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Weekly Update

May 7, 2021

Worship This Sunday

Worship — 10:30 a.m. streamed online on Facebook Premier and YouTube.



“The Power of Story”

Rev. Samuel Schaal / Sarah Gray / Aubrey Connelly-Candelario

What if the events of our lives are not an impersonal series of events, but an ongoing saga in which our hopes and aspirations will reach fulfillment—if not in our generation, then the next?

[Unitarian Church of Orlando](#) or [YouTube](#).

Video on demand at <https://www.orlandouu.org>.

Questions about accessing online worship?

Email worshiptechteam@orlandouu.org

This month's Share the Plate recipient is [IDignity](#).

Before Worship

Annual Meeting - Budget Forum/Q & A Sessions

1U members and friends are invited to bring their questions about the proposed budget or other topics to two sessions prior to the Annual Meeting. Members of the Finance Committee and the Board will be on hand. These meetings via Zoom are schedule for:

Sunday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Join [here](#)
Meeting ID: 874 7523 3971 **Passcode:** 129351

Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Join [here](#)
Meeting ID: 953 9618 2183 **Passcode:** 985767

After Worship

Informal Fellowship — 11:30 a.m., Zoom

Join us for fellowship fun!

New to the congregation? We'll have a special breakout room for **Q&A with the Minister** where the minister and a few lay leaders will answer any questions about the church. This is a great place to learn more about our congregation.

If you would like to sign up to be on our mailing list, please fill out [this form](#)

Link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92261786137>

Passcode: 189674

Children & Youth Religious Enrichment

At-home RE is on a programming break. Thanks all for a wonderful year! Look forward to receiving a library of lessons from 2020-2021 this coming Friday on our private Facebook page and RE weekly update. Our next drive-up event will be Sunday, May 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Our usual online fellowship continues as well: Family Connection & Support Group (Fridays at 3:30 p.m.), Elementary Dungeons & Dragons (Saturdays at 4 p.m.), and Middle School Dungeons & Dragons (Thursdays at 6 p.m.).

GIVE to Support Our Ministries

This Week

FRIDAY – May 7

Family Connection & Support Group – 3:30 p.m., via Zoom

For more information and Zoom links,
email recoordinator@orlandouu.org.

SATURDAY – May 8

Elementary Dungeons & Dragons – 4 p.m. via Zoom

For more information and Zoom links, please
email recoordinator@orlandouu.org.

SATURDAY May 8, TUESDAY May 11 & THURSDAY May 13

Tai Chi for Health – 9 a.m., On Campus

Masks, social distancing and roster signup required. Facility fee donation to 1U requested. Please join us for gentle, mindful movement in the Labyrinth. For more information, email taichi@orlandouu.org.

TUESDAY – May 11

contact folkensemble@orlandouu.org.

WEDNESDAY – May 12

WUURL (Women UU Relishing Life) Monthly Meeting— 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

WUURL gathers for weekly “Tea at Ten” chats on all Wednesdays of the month, (except the 4th one that meets at 11:30 a.m.). Join us for casual check-ins and community during these trying times. Want to participate but not yet on the WUURL list? Contact Kathy at WUURL@orlandouu.org for Zoom details and with any questions.

Drop-in Covenant Group – 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., via Zoom

Needing a little extra support, connection, or an opportunity to explore spiritual thoughts? Join this special Drop-In Covenant group. You don't need to be enrolled in a covenant group. All are welcome.

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/drop-in-covenant>

Meeting ID: 581 227 0111 Passcode: 2020

Chalice Choir Rehearsal – 7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., via Zoom

Love to sing? Music reading skills and experience appreciated but not required! Fellowship at 7 p.m. Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. For information contact musicdirector@orlandouu.org

THURSDAY – May 13

Middle School Dungeons & Dragons – 6 p.m., via Zoom

For more information and Zoom links, please email recoordinator@orlandouu.org.

Annual Meeting - Budget Forum/Q & A Sessions – 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., via Zoom

See details above.

Meditation Group – 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., via Zoom

We gather for conversation around a specific topic related to mindfulness meditation, then experience a 20-minute sit. For more information

contact meditation@orlandouu.org

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6632950846>

Family Connection & Support Group – 3:30 p.m., via Zoom

For more information and Zoom links, please email recoordinator@orlandouu.org.

Black Cat Online Open Mic – 7 p.m., via Zoom

Are you a performer, bard, troubadour, musician, singer, poet, actor, dancer, comedian, highly skilled fool? Join others at the Black Cat Café for a positive experience! Gather in the Zoom waiting room around 6:50 p.m. and John Brockman and the other “Black Catters” admit you at 7 p.m. for brief orientation and Zoom sound checks. Then we start going around the circle!

Email blackcatcafe@orlandouu.org for the zoom connection info or find it on our facebook page on the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1725871630926872>

Congregational Annual Meetings Sunday, May 16

Each May, we hold two annual meetings on the same Sunday. This year, these meetings will be Sunday, May 16 with the 1U Endowment Committee's meeting at 11:45 a.m. to noon and the Congregation's meeting at noon to 1:15 p.m. The meetings provide 1U members with updates on key programs and activities, a chance to endorse the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee, and approve the proposed budget for the coming year. A question and answer session is near the end of the meeting. The meeting packet includes the agenda, nominee slates for the Board and Nominating Committee, proposed budget and annual reports of the church's Board, committees and teams. Hear the resilience in the voices of 1U groups in their annual reports. See the meeting packet [here](#).

Voting in the Endowment meeting will occur in that meeting. Voting in the Congregation meeting will occur online starting on Sunday, May 9 at 1 p.m. and ending on Monday, May 17 at 1 p.m. An email will be sent to 1U members on Sunday, May 9 that will include the link to the online ballot. As an alternative, votes may be submitted via phone after the meeting on Sunday, May 16 and Monday, May 17. Details provided in the email.

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Goodbye to Rev. Sam @ Congregational Meeting

This will be our last congregational meeting with Rev Sam because his term as Transition Minister is coming to a close and he is departing Orlando at the end of June. To express our appreciation for his service, Mary Dipboye, President, will invite you to join in on "group thank you" moment near the end of the congregational meeting. Meeting attendees will be invited to share on their screens, for a short time, a thank you card or a chalice or simply clapping. Note: a drive up event on campus honoring Rev Sam is planned for Sat, June 19 from 10 a.m. thru 2 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.



UUA General Assembly

Gather with other UUs at General Assembly to engage in conversations that will shape our faith into the next several years.

Want to volunteer? Volunteering waives your \$200 registration fee in exchange for working during the event. See descriptions and

applications on the [GA Volunteer Opportunities Page](#). The 2021 Ware Lecture this year features politician and activist **Stacey Abrams** and Florida voting rights activist **Desmond Meade** on June 26 at 7 p.m. General Assembly registration is required to view.

COVID Policy - Outside Spaces (on campus) Update

The CDC recently relaxed requirements for vaccinated persons on using masks

presented below. And the Board affirmed the policy change below this week.

Outside Spaces on 1U Campus (effective immediately)

1. Visitors to outside spaces on campus who are vaccinated are not required to wear masks.....unless there is a large gathering of people (30 or more)
2. Visitors to outside spaces on campus who are not vaccinated (ages 5 and younger exempted) are required to wear masks.

Approved: May 5, 2021

Note: other restrictions on the use of campus buildings still apply and persons visting the church office must still wear masks for the health and safety of our staff.

And Don't Forget...

Thank You!

Second Harvest Food Bank is so thankful for the donations received from 1U due to the shredding event fundraiser on May 1. We raised \$1832, which was shared 50/50 between 1U and Second Harvest. Those funds will cover the cost of 3,800 meals. It is only because of the many volunteers and attendees that we were able to be so successful! Thanks are due to all!

