

Beyond Our Walls This month, we will collect funds for room, board, clothing, essentials, and tuition for a new student at the Jane Adeny Memorial secondary school (JAMS) for girls in rural Kenya. For the past 4 years, UUSG sponsored Varon Amondi who has graduated and is well on her way to reaching her goal of becoming a surveyor. This month someone new will be taking her place at the school. Please contact jeanpierce@aol.com if you would like to get to know our student. More details in weekly email.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, January 26

- 10:45 am RE Spring Curriculum Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation

Monday, January 27

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 28

- 7:00 pm Mid-Year RE Teacher Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

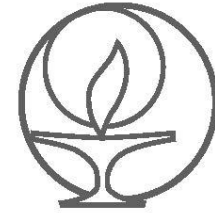
Thursday, January 30

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:20 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting



January 26, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

January Theme: Creation

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associates: Gail Tattersfield, Melissa Auer

Musicians: Geoff Pynn & Jazz Combo: Michael Townley, Tracy Dullea, Michael Bazan

Social Hour Hosts: The Facilities Team

Teachers 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Amanda Slaiher 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Ro Maziarz 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Katie Yurkewicz 3-5: Parvaneh Smith, Martha Malana 6-8: Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Anthony Mistretta 9-12: Scott Dotson, Jennifer Klein

Nursery: Frank Coffey, Jake Montgomery

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services:

February 2: Rev. Patrick Price

February 9: Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ring of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** “Where You Go I Will Go” (insert)

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Blue Bossa*, Dexter Gordon

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** (see insert)

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

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

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *Serenade to a Soul Sister*, Horace Silver

Sacred Story “God Is Like the Mother of All,” Mary Ann Moore

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** “We Will Be Known” (insert)

Sermon “Tasting the Fruit”

***Hymn** “We Will Be Known” (insert)

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Change is Gonna Come*, Sam Cooke

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

Announcements

Good News! The Search Team has received a significant number of well-qualified applicants in our search for a settled minister. We are currently scheduling our first round of interviews. We are all very excited to learn more about our interested candidates. We will also have a summary of the Congregational Survey results available soon. We know many of you are curious about what we learned from the survey, and we will share the results with you as soon as the summary is complete. We will let you know ASAP when and where you can view a copy.

Mental Health Ministry Presentation Today Personality disorders, with emphasis on Borderline Personality Disorder and Narcissistic Personality Disorder, will be the topic of this month’s MHM. Roxanne Willis and Peter Coe will lead the discussion of this important and troubling area of mental health. Please join us **today** at 1pm.

Registration is now open for the 2020 MidAmerica Regional Assembly on Saturday, April 18, at the UU Church in Rockford. Keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. Register and more information at uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020.

Thanks to all who marched with us at the Women's March - Fox Valley on Saturday, January 18! Democracy is protected when everyone's voice has a chance to be heard.

Can Finance be Fun? Join the UUSG Finance Team and find out! We are currently looking for new members to help ensure our congregation can remain a stable and growing entity for the next 175 years. View responsibilities and expectations in the Weekly Email or on the bulletin board in the Common Room, and let Tom Haslett at finance@uusg.org or Christine Imielski at office@uusg.org know if you're interested.

Save the Date: June 14, 2020 Interweave (LGBTQ & Allies) is excited to invite the entire congregation to join us in Aurora’s Annual Pride Parade. Many more details will follow in the coming weeks.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, “Bible Study for UUs” is on the third Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on February 17. We'll be discussing “How Jesus Became God: the Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee,” by Bart Ehrman.

New UUs Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next New UUs session on Sunday, February 9. RSVP at uusg.org/new-uus. Please stop by the Welcome Center during Social Hour or contact Jim Frazier or Deb Brod at welcoming@uusg.org with questions.

Greeting in the New Year! This simple volunteer job is essential; if each of you signed up for two services a year, that would be a wonderful commitment to this ministry. Family groups and young people are encouraged to participate. Sign up in the Common Room, or at uusg.org/greeting. Also, keep an eye open for the rainbow scarves that will be available for Greeters to wear. This is just a small sign of our commitment to being a welcoming church community.

Adopt-a-Senior During the Annual Day of Service, we pack care packages for 140 low-income seniors sponsored by Humanitarian Service Project. This year, we need a little extra help. For \$15, you can sponsor a care package with necessities like shampoo, soap, and toothpaste, plus a few "extras" that the seniors greatly appreciate. Please drop cash in the basket, labeled "HSP Seniors" and make checks out to "UUSG" and put "HSP Seniors" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Circle “The Active and Contemplative Life: Finding a New Rhythm for Our Modern Lives.” As we experience unpredictable change and challenges of modern life, we seek new coping methods and fresh perspectives that can lead to spiritual growth and physical well-being. We’re looking forward to our guest speaker, Sister Glenna Czachor from the Tau Center in Wheaton, providing guidance in ways to integrate the many elements of our lives with grace, beauty and rhythm. Join us Saturday, February 22, 1-4pm. RSVP at uusg.org/womens-circle.