May 14......Belief Exploration+ May 17...Yarns from the Heart+ May 17....Board Meeting+ May 18.....CUUPs Discussion+ May 20..Green Team Meeting+ May 21...Congregational

Business Meeting+* May 24.....Book Group+ May 27...Breathwork

Workshop*

Tuesdays......Choir Rehearsal*

Sundays......Tarot Sunday+

*in person

+via Zoom

For details visit <u>uucg.org</u>

Did you Gnow?

- To escape Earth's gravity, an object must travel at least 25,000 miles per hour.
- An object only has to travel 17,600 miles per hour to reach orbit.





Worship in May Sundays at 11:00am

Theme: The Path of Creativity Join us via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/565460176

May 7: The Path of Creativity: Figments of Our Imagination

This is our annual Founder's Day Service

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett exists all these years because of the imagination of our founding members, and the imagination of all who gather here to weave the story of our future together. Join us to celebrate our founders, dedicate our children, and welcome our new members.

Join us in person and <u>via Zoom</u> *Reverend Jan Taddeo (she/her), Service Leader*

May 14: Sunday Morning Worship Service

Join us in person and <u>via Zoom</u> Service leader name (pronouns), Service Leader

May 21: The Creator's Workshop

Join us in person and <u>via Zoom</u> Reverand Jan Taddeo (she/her), Service Leader

May 28:

Let Creativity Be Your Champion

Whether you are rising from old hurts or finding new ways to 'be' in this changing universe let creativity explode into the interconnected web of life.

Join us in person and <u>via Zoom</u> Bob Patrick (he/him), Service Leader

After Hour Sundays at 12:30pm

1st Sunday, May 7

•Congregational Conversation

2nd Sunday, May 14

•Spiral Scouts (preregistration required)

•Belief Explorers

3rd Sunday, May 21

•Congregational Business Meeting

•Sunday Tarot

4th Sunday, May 28

•"Good Trouble": Faith in Action

•Family Games



Gadding About

by Reverend Jan Taddeo (she/her)



Beloveds, our gadding about together time is waning, and I know this is hard for many of you, and for me. We've had such a good ministry together, and I hope we can celebrate that even as we mourn this change. It seems our program themes since February are carrying us through this time. This ministry of leaving began in February when we explored the ways love shows up in our lives. That felt right to me because it's been my commitment and spiritual practice to put love at the center of our ministry.

In March we examined feelings and experiences of vulnerability. Quite apropos when we learn that something or someone we've come to rely on, appreciate, trust, and/or love and they leave, it can break one's heart wide open. And then we can find ourselves resisting this change, this different future, this child going off to college, this friend moving away, this beloved dying. I'm resistant too! I remind myself that we did many things together! We created SO much! Music, parties, auctions, yard sales, concerts, huge work parties beautifying our property, a keyhole garden and dreams of gardens galore – still a possibility! We created much that is good together.

We experienced the cycle of life together for twelve years... a few still among you in this congregation have been experiencing the cycle of life since the founding of this congregation.

I married or offered commitment ceremonies for 27 people within the congregation, and a few beyond our walls who needed a minister who was willing to marry LGBTQNB, poly, and non-Christian couples. I am grateful for the privilege to be invited to support people in creating a sacred covenant for their futures together.

We've had a lot of babies come into the congregation in these twelve years. By my count, we dedicated 19 children into the love and care of this congregation and this faith. And there will be at least six more at our next child dedication ceremony on May 7.

The young people who were here when I arrived grew up - 12 years is the whole cycle of 1-12 education. Going through past service programs I found names for 34 teens we bridged in my first 5 years, and I'm missing the names for one of those years. In 2017, Christiana took up the role of leading the Bridging Ceremonies.

Naturally, people have left the congregation while I've been serving here – that's completely normal. People move, they find a different faith community, they find other things to feed their soul, some get mad or indifferent and fade away.

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Gadding About by Reverend Jan Taddeo (she/her)

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Whenever people told me they were leaving, I offered to acknowledge and bless them in a Ritual of Leaving, no matter the reason for departure. Typically, only the people their who leave for "good" reasons accept the offer. I'm sorry for this because even people who have determined this is not the right place for them any more, or at this time, deserve to be acknowledged for the time, talent, and resources they contributed, and offered a blessing on their journey – with an invitation to allow that journey to bring them back here if it's to be. We shared in 18 Rituals of Leaving that included 30 people during the time I've served here. That's a lot of grief.

