



The Chattahoochee Chalice

The newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus, GA

8827 Heiferhorn Way, Columbus GA 31904 | Mailing: P.O. Box 698, Fortson, GA 31808
(706) 660-1442 | www.uucolumbusga.org | uucolga@bellsouth.net
Interim Editor: Bill Harlan | Comments or suggestions? bill.harlan47@gmail.com

April in the time of COVID-19



UUF President Hal Midgette social distancing in his natural habitat.

Our newsletter should be a handy reference for the month's upcoming activities, but the coronavirus threw a wrench. Who knew what would happen a month in advance?

Fortunately, UUF President Hal Midgette stepped up. He started writing a weekly letter to the Fellowship to tell us what we're doing to remain an active and safe Fellowship during the pandemic. Members and friends receive Hal's weekly letter by email on Thursday. You also can get them [here on a new page our website](#).

(Hal also has been teaming with Ron Ussery to videotape Rick Spradlin's Sunday services for our [YouTube Channel](#).)

Congregational Care

Joyce Hickson, Susan Stephenson and Robbie Henson of the Congregational Care Committee are telephoning all our members and friends to make sure they have everything they need. They've been able to arrange for masks, grocery deliveries and other services. They are problem solvers. If you've not been contacted and need help you can use [this link to send an email](#). Or call the Fellowship and leave a message.

Mask makers



Connie Ussery and David Rush (pictured) are among several members and friends making masks for family, friends and others.



Need a mask? [Contact Joyce Hickson](#).

UUF's virtual office open for business

Brenda Stevens is still on the job, working mostly from home.

If you have a question about anything related to the Fellowship, email us or leave a phone message. Brenda checks messages several times a day. If she can't

answer your question she'll forward messages to the appropriate people.

Brenda also has contact information for all of us. If you need to contact someone in the Fellowship, especially if you're worried about them, [reach out to Brenda](#).

...in other news

For more information email uucolga@bellsouth.net with the name of the event and contact person in the subject line.

April GATP to Feed the Valley

On third Sundays we Give Away The Plate (GATP). Our collection plate goes to a local organization. This month it's Feed the Valley. "With the need for everyone to stay At Home, many people are out of work, economically hurting and food insecure," says Susan Stephenson of the Social Action Committee.

As always, you can always mail a check to UU, with "GATP" in the subject line. (That's best for large donations.) Our you can go to our online [donate page and use PayPal](#). Put "GATP" in the PayPal note. You also can donate directly to Feeding the Valley [through the organization's website](#). To acknowledge your UU affiliation you can indicate "in honor of" when you donate.



Treasurer Ron Ussery is still on the job.



Zoom discussions and lunches

Bill Harlan is organizing Wednesday Night Discussion groups (7 p.m.) and the Friday Lunch Group (12:30 p.m.) via the Zoom video-conference application. To join, watch your email box or [Contact Bill](#).

...how we've been coping



Above: Connie Ussery and granddaughter Sophie have been traveling (at least in their minds). In the Orient, seen here, they observed a large bird fishing.



Above, left: Michelle Midgette practices Tai Chi at home, where social distancing is a beautiful thing. **Above right:** Steve DiFelicianantonio has been working on his yard. "Forest Gump said, 'I just felt like running.'" Steve told us. "I just felt like digging." He dug a 120-foot trench for a French drain. "Guess I would have made a good World War I soldier," Steve said. But he also admitted he'll "never try something like that again."



Left: Bill Harlan masked up for biking. Got a Coping with COVID photo or story? [Send us an email](#).



Board meeting, YouTube services and newsletters

Board members are working by email and phone, but there won't be a formal monthly meeting in April. Pre-recorded Sunday services will be available on [YouTube](#) for the foreseeable future. The Chattahoochee Chalice will no longer be printed and mailed. [Get them online here](#).

