

Registration for the 6th Annual Women's Retreat is now open at uusg.org/womens-retreat. "Awakening Joy by Embracing Change," will be February 1-3, 2019. Contact Rachel Harbold at womensretreat@uusg.org if you would like info.

Holiday Food Drive It's time for our 5th Annual Food Drive to support Humanitarian Service Project's holiday programs! Pick up a brown paper bag in the Common Room on November 11 & 18, and bring it back filled with non-perishable food on December 2 & 9. **Only non-expired food, please!**

Friday Flick: Rise of the Superstorms In just one devastating month, Houston, Florida, and the Caribbean were changed forever. As the planet warms, are these superstorms the new normal? How well can we predict them and does the U.S. need to prepare for the reality of climate refugees? This documentary takes you inside the 2017 superstorms and the cutting-edge research that determines how well equipped we are to deal with hurricanes in the future. Join us, November 23, at 7pm, in the Common Room.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 4

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interim Start Up
- 2:00 pm Jobs with Justice

Monday, November 5

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, November 7

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, November 8

- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

Friday, November 9

Saturday, November 10

- 11:00 am Celebration of Life Service for Jill Brown
- 5:00 pm Harvest Supper
- 7:00 pm Veterans Rehearsal

Sunday, November 11

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Series Presentation
- 7:00 pm Jazz Combo Rehearsal

Welcome to This House!



November 4, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

November Theme: Forgiveness

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis
Worship Associates: Gail Tattersfield, Diane Gallentine
Greeter: Velma Powers
Musician: MUUSA Bluegrass Band: John Sandman, Jeff Teppema, Tracy Dullea; RE Music Students led by Sandra Anderson
Social Hour Hosts: The Technology Team
Counters: David Moore, Diane Thornton

Upcoming Services

November 11: Annual Veterans Day Service
November 18: Rev. Patrick Price & Rev. Jennifer Innis

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 12 “O Life That Maketh All Things New”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *I'm Coming Home*, Robert Earl Keen

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal** # 439 “We Gather in Reverence”

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

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

Intro to The Offering / Beyond Our Walls

Illinois Youth Center, Melissa Auer

Offering *Blackberry Blossom*, Traditional

RE Music Students “I Have a Dream,” led by Sandra Anderson

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 *Through My Prayers*, Crawford, Avett, Avett

Reading

***Hymn** # 95 “There Is More Love Somewhere”

Sermon “Cracks in the Walls”

***Hymn** # 298 “Wake, Now, My Senses”

*Sending Our Light into the World

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment: These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

*Benediction

Please be seated for Postlude

Postlude *Red-Haired Boy*, Traditional

**Rising together in community, in body or spirit, as we are able.*

Announcements

Thank you, Tech Team, for our Social Hour this morning! We are grateful our Women's Retreat Planning Committee will host next week. We are so grateful for all of your generosity!

November Beyond Our Walls: The Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles is home to about 100 teenage boys who are involved in the juvenile justice system. For over 20 years, UUSG has provided a holiday party in December and has purchased items ranging from things like toothpaste and shampoo to a popcorn machine or computers for the library. Please consider making a donation so that we may continue to show these young men that they are not forgotten. If you would like more information, or would like to participate in the December holiday party, please contact Melissa Auer at Melissa.auer@illinois.gov.

Help Getting to the Poll to Vote If you, your friends, or neighbors need help getting to the polls to vote on November 6, the Social Justice team is offering transportation and assistance. Email socialjustice@uusg.org or call Bill Scown: 630.360.0905.

RE Music “I Have a Dream,” we sing, we the young people of UUSG. We sing of “justice for all.” We sing “let freedom ring.” Please enjoy with our RE Music Students, led by Sandra Anderson, with assistance from Dawn Pokorny and Parvaneh Smith. Composer: Eugene B. Navias.

On Saturday, November 10, at 11am, we will be celebrating UUSG Member Jill Brown. Refreshments and visiting will begin at 11am, with the service starting at 12pm. The memorial service will be followed by a reception in our Common Room. We welcome donations of food and beverages for the reception, please sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/memorial.

Peter Coe and Lynn Steele will discuss PTSD and the moral injury of war during the Mental Health Ministry presentation on November 11, in the Common Room, 1-2:30pm. All are welcome.

The Harvest Dinner is Saturday, November 10! Please sign up at uusg.org/harvest-dinner and in the Common Room.

A Thank You From Ellie Radvanovsky It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. But did you know that it takes UUSG involvement to move? Several members of the church (and you know who you are!) worked tirelessly to move me and my belongings to the Reserve on Oct. 25 & 26, they gave of themselves and it was most appreciated. And some may know that my dearest friend Jim Bell passed peacefully on Oct. 25, he will be greatly missed. Thank you to all for your love and support through this difficult transition.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2019! Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers. Participating pairs or singles will be grouped with different participants for each of the four suppers, which are held in January, February, March, and April. This is a great opportunity to meet UUSG Members & Friends that you may not know! Sign up online at uusg.org/circle-suppers or fill out a form in the Common Room. Questions? Contact Mary Swanson at circlesuppers@uusg.org.

Annual UUSG Thanksgiving Dinner November 22, at 205 Fellows St. in St. Charles. Join fellow UUs for the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Family and friends are welcome. Turkey and ham will be provided; please bring a dish to share. Doors open at 1:15 with snacks and beverages, dinner served at 2pm. We enjoy a bountiful dinner with fellowship before and after the meal. Sign up at uusg.org/thanksgiving-signup.

Women's Circle: Gratitude Saturday, November 17, 1-4pm. At our next Women's Circle Event we will be talking about and experiencing gratitude. The benefits of practicing gratitude are profound. It is proven to increase our happiness, our social connectivity, our resilience, and our immune system. We will be looking more deeply at the practice of gratitude, what it is, what it isn't, how it benefits us, and how we can enhance and expand our experience of gratitude. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

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 November 18, at 12:30pm, to discuss current events and share stories about lives and interests. For information please contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.