**Meet our Settled Minister Search Team.** The Board of Directors has recommended seven individuals to the nominating committee for a vote by the full congregation at the annual meeting: Kevin Beyer, Doreen Christiani, Tom Lichtenheld, Kevin O'Neill, Amanda Slaiher, Roxanne Willis, and Tom Zimmerman. View bios in the Common Room or at uusg.org/minister-search.

On Saturday, May 11, we will be remembering UUSG Member Thom Thomas. Doors open at 10:30am, and the Celebration of Life Service will begin at 11am. Please join us after the service for a reception in our Common Room. Donations of food for the reception are welcome, please sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/memorials. The Celebration of Life Service for Jim O'Malley that was scheduled for May 18, has been postponed. We will notify all members & friends when a date is rescheduled.

Mother's Day is coming, and you can be prepared by purchasing Fair Trade items in the Common Room today during the Social Hour. Our RE children will also be hosting a No-Bake Sale benefiting JAMS school in Kenya.

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# **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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#### Sunday, May 5

• 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group Finance Team Meeting 11:15 am 12:30 pm Interweave Meeting 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation: Psychotherapy

#### Monday, May 6

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

#### Tuesday, May 7

**Program & Administrative Councils** • 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, May 8

10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal** • 7:00 pm **Facilities Team Meeting** 

#### Thursday, May 9

• 6:00 pm Youth Outlook 7:00 pm Housing Awareness: Fair Housing in Geneva

### Friday, May 10

## Saturday, May 11

Celebration of Life Service: Thom Thomas 11:00 am • 5:00 pm YRUU Chili Cook-Off

## Sunday, May 12

11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group 11:20 am **Green Sanctuary Team Meeting** 

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May 5, 2019

# Unitarian Universalist **Society of Geneva**

May Theme: Transcendence

## **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Reverend Tom Capo, UU Minister Worship Associates: Trish Beckjord, Diane Gallentine Musicians: Jazz Combo: Geoff Pynn, Michael Townley,

Tracy Dullea

Social Hour Hosts: Adopt-a-Plot Team

Counters: The Finance Team

## **Upcoming Services**

Sunday, May 12: Rev. Jennifer Innis, Rev. Patrick Price Sunday, May 19: Rev. Jennifer Innis, Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

# **Order of Worship**

**Ingathering Music** 

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

\*Song of Community # 360 "Here We Have Gathered"

**Words of Welcome** 

**Community Announcements** 

**Congregational Greetings** 

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

**Prelude** 

**Chalice Lighting** 

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

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

\*Doxology (words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to Offering/Beyond Our Walls

Mary Swanson, Jennifer DuBose for Human Library

Offering

**Message For All Ages** 

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."

**Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation** 

Reading (by Rev. Marlin Lavanhar)

**Musical Meditation** 

**Sermon** "A Sense of Belonging"

**Music for Reflection** 

\*Hymn # 1054 "Let This Be a House of Peace"

Closing Words: (Congregation in italics)

Here, right here, there are people to whom you can speak with passion, without words catching in your throat.

Here, right here, is a circle of hands open to receive you. Arms that will hold you when you falter.

Eyes that light up when you enter, and voices that celebrate with you whenever you come into your own power.

You are in a circle of friends, a place where you can be free, authentic, whole.

## Postlude

#### **Announcements**

Guest-in-the-Pulpit, Today: Reverend Tom Capo. Rev. Capo has served four Unitarian Universalist congregations in the Southern and MidAmerica Regions. He presently serves on the Executive Committee of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago. Reverend Tom has been a consultant for Unitarian Universalist congregations and served on the Board of the Prairie Star District of the UUA.

**The Mental Health Ministry** will continue their discussion on Psychotherapy today, at 1pm, in the Common Room.

May Beyond our Walls. The Human Library of the Fox Valley is a nonprofit that engages the public in conversations about equality, diversity, and human rights, with the goals of reducing tension and violence and increasing social cohesion. Organized completely by volunteers, human libraries are events modeled after traditional libraries where visitors check out a range of titles. The difference is that 'books' are people, and 'reading' is a conversation. UUSG is proud to partner with The Human Library to challenge prejudice, one book at a time.

**Do you like to garden?** How about pull weeds? Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to help maintain a portion of property on our church grounds. It's a once a month commitment (April-October). If you're interested or more info., contact Karen Laukaitis at weeding@uusg.org.

Fair Housing Awareness: Thursday, May 9, 7-8:30pm, UUSG. The League of Women Voters of Central Kane County and the UUSG Social Justice Committee will be hosting a community discussion on affordable housing in Geneva. There will be presentations, Q&A, and open discussion on section 8 of the Housing Act, attainable housing, work force housing, and fair housing.

**YRUU Chili Cook-Off!** Join us on Saturday, May 11, 5-8pm for a delicious event! All are welcome to enter a chili, and all that attend can vote for their favorite! \$2 for a voting ticket; \$4 for a chili bowl. To sign up, visit <u>uusg.org/chili</u>.

**Sunday, May 12,** Flower Communion/Mother's Day Services For All Ages: Please join us in this annual UU celebration of community and of those who "mother" us all. Remember to bring fresh flowers to share as an integral part of this service of remembrance and community.

Mark Your Calendar: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 12:30pm. Voting Members, please RSVP at <a href="https://www.usg.org/annual-meeting-rsvp">uusg.org/annual-meeting-rsvp</a>.

**End-of-Year Children and Youth Party on May 19.** The end of year celebration for children and youth religious education will be at 3pm, at Jennifer Klein's home. <a href="https://www.uusg.org/RE-celebration">uusg.org/RE-celebration</a>.

**UUSG Budget Process Q&A Table** Do you have questions about the UUSG annual budgeting process? For the next 3 weeks (May 5, 12, & 19) members of the Board and Finance Team will be available to answer your questions during Social Hour. The preliminary budget will remain in flux over the next few weeks as we reconcile the results of the Pledge Drive with the initial budget requests from the groups within the Congregation.

**Moving Up:** Sunday, June 2, the Religious Education Team will be presenting a service you won't want to miss! Many of our children are "Moving Up" – 2nd graders into the grade 3-5 group, 5th graders into Junior High, 8th graders in YRUU, and our graduating seniors into the world beyond UUSG. Join us to celebrate their achievements in a special way!

SnowFall Week 2: 6 participants: The same count as last week, there were some new people. This is a good start. First Sunday Styrofoam Collection: We will be changing the collection of styrofoam from any time to just once a month. Starting the First Sunday in June there will be containers outside the Common Room for the morning service and social hour.

We will provide Summer Youth Hangtime again this year during the Worship service for kids ages 7-14. If you are not a regular LRE teacher and would like to help make summer worship more fun and convenient for families, please contact Tracy Dullea at <a href="music@uusg.org">music@uusg.org</a> to get involved. Each person only needs to commit 3 times to make this program a success!