1U Member Directory Access and Information

If you'd like answers to questions about our 1U Member Directory, click on this link: <https://www.orlandouu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/1U-Member-Directory-FAQ.pdf>

Help our new minister and other members get to know you better! To add your photo, short bio, hobbies, church involvement, and other information to your Member Directory Entry, go to <https://www.orlandouu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/How-to-Edit-your-Member-Directory-Information-1.pdf>
Questions? Contact Carolina Lofgren at bookstore@orlandouu.org

Register for UU Wellspring Fall Program

UU Wellspring is a year-long spiritual deepening program and already ten



provides opportunities to deepen your identity as a Unitarian Universalist, find hope in these trying times, and deeply connect with your UU faith and with one another. We hope you will join a group next year!. UU Wellspring is suggested for those who have been participating in Unitarian Universalism for at least six months. All of the [information, calendars, and registration](#)

[are found here.](#)

- Returning UU Wellspring participants, facilitators, and new participants all [register with the same form](#). Returning participants, please register by May 15 so we can confirm programs.
- New participants, please register by June 1 (we will close registration when the program fills).

Contact Linnea for more information at linnea19@gmail.com.

Pick Green Beans Planted by 1U Children

In February the RE kids planted their own plot in the 1U Garden, and now



their green beans are ready to pick. Come help yourself. Like all of our veggies, they're free for the taking. They're in raised bed No. 1, marked by a yellow sign that says "Kids' Garden." The green beans are on the tall, boxy trellis. Elsewhere in the garden and also ready to pick: carrots in beds 3 and 6 (look for a blue striped flag); mulberries on a tree at the back of the perma-garden (yellow and orange stripes); tomatoes

(yellow-green flags); and lots more. Come explore. Questions? Need a tour? Contact Rene Stutzman at garden@orlandouu.org.

Share the Plate - May Partner: IDignity

In May, we will be donating to [IDignity](#) so please donate generously!

"While it is better to teach one to fish than to give one a fish, that person will still need a fishing license."

IDignity was founded in May of 2008 by members of five downtown Orlando churches with a mission to restore dignity and hope by providing identification. Through collaboration with government agencies, churches, businesses and community, IDignity assists the poor and disadvantaged in navigating the

Identification is often required to access education, employment, benefits, healthcare, housing, voting, banking and numerous other basic human needs. IDignity compassionately, diligently and efficiently helps our neighbors in need obtain proof of their identity, at no cost to its clients.

Although each client's situation is unique, it takes on average six hours of volunteer time and \$300 to assist a client in obtaining all their various forms of crucial legal identification. Your donations will help sustain our mission and assist more individuals in obtaining their legal identification.

To learn more check out the video: https://youtu.be/JD_A6j6Rw84

Here are ways to give:

1U Website: Use the Donate button on the upper right-hand section of the home page and follow the directions. <https://www.orlandouu.org>

Check: Write a check made out to First Unitarian Church of Orlando and in the memo, line write "Share the Plate" and mail it to 1901 E. Robinson St. Orlando, FL 32803

Text: Send a text to 407-456-7082 with the amount you'd like to contribute. Include the dollar sign before the amount. (NOTE: Do not place a space between the dollar sign and dollar amount). Follow the prompts to enter your payment information. For donating to Share the Plate, use the texting code: sharedplate

IDignity: www.idignity.org/sharetheplate

Make your donation. **Send us an email at programassistant1u@gmail.com to help us keep track!**

Your Care Team

The Caring Circle supports members and friends with practical help. Contact: CaringCircle@OrlandoUU.org.

Lay Pastoral Associates provide buddy relationships of deep listening: PastoralAssociates@OrlandoUU.org

To share your joys or concerns in worship contact joysandconcerns@orlandouu.org.

Your Gifts Support Our Ministries

Thank you for your generosity. Here's how to give:

1U Website – Use the Donate button on the upper right-hand section of the home page.

Text – Text to 407-456-7082 with your gift amount. Include the dollar sign. Do

receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, just send a text with the amount you are giving and it will process automatically.

Share the Plate – Use the texting code: sharedplate

DEADLINE for Weekly Update is Tuesday at 3 p.m. All contributions subject to editing.

Weekly Update posted on 1U's website under [News and Events menu/Weekly Update](#)

Ongoing Activities, Donations & Volunteering Resources [here on 1U's Web site](#)

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