

At UCG We Have PRIDE!



UCG's Open and Affirming Committee is proud to announce a series of opportunities for UCG to participate in the 2017 Pride Festival. This annual event celebrates Gainesville's LGBT community; this year's Pride Festival theme is "PRIDE - Now More Than Ever!". Please note the following events in your calendars, and join us for as many of them as you can.

Sundays through October 15: Make sure to stop by the ONA table between services to purchase a t-shirt (Exciting new design this year!), learn more about the Pride Festival, and sign up to bring a dish to our Pride Sunday potluck.

Sunday, October 15: A special seminar on "The Gender Unicorn" led by UCG youth.

October 19 - UCG will offer a safe space on Thursday, October 19 during the visit by white supremacists. The sanctuary will be open from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM for persons who might want to come by and walk the labyrinth and spend time in silence. We will host a **Walk for Inclusion Service October 19, 5:00-7:00 PM**, including a labyrinth walk, spoken prayers and readings, candle lighting, and music. In addition, a time for making art and signs as peace-filled responses will be available for persons of all ages. We will use the signs for the Pride Parade on Saturday.

Friday, October 20 (and one prior date): Join us to plan and build this year's UCG Pride Float!

Saturday, October 21: Pride Parade and Festival – Always a highlight of Pride Festival, the Pride Parade starts at noon at West 7th Street and University, travels down University Avenue and ends at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza. We'll all head out to follow the UCG float in the parade, and once at the Plaza, we'll enjoy the food, booths and activities at the Pride Festival. The UCG ONA committee will have a table at the event.

Sunday, October 22: Pride Sunday – Each year we dedicate a Sunday service to celebrate our diverse community. We will worship at special Pride-themed services, followed by a potluck brunch in Reimer after the 11:15 service. Don't miss the special Pride seminar at 10:15 led by Adriane Isenberg.

If you have any questions, contact ONA chair Arwynn Collins, arwynnv08@gmail.com.