

The May BOW cause is the Human Library of the Fox Valley. The Human Library is a nonprofit that engages the public in conversations about equality, diversity, and human rights, with the goals of reducing tension and violence and increasing social cohesion. Organized completely by volunteers, human libraries are events modeled after traditional libraries where visitors check out a range of titles. The difference is that ‘books’ are people, and ‘reading’ is a conversation. The Human Library of the Fox Valley, an initiative of the recently incorporated not-for-profit Fox Valley Face-to-Face, was founded by FVFTF board members Jennifer DuBose, Cara Schuster, and Mary Swanson and is endorsed by the Human Library Organization based in Denmark. They partner with local volunteers including several UUSG folks from traditionally marginalized groups, human ‘books,’ to create safe, free opportunities for ‘readers’ to better understand those with whom they share their communities. UUSG is proud to partner with The Human Library to challenge prejudice, one book at a time.

Stroll through the woods with a naturalist and learn the native wildflowers that carpet the forest floor on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30-6:30pm, at Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve. Call 630-444-3190 to register.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, May 6

- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 pm Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Celebrations Committee Meeting
- 12:45 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Series Presentation
- 6:00 pm New UU’s ReUUnion

Monday, May 7

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

Thursday, May 10

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

Friday, May 11

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting

Welcome to This House!



May 6, 2018

**Unitarian Universalist Society
of Geneva**

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Today’s Worship Team

Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Julie Riffle
 Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne; FUUsion: Trish Beckjord,
 Pam Birch, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Kelly Herz, Rhonda
 Robinson, Pat Vary
 Social Hour Hosts: YRUU Group
 Counters: The Finance Team

Upcoming Services

May 13: Intergenerational Mothers’ Day Service
 May 20: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 21 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *Prayer to Friends*, music and first verse: Carolyn McDade, verses two, three, and four: Lynn Fisher McCanne

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 569 “Stand by This Faith”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

For All Ages / BOW Jennifer DuBose from the Human Library

Intro to The Offering

Offering *Voices*, Linda Shepherd

Children & teachers go to religious education classes.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *How Could Anyone*, Libby Rodrick

Reading

Hymn # 63 “Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers”

Sermon “About the Flowers: The Capek Story”
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Hymn # 28 “View the Starry Realm”

Unison Closing # 457 (Edward Everett Hale)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Alleluia*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Announcements

Thank you, YRUU, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Nominating Team will host next week. We appreciate all of you for helping!

UUSG Member Winnie Blewitt sends a sincere thank you to all the wonderful UUSG Members & Friends who phoned, visited, and sent cards or notes of well-wishes over the past month. She appreciated all of the support and was so thankful for the outpouring of love and kindness! Thank you!

Mental Health Series Presentation: From Psychoanalysis to Psychopharmacology—The Changing Nature of Mental Health Treatment. Join us in the Common Room today, at 1pm.

Nancy Christensen and our YRUU kids have had a great time cooking dinners for Lazarus house every month since December but they are taking the summer off. We need you to sign up to cook lunches and dinners on the first Saturday of the month for Lazarus house for June thru August. We now partner with St. Charles Episcopal church and do the cooking in their large institutional kitchen which makes this a fun team experience. Sign up now at uusg.org/lazarus-house.

New UUs ReUUnion! If you attended “New UUs,” “Membership Preparation Class,” or a “Pathway to Membership” session since January of 2016, you are invited to attend a reunion potluck party hosted by the Welcoming Team tonight, at 6pm. Join us for an evening of food and fun.

We received a “B” on our Spring Fire Drill. Please note that the identified gathering place is on the sidewalk on the east side of Patten House. Please do take care to not stop in front of our building or on the driveway apron. More information in the Weekly Email. Feedback welcomed, ertleader@uusg.org.

Save the Date for a very special party in honor of Rev. Lindsay’s retirement after 40 wonderful years serving UUSG as our senior minister! Sunday, June 17, 1-4pm. Open-house style party for all of our members and friends and their families.

Mark Your Calendar: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 12:30pm. Voting Members, please RSVP at uusg.org/annual-meeting-rsvp. The Proposed Slate of Candidates for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors and Nominating Committee has been announced. View the slate at uusg.org/2018-2019-slate or in the Common Room.

Get Involved With Interweave May 20 We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month to have time together for discussions and special events. We will meet at 12:30 to plan upcoming activities for Pride Month in June and discuss current community events. For information please contact Lynn Steele at interweave@uusg.org.

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 May 21. We’ll be discussing “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World” by Bart Ehrman. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Can our 3rd St. green space paint a picture of who we are as a church community? Can it welcome like-minded strangers who are seeking a church family? Even the smallest notions generate new ideas, and we want to hear them. What are your dreams, visions and ideas for this space? Please, drop a note in the Idea Box, located in the Common Room.

The Dragon Flagon found a new home quickly— but if you missed it, check out the Neptune’s Chariot Flagon offered by Reverend Lindsay on New2U. According to her, “Holds two cans of whatever you’re drinking.” The opportunity to own one of Lindsay’s treasures is drawing to a close, so check it out via the New2U link on UUSG’s home page.

Friday Flicks: Served Like a Girl follows several American women who were wounded in action and are now transitioning from soldier to civilian after serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Join us Friday, May 25 at 7pm in the Common Room.

The April BOW collected \$1,427 for The Conservation Foundation. Thank you to all for your generous giving!