

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.

For Women's Circle final spring session, we invite you to explore an ancient form of self-discovery, the ritual of walking a labyrinth together. Please join us on Saturday, April 27, 1-4 pm, for Women's Circle at the Tau Center, 26W171 Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton, near Marianjoy Rehab Hospital. We'll have input from our guest facilitator Sr. Glenna Czachor, the opportunity to walk an indoor labyrinth or use a handheld labyrinth if preferred, and small group listening circles. If you're interested in carpooling for this off-site event, please email Julia Friesen, juliafriesen@sbcglobal.net. You will also have the opportunity to make a free-will donation to help defray the cost of this particular event. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 31

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group

Monday, April 1

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 2

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

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

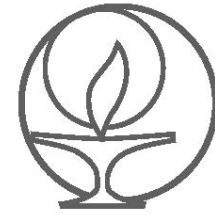
Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting

Green Sanctuary - Chasing Spring Ephemerals! Wander the wilds of Kane County Forest Preserves while there is nothing there to see. Who would do that? We would. This was our most popular program last year. Take a walk in the woods, maybe one you've never visited before, and keep an eye out for the first flowers of spring. Take a photo and note the location and date and send it to Bill Koehl (greensanctuary@uusg.org). We will get these posted on our Facebook page. March is already over. Spring came last week! Are we too late? Not by a long shot. We were able to find new flowers all the way into June. Beauty, solitude, exercise and shared community – what's not to love.



March 31, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

March Theme:
Brokenness

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Linda Slabon
Worship Associates: Melissa Auer, Gail Tattersfield
Greeter: Patrick McGleam
Social Hour Hosts: The Finance Team
Musicians: Angela Salvaggione, Toni Tollerud
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services

April 7: Annual Social Justice Service
April 14: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ring of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** “The Potter’s Wheel,” Mary Grigolia

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 552 “My Help Is in the Mountain”

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

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

Intro to the Offering

Offering Moyo Midi Drum played by Toni Tollerud

Sacred Story “Brave Bart,” Caroline Sheppard

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 & Musical Meditation Crystal Singing Bowls

Readings “What if…” James K.A. Smith;
“Educated: A Memoir” Tara Westover

Musical Response “Tell Me Your Name,” Carolyn McDade

Sermon “Wind of Time, Fire of Pain, Water of Renewal, & Ground of Being”

***Hymn** # 309 “Earth Is Our Homeland”

***Unison Closing** “There is a transcendent value worthy of our loyalty, upon which we may set our hearts and its manifestation is Love.” Elizabeth Tarbox

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

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Announcements

Today’s Service: Rev. Linda’s sermon 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.

Building the Beloved Community Your pledge provides essential financial support for the people, place and programs that make UUSG the beloved spiritual home for our members and friends. The many ministries of our congregation and of individual members are what hold our community together. Building and sustaining this community requires an ongoing, generous commitment from all of us — **a pledge of steadfast support from each other, to each other.** A hearty thank-you if you have already pledged! Please welcome the contact you will receive from your charming and delightful Pledge Team representative, who is looking forward to talking with you if you haven’t talked or gotten together yet. Don't be shy about asking questions (** are any of us shy?**. If your rep doesn't know the answers s/he will be happy to find out and follow up with you.

Settled Minister Search 2020 At the March 19, Board of Directors meeting, a vote was taken and passed to begin a search for a settled minister for the 2020 church year. The Board is now soliciting nominations from the congregation for members of the search team. We are guided in this search process by our bylaws and UUA policies. To begin, we ask the members of the congregation to please submit no more than three names of fellow members for consideration. You may nominate yourself if you are interested. With each name you put forth, please include a statement outlining your reason(s) for nomination. Please include your name with the nominees list. Submit names to board@uusg.org or in a sealed envelope placed in the Board mailbox by Monday, April 8. For more details, please visit uusg.org/minister-search or the bulletin board in the Common Room.

A Big Thank You to Jim Swick for fixing the coffee button light!

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.

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

Social Justice Sharing Sunday, April 14, at 12:30pm, the Social Justice Team invites members and friends of UUSG to join us in the Common Room to share stories about how gun violence, affordable housing, and opioids are affecting people in our community. Please help us define problems that the Fox River Valley Initiative can address in the region.

Easter is Hopping at UUSG! Children and youth will collect non-perishable donations for the food bank along with celebrating Easter on April 21. Donations can be dropped off in the Library starting on April 7. Before each worship on April 21, youth will hide the donations on the main floor of the church. Children will begin in worship and leave after the sacred story. All children are welcome to hunt for the food and redeem their treasures for an Easter treat bag. Then the children will enjoy activities for the rest of worship. See Rev. Jennifer Innis or Jeff Stanley for questions.

A Few Good People are needed to fulfill UUSG commitment to stay at Lazarus House the first Saturday of each month. The work is easy and rewarding; it is usually only **two nights a year for each volunteer**. You even get to sleep on the job! There is no obligation if you just want to learn more about this way of "promoting practical goodness in the world," contact Maureen McKeough, 630.262.8449, mmckeough@aol.com just to talk about it and learn more, no commitment.

Bible Study for UUs will meet on April 15, 7-8:30pm. Each person should plan to read and discuss at least one passage they have found interesting or meaningful. This worked really well in March so we’re going to do it again. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.