

The Fox River Valley Initiative program, “Exercise in Democracy” will allow all 9 Illinois States Attorney General candidates to be on the podium. One of these lucky candidates will win, all of them will say - who are these people?! And more important - what do they want?! We want Social Justice! This is how you get it. Many SAGs have famously grown a back bone and are standing up to nefarious political winds, and are capable of having a dramatic input into actions in our states. UUSG will have a contingent - all are invited. Sunday, March 11, 4-5:15 pm, Maine East High School Auditorium, Park Ridge. Check out the [flyer](#). If you are interested in carpooling with others from UUSG, sign up [here](https://tinyurl.com/ybzz6aqu) (https://tinyurl.com/ybzz6aqu).

Save the Date! The Green Sanctuary Team will hold their Green Dinner on Saturday, May 5, at 5pm, in the Common Room.

Daylight Saving Time returns next weekend.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 4

- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Women’s Retreat Informational Meeting
- 12:45 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting

Monday, March 5

- 1:00 pm Women’s Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, March 7

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation Study Group

Thursday, March 8

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

Friday, March 9

Saturday, March 10

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group

Sunday, March 11

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting

Welcome to This House!



March 4, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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Today’s Worship Team

Worship Associate: Lynn Steele
Musicians: Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Jessica Littlefield;
UUSG Jazz Combo: Geoff Pynn, Michael Townley,
Tracy Rosenkrans, Liam Johnson, Paul Sargent
Social Hour Hosts: The Social Justice Team
Counters: Tom Haslett, Karen Laukaitis

Upcoming Services

March 11: Guest in the Pulpit: Jim Scott
March 18: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Song of Community “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”
(projected)

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong.

Prelude & Chalice Lighting *I Want to Break Free*, Queen

Song of Praise (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Unison Reading # 576 “A Litany of Restoration”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Offering *Prove It On Me Blues*, “Ma” Rainey

For All Ages Ilene Smit

Children & teachers go to religious education classes.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive *Everything Possible*, Fred Small

Readings Marilyn Hebda

Hymn “How Could Anyone” (projected)

Sermon “Climbing Over the Rainbow”
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Hymn “When I Am Frightened” (projected)

Unison Closing # 505 (Thich N’hat Hanh)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *I’m Coming Out*, Diana Ross

Announcements

Thank you, Social Justice Team, for our Social Hour this morning. We look forward to our Welcoming Team hosting next week. We appreciate you!

Please join us at 12:30 in the Alcott room today, for a Women’s Retreat meeting! Whether you are interested in learning more about the Annual UUSG Women’s Retreat, commenting on our last one, or contributing ideas for our next one in January 2019, please do come by. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Planning Committee Chairwoman, Rachel Harbold, at womensretreat@uusg.org.

The March Beyond Our Walls offering will be going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in 6 counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. The newest drop-in center was reopened at UUSG this fall after a summer break and is growing along with the new centers added in additional areas this last year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and the outreach has grown with our help.

The February BOW collection raised \$2,075 for the YRUU and Young Adult Habitat trips! Thank you for your generous giving.

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is expanding to better ensure we all have a safe worship experience. We are seeking volunteers to implement an internal Security Team that would be “on duty” on Sunday mornings. Training would be provided to ready us to handle an unplanned situation dealing with disruptive, threatening, and violent types of behavior. If you are willing to be part of a rotating pool of people, please contact Hal Schulman at ertleader@uusg.org. A professional background/degree in a related field is not required.

UUSG’s Annual Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. There will be many ways for all ages to get involved - from volunteering at the food bank, to putting together gift bags of personal care items for senior citizens, to writing postcards to representatives. Sign up at uusg.org/day-of-service.

The Interim Ministry Search Process is in full-swing! Stay up-to-date with the latest news and information at uusg.org/interim-minister, or check out the bulletin board in the Common Room. Questions or comments? Email interimtaskforce@uusg.org.

Naming & Dedication Services: March 25 Once again, it’s time to plan for our annual Naming & Dedication Services. We need to know how many families would like to take part and how many children will be dedicated, and we need that information no later than **today**. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.

Internet Safety: What Can Save You From Social Media Oriented Crimes. Sunday, April 8 at 1pm. Please join us as Detective Sarah Sullivan from the Geneva Police Department presents information regarding some of today’s real concerns for our teens. Topics include cyber-bullying, sexting, internet identity theft, and other social media oriented acts. Register in Realm under the “Events” section. For info please contact Hal Schulman, at ertleader@uusg.org. *Please note that the material presented is not suitable for youth younger than 7th grade*

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” is on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on March 19. We’ll be discussing Acts. For future planning, in April we’ll be discussing Exodus. In May, we’ll discuss “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World” by Bart Ehrman. For more info, contact Jim Frazier, biblestudy@uusg.org.

If you would like to remember a loved one with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden, please give a completed order form (tinyurl.com/ko46op8) to Christine by April 15. The Memorial Garden Dedication Service will be held May 27, at 2pm.

Thinking About Your Garden? New2U has a limited supply of Garden Glitter strands to brighten up your outdoor spaces. Hang these sparkling strands of beads and mirrors from a limb, and enjoy the dancing reflections. Includes some vintage beads and baubles. Great housewarming gifts. Only 6 strands left (first come, first served for choice). Find a [link](#) to New2U on UUSG’s home page.