

Friday Flicks: "Dark Money" This political thriller, examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow an intrepid local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. Through this gripping story, Dark Money uncovers the shocking and vital truth of how American elections are bought and sold. Join us, Friday, August 23, at 7pm.

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. A team has been set up for UUSG.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, August 18

- 11:30 am Interweave Meeting
- 11:30 am LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 11:30 am Congregational Survey Help Desk

Monday, August 19

- 4:00 pm Steeple Walk Meeting
- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

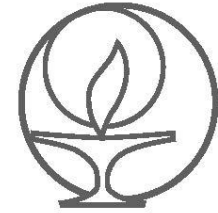
- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

Saturday, August 24

- 9:00 am UUSG Missional Leadership Retreat

Sunday, August 25

- 11:30 am Social Justice Team Meeting
- 11:30 am Search Team Focus Group



August 18, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Summer Theme:
Unity & Diversity

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis
Worship Associate: Pat Vary
Greeters: Dan & Sandy Bottoms
Youth Hangtime Leaders: Teal Cyko & Kerry Sapet
Musicians: Kerena & Paul Moeller
Counters: Jamie Carroll, David Moore

Upcoming Services

Sunday, August 25: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price
Sunday, September 1: 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** # 388 “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Search Team Update Tom Lichtenheld

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Oh Mio Babbino Caro*, Puccini

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** #437 “Let Us Worship”

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

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

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *Con Te Partiro*, Sartorial

Sacred Story *The Wise People and the Elephant*

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 *The Swan*, Saint Saens

Reading *Telling* by Laura Hershey

***Hymn** # 34 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

Sermon “Who Wants to be One with Everything?”

***Hymn** # 1023 “Building Bridges”

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *I’m Yours*, Jason Mraz

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

Announcements

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski, is on vacation August 18 – 24. Please send all announcements for the Mini-Pioneer and Weekly Email to Lisa Rittenberry at admin.assistant@uusg.org.

A Memorial Service for UUSG Member Jim O’Malley has been scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 12pm. Please join us after the service for a reception in our Common Room. Donations of food are welcome, please sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/memorials.

The Congregational Survey has begun! Check your email for a message from UUSG and a survey invitation from Survey Monkey. If you have not received these emails, check your spam folder. If you still can’t find them, contact the Search Team at search@uusg.org. Completing the survey electronically makes it easier for the Search Team to process the data. If you prefer a hard copy, ask Christine or a member of the Search Team. You have until September 30th to complete the survey, but the sooner the better! The survey is completely anonymous, so please be as honest as you can. You can track our progress via the completion chalice flame in the Common Room. Our goal is 100% participation!

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.

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!

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. The deadline to RSVP is September 4. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at picnic@uusg.org.

Interweave Meeting Today 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 Hebda: interweave@uusg.org.

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 **today** at uusg.org/retreat. Questions? Email 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. Full details can be found at uusg.org/employment.

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.