

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

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, September 15

- 12:30 pm Interweave Meeting
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Search Team: Focus Group
- 1:00 pm ERT Training
- 1:00 pm Transition Team Meeting

Monday, September 16

- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

Tuesday, September 17

- 4:00 pm Volunteer Training for IYC

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

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

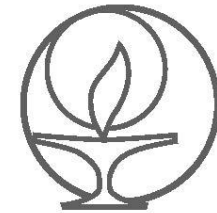
Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

- 9:00 am Northern Illinois Food Bank (off-site)
- 2:00 pm International Day of Peace Celebration

Sunday, September 22

- 9:30 am Welcoming Congregation Committee Meeting
- 10:30am Veterans' Service Planning Meeting
- 12:30 pm News from Kenya: JAMS update
- 12:45 pm Search Team: Focus Group



September 15, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
 Society of Geneva**

September Theme: *Vision*

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price
 Worship Associate: Melissa Auer, Deb Brod
 Greeters: Louise Haslett, Gail Tattersfield
 Musician: Lynn Fisher McCanne
 Social Hour Hosts: The Finance Team
 Counters: Doreen Christiani, Sherri Casterline

Upcoming Services

Sunday, September 22: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price
 Sunday, September 29: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Amanda Schuber

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 34 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Search Team Update

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Prayer*, Gliere

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 *A Minor Contribution*, Bill Boyd

Sacred Story *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*, by Catherine Thimmesh
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 *Nocturne from Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Mendelssohn

Reading "Go Out Into the Highways and Byways" Alfred S. Cole

***Hymn** # 20 “Be Thou My Vision”

Sermon "Be Thou My Vision"

***Hymn** # 131 “Love Will Guide Us”

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Largo in E-flat Major, B. 109*, Chopin

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

Announcements

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, or on the Search Team bulletin board in the Common Room.

The Search Team will be hosting focus groups throughout September and October to gain further insight on your vision for UUSG and our future settled minister. This is a great opportunity to have a group conversation about who we are and what we’re looking for in a new minister. Your feedback will provide the Search Team additional, and richer, information to include in the Congregational Record.

Focus groups will meet both at the church on Sunday afternoons as well as selected weekday evenings at UUSG member homes. Please see the sign-up sheets posted in the Common Room for September dates, or sign up online at uusg.org/focus-groups. October dates will be published in a few weeks. Thank you for your time and insight as we seek our next settled minister. Your input is vital to our search! Questions? Email us at search@uusg.org. Stay up-to-date with all Settled Minister Search information at uusg.org/minister-search.

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.

Interweave meeting: We invite you to join us today 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.

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.

Our Soup Kitchen Group is looking for volunteers for Wednesday evening, September 25, and Thursday daytime, September 26. Prepare and serve food for the needy in St. Charles and Aurora with teams from two other churches. More info on our web site at uusg.org/soup-kitchen or contact martha.tabis@gmail.com.

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 so we know you are planning to attend.

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.