

**Are you good with numbers?** We are looking for a few “Assistant Counters” to count the Sunday Collection. You will work with an experienced member of the Finance Team who will teach you the ropes. If you are interested, please stop by Christine’s office or email her at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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

**Save the Date!** The 6th Annual UUSG Women’s Retreat will be February 1-3, 2019. This year’s theme is “Awakening Joy by Embracing Change.”

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

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

### **Sunday, September 9 Homecoming Sunday!**

- 10:30 am Veterans’ Service Planning Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm UUSG Homecoming Picnic (off-site)
- 6:30 pm FVJN Rosh Hashanah Service

### **Monday, September 10**

- 11:30 am Women’s Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### **Tuesday, September 11**

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

### **Wednesday, September 12**

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

### **Thursday, September 13**

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook Tour
- 7:00 pm League of Women Voters Meeting

### **Friday, September 14**

### **Saturday, September 15**

### **Sunday, September 16**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

## **Welcome to This House!**



*September 9, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*Theme for September: Faith*

### **Today’s Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Roxanne Willis  
Musicians: UUSG House Band: Geoff Pynn, Tracey McFadden, Tracy Dullea, Andy Montgomery, Dave Hanchette  
Greeter: Kate Rodgers  
Counter: Kate Rodgers

### **Upcoming Services**

September 16: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
September 23: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 1017 “Building a New Way”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** “Rockin’ Pneumonia & The Boogie Woogie Flu,”  
Rivers, McFaddens

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 634 “On Turning”

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

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

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** “City of Immigrants,” Steve Earle

### Sacred Story

*Children & facilitators leave for religious education*

**Children’s Departing Song:** *As You Go*, Nancy Belt  
“As you go, may love surround you, may truth be your guide,  
may peace be in your heart.”

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** “Home,” Phillip Phillips

### Readings

\***Hymn** # 347 “Gather the Spirit”

**Sermon** “Home Again”

\***Hymn** # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

\***Unison Closing** “On the Brink of a New Year,”  
Lois Van Leer (adapted)

We go forth from this house on the brink of a new year  
Letting go of what has been  
Open and hopeful for what may come  
Refreshed, restored, ready  
To live Life fully anew  
May we move forward with intention

## \*Sending Our Light into the World

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for Postlude*

**Postlude** “Ho Hey,” The Lumineers, Schultz, Fraites

*When an asterisk “\*” is noted, please stand as you are willing and able.*

## Announcements

**Annual Homecoming Picnic!** Join UUSG members & friends as we celebrate our 12th Annual UUSG Picnic today, 1-4pm, at Wheeler Park Pavilion. Fried chicken is provided.

**Registration for our 2018-2019 LRE** programs for children and youth is now open! The first day of LRE classes is today! Visit [uusg.org/registration](http://uusg.org/registration) to get started. Questions? [LRE@uusg.org](mailto:LRE@uusg.org).

**Final Day: Seeking Member Names for Transition Team** The Board requests your input as they appoint the new Transition Team. The Team consists of five members of the congregation who are active at church, are good listeners, and are willing to be engaged with this time of reflection as we prepare for new professional ministry. The Team works with the congregation and the interim ministers as a “think tank” and as a body for information and conversation about the interim experience. They also assist with events such as the interim minister startup retreat and a day to review church history. The Board asks each person at UUSG to send them 3 names of members no later than today. The Board will put together a preliminary team on September 11. They expect to announce the final team on September 16. Send emails to [board@uusg.org](mailto:board@uusg.org).

**Help Rev. Jennifer and Rev. Patrick** (and other UUSG members) learn your name by wearing your UUSG name tag on Sundays! Don’t have one? See Christine in the office or email [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) to request one. New name tags are in the basket in the Sanctuary vestibule.

**Parking alert!** The city is repaving 3rd Street. There will be no parking on 3rd and 2nd from Campbell to Fulton, 9/17-10/4. Please leave extra time to find parking.

**September “Beyond Our Walls”:** Lazarus House provides safe shelter, food and a range of support services for men, women and children in need of help in St Charles, Geneva, Batavia and Western Kane county. In addition to shelter and food, Lazarus provides case management that helps people identify benefits that they are eligible to receive from other social service agencies in our area that offer support for employment, food pantries, low income housing, medical care, mental health counseling, addiction counseling and more. To donate, make checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

**The UUSG Fall - Winter 2018 Printed Directory** If you and/or your family would like to be included in our upcoming printed directory, please visit [uusg.org/directory](http://uusg.org/directory) or the bulletin board in the Common Room for instructions. Deadline to update your information is September 30. Questions? Contact Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible** as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet September 17, 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, please contact Jim Frazier at [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**Get Involved With Interweave** Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. Due to a busy church schedule in September, we will delay the start of our monthly meetings until October 21. We will gather at 12:30 at the church for our fall social and walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch. Questions? Lynn Steele [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org)

**Women’s Circle: Is this “happiness” thing all it’s cracked up to be?** If you’re not in a perpetual state of euphoric joy, and if you suspect there’s a bit more to what you’re looking for, we hope you’ll join us for the Women’s Circle on Saturday, September 22, at 1pm for “Happiness?”. Register at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle). Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with set up, clean up, and food. We could use a few more helpers!