

Steeple Walk Sunday, December 8, at 2pm UUSG will once again host one of the four musical presentations being held at four Geneva churches. Rev. Linda Slabon and Dr. Toni Tollerad will offer a unique program including crystal tone bowls at our church. The other three groups will include the Heartland Voices, a mixed choral ensemble, Canto Zenzero, a singing quartet, and Golden Strings, a string quartet. The past few years we have sold out! If you wish to purchase tickets at \$15 each, please see Gail Tattersfield.

Interweave Meeting, November 17, at 12:45pm. We are planning a lively discussion of the 11/3 Town Hall meeting which was a follow up to the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop. Did the workshop address our concerns? We are reviewing, also, the 11/10 subcommittee meeting of the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Program. If you are interested in helping move the church to be more welcoming AND inclusive, come share your ideas and concerns.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 3

- 11:20 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Town Hall: BCT Follow Up

Monday, November 4

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

- 5:00 pm Search Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Conversation with Rev. Keith Kron

Friday, November 8

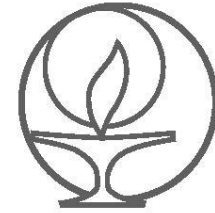
Saturday, November 9

- 7:00 pm Veterans Service Rehearsal

Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 pm Welcoming Congregations Renewal Program Meeting
- 11:15 pm Finance Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm YRUU Advisors Meeting

Thanksgiving with UUSG Thursday, Nov. 28 is the 7th Annual UUSG Thanksgiving Celebration. Join fellow UUs for feasting and fellowship. Bring family, friends, and food to share. We provide the turkey and tableware. Please let us know what you plan to bring (made or purchased) and how many will be coming. Common Room doors open at 1:15. Nibbles and beverages will be available. Dinner served at 2:00. Questions? Contact Vohny Moehling or Jeanne Neltner at thanksgiving@uusg.org. Sign up at uusg.org/thanksgiving or in the Common Room.



November 3, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

November Theme: *Covenant*

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associates: Gail Tattersfield, Roxanne Willis

Musicians: UUSG Bluegrass Band: Tracy Dullea, John Sandman, Jeff Teppema

Social Hour Hosts: The Finance Team

Greeters: Louise Haslett, Glenda Peck, Page Poris

Counters: Judy Medina, Patrick McGleam

Teachers: 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Amanda Slaiher; 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Ro Maziarz; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Jennifer Gerard; 3-5: Parvaneh Smith, Shawn Thornton; 6-8: Anthony Misretta, Jenny Montgomery, 9-12: CON Weekend/no class
Nursery: Meredith Vandre, Jake Montgomery

Sunday Coordinator: Kim McDuffee-Dotson

Upcoming Services

November 10: Annual Veterans Service

November 17: Guest in the Pulpit: Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

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** To Remember Our Promises (insert)

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

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

Introduction to the Offering / Beyond Our Walls

Offering

Sacred Story “Spirit Play Promises”

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

Reading

***Hymn** # 188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Sermon “Sunday Promises”

***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

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

Announcements

Today: The Beyond Categorical Thinking Town Hall will follow up on the Sep. 29 workshop which brought out some powerful conversations as well as concerns related to how this congregation handles bias around race, LGBTQ, and mental and physical disability. Rev. Jennifer will lead the conversation with assistance from the Transition Team.

Religious education (RE) volunteers needed! Please help UU youth by volunteering your time and talents as a classroom teacher. You will be one of two teachers, teaching about twice per month. Everything you need is provided, including on-the-job training. You can start as the assistant teacher until you get to know the ropes. Grade level K-2 is still needed. Contact the team at LRE@uusg.org with questions.

Conversation with Rev. Keith Kron On Thursday, November 7, from 7-9pm, members are invited to a special conversation with Keith Kron, UUA Director of Transitions, and co-author of *In the Interim*. This event will provide an opportunity to discuss a range of issues related to interim ministry, including unconscious bias, our search for a settled minister, and UUSG’s relationship with the UUA. Please join us!

Become a Northern Illinois Food Banker! Sign up today to sort food at the Food Bank this fall. Children ages 8 to 16 may volunteer with an adult. Our next dates are: Tuesday, November 12, 6-8 pm; Saturday, December 21, 9am - 12 pm. Sign up at uusg.org/food-bank.

It's time for a new UUSG Directory! Please make sure to check your entry on the bulletin board display in the Common Room. Questions? Email Christine at office@uusg.org.

Is There a Doctor in the House? While our Emergency Response Team (ERT) has a core of trained members ready to respond should there be a real-time need, we might have a situation where additional volunteers could help. We are asking everyone who possesses related skills to let us know. Full info is in the weekly email. Contact Hal Schulman, ertleader@uusg.org,

The UUSG Women’s Retreat is evolving and looking for input. All who identify as women are invited to save the date for the 7th Annual Retreat on January 31 – February 2. The 2020 theme is “Sourcing Our Strength: Our Selves, Our Sisters, Our Society.” If you have ideas for retreat content related to this theme, please email the committee at womensretreat@uusg.org and/or come to our next meeting on Saturday, November 9, at 10am, at Kava Diem in St Charles. Check out our updated web page at uusg.org/womens-retreat for more information.

Welcoming Congregations Renewal Program Meeting Sunday, November 10, 9:30-10:45am. We invite you to participate in helping to make our church more inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ+ folk. Interweave will lead this effort but welcoming is the business of the whole congregation. Some areas we will explore are: educating ourselves; nurturing dialogue for deeper trust and right relationships; addressing bias at UUSG; & outreach; (Full details in the weekly email). WCC@uusg.org.

Join us for Women’s Circle Nov. 16, 1-4 pm. “Building the World We Dream About-Learning From the Other Within” Is coming to UUSG a source of comfort and a way to escape the world’s concerns? If we are to truly live the values of this our religious home, we need to explore the ways in which we can improve our acceptance of ourselves and one another as we seek to expand our community. Drawing from a UUA curriculum “Building the World We Dream About,” this session asks to us to consider how as a community we can be unintentionally marginalizing while wanting to be affirming and encourages us to grow in our capacity for acceptance.

Friday Flick. *Climate Exodus: The Real Environmental Disaster*, Friday, November 22 at 7pm. How many millions of people will be forced to leave their homes by 2050? *Climate Exodus* looks at the so-called hotspots of climate change in the Sahel zone, Indonesia, and the Russian Tundra.

Lost & Found Please check the lost and found for your wayward items. Anything left unclaimed will disappear after Nov. 17.