

Promoting Practical Goodness A PPG Award to Pat McGleam for fixing every sink and toilet issue recently at UUSG! We are especially grateful, Patrick!

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.

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good people. This is the time of year when we do the work of finding Board members for the upcoming fiscal year. If you're interested in getting involved in the Board of Directors or you'd just like more information, please send an email to nominating@uusg.org.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, February 2

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:20 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Coming of Age Meeting

Monday, February 3

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, February 6

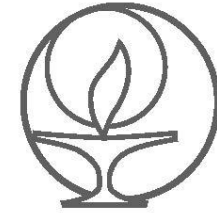
Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

- 12:00 pm Pledge Drive Training Meeting

Sunday, February 9

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 10:45 am Pledge Drive Training Meeting
- 11:30 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm New UUs



February 2, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February Theme: Religious Authority

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price

Worship Associates: Pat Vary, Diane Gallentine

Greeters: Trish Beckjord, Glenda Peck

Musician: Sandra Anderson

Social Hour Hosts: The ERT & Sunday Safety Teams

Counters: David Moore, Jamie Carroll

Teachers 9:30 K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Chung Liang 3-5: Keith Gesiakowski, Kerry Sapet 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Christine Herring 3-5: Wendy Mosier, Parvaneh Smith 6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Kim McDuffee-Dotson 9-12: Jennifer Klein, Jaime Andersen

Nursery: Sean Hruby, Rachel Harbold

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services:

February 9: Rev. Patrick Price

February 16: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Minuet in G Minor G. 242*, Handel

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 654 “Impassioned Clay”

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

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

Introduction to the Offering/Beyond Our Walls

Nancy Christensen for YRUU Habitat for Humanity

Offering *Elf Bagatellen Op. 119 No. 1*, Beethoven

Sacred Story “God's Hat,” Christopher Buice

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 *Intermezzo Op. 116 No. 4*, Brahms

Reading

***Hymn** # 327 “Joy, Thou Goddess” verses 1&2

Sermon “The Super Bowl, Ground Hogs and Spiritual Practice”

***Hymn** # 128 “For All That Is Our Life”

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Allegretto comodo*, Stephen Heller

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

Announcements

Day of Service Save the date! UUSG's Annual Day of Service will be held on Saturday, March 21. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Mutual Ground, Senior Gift Bags, BINGO, and Green Postcard Writing. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks. Can you think of a new volunteer activity you'd like to lead? Contact dayofservice@uusg.org.

New UