

**Interweave meeting:** We invite you to join us on 9/15 after the second service at 12:30pm as we continue to enjoy fellowship, plan fall events and lay services. We will continue our discussion of new UUA requirements to renew our status as a welcoming congregation. For more information: [Interweave@uusg.org](mailto:Interweave@uusg.org).

**Don't Forget to 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.

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

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

### **Sunday, September 1**

- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 11:30 am Veteran's Meeting

### **Monday, September 2**

- 6:30 pm Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 3**

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

### **Wednesday, September 4**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### **Thursday, September 5**

### **Friday, September 6**

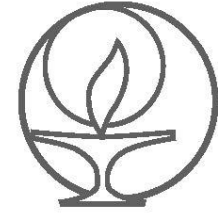
- 10:45 am Band Rehearsal

### **Saturday, September 7**

- 8:00 am Volunteer Training for IYC

### **Sunday, September 8**

- 1:00 pm UUSG 13th Annual Homecoming Picnic



September 1, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

Summer Theme:  
*Vision*

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

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis  
Worship Associate: Doreen Christiani  
Greeters: Keith Gesiakowski, Patricia Ward  
Musician: Geoff Pynn  
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Jamie Carroll

#### **Upcoming Services**

Sunday, September 8: Annual Homecoming Sunday  
Sunday, September 15: Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**\*Song of Community** # 347 “Gather the Spirit”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Search Team Update

### 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** The Longing for Something More, Gretchen Haley (see insert)

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

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

### Introduction to the Offering

### Offering

### Sacred Story

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

### Musical Response

**Reading** from “The Four Agreements,” Don Miguel Ruiz

**\*Hymn** # 123 “Spirit of Life”

**Sermon** “Impeccable Work”

**\*Hymn** # 67 “We Sing Now Together”

**\*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

**We are thrilled with the number of congregants** who have already filled out the Congregational Survey. Thank you! Watch the chalice in the Common Room fill with color as more and more surveys come in. Remember, when using the invitation from Survey Monkey, you will be much happier if you use a computer rather than your phone, because the small screens often have a hard time displaying all the information you need to answer some of the questions. If you are having any problems at all with the survey—including not being sure where your invitation went—please contact us at [search@uusg.org](mailto:search@uusg.org).

We held our first cottage group meetings this past Sunday. The goal of these meetings is to get even more input from church members about what they are looking for in a minister. We felt that these first meetings were very successful. If you would like to participate, we will have many more cottage meetings. They will start in mid-September and run through October. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information about how to participate in these important discussions. We will let you know when we have a formal schedule.

**Becky Hruby** has accepted the position as R.E. Assistant. We are excited to be able to work with Becky, in what is hoped to be a first phase of revitalizing the Religious Education program's staffing. You can reach Becky at [REoffice@uusg.org](mailto:REoffice@uusg.org). **Please register all children and youth today at [uusg.org/registration](https://uusg.org/registration).**

**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](https://uusg.org/picnic). **The deadline to RSVP is September 4.** Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at [picnic@uusg.org](mailto:picnic@uusg.org).

**September “Beyond Our Walls”:** Lazarus House provides safe shelter, food, and a range of support services for men, women and children in need of help in St Charles, Geneva, Batavia and Western Kane county. To donate, make checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

**A Memorial Service for UUSG Member Jim O’Malley** has been scheduled for Saturday, September 14. We will begin to gather at 11:30am, and the service will start 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](https://uusg.org/memorials).

**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](https://alzheimers-illinois.org/foxvalleywalk). A team has been set up for UUSG.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Women's Circle Begins September 28! Hello UUSG women! We are looking forward to another wonderful season of programs and sharing through the UUSG Women’s Circle and wanted to let you know early so you are aware of the dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, Feb. 22, Mar. 28, and April 25. Some of the programs we’re planning include *Dreaming as a Spiritual Experience, Equilibrium and Finding Your Balance, and Women’s Wisdom: Maiden, Mother, Crone.*

**Save the Date!** Green Sanctuary’s annual Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, at 6pm. Our special guest is Robin Migalla speaking on Recycling.

**Updates from JAMS** plus Lions and Leopards and Rhinos, Oh My! Sunday, Sept. 22, at 12:30pm in the Common Room. Light lunch provided. Jean Pierce will share stories from her trip to Africa this summer, including her visits with faculty and students at Jane Adeny Memorial School, as well as highlights from her photo safari through Kenya and Tanzania.

**International Day of Peace Celebration,** Saturday, Sept. 21, 2-5:30pm. International Day of Peace is observed annually, on September 21, across the globe. This year, UUSG is teaming with Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors, the Islamic Center of Kane County, and the St. Charles United Church of Christ as hosts. Full details are available in the weekly email.

**Reminder:** We return to two services on Sunday, September 8. Please join us at 9:30am and 11:15am.