

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 in Wheaton. 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

Family Game Night, April 13, 6-8pm Join us for an evening of tabletop games for all ages in the Common Room. Bring a game to share or learn a new one. Snacks will be provided. Favorite food and drink donations are welcome, too. Once the games are going, parents, guardians, and volunteers will have a chance to meet with Kathy Cornell in the Sanctuary and have a brief update about the pledge drive.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

- 11:00 am Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins

Saturday, April 13

- 11:00 am Band Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm OWL Overnight Ends
- 6:00 pm Family Game Night

Sunday, April 14

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice: Sharing Stories

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April 7, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

April Theme:
Transformation

Today's Worship Team

Worship Associate: Jean Pierce
Musician: Tom Zimmerman, Jessica Littlefield
Greeter: Linda Marquis
Social Hour Hosts: The Buddhist Meditation & Study Group
Counters: The Finance Team

Upcoming Services

Sunday, April 14: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price
Friday, April 19: Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 21: Easter Service

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** “Hymn of Grateful Praise for Members of UUSG,” (see insert)

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Home*, Ola Gjeilo

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 651 “The Body is Humankind”

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

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

Pledge Drive Testimonial Corey Klein

Intro to Offering / Beyond Our Walls

April BOW is the Conservation Foundation

Offering *Can't Find My Way Home*, Steve Winwood

Sacred Story “I Walk with Vanessa,” Kerascoët

Children and 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.”

Meditation

Musical Response *Summer's End*, John Prine

Readings

***Hymn** # 318 “We Would Be One”

Sermon “Stronger Together”

***Hymn** # 121 “We'll Build a Land,” verses 1&2

***Unison Closing** # 683 (Theodore Parker)

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Change*, Tracy Chapman

Benediction

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*

Announcements

Social Justice: Sharing Stories. On Sunday, April 14 at 12:30, 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.

The Beyond Our Walls cause for April will be the Conservation Foundation, a non-profit land and river protection organization founded in 1972. The support of more than 3,500 members and 500 volunteers helps us carry out our mission to preserve and restore open space and natural lands, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of our environment in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois.

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.

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 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.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Thom Thomas on May 11, at 11AM, with a reception to follow.

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.

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**. Contact Maureen McKeough, 630.262.8449, mmckeough@aol.com for more information.

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.

New2U Offering The Miller/Lichtenhelds are hosting a down-sizing GARAGE GRAB **next Sunday**, April 14, to benefit UUSG. A garage grab is like a garage sale, except nothing is priced. So come on over, grab anything and everything you'd like – all we ask is that, in exchange, you leave a \$\$ donation for UUSG. For a partial list of items, see today's “UUSG News” email. The GARAGE GRAB will be Sunday, April 14, from 12:45 to 3:00PM at 910 James Street in Geneva (just down the street from UUSG). Even if you don't want to shop, stop by and say hello.

Help - we need a fish bowl! A used fish bowl. Preferably something that has finished its first life with love and is ready to be repurposed to help save civilization. We will be collecting postcards every Sunday during Social hour in a fish bowl in the Common Room - where the children can see. See Christine, tell her it's for the SnowFall project.

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.