But perhaps the greatest, yet most predictable, grief we hold, are the deaths of our beloveds. I started my service with UUCG a little earlier than contracted when a beloved member died in the "between time" after the interim minister left and I was not vet on board. Of course I came early and companioned the family and the congregation through that loss. I was honored to offer the blessing for your memorial garden, and privileged to companion, and grieve with, many more families and the congregation through 14 more memorials and celebrations of life.

In 2011, a small group of women launched the Yarns From the Heart Care Shawl Ministry, inspired by the shawls I gave to two members who were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. I tried to keep count of all the shawls we've gifted to people, but there are just too many to track. We also gave over 150 small (18"), white, crocheted baby blankets to the Northside Hospital chaplain office to use when there are fetal deaths. People have come to me for Care Shawls countless times

to send to a beloved who is suffering, grieving, or otherwise in need of comfort. It's been a beautiful ministry and I pray it continues ... there are still about 100 shawls in my office!

In 2016 we created a Pastoral Care Team to support me in holding the space for companioning people through life's challenges be they difficult transitions, relationships, loneliness, grief, or any number of things that arise in life. This team has received over 2,000 calls since 2016. They held this congregation with me through the pandemic. And they are tired, and will need new people to join their team - soon.

I don't know how many worship services I've led, but if I consider an average of 26 per year that would be over 300. I was grateful that we've always had a worship team full of thoughtful, insightful, inspiring, creative people who share this ministry. We've had at least 30 or 40 different people engaging in the worship ministry during my time with you, a few guest preachers, sabbatical preachers, and lots of different people giving voice to readings, poetry, and their own deep thinking and feeling on the themes of life and this complex faith we've explored together. This is one of the teams that is always looking for new people to offer their creativity

I'm not sure what my experience of the pandemic would have been without such a supportive worship team, staff, and congregation. From March 15, 2020 to June 21, 2020, I led or hosted every Sunday service (15) from our guest bedroom where I preached to a camera, unable to see your beautiful faces and divine energy. On June 26, we streamed the service from the UUA General Assembly.

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Gadding About by Reverend Jan Taddeo (she/her)

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Then we started doing one field trip every month, attending virtual services in UU congregations around the country. Eventually we moved our streaming operation into the building, brought in the choir, pianist, and new A/V equipment and more A/V techs.

Our first truly dual platform service, with people in the building, was on December 5, 2021 while I was on Sabbatical. Soon before I got back, we had to shut down in-person attendance. We've been on quite a journey together. People around the globe, and people in our sanctuary, still hold pain, trauma, grief, financial devastation, chronic health challenges. Add to this all the suffering around the globe, and moving closer and closer to home, due to climate chaos and the erosion of democracy.

I've held a vision of UUCG as an Island of Sanity that holds people who are deeply committed to the common good of the community... the care of the children, the care of the elders, ensuring all within our congregation have access to healthy food, medical services, above adequate shelter, and people – people who notice when you are looking sad, happy, angry, scared and will listen and care. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, I was able to assist people in having food, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other financial support during my tenure as your minister.

Yes, congregations always need more money, but I'm convinced that this congregation has magic in its DNA with regard to money. It always feels tight, but you are a thriving congregation – you come together to make things work, making things happen, making a difference in each other's lives and for people in the community around you. Somehow you always get it done. People do step up - and you who are reading this may be, could be, are invited to be, one of those people.

Whatever turns you make as a congregation, and whomever you invite to share this ministry with you, please continue to be gentle and compassionate with each other, and remember the words of Ram Dass, "We're all just walking each other home."

With love...

Reverend Jan



May Congregational Conversation

Terry Welsher, Mary Jane Stout, Ed Miller, and Reverend Jan, our congregation's delegates to this summer's Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) want to hear from you! This summer we will attend GA as your representatives at GA. In the Congregational Conversation on **May 7th**, we will talk about what issues are likely to come up at GA and solicit your ideas and input on what UUCG's priorities and positions should be.

Come and make your voice heard!





