

We need greeters! It's a vital part of the Worship Ministry and the Hospitality Ministry, to welcome people into the Sanctuary, count attendance, and answer questions about the locations of washrooms and the Nursery. Sign up at uusg.org/greeting.

We know everyone is looking forward to summer, but fall is right around the corner. We would appreciate if everyone could sign up for Social Hours coming up starting Sept 9. Sign up uusg.org/hosting. Questions? Email hospitality@uusg.org.

Fox Valley Recycle Extravaganza is July 14, at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Details are available in the weekly E-Blast.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 1

- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hangtime

Monday, July 2

Congregational Administrator on
Vacation Through July 5

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day

Thursday, July 5

- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

Friday, July 6

- 10:00 am Geneva Learners
- 7:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8

- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hangtime
- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting

Welcome to This House!



July 1, 2018

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Today's Worship Team

Worship Associate: Thom Thomas
Greeters: David de Coriolis, Debbie Leoni
Musicians: Alex Cordogan, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan
Counter: Kevin O'Neill, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services

July 8: Thom Thomas, "Pulling Out of the Mud"
July 15: Alan Mills, Uptown People's Law Center in Chicago

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 402 “From You I Receive”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *To the Sea*, Edward MacDowell

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 586 “The Idea of Democracy”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to The Offering

BOW Bill Scown, RAICES & ACLU

Offering *Yankee Doodle*, American Traditional

For All Ages Jennifer Klein

Children & facilitators leave for Summer Youth Hangtime.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive *Vocalise*, Sergei Rachmaninoff

Readings

Hymn # 16 “’Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

Sermon “Independence Day: What It Means and What to Do About It,” Aaron Fogleman

Hymn # 205 “Amazing Grace!”

Unison Closing # 680 (Barbara Pescan)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Rhapsody Grandioso*, Melody Bober

Announcements

A special shout out and many thanks go to Kathy Cornell and Jill Brown, party-planners extraordinaire, for all their work in organizing and coordinating Rev. Lindsay’s Retirement party. It was a joyful, tearful celebration filled with memories, songs, and hugs. And, of course, there was cake. Thank you, Kathy and Jill!

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation July 2-5. The office will be closed.

In June we collected \$1,390 for JAMS. Thank you for your generous giving!

The Beyond Our Walls cause for July is aid to kids and immigrant families on the southern border. Our donations will be split between the RAICES and the ACLU. RAICES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that promotes justice by providing free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees in Texas. The ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project is dedicated to expanding and enforcing the civil liberties and civil rights of immigrants and to combating public and private discrimination against them. Using targeted impact litigation, advocacy, and public outreach, the ACLU protects the rights and liberties of immigrants.

Whew! The Swedish Days pizza booth sold 164 pizzas and over 450 sandwiches this year! Thank you to everyone who built the booth, plated pizza, served Gatorade, poured a slushie, cashiered, delivered pizzas, refilled water jugs, washed utensils, wiped down the counter after rain and then did it again when it rained some more! 63 people signed up to work one or more shifts. **Despite LOTS of rain, we netted over \$5,000 for UUSG.** That’s amazing! The Swedish Days fundraiser is a rewarding experience, with lots of helping hands. After 4 exhilarating years, Mary Swanson is retiring from managing this UUSG fundraiser. If you are interested in taking over for 2019, please contact Mary (fiveswansons@att.net) for more information. There are experienced and enthusiastic people ready to assist, but we need someone to coordinate the effort.

Pathway to Membership Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? Are you looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Would you like a free lunch? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next Pathway to Membership (P2M) session on Sunday, July 22. Gather in the Common Room right after the regular worship service. We’ll kick things off around 11am with a light lunch. More details and RSVP at uusg.org/pathway-to-membership.

Sunday, July 8, Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas - “Pulling Out of the Mud” After many years running training programs in the corporate world, Thom Thomas has decided to put his training and experience to work in a different arena, and is currently a Master’s of Divinity student at Meadville Lombard Theological School. If you have ever had your car well and truly stuck in the mud, you know how hard it can be to pull yourself out. Sometimes just walking through the world feels like your feet are stuck in the mud. On any network newscast there will be at least 5 things that will make you angry, or sad, or hopeless. Turning off the news doesn’t help, as long as you know the stories are there. In this sermon Thom will talk about getting yourself unstuck.

Sister Suppers, modeled on the traditional UU Circle Suppers, are social gatherings of women members and friends of UUSG. Four Sister Suppers will be held during late summer and fall. **The sign-up deadline is tomorrow, July 2**, so please sign up today at uusg.org/sister-suppers. Need more info? Sherri Casterline, (847) 464-5302.

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 July 16. We’ll be continuing our discussion of “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World” by Bart Ehrman. Need more info? Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

While formal Social Hour has ended until fall, we welcome volunteers who will share treats, coffee or cold drinks through our Summer Sundays. Giving each other a place to gather and enjoy time together is a valued part of our Sunday mornings. Questions? hospitality@uusg.org.