

Bible Study For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet Monday, August 20, 7-8:30pm. We’ll be finishing our discussion of “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World,” by Bart Ehrman. For more info, contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org.

August 26 Guest in the Pulpit: Chazmin Baechler, “Ethically Ever After: What Fairy Tales Can Teach Us about Ethics.” What can we learn from fairy tales? Join us for an exploration of ethics, fairy tales, and storytelling. Chazmin Baechler is an early elementary educator whose work focuses on literacy and gifted education. She is active in our community, serving as co-chair of the “Yes Geneva Library” campaign and as a member of the Geneva Cultural Arts Commission. She lives in Geneva with her husband Ryan and their five-year-old son and newborn daughter.

Save the date, Saturday, November 10, for Harvest Dinner.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, August 12

- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hang Time
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:30 am Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting
- 11:30 am Worship Planning Team Meeting

Monday, August 13

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

Tuesday, August 14

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 15

- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Citizens Climate Lobby (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, August 16

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle (off-site)
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

Friday, August 17

- 10:00 am Geneva Learners

Saturday, August 18

Sunday, August 19

- 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

Welcome to This House!



August 12, 2018

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Today’s Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Bob McWilliams
Worship Associate: Doreen Christiani
Musicians: Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman
Greeters: Kate & Jim Frazier
Counters: The Finance Team

Upcoming Services

August 19: Cynthia Spiegel
August 26: Chazmin Baechler, “Ethically Ever After: What Fairy Tales Can Teach Us about Ethics”

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 395 “Sing and Rejoice”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *Piano Prelude #1*, George Gershwin

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 664 “Give Us the Spirit of the Child”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to The Offering

Offering *Piano Prelude #2*, George Gershwin

For All Ages Aaron Fogleman

Children & facilitators leave for Summer Youth Hangtime

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive *Summertime*, George Gershwin

Readings

Hymn # 203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

Sermon “Perspective,” Rev. Bob McWilliams

Hymn # 148 “Let Freedom Span Both East and West”

Unison Closing # 602 “If There Is to Be Peace”

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Piano Prelude #3*, George Gershwin

Announcements

Welcome to our Interim Co-Ministers! Please join us in the Common Room after service to meet with Rev. Patrick Price and Rev. Jennifer Innis. To contact either one of our Interim Ministers, you may email interim.coministers@uusg.org. To learn more about them, check out our Interim Minister Information Page at uusg.org/interim-minister/.

We welcome our newest members who signed “The Book” on July 22, 2018: Elizabeth Clements, Mike Clements, C. Susan Hedke, DJ Jensen, Don Clements, Amanda Mistretta, Anthony Mistretta, Jennifer Gerard, and Jeff Gerard. Welcome Home!

August Beyond Our Walls: Northern Illinois Food Bank
The NIFB provides nutritious meals to those in need through innovative programs and partnerships. It provides meals and hope to more than 71,500 people each week. Northern Illinois Food Bank has received Charity Navigator’s 4-Star rating since 2003 for its fiscal responsibility. Ninety-seven percent of the Food Bank’s resources go to programs that feed the hungry. The Food Bank can stretch every \$1 donated into \$8 worth of groceries! During the August collections, be sure to write BOW in the memo line if you would like your donation to help support the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Annual Homecoming Picnic! Join UUSG members and friends as we celebrate our 12th Annual UUSG Picnic, Sunday, September 9, 1-4pm, at Wheeler Park Pavilion. Fried chicken is provided. Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/picnic. The deadline to RSVP is September 6. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at picnic@uusg.org.

Women’s Circle begins September 22! We are excited to see old friends and welcome new ones to new programs! See uusg.org/womens-circle for more information and get the dates on your calendar!

The story of plastics evolves. Plastics emit methane. [The Truth About Bioplastics](#).

Friday Flicks: Night School This month’s Friday Flick looks at 3 students who never finished high school but are committed to improving their chances in life by going back to the classroom. Please join us in the Common Room on Friday, August 24, at 7pm, as we look at these 3 students and the challenges they face in meeting their goal.

Volunteering in Our Community. Lazarus House: We still need volunteers for September and October! We provide both lunches and dinners on the first Saturday of the month for Lazarus House. We are collaborating with St Charles Episcopal and cooking the dinners in their awesome industrial sized kitchen. If you would like to volunteer to cook Lazarus House meals, please sign up at uusg.org/lazarus-house.

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.

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

Last Sunday, immediately after service, we held a short ceremony to witness and celebrate the mailing of our “Second Letter to Our Congregation” to our local elected representatives. Through these letters, they will be able to watch us, watch what they are doing to fight climate change. It was a modest affair and did not involve food. We rang the bell two times. Next time, we will ring it three times. Stay tuned.

2018 Auction! Now is the time to begin thinking about how you will help with our 2018 Auction (Nov. 3, 5-8:30pm). In August and September, we need you to ask your favorite vendors in the tri-cities area to donate an item or a gift certificate, - a theater, hairdresser, restaurant, brewery, winery, bookstore, jeweler, toy store, you name it! Some of the proceeds will be going to support the Northern Illinois Food Bank and Mutual Ground Shelter. Please ask Jean Pierce (auctionleader@uusg.org) for Merchant Donor Forms.