

Music Party Tom Zimmerman, Cynthia Spiegel, Aaron Fogleman, and Geoff Pynn are hosting a music party. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to our best. A piano will be there, and you can bring any other instrument you like -- including your voice! Please bring your own sheet music and play whatever you like, whenever you like during the course of the evening. (It is not a recital or concert.) Also, please bring a dessert or munchie and a drink. **When:** Saturday, April 6, 7:00 pm
Where: 251 N. Jefferson Street, Batavia (Aaron Fogleman & Vera Lind's house) Please R.S.V.P. to Tom (tzimmer@fnal.gov; tel. 630-677-0451), Aaron (aaronfogleman@niu.edu; tel. 630-879-1803), Cynthia (cynthiaspiegel@gmail.com; tel. 630-262-1126), or Geoff (geoffrey.pynn@gmail.com; tel. 630-326-9133).

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 24

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting

Monday, March 25

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

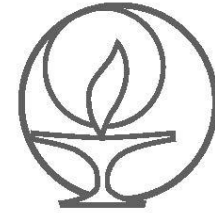
- 6:00 pm Set up for Annual Day of Service

Saturday, March 30

- 8:00 am Annual Day of Service
- 8:30 pm Earth Hour Celebration

Sunday, March 31

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group



March 24, 2019

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March Theme:
Brokenness

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price
Worship Associates: Doreen Christiani, Rhonda Robinson
Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Corey Klein
Counters: Brian Doyle, Page Poris

Upcoming Services

March 31: Guest in the Pulpit: Rev. Linda Slabon
April 7: Annual Social Justice Service

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 362 “Rise Up, O Flame,”
389 “Gathered Here”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *Comptine d'un autre ete - l'apres-midi*, Yann Tiersen,
trans. by Ian Chard

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading**

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

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

Intro to the Offering

Offering *Vivace assai*, Franz Joseph Haydn

Sacred Story

Children & teachers leave for religious education classes.

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 *Andante sostenuto*, Felix Mendelssohn

Readings

***Hymn** # 9 “No Longer Forward nor Behind”

Sermon “The End Before the Beginning”

***Hymn** # 345 “With Joy We Claim the Growing Light”

***Unison Closing** # 456 “Extinguishing the Chalice”

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Piano Piece No. 1*, Franz Liszt

*Please stand as you are willing and able.

Announcements

Christine Returns! Christine Imielski returned to UUSG part-time on Monday, March 18. Both Christine and Becky Hruby will be in the office through the end of March. Christine resumes full-time hours in April.

Pledge Drive is in full swing! If you haven't already taken a pledge packet, please do so today. Packets are available in the common room. It contains information on building our future, our vision for Religious Education and details from the UUA to help determine fair share giving.

The day of service is less than a week away! Don't miss this chance to put our values into action in our community. We especially need volunteers for the food bank and school supplies kit project. Be sure to sign up in the Common Room or online by this Tuesday, March 26. uusg.org/day-of-service

The Memorial Service for UUSG Member, Jim O'Malley, will be held on Saturday, May 18. There will be visiting in the Common Room at 11am, with the service beginning at 12pm. A reception will follow.

We are deeply saddened to share that UUSG Member, Clarence Wiese, died peacefully on March 16. We send our loving condolences to his children Michael and Diane and their family and friends. Memorial information will be decided and announced at a later date.

Luncheonettes! All UU women members and friends—We hope March will leave like a lamb, but regardless, join us at our March gathering for warm food and conversation! We always have lots to talk about! All are welcome. Wednesday, March 27, 11:30-1:00pm. (Fourth Wednesday of the month) Andre's Restaurant, Batavia
PLEASE RSVP — uusg.org/luncheonettes.

New2U Offering: See today's “UUSG News” email for information on New2U sales to benefit UUSG. There's an oversized gold-gilded frame, rustic nesting baskets, 8' x 10' area rug, generator, snow blower, and more.

The March Beyond Our Walls (BOW) offering will be going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. Our drop-in center here at UUSG has continued to meet this school year and will be joined by a number of new centers which will be added in our region in 2019. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

March 31, Guest-in-the-Pulpit Rev. Linda Slabon: Rev. Linda's sermon, “Wind of Time, Fire of Pain, Water of Renewal, and Ground of Being” invites us to consider how we can respond when broken by abuse and loss. What helps us to be a people of faith? Linda will share her story as a survivor of assault. Rev. Slabon and Dr. Toni Tollerud, Music Director, served the UU Fellowship of DeKalb for 26 years. Now retired, Linda is a Minister Emerita, Clinical Social Work therapist, and a DeKalb County Board member. As a retired professor from NIU, Toni does state-wide consulting and seminars on supervision and trauma. Spouses since 1990, Grandma Toni and Bionic Nana Linda (named for her titanium hips) love singing with three-year-old grand-daughter Amelia.

Revs. Jennifer Innis and Patrick Price have completed a six-month Interim Ministry Appraisal. You may view the report at uusg.org/interim-appraisals

Wanted: Artists for the UUSG Art Wall If you'd like to display your work on our Art Wall in the Common Room, please sign up in the Common Room. Past displays have included watercolors, photographs, poems, and knitted textiles. If you made it and can hang it on the wall, we'd be happy to display it!

If you would like to remember a loved one with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden, please give a completed order form (tinyurl.com/ko46op8) to Christine by April 15. The Memorial Garden Dedication Service will be held May 26, at 2pm.

Canned Food Hunt on Easter! Children and youth will collect food pantry donations along with celebrating Easter on April 21. More details to come. See Rev. Jennifer Innis for questions.