

Ride a Bike Spring is here – time to get off the couch and out in the fresh air. For family biking, New2U has a youth mountain bike – a red Giant. Find more information via the New2U [link](#) on UUSG’s home page.

Women’s Circle: Celebrate Spring Pagan Style Say good-bye to winter with us on March 24, at 1pm, when the Women’s Circle celebrates Ostara, the spring equinox, through the creation of sacred space and group ritual. This is a time for us to recognize the formal beginning of spring, the awakening of the earth, and its returning fertility. Come join us in honoring this blessing of life’s renewal through this ancient spiritual ritual! Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Project Snowfall “For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” Vincent Van Gogh. Learn more at uusg.org/green-sanctuary.

The Fox River Valley Initiative program, “Exercise in Democracy” All 9 Illinois States Attorney General candidates to be on the podium. UUSG will have a contingent - all are invited. **Today**, 4-5:15 pm, Maine East High School Auditorium, Park Ridge. Interested in carpooling with others from UUSG? See (tinyurl.com/ybzz6aqu).

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 11

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Personnel Meeting

Monday, March 12

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 14

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

Friday, March 16

- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins

Saturday, March 17

- 4:00 pm OWL Overnight Ends

Sunday, March 18

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm LRE Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

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Welcome to This House!



March 11, 2018

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Today’s Worship Team

Musician: Jim Scott
Social Hour Hosts: The Welcoming Team
Counters: The Finance Team

Upcoming Services

March 18: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
March 25: Celebration of Naming & Dedication
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Worship Outline

Ingathering Music “Common Ground,” Ivan Linz, Paul Winter, Jim Scott
(chorus) “In a circle of friends, in a circle of sound
All our voices will blend when we touch common ground.”

Ring the Church Bell

Call to Worship

Song of Community “The Rainforest Song,” Jim Scott

Prelude “Let The Magic Start,” Jim Scott

Chalice Lighting “With A Fire in Its Heart,” Jim Scott

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

Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Reading “God of the Two Black Holes,” Jim Scott

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Opening Song # 347 “Gather the Spirit,” Jim Scott

Opening Words “This Dangerous Bastion,” Jim Scott

Offertory “The Oneness of Everything,” Jim Scott

For All Ages RE Music Students

Reading “Peace Talk in the Garden,” Jim Scott

Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive “I Am Waiting,” Jim Scott

Homily “This Finite Earth,” Jim Scott

Song “In Our Hands,” Jim Scott

Closing Hymn “May Your Life Be As A Song,” Jim Scott
(chorus) “And may your life be as a song
Resounding with the dawn, to sing awake the light
Then softly serenade the stars
Ever dancing circles in the night.”

Closing Words “Wisdom and Love,” Jim Scott

Postlude “The World Needs Your Voice,” Jim Scott

Final Blessing

Announcements

A PPG award to Page Poris, for picking up a UUSG friend every week for the past several months and taking them out to run errands. Page, we thank you so much for Promoting Practical Goodness in our UUSG community and your dedication for helping those in need!

We are grateful to our Welcoming Team for our Social Hour this morning. We look forward to Bill Koehl, reminding us to vote as we welcome Spring, hosting next week! We appreciate all of you!

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.

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.

Spring has sprung, and so have the weeds! We are looking for volunteers to join our Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry for 2018. With enough volunteers, this ministry is a once a month commitment that involves keeping a small plot of our church grounds weeded (April - October). To join, please email Karen Laukaitis at weeding@uusg.org.

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

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For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will be March 19, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on March 19. We’ll discuss 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. Jim: 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.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to our 6th-8th grade students, their teachers, and their families, for the valuable message on the use of meditation in our lives, during For All Ages on February 11. In addition, these students provided their UU community with delicious refreshments during the Social Hour that day! The choice these young men and women make each year, to serve their congregation, is much appreciated!

March Friday Flicks Presentation: “Culture of Fear” This month we offer 2 short documentaries on fear in our society today. Culture of Fear is a term used by certain scholars, writers, journalists and politicians who believe that some in society incite fear in the general public to achieve political goals. Please join us March 23, at 7pm.

The Mental Health Ministry will be hosting a discussion of the #MeToo movement on Sunday, March 25, at 1pm. We will talk about why this movement took hold at this particular time in history, and brainstorm ways how to keep the momentum going to protect and enhance women’s rights across the globe.

Internet Safety: What Can Save You From Social Media Oriented Crimes? Sunday, April 8, at 1pm. Join us as Detective Sarah Sullivan from the Geneva Police Department presents information regarding some of today’s real concerns for our teens. For info, contact Hal Schulman, at ertleader@uusg.org. Childcare may be available upon request, please note if you need it while registering in Realm under “Events” section. *Material not suitable for youth younger than 7th grade*