

Special Events!

Potluck & Games Jan. 1 New Years Day! 12-3 pm

All are invited to start out the new year with fun and fellowship at the Potluck and Playathon event on Monday, January 1, from 12 to 3 p.m. in the UUFA Fellowship Hall. Bringing a food dish to share along with an extra Scrabble board (or another game to play) is not a requirement for attending. For questions and food signups, contact Kathy Larson (kathylyndall@gmail.com or text 802.673.1929).

Lectio Divina on UUA Article II Jan. 6-9

Please join the delegates from last year's General Assembly in finding out what our thoughts and feelings are about these proposed revisions to what we have known as the principles and sources, part of the UUA bylaws.

- Sat. 6th: 10 am *Ocean Rm*
- Sun. 7th 5 pm [Virtually here](#).
- Mon. 8th: 7 pm *Ocean Rm*
- Tue. 9th: 10 AM [Virtually here](#).

8th Annual Athens Martin Luther King Jr. Parade & Music Festival Jan. 15, 12-6 pm

Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and promoting culture, equity, and diversity in Downtown Athens through live performances, vendors, a fun kids zone, and more. Corner of Hull and Washington streets downtown Athens. Join UUFA folx to march in the parade at 3 p.m. Please [sign up here](#), so we will know how many groups to host! *Make a sign/s for you or others to carry in the parade on Sun. Jan. 14 after the worship service!*

Journeys at UUFA Jan. 20, 9:30 am

You've found your way to the UUFA, but perhaps you'd like to know more? The Journeys at UUFA program is the place to learn more about UUism and UUFA. Let us know you are attending and whether or not you need childcare by emailing membership@uuathensga.org.

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Charter Chatter Cheddar Jan. 21, 12 pm

The Ministry Council and Board invite all leaders of committees, groups, and teams at UUFA to join in a fun and fulfilling. This event will be a marvelous opportunity to come together and learn about the new Charter format from Board members while we all enjoy all kinds of macaroni and cheese together (vegan, gluten free, etc.). Please [SIGN UP HERE](#).

1619 Project Viewings Jan. 24, 28 (Ep. 1) & 31 (Ep. 2)

Hulu's six-part 1619 Docuseries is an expansion of "The 1619 Project" created by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones and the New York Times Magazine. The series seeks to reframe the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans at the very center of our national narrative. For more on this film series, visit the [Wikipedia entry here](#). To read the original 1619 Project New York Times article, [go here](#). Each episode will be shown twice—on Wednesdays beginning at 6:45 pm and the following Sundays beginning at 9 am. Showings continue through March 27.

Linnentown & Panel Discussion Feb. 3, 10 am AWE Rm

"Linnentown: Urban Renewal, White Supremacy and the University of Georgia" by Alex Benoit will be shown at UUFA, followed by a presentation and discussion led by Athens Reparations Action (ARA) co-chairs Chaplain Cole Knapper and Alys Willman. Learn more about the ARA at athensreparationsaction.com Watch the [film on YouTube here](#).

January Winter Clothing Drive Please donate new and gently used winter clothing (coats, blankets, sweaters, hoodies, socks, gloves, winter hats, hand warmers) in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Bigger Vision of Athens Emergency Shelter and the Athens Area Homeless Shelter will distribute these items to folx in need in our community. All sizes and age ranges are needed.

Let's Get Together in January!

Virtual Only – V Multi-platform – MP

All are welcome at these UUFA meetings and events!

Fun and Fellowship

* For Everyone

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm – Community Potluck Social time, followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring enough food to share.

Jan. 1, 12-3 – Potluck & Playathon (Scrabble & more)
Fellowship Hall (details above)

* For Adults

Tuesdays, 8:30 am – Coffee Hour at Panera Bread Two groups usually meet in the restaurant.

Thursdays

8:30 am – Coffee Hour V Drop in to check in! [Join virtually here.](#)

9:30 am – Tai Chi and Qigong V [Join virtually here.](#) Mind as well as body come into play in Jackie and Bill Pierson's Thursday morning Tai Chi and Qigong sessions. Participants learn and practice self-massage, breathing exercises, and simple moves for meditation, balance, and fitness.

Jan. 14, 11:30 am – Getting to Know UUFA Newcomers are welcome after the service in the AWE Room.

Jan. 22, 2 pm – Grateful Threads is a social group at UUFA for knitting, crocheting, sewing, or any other thready craft you have. Meets most 4th Mondays, 2-4 pm at UUFA.

Seeking Justice

Need more info? Visit uuathensga.org/justice or contact Justice@uuathensga.org.

