

The sign-up for the Harvest dinner (November 10) is now open at uusg.org/harvest-dinner and in the Common Room.

Friday Flicks Oct 26, 7pm: *Almost Sunrise* tells the inspiring story of two young men who attempt to put their haunting Iraq combat experiences behind them by taking a 2,700 mile trek on foot across America. This special showing is hosted by the UUSG veterans group as part of our annual Veteran's Day recognition.

At this year's Veterans Day service on November 11, we will once again have a rolling display with photos of veterans in the UUSG congregation, as well as family members who served in the armed forces in any country throughout the family history of congregation members. Please send Jeff (jtstibal@gmail.com) your images by Wednesday, November 7. Questions? Aaron Fogleman (aaronfogleman@niu.edu).

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, October 14

- 10:30 am Veterans' Service Planning Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 17

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

Thursday, October 18

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

Friday, October 19

Saturday, October 20

Sunday, October 21

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Pathway to Membership
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

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 or in the Common Room.

Welcome to This House!



October 14, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Theme for October: Death

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Brian Doyle
Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Geoff Pynn
Musicians: UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel; Sandra Anderson
Social Hour Hosts: Buddhist Meditation & Study Group

Upcoming Services

October 21: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price
October 28: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 89 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *We're the Water in the Waves*, Takahashi, Salvaggione

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 441 “To Worship”

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

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

Intro to The Offering

Offering *Song of the Lark*, Tchaikovsky

Sacred Story “Is Nothing Something? Kids Questions and Zen Answers About Life, Death, Family, Friendship, and Everything in Between,” Thich Nhat Hanh

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 # 1043 “Székely Blessing”

Readings

***Hymn** # 306 “Sing of Living, Sing of Dying”

Sermon “The Secrecy of Being: Zen and Christianity”

***Hymn** # 352 “Find a Stillness”

***Unison Closing** # 498 (Howard Thurman)

*Sending Our Light into the World

*Benediction

Please be seated for Postlude

Postlude *We Are One*, Brian Tate

*Please stand as you are willing and able at the **

Announcements

Guest in the Pulpit: Our guest today is Brian Doyle. Brian has been a member of UUSG for about two years. He has a long-time interest in multicultural and comparative religious studies. He holds a B.A. in psychology and a master's degree in linguistics.

Thank you, Buddhist Meditation Study Group, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our WOW Team will host next week. We appreciate you!

Fire Safety & Prevention at UUSG A reminder that our planned place to congregate in the case of a fire alarm is on the east sidewalk area in front of Patton House. Please do not stop in front of our building or on the parkway apron, and please do not cross 2nd street. More information in the Weekly Email. Questions? Contact Hal Schulman at ertleader@uusg.org.

The BOW collection for October will go towards The Humanitarian Service Project (HSP) and CROP Walk. The HSP Senior Gift Bag project supplies area seniors with hygiene projects, facial tissues, and other special gifts that meet their basic and emotional needs. CROP Hunger Walks help support hunger-fighting development efforts and are community-wide events that raise fund to end hunger at home and around the world. You do not need to decide which of the two to support. All will benefit from your contribution unless you target your donation to one of the causes. Write checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet Oct. 15, 7-8:30pm. We will finish our discussion of, “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World” by Bart Ehrman. Please think about what to read after that. Exodus is under consideration. Need info? Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

The Stewardship Team would like to host a Planned Giving Discussion that will cover: will and living trust planning, planned charitable gifts, charitable giving strategies, and more. please email stewardship@uusg.org if you are interested in these subjects. Once we have established enough interest a date will be set.

Mark your calendars, because registration for the 6th Annual Women's Retreat, “Awakening Joy by Embracing Change,” opens October 21. The retreat will be February 1-3, 2019. Spots fill up quickly so be sure to register early so you don't miss out. Questions? Rachel Harbold at womensretreat@uusg.org.

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? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next Pathway to Membership (P2M) session on Sunday, October 21. We'll kick things off around 12:45 with a light lunch. RSVP at uusg.org/pathway or the sign-up in the Common Room.

Get involved with Interweave We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. We will meet October 21, at 12:30, for our fall social and walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch. Questions? Lynn Steele interweave@uusg.org

2018 UUSG Auction: Saturday, Nov. 3, 5-8:30pm. Auctions Speak Louder than Tweets. This All-Church Auction will include special events and food for children! Auction donations are now being accepted! Please complete a donation form, RSVP, and sign up to bring refreshments at uusg.org/auction.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive curriculum dealing with relationships, sexuality and decision-making; this is also a curriculum that builds community made of strong friendships and support for the participants. OWL meets for four over-nights, one per month from January through April. More information will be given directly to the families of 7th-9th grade youth about this program at the Parent OWL information meeting, October 22, 7:30-9pm. If you are new to the program you must attend the meeting, or if you cannot make it, contact Jenny Montgomery jenny@andymontgomery.com.

Luncheonettes Please join us for our October lively Luncheonettes gathering! Who: Luncheonettes, all who identify as female UUSG members and friends. What: food, fun, frolic, friendship. When: 11:30-1:00, Wednesday, October 24. Where: Andres, Batavia. RSVP by Tuesday evening at uusg.org/luncheonettes