Congregational Meeting

Join us after the service on **May 21st** for the May Business Meeting.

MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

WE HAVE COMPLETED THE PROFILE AND IT IS ACTIVE ON THE UUA MINISTER SEARCH WEBSITE. THERE HAS BEEN INTEREST AND WE MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS OUR NEXT ACTIONS.

> YOUR MINISTER SEARCH TEAM: DENISE BENSHOOF ELNA BRYNESTAD CANDICE CARVER LISA KIEL BOB PATRICK KATRINA YURKO

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New Way to Donate: Zelle

Send Zelle Payments to donate@uucg.org

COVID-19 Policy Change

As was recently announced, the Board has decided to relax the mask-mandatory policy for worship services. This deserves a full explanation. Since the start of pandemic restrictions in March of 2020, whenever we held in-person services UUCG has required that those attending the service in person wear a mask. At various points changes to that policy have been considered and rejected for a variety of reasons. The lack of vaccines for small children, persistent high levels of infection, and the expectation of a winter surge have all been among the reasons that led the Board to decide to maintain a policy of mandatory mask-wearing in services.

At this point, none of those reasons apply. Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are widely available for anyone six months of age or older. By almost any metric you care to look at, COVID-19 infection levels in Gwinnett County are at or near their lowest point since the start of the pandemic, and are continuing to trend lower. There is one exception to that: test positivity, or the percentage of all COVID-19 tests administered that show an active COVID-19 infection. This is likely elevated because of the prevalence of at-home testing, meaning that most COVID-19 test results are simply never reported and thus the level of test positivity is no longer a useful metric. While there was a surge in infections during January and February, that surge has dissipated and was quite small compared to the surges of infections experienced in prior winters.

This is not a declaration that COVID-19 is gone. Infection with COVID-19 continues to be a risk, and the virus continues to kill people in the United States every day. This is instead a recognition that in our quest to welcome people into active participation in our community, the reduction in risk level has shifted the balance to the point that a policy of universal masking is more a hindrance than a help. We no longer require wearing a mask, but we certainly still encourage it.

We will continue to support those in our community who feel they are more vulnerable to infection. Anyone is always welcome to wear a mask at services or other functions. If a person needs space to feel comfortable in a service, we encourage using the seat back covers to mark out the desired separation. We will continue to stream our services online and to make as many other activities as possible available online. Should risk levels rise again, we will return to asking people to wear masks during services and other activities. And we continue to ask that if an individual has symptoms of a respiratory illness, that they take advantage of our online options to reduce the risk to others.

Our only change is that effective immediately and as long as risk levels remain low we will not require individuals to wear a mask at services. Questions or comments? Feel free to send them to <u>president@uucg.org</u>.

Stewardship Opportunities

Gather. Grow. Share. Serve.

Click each link below for more information

Give Time

Give Money

Give Materials

We are especially in need of

- Nursery Volunteers
- Hospitality Volunteers

"Being generous of spirit is a wonderful way to live."

~ Pete Seeger



This Quarter's Give Away the Plate Recipient

<u>Side by Side Brain Injury</u> <u>Playhouse</u>

Ministry: Radical Welcome

Radical Welcome Action

by Bill Benshoof (he/him/his), Lay Minister for Radical Welcome

Would you like to carry your beloved community's Radical Welcome into a new program year? UUCG has a rich history as an ally to all those who have felt marginalized, pushed to the fringes, and even cast out or bullied, by other groups. It is my great hope that each of us can find ways to contribute to ongoing practices to foster Radical Welcome.

Inclusive Worship Services: Our Worship Team consistently centers marginalized voices in Service, and our welcome at the beginning of Service every week reminds us of our commitment to honor the worth and dignity of every person.

Honoring Past Leaders and Events: Our Worship Services and Faith Development programs consistently give visibility and affirmation to previously historically marginalized leaders and events. **Exploring Media Resources**: We highlight important and accessible videos and webinars that foster inclusion and accessibility.

Supporting Ongoing Projects: We include important projects like Lost-N-Found Youth of Atlanta in our share-the-plate collections.

Here are some dates of interest in the coming months:

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia- May 17- raising

awareness of violence, discrimination, and repression of LGBT communities worldwide.

