

**UUSG Social Justice Team Invites all** to the International Day of Peace Celebration at UUSG on Saturday, September 21. Events:  
2:00 - 4:00 pm: Children's Peace Activities, ages 4 and up.  
2:00 pm: The Muslim Experience in the Tri-Cities, with Haroon Qureshi.  
3:15 pm: Tri-City Environmental Panel, with Ralph Grathoff, Chairman of the St. Charles Natural Resource Commission, Jay Womack, Geneva Natural Resources Committee Chairman, and Abby Beck, 5th Ward Alderwoman from Batavia  
4:15 - 5:15 pm: Diverse Music for Peace Concert

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

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

#### **Sunday, September 8**

- 1:00 pm UUSG 13th Annual Homecoming Picnic!

#### **Monday, September 9**

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:00 pm ERT Common Room Work

#### **Thursday, September 12**

- 4:00 pm Volunteer Training for IYC
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

#### **Friday, September 13**

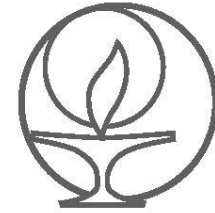
- 5:00 pm ERT Common Room Work

#### **Saturday, September 14**

- 10:30 am Music Rehearsal
- 12:00 pm Celebration of Life for Jim O'Malley

#### **Sunday, September 15**

- 12:30 pm Interweave Meeting
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm ERT Training



September 8, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**Homecoming Sunday!**

September Theme: *Vision*

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

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associate: Ash Peterson, Rhonda Robinson  
Greeters: Louise & Tom Haslett, Rhonda Robinson  
Musicians: Geoff Pynn & Water House Band; Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, Tracy Dullea, Steve Nink

#### **Upcoming Services**

Sunday, September 15: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
Sunday, September 22: 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** # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Search Team Update

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Splish Splash*, Bobby Darin

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** Daniel O’Connell (see insert)

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

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

### Introduction to the Offering

**Offering** *River of Sin*, Wood Brothers

### Ingathering of Waters

*Children & teachers leave for Church School*

**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** *Good Rain*, Trevor Hall

### Reading

\***Hymn** # 209 “O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls”

**Homily** “Return and Renew”

\***Hymn** # 1064 “Blue Boat Home”

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

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

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** (*Proud Mary*) *Rolling on the River*, John Fogerty

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

## Announcements

**Annual Homecoming Picnic Today!** Join UUSG members and friends as we celebrate our 13th Annual UUSG Picnic, today, 1-4pm, at Wheeler Park Pavilion.

**When you envision our new settled minister**, what do you see? Is it someone like yourself, someone similar to our past ministers, or someone else? What if our minister candidate does not fit the vision you imagined? How would you feel about that, and how would you react?

The UUA sponsors a program, **Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT)**, that helps congregations avoid prejudice influencing their search for a new settled minister. We will hold a BCT workshop at UUSG on Sunday, September 29. A facilitator from the UUA will lead our worship that day and conduct a 3-hour workshop on how we can be more inclusive in our thinking and actions.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the workshop, 1-4pm, on Sunday, September 29. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up at [uusg.org/bct](http://uusg.org/bct), or on the Search Team bulletin board in the Common Room.

**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](http://uusg.org/memorials).

**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).

**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.

**Friday Flicks - The Superfood Chain** Every year, the western world is introduced to a new “superfood” that boasts extraordinary nutritional features, and year after year we buy them. “The Superfood Chain” explores the facts and myths behind superfoods, and reveals the ripple effect of the superfood industry on farming and fishing families in Bolivia, Ethiopia, Philippines, and Haida Gwaii. Join us in the Common Room on Friday, September 27, at 7pm.

**Reconnect and Renew: Sharing our spiritual experiences.** UUSG Women’s Circle invites all UUSG members and friends who identify as female to join us for our first session of the year, Saturday, September 28, 1-4 pm. “Reconnect and Renew” is an opportunity for us all to gather (again) and share our connections with each other. Our goal for this session is to reconnect our friendships, refocus our spirits and recharge our energies as we embark on this new church year. Please RSVP at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle) so we know you are planning to attend.

**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.

**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.

**Geezers Group - Join Us!** The self-named Geezers Group welcomes retired and semi-retired UUSG men for lunch at Harner's restaurant in North Aurora on the fourth Friday of each month at 11:30am (in November and December, we meet on the 3rd Friday due to the holidays). Email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) if you'd like to be added to the emailing list.