

**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.

**Save the Date!** Green Sanctuary's annual Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, at 6pm. Guest Speaker is TBD. All are welcome to attend!

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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

### **Sunday, August 11**

- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting

### **Monday, August 12**

### **Tuesday, August 13**

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

### **Wednesday, August 14**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Thursday, August 15**

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

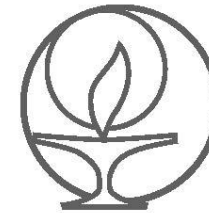
### **Friday, August 16**

### **Saturday, August 17**

- 9:00 am Northern Illinois Food Bank (off-site)

### **Sunday, August 18**

- 11:30 am Interweave Meeting
- 11:30 am Welcoming Team Meeting
- 11:30 am LRE Steering Team Meeting



August 11, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

Summer Theme:  
*Unity & Diversity*

#### **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield  
Greeters: Gail Tattersfield, Keith Gesiakowski  
Youth Hangtime Leaders: Katie & Adam Yurkewicz  
Musician: Geoff Pynn  
Counters: The Finance Team

#### **Upcoming Services**

Sunday, August 18: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
Sunday, August 25: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 38 “Morning Has Broken”

### 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** #444 “This House”

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

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

### Introduction to the Offering

### Offering

### Collection of Questions

### Blessing of the Backpacks

*Children & facilitators leave for Summer Youth Hangtime.*

**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

\***Hymn** # 126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Sermon** “Questions? Questions!”

\***Hymn** # 346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

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

### \*Sending Our Light into the World

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

### Postlude

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

## Announcements

**Question Box Sermon** Inquiring Ministers want to know your questions! Today, Revs. Patrick and Jennifer will offer a Question Box Sermon. Do you have a burning inquiry about religion, ethics, current events, or the transitions at UUSG? We create the message together when you provide the questions during worship this morning. Revs. Jennifer and Patrick do their best to answer as many as possible during the sermon. They reserve the right to choose which questions they answer in the moment. Please use the insert for your questions, and paper will be available. Your responses will be collected and read (quickly!) during the service hour. Your questions also help your leaders know what is on your mind and in your heart as we plan the coming year.

### August Beyond Our Walls: Northern Illinois Food Bank

The NIFB provides nutritious meals to those in need through innovative programs and partnerships. They distributed 66 million meals last year! Northern Illinois Food Bank has received Charity Navigator’s 4-Star rating since 2003 for its fiscal responsibility. Ninety-seven percent of the Food Bank’s resources go to programs that feed the hungry. The Food Bank can stretch every \$1 donated into \$8 worth of groceries! During the August collections, be sure to write BOW in the memo line if you would like your donation to help support the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

**Annual Homecoming Picnic!** Join UUSG members and friends as we celebrate our 13th Annual UUSG Picnic, Sunday, September 8, 1-4pm, at Wheeler Park Pavilion. Fried chicken is provided. Sign up in the Common Room or at [uusg.org/picnic](http://uusg.org/picnic). The deadline to RSVP is September 4. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at [picnic@uusg.org](mailto:picnic@uusg.org).

**For UUs who simply want to learn** more about the history of the Bible and as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet August 19, and they will begin their discussion of “The Gnostic Gospels” by Elaine Pagels. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier at [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**The Search Team** has had several productive meetings, and our congregational survey is being finalized. This survey is the first major step in the process to find our next settled minister. We need everyone’s help! The survey will tell us what the congregation is looking for in a minister, and it will also give our ministerial candidates an accurate picture of life here at UUSG. The survey will be available to take either in paper format or online. The survey will be available in mid-August. Keep your eyes and ears open; the time is near!

**Missional Leadership Retreat** UUSG Board President Brian Doyle invites all board, committee, and ministry team members to a “missional” leadership retreat, to take place on Saturday, August 24, from 9am to 12pm in the Common Room. The focus of this gathering will be on those ministries that directly advance our mission to “provide religious education, opportunities for spiritual growth, and work to be ... a force for compassionate social justice.” Please RSVP by August 18 at [uusg.org/retreat](http://uusg.org/retreat). Questions? Email [boardpresident@uusg.org](mailto:boardpresident@uusg.org).

**Help Wanted!** UUSG is in search of reliable, loving nursery caregivers (min. age 18) to interact with our youngest UUs during church services. Attend one service and work the other or work both services and make the nursery coordinators REALLY happy. Questions? Contact Becky and Sean Hruby, Nursery Coordinators at [nursery@uusg.org](mailto:nursery@uusg.org). Full details can be found at [uusg.org/employment](http://uusg.org/employment).

**UUSG Member Don Clements** invites all to participate in the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's taking place September 21, in St. Charles. Register at [alzheimers-illinois.org/foxvalleywalk](http://alzheimers-illinois.org/foxvalleywalk). A team has been set up for UUSG. For further info, send an email to [donald.clements@yahoo.com](mailto:donald.clements@yahoo.com).

**Interweave meeting** August 18, at 11:30am. We will discuss the UUA’s LGBTQ/TGQNB (Transgender, Genderqueer, Non-Binary) five practices of the Welcoming Renewal Program. We will explore what steps we need to take to renew being a welcoming congregation. Your participation is very important. For more info, Marilyn: [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).