- Saturday, May 20th, 2023 "Sashay Your Way" Inclusive Youth Prom at UUCA
- **LGBT Pride Month** June- Stonewall Riots Anniversary, June 28- To remember the Stonewall Riots that are described as the start of the Trans and Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.
- **International Non-Binary People's Day** is observed each year on 14 July and is aimed at raising awareness and organizing around the issues faced by non-binary people around the world.
- **Celebrate Bisexuality Day** is observed annually on September 23 to recognize and celebrate bisexual people, the bisexual community, and the history of bisexuality.
- September 24, Anniversary of the 1906 Atlanta Race Massacre
- October 9th, **Indigenous Peoples' Day** celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures.
- **LGBT History Month** October- National Coming Out Day October 11- celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people's coming out experiences and journeys.
- The 2023 Atlanta Pride Festival & Parade is scheduled for the weekend of October 14th 15th.

Ministry: Green Space

Listening

by Bill Kennedy (he/him)

I once worked for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the water protection branch. One of our regular things was to meet every ten years with citizens to hear their concerns about the rivers and streams that flowed through the region where they lived. Attendees would ask questions about any plans for development or other changes that might affect the fishing, swimming or water quality of their favorite stream. My boss, John, would arrange such meetings with local



officials and we would meet interested citizens in some public meeting place for an hour or two. These meetings were usually pretty slow-moving, quiet affairs with maybe eight or ten local people attending. We would sit in a circle and chat for awhile and the locals always seemed grateful that we would be there, many miles from our homes on a weekday night.

Then came a chilly evening in March 1998. John, and I arrived at the county courthouse steps in Rome, GA where we were greeted by a county commissioner who led us into a meeting room filled with fifty attendees that occupied rows of chairs with an additional fifteen people standing along the walls. We knew something was up. Fifty instead of ten!

The commissioner introduced John and me to the crowd and the meeting started.

As planned, John went first. He stood at the lectern and described the way we usually did the public meetings every ten years. He told of the results of water testing of the three rivers that joined in Rome and how those results aligned with state standards. Then, suddenly a man on the front row raised his hand saying, "We all drove the fifteen miles from Cave Spring, GA to talk with you State people about the contamination of our water in Cave Spring. You know - the spring that flows from out of the cave. It's always been crystal clear. Now it isn't clear. It's cloudy and some people can smell something funny in it. We're not sure if we can drink it any more." My heart sank. John and I were not the right people to be of help. The groundwater people should have been at the meeting, not us. There had been some kind of miscommunication. Yet I looked around the room and saw men, women, teenagers, families and at least one baby, held by a mother who seemed especially destressed. All these people were very worried about their drinking water, had come to this meeting for help and we, John and I, knew nothing about their problem and in fact knew nothing about their kind of problem. We knew about water on top of the ground in rivers, streams and lakes – not underground spring water. John attempted to explain all this and the bureaucratic structure in which we operated and how that explained how government river people and government spring people worked in separate offices.

As you can imagine, this did not help very much, but I couldn't think of anything better to say myself and that was too bad because John was done and it was my turn to speak. As I headed to the podium, about half the crowd began yelling their complaints about what John had said. Through the noise I managed to think: Don't say anything about rivers, don't say anything about offices and, at the last moment I thought, don't stand behind the podium. I did not hide behind the podium, but stood in front of the podium instead to pretend I wasn't afraid. [continued on page 10]

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But I was afraid and my mind was blank. The person on the front row, right in front of me changed everything. She was about twelve years old and she leaned forward and yelled out to me, "When this is over, I want to tell you something about Cave Spring."

I told her to go ahead and tell me right then and she did. She said her favorite part of the spring was the spot where her grandmother taught her how to find the best watercress for peppering salads. As she told me this, people began to get quieter so I found the microphone and she repeated what she'd told me to the whole room. She was at first afraid to use the microphone, but she got applause. I invited a boy who said he was seven to tell us of his favorite place to even more



applause. Then, the ice broken, the adults took over by coming forward and telling of their observations and experiences with the streams in the area that might leak stream water down through the limestone and into the spring system. A man who'd previously been very quiet, but turned out to be the organizer of the group that became "Friends of Cave Spring" stood to say that he'd done damage to the spring himself with the way he ran his farm. "Maybe I'm not the only one," he said, "maybe we should all be talking about some of the things we do. Obviously, we can't depend on the government for everything."