Mondays, 12:30 pm – Athens Demonstration, Alps at Baxter 1619 Project showing and discussion *Details under Special Events above.*

Jan. 7, 12 pm – Social Action Committee MP Be the change you want to see in the world. [Join virtually here.](#)

Jan. 4, 5 pm – Racial Justice Team V This group is exploring the 2021-22 UUFA goal of “engaging in dismantling white supremacy including the intersectional aspects of environmental and economic injustice.” Meets most 1st Thursdays [virtually here.](#)

Jan. 21, 4:30 pm – Food Justice Team V All who eat are invited to attend the next Food Justice Team meeting, [held virtually here](#), on the most 3rd Sundays and sometimes in person for lunch.

Jan. 28, 12 pm – Peace Advocacy Team (MP) explores projects to create more peace at home, in our schools and community, and the world. Join us! Meets most 4th Sundays on-site in the UU Heritage Room and [virtually online here.](#)

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Exploring

* For Children

Contact Dir. of Religious Exploration Kahla (DRE@uuathensga.org) to receive updates.

* For Youth

Contact Coordinator Meredyth (YYA@uuathensga.org) to receive updates.

* For Young Adults

Jan. 4, 6 pm – YYA Heritage Room Get-together Contact Coordinator Meredyth (YYA@uuathensga.org) to receive updates.

* For Adults

Jan. 6-9 – Lectio Divina on UUA Article II. *Details under Special Events above.*

Jan. 7, 9 am – Writing as a Spiritual Practice (MP), facilitated by Myrna Adams West, explores UUFA's monthly worship theme through various written genres. First Sundays onsite in the Heritage Rm and virtually. Myrna provides prompts for thinking and/or writing about the theme before the session.

Please contact her ahead of time (myrnaaw@bellsouth.net) if you wish to attend so that she can send you the suggested prompts and the link to join virtually. However, you may attend even if you have written nothing. The group offers a safe space for sharing written or spoken thoughts.

Jan. 7 & 21, 12:30 pm – Historical Jesus Book Discussion *Heritage Rm & [virtually here](#)*. Do you want to learn more about the historical Jesus? Based on historical research, much is now known about his life and his teachings and how they fit into the context of his time. In this group, we will read and discuss various perspectives by scholars about the historical Jesus. We will not address Christian theological questions; those are matters of faith, not history. Paul Gurian, who has led similar groups before, facilitates. Paul has chosen the first book, *The Historical Jesus: A Guide for the Perplexed* by Helen K. Bond, a good introduction and overview. After that, the group will choose further readings. Contact Paul (PHGurian@earthlink.net) for more information.

Jan. 14, 1 pm – Book Talks (V) meets 2nd Sundays Find [this year's book list and link to join virtually here](#) to join virtually here. While reading the monthly selection ahead of time is desirable, don't stay away if you haven't finished the book or haven't read it at all. Your comments are always welcomed. Book Talks has met at UUFA for over twenty years! The tradition continues. Questions? Contact Clarissa Finco (706-543-6064).

Jan. 9, 12 pm – Second Lookers MP [Click here to join virtually](#). Meets 2nd Tuesdays. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy coffee, tea, and desserts provided. Known as the "Second Lookers," these folx are interested and interesting older members of the Fellowship who have retired from jobs but most certainly not from life. All are welcome at this monthly meeting to get together and share information, discussion, and special speakers! This year's coordinators are Pat Adams and Martha Phillips. If you need more info or have a suggestion of an interesting topic or person to explore, reach out through secondlookers@UUAthensGA.org

Jan. 20, 9:30 am – Journeys at UUFA for newcomers See

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Jan. 21, 12-3 pm – Charter Chatter Cheddar *Details under Special Events above.*

Jan. 28, 2 pm – Goddess Group (MP) is a circle of persons who identify as female that gathers monthly to study "Thealogy," the feminine aspect of the Divine. Meets most 3rd Sundays (4th Sunday in January). The group uses curricula designed by the UU Women's Federation and other women-centered organizations and individuals to explore their inner goddess. They engage in ritual, conversation, sharing, and caring as a ministry to each other and others within the greater community. Contact lead facilitator Myrna Adams West (goddess@uuathensga.org) for more information and specifics about the gatherings and other activities. [Click here to join the group virtually](#).

Making Music

Questions? Contact [Music Director Amber Fetner](#).

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm – Palms of Fire Drum Circle, under the guidance of, focuses on West African drumming although other musical traditions and instruments are also explored. No prior drumming experience is necessary, and you don't even need to bring a drum.

Wednesdays, 7 pm – Chalice Choir Sanctuary [Join virtually here](#). Choir is open to all, but everyone who participates must show proof of being fully vaccinated. We choose selections from our Unitarian Universalist hymnals and from a wider body of song. Please RSVP for choir to MD@uuathensga.org

Planning Ahead

Jan. 2, 6:30 pm – Worship Arts and Celebrations Team (WACT) meets the 1st Tuesdays. All are invited to attend a meeting whether you want to observe, give feedback or input, or are considering participating in planning and conducting worship services. You do not have to join the team to attend the meeting although this group always welcomes new members. [Join virtually here](#).