

**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](mailto:hospitality@uusg.org).

**Green Sanctuary:** From Project SnowFall - Immediately after service today there will be a brief (3-5 minutes) ceremony to celebrate mailing the first "Letter to Our Congregation" about the need for action on climate change to our elected representatives. All are invited to attend.

**Several people** have expressed interest in forming a group to work exclusively on water issues. If you would like to be included in this group, please contact Bill Koehl at [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org).

**NPR's River of Oil Podcast #5:** "The Decision" - the last in the series. It's about the decision of the Minnesota Utility commission to OK line 3 in spite of all of the opposition from their own Commerce commission and Governor. It is both touching and profound, and only 23 minutes long. [npr.org/podcasts/619016555/rivers-of-oil](http://npr.org/podcasts/619016555/rivers-of-oil)

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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

### **Sunday, July 15**

- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hang Time
- 11:30 am Welcoming Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Monday, July 16**

- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

### **Tuesday, July 17**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group

### **Wednesday, July 18**

- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Citizens Climate Lobby

### **Thursday, July 19**

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

### **Friday, July 20**

- 10:00 am Geneva Learners

### **Saturday, July 21**

- YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Begins

### **Sunday, July 22**

- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hang Time
- 11:00 am Pathway to Membership
- 11:30 am Social Justice Team Meeting

# **Welcome to This House!**



*July 15, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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### **Today's Worship Team**

Worship Associate: Geoff Pynn  
Musician: Sandra Anderson-Cordogan  
Counters: Patricia Ward, Jamie Carroll

### **Upcoming Services**

July 22: the Rev. Linda Slabon, "Transformed by the Music"  
July 29: Huda Hussein, "Being Muslim: A Personal Perspective"

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 168 “One More Step”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Children’s Song No. 18*, Chick Corea

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 579 “The Limits of Tyrants”

**Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

**Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Paris Nocturne*, Daniel Fogelberg

**For All Ages** Ilene Smit

*Children & facilitators leave for Summer Youth Hangtime*

### Readings

**Hymn** # 108 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

**Sermon** “Mass Incarceration: What Is to Be Done?”  
Alan Mills, Uptown People’s Law Center, Chicago

**Hymn** # 161 “Peace! The Perfect Word”

**Unison Closing** # 601 When All The People

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Jubilato*, Dennis Alexander

## Announcements

**Did you know** that America has the largest prison population in the world, and the highest per-capita incarceration rate of any country? Today, we will discuss mass incarceration with Alan Mills, the Executive Director of the Uptown People’s Law Center in Chicago, where he has worked since 1979. UPLC represents tenants facing wrongful eviction, disabled people wrongfully denied social security benefits, and people in prison whose rights have been violated while they are in prison.

**Sunday, July 22:** Rev. Linda Slabon, Minister Emerita, UU Fellowship of DeKalb - “Transformed by the Music”- Music has power to change us - emotionally, professionally, and physically – through internal ruminations to communal song. Unitarian Universalist Ysaye Barnwell, former bass singer with Sweet Honey in the Rock, said, “Music has the power to send out your message. It can be your shield and your sword.” We will sing songs of UU composers and consider how music soothes and shapes our lives.

**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.

**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](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**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](http://uusg.org/pathway-to-membership).

**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](http://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](http://uusg.org/hosting). Questions? Email [hospitality@uusg.org](mailto:hospitality@uusg.org).

**July Friday Flick: “Lost in Detention”** Once again, immigrants and the government enforcement policies are front page news. This month’s film revisits the changes that were made 10 years ago and raises a troubling question: Why do we continue to believe that more draconian actions or a wall will stop people desperate to escape the violence and economic devastation in their countries? Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 27, at 7:00pm, as we begin a new year of Friday Flicks.

**Many thanks** to everyone who dropped coins (or bills) in the “Change for a Change” Jar in the Sanctuary during the 2017-18 year. We raised \$146.68 for Elba’s Kids, a program that provides holiday gifts for neglected and abused children and teens. The jar is ready to fill again, this time to support the Jane Adeny Memorial School for Girls (JAMS) in rural Kenya.