

## Short Version of Board Minutes of July 9, 2019

- The Board appointed the final member of the Personnel Committee, Diane Gallentine.
- The Board appointed 2 of 3 members of the Negotiating Team, a team required by the Settled Minister Search protocols. The Negotiating Team is responsible for preparing an offer package to ministerial candidates. Persons appointed were Kevin Beyer and Judy Medina. A third person will be determined no later than July 31.
- Kevin O'Neill, Chair, made a comprehensive presentation to the Board about the duties and anticipated operation of the Settled Minister Search Committee. Two of the tools to be used will be a congregational survey in August and focus group meetings starting in mid-September. The deadline for submitting our entire search package to the UUA is November 30, 2019. Kevin's full presentation is appended to the full Board Minutes. ([uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes](http://uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes)).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

### Sunday, July 21

- 11:30 am Interweave Picnic (3rd St. property)
- 11:30 am Welcoming Team Meeting

### Monday, July 22

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting

### Tuesday, July 23

### Wednesday, July 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 6:30 pm Soup Kitchen Group (off-site)

### Thursday, July 25

- 10:30 am Soup Kitchen Group (off-site)

### Friday, July 26

- 11:30 am Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

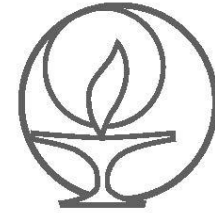
### Saturday, July 27

- 9:00 am Facilities Work Day

### Sunday, July 28

- 11:30 am Social Justice Team Meeting

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July 21, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

Summer Theme:  
*Unity & Diversity*

### Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Chung Liang  
Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine  
Greeters: Patrick McGleam, Sandy & Dan Bottoms  
Youth Hangtime Leaders: Parvaneh & Brian Shidnia-Smith  
Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Calvin Hruby  
Counters: Sherri Casterline, David Moore

### Upcoming Services

Sunday, July 28: Annual Poetry Service with Deb Brod  
Sunday, August 4: Hymn Sing with Cynthia Spiegel

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

\***Song of Community** # 301 “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *In the First Pentatonic Major Mode*, Alberto Ginastera

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 594 Principles & Purposes for All of Us

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

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

### Introduction to Offering

**Offering** *To An Old White Pine*, Edward MacDowell

"A giant of an ancient race  
He stands, a stubborn sentinel  
O'er swaying gentle forest trees  
That whisper at his feet."

**For All Ages** “Not A Box,” by Antoinette Portis, read by Tom Lichtenheld

*Children & facilitators leave for Summer Youth Hangtime.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *Mignon*, Robert Schumann

### Reading

\***Hymn** # 288 “All Are Architects”

**Message** “Where Creativity Lies”

\***Hymn** # 108 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

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

\***Sending Our Light into the World**

\***Benediction**

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Important Event*, Robert Schumann

**Please stand as you are willing and able at the \***

## Announcements

**Interweave Picnic Today!** We welcome anyone interested in Interweave to attend our picnic at 11:30am, on our 3rd Street property. Please bring a dish to share and join in the fun & fellowship. Stop by, say hello & learn more about our activities.

**We welcome our newest members** who signed “The Book” on July 14: Larry Escalona, Sherry Wilson, and Blake Strong. Welcome Home!

**The ‘For All Ages’ book today is “NOT A BOX,”** by Antoinette Portis. Chung chose the book because it demonstrates the magic of unstructured play and the timeless attraction of toys that allow children to exercise their boundless imagination. (If you're a fan of cardboard box creations, you may want to check out [cainesarcade.com](http://cainesarcade.com) and [cardboardchallenge.com](http://cardboardchallenge.com)).

**The Search is On!** The Search Team met with its transitions advisor from the UUA, and the team has begun to complete the tasks that will help our congregation find its next settled minister. One of the first steps in this process will be to complete a Congregational Survey, which will be available starting in mid-August. The team encourages each and every one of us to complete this survey, so our ministerial candidates can get an accurate picture of life at UUSG. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details, which are coming soon. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about the search process, you can reach the Search Team at [search@uusg.org](mailto:search@uusg.org).

**UU Hymn Sing Service.** Our Song Leader Cynthia Spiegel will be leading a hymn sing at the August 4, service. Are there any requests? What are your favorite hymns, past and present? Cynthia LOVES hymns and what makes them favorites, so please share your reasons and memories as well! Even if the hymns are not from our hymnal, let Cynthia know about those, too. Send requests and memories to [choir@uusg.org](mailto:choir@uusg.org).

**New2U Offering:** See today’s “UUSG News” email for information on New2U sales to benefit UUSG. There’s a 9’ x 12’ area rug, patio table and umbrella, sofa sleeper, oval coffee table, and a patio side table that doubles as an umbrella anchor.

**Soup Kitchen volunteers needed** Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-9pm and Thursday, July 25, 10:30am-2pm. Locations are St. Charles Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora. If you've never served in this gratifying ministry, please consider joining us. The camaraderie’s great. Info: [marthatabis@gmail.com](mailto:marthatabis@gmail.com), sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**Our July “Beyond Our Walls” recipient is GirlForward**, a community of support, in Chicago and Austin, TX, dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunities for girls who have been displaced by conflict and persecution. We are in the midst of the biggest refugee crisis the world has ever seen. In conflict, girls are especially vulnerable to rape, violence, isolation, and being kept out of school. Please consider helping this wonderful organization that does a terrific job of keeping girls in school, helping them through many broad-brush programs to learn English and to assimilate into our culture, AND also to help their extended families, neighbors, and friends. [girlforward.org](http://girlforward.org).

**The Buddhist Meditation and Study Group** will be starting a new book on August 7, entitled, "The Heart of the Buddha's Teachings," by Thich Nhat Hanh. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 7-8pm, in the Common Room. For more information, please contact Lisa Gades or Eric Bodwell at [uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org).

**Bring Water for Worship on September 8** As part of the Homecoming worship on Sept. 8, Patrick will be introducing the congregation to the Water Communion. All are invited to bring a small amount of water that represents your summer journey, however near or far. During worship we will add the water to a common bowl as part of reentering this beloved community for the year. See Revs. Patrick or Jennifer for questions.

**Friday Flick.** From coastal cities to America’s heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. Learn about their incredible stories in *Paris to Pittsburgh*, and be inspired to create change in your own community! Please join us on Friday, July 26, at 7pm in the Common Room.