I was recently reminded of this story, as it reminds me of the free-flowing dynamics of investigation, discovery, and sharing that is happening in the current Our Place in the Web of Life program at UUCG.

The lesson about listening all those years ago is, for me, a lesson still unfolding.



Ministry: Spiritual Growth

Faith Development Resources

"All the arts we practice are apprenticeship. The big art is our life." ~ M.C. Richards

Explore The Path of Creativity throughout the month with <u>these resources.</u>



Beltane Ritual and Celebration

Sylvan Sanctuary, our group of Druids at UUCG, will be hosting a Beltane ritual and potluck fellowship

afterwards on May 6, 2023. There will be a Magical Arts gathering from 3-5pm and the Ritual begins at 6 PM with food and fellowship following. These events are open to the public.

What is Beltane, you may ask. Beltane is the ancient Irish name for the beginning of the summer season, the time that marks gardening, growing, crafting, and creating. Ancient keepers of this seasonal ritual often built bonfires, cooked cakes as offerings to the Earth and the land spirits, honored the god known as The Dagda.

The Dagda, interestingly, was a sky god, but he was also very much an earth god. He was often identified as having a magical harp that played transformative music and a cauldron that was bottomless, producing whatever his people needed in as much abundance as required.

We will keep these themes alive in our gathering. We will have a time of offerings to Mother Earth (hint, hint, small cakes--think pancakes or biscuits or dinner rolls--are appropriate), a time to call into our working your creative endeavors, and a celebration of our move into summer time. We welcome all who would like to join us.

Sylvan Sanctuary Beltane Ritual & Potluck MAY 6TH 6 PM - 9 PM

Please join us to celebrate the beginning of Summer and fellowship. Bring musical instruments, an offering to Mother Earth & Brigid and a dish to share. Ministry: Spiritual Growth

Beltane Magical Arts & Craft!

JOIN US FOR CUUPS MAGICAL ARTS & CRAFTS AS WE GATHER BEFORE THE BELTANE RITUAL TO MAKE RIBBON WANDS & NATURE WANDS!

> SATURDAY, MAY 6TH 3 PM - 5 PM



Poetry Reading

New Moon Drumming

MAY 19TH 7:30 PM - LETS SEE WHERE THE NIGHT TAKES US, NO LATER THAN 11PM

Please bring instruments, poetry and food to share!



<u>UUCG Book</u> <u>Group</u> Selection

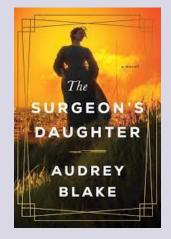
The Surgeon's Daughter by Audrey Blake

Book Group Meeting: Wednesday May 24 at 7pm

"Women's work is a matter of life and death.

Nora Beady, the only female student at a prestigious medical school in Bologna, is a rarity. In the 19th century women are expected to remain at home and raise children, so her unconventional, indelicate ambitions to become a licensed surgeon offend the men around her." [See more]

All who have read the book are welcome to join the discussion.



Ministry: Connecting Within

From the Lay Minister for Connecting Within

by Lisa Kiel (she/her)

"Offering sanctuary is a revolutionary act; it expresses love, when others offer scorn or hate. It recognizes humanity, when others deny and seek to debase it. Sanctuary says 'we' rather than 'I'. It is belonging—the building block of community."

– Diane Kalen-Sukra

When I first came to UUCG, I was clueless. I had never ever been to a UU church, and had no idea what to expect. I felt vulnerable, and I was seeking sanctuary of a sort. It was the welcoming actions of others that kept me coming back through those doors. They invited me to their groups and helped me access the Facebook page. I began to feel grounded in acceptance.

If you are attending UUCG in person, please look around you for new faces among us. We are having new folks attend our services frequently, and they too may be feeling vulnerable and unsure. Yes, we have designated greeters, but don't let them have all the fun, connect with our newcomers and invite them into our community. Many of our groups here at UUCG benefit from personal invitations, so if you enjoy a group, spread the word both in person and online. On May 7th during our morning service, we will offer a New Members Signing Ceremony. This Ceremony is not only for our newcomers, it is also for our established members. It is an opportunity for our community to come together and commit to the principles and values that bind us together, as we offer both support and sanctuary to those who are new among us.

