

**New UUs** Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? Are you looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Would you like a free lunch? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next New UUs session on Sunday, October 27. Gather in the Common Room right after worship service. We'll kick things off around 12:30 with a light lunch. RSVP at [UUSG.org/new-uus](http://UUSG.org/new-uus). Childcare is available for children ages 6 and under by request. A minimum of two weeks' notice (October 11) is needed to find available caregivers. Questions? Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Common Room. For further information, please contact Jim Frazier or Deb Brod at [welcoming@uusg.org](mailto:welcoming@uusg.org).

**The Mental Health Ministry** led by Roxanne Willis will have a discussion on death and dying on Sunday, October 6 at 1pm. Various aspects of the journey will be covered including critical psychological aspects, legal-ethical dimensions and practical suggestions. All are welcome to attend.

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

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

### **Sunday, September 29**

- 1:00 pm Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop

### **Monday, September 30**

### **Tuesday, October 1**

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

### **Wednesday, October 2**

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

### **Thursday, October 3**

- 7:00 pm Search Team Focus Group(off-site)

### **Friday, October 4**

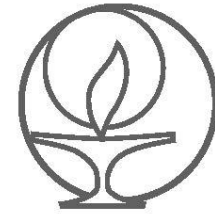
### **Saturday, October 5**

- 9:00 am Behavioral Covenant Workshop (off-site)
- 1:00 pm ERT Training

### **Sunday, October 6**

- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Search Team: Focus Group
- 12:45 pm Transition Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation

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September 29, 2019

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

September Theme: *Vision*

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

In the Pulpit: Amanda Schuber  
Worship Associates: Trish Beckjord, Roxanne Willis  
Greeters: Glenda Peck, Gail Tattersfield, Patricia Ward  
Musicians: Kerena & Paul Moeller  
Social Hour Hosts: The Facilities Team  
Counters: Patricia Ward, Sherri Casterline

### **Upcoming Services**

October 6: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
October 13: Interweave Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

#### Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

#### Search Team Update

#### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *I Will*, Lennon, McCartney

#### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** *Together in a Sacred Space*, Lorelei Greenwood-Jones (see insert)

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

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

#### Introduction to the Offering

**Offering** *One Hand One Heart*, Bernstein

**Sacred Story** *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, Ryan T. Higgins  
*Children & teachers leave for religious education classes*

**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** *Longer*, Dan Fogelberg

#### Readings

\***Hymn** # 407 “We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”

**Sermon** “Beyond Boxes”

\***Hymn** # 1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

\***Unison Closing** by Eric Williams

Love is the Spirit of this church. May the songs we sing celebrate this Love. May the lives we lead embody this Spirit. May you all go forth in peace.

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

\***Benediction** Amanda Schuber

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Stand By Me*, King, Leiber, Stoller

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

## Announcements

**To all you procrastinators out there: Good news!** The time has come for you to fill out our **congregational survey**. The survey is closing, **tomorrow, September 30, at 11:30pm**. We need to have your electronic surveys completed or your paper surveys in the collection box by that time, or the surveys will not count. Remember, our goal is 100% participation! We want to hear from you, and we need to hear from you very soon!

Another way we would like to hear from you is during the **focus groups** we are holding to discuss some of the most important issues related to the ministerial search. There are sign-up sheets in the common room and online at [uusg.org/focus-groups](http://uusg.org/focus-groups), and we are holding some of these focus groups at church on Sunday afternoons and others at generous UUSG members' homes during the week. We have a wide variety of times and locations, so hopefully one will work for you. Those who have participated in these focus groups have reported that they felt that they were a good way to explain their feelings on important issues to the Search Committee. If you have any questions about either the survey or the focus groups, grab a member of the search team during coffee hour (we are the ones wearing gold name tags), or email us at [search@uusg.org](mailto:search@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.

**UUSG choir rehearsals** start on Wednesday evening, October 2. If you enjoy singing, come see what the fun is about! We sing approximately five Sundays a year, and you need not commit to all of them. We're a friendly group and would love more voices! More information and schedule is at [uusg.org/choir](http://uusg.org/choir), or contact Cynthia Spiegel at [choir@uusg.org](mailto:choir@uusg.org).

**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.

**Developing Behavioral Covenants in Congregations Conflict Resolution Workshop**, hosted by The First Unitarian Church of Chicago in collaboration with the MidAmerica Region. Saturday, October 5, 9am to 4pm. Each of our congregations has its own particular culture, yet in every one of them, we draw lines, somewhere, about what behavior is appropriate, and what is not. It varies, congregation by congregation. What's acceptable in one place is not in another, and often this isn't written down, so that no one really knows what the boundaries and limits are. Some people love to push every boundary; others wish that the boundaries were stronger and more fixed. Regardless, an essential in any community, religious or otherwise, is to know what behavior is appropriate, and how the community will deal with behavior that is not. These topics and more will be discussed. View details and register at [eventbrite.com/e/behavioral-covenant-workshop-in-chicago-registration-72104349049](http://eventbrite.com/e/behavioral-covenant-workshop-in-chicago-registration-72104349049)

**At this year's Veterans Day** service on November 10, we will once again have a rolling picture display of UUSG veterans and family members who were veterans. If you would like to have pictures displayed, please send them with captions to Jeff Stibal by November 3 (by e-mail at [jtstibal@gmail.com](mailto:jtstibal@gmail.com), if possible). Also, if you would like Jeff to remove or alter any pictures from last year's service, please let him know.

**Interweave Service - Come In and Come Out: Being a Welcoming Congregation** In observance of National Coming Out Day on October 11, Interweave has planned a special Sunday service for October 13. We will explore what it means to be welcoming, how it reflects our principles and is a core value of UUSG. The Coming Out stories we will share reflect how important welcoming is to us. UUSG is designated as a Welcoming Congregation for LGBTQ+ individuals. Come learn what this means and how we can deepen and expand our commitment through the UUA Welcoming Renewal Program. Please join us as we offer music that touches your heart, original poetry and more. For more information, please contact us at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).