With Joy,

Lisa, Lay Minister for Connecting Within

Connecting Within Opportunities:

- Summer Covenant Groups open enrollment upcoming
- Sewing with Sherree meets every 2nd Saturday starting at 10 am
- Book Group meets online every 4th Wednesday from 7-9 pm
- **Yarns from the Heart** meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday online at 10 am
- **QUUest** (Dungeons & Dragons)- two groups, one in-person and one via Zoom. Open enrollment upcoming
- **Spiral Scouts** meets every 2nd Sunday following Sunday service







Ministry: Connecting Beyond

Save the Date



Join us for a Celebration of Ministry

in honor of Rev. Jan Taddeo on the occasion of her retirement

Saturday, June 10, 2023

at 3:00pm

There will be music, dancing, refreshments, and gratitude All are invited, no RSVP required



Nurturing Connections

7	Covenant Choir	Choir gathers to rehearse for performance on Sunday mornings during Worship Services.	Every Tuesday 7:00pm	In-Person
Ś	Yarns from the Heart	Knitters and crocheters gather to create prayer shawls and baby blankets for members and friends and the wider com- munity. This group is open to all fiber artists.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7:00pm	Email admin@uucg.org For access
Ē	Property Beauti- fication Day	Monthly projects to benefit the building and grounds. All skills and abilities are welcome.	1st Saturday 10:00am	In-Person
	Magical Arts and Crafts	Join CUUPs before Sylvan Sanctuary rituals for fellowship and crafts. All ages are welcome.	May 6 3-5pm	In-Person
	Sylvan Sanctuary	Sylvan Sanctuary is the Mother Grove of the Druid Order of the Three Realms, a community of Druids walking per- sonal paths. All are welcome.	May 6 6:00pm	In-Person
Ø	Food Bank Dropoff	We gather donations for the Lawrenceville Co-op food bank.	1st Sunday of even numbered months	In-Person
. .	Congregational Conversations	Discussions centered around Unitarian universalism and our specific congregation. All are welcome.	1st Sunday 12:30pm	In-Person and via Zoom: 565-460-176
Ø	Tarot Sundays	A discussion about all things Tarot and a Guided Medita- tion inspired by the weekly topic.	1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays 5:00pm	Via Zoom: 978-9565-1773
	Sewing with Sherree	Join us for easy sewing projects and fun! Bring your fabric and machine if you got one! All skill levels are welcome.	2nd Saturdays 8:00pm	In-Person
.Ô.	Open House	Join us to welcome our local community to learn more bout us and what we do.	May 13 12pm	In-Person
6	Spiral Scouts	An all-gender scouting group that focuses on nature-based learning and activities. We are open to children ages 3-12.	2nd Sundays 12:30pm	In-Person
	Belief Explorers	A group of Unitarian Universalists and others who are in- terested in exploring the sources of world faith traditions. All are welcome.	2nd Sundays 12:30pm	In-Person and via Zoom: 896-987-304
.Ô.	Board Meeting	Open to the congregation at large. If you have something to discuss that you would like added to the agenda, please email board@uucg.org at least three weeks ahead of time.	3rd Wednesdays 7:00pm	Via Zoom: 956-757-31773
×	CUUPs	The Oak Grove Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) of UUCG is open to anyone in the UUCG community.	May 18 7:30pm	Via Zoom: 400-036-556
	Green Team Meeting	All who are interested in environmental issues are wel- come.	3rd Saturday 9:30am	Via Zoom: 926-178-30455
.Ô.	Congregational Business Meet- ing	Join us for a business meeting to approve the new ballot for the upcoming board elections.	May 21 12:30pm	In-Person and via Zoom: 565-460-176
	Book Group	All who have read the book are invited to attend.	4th Wednesdays 7:00pm	Via Zoom: 144-736-833
ŻЦ	Good Trouble	We invite you into discussion about an issue that we (community, society, world) are facing currently, and spe- cific ways that you can get involved in working for change.	4th Sundays 12:30pm	In-Person and via Zoom: 145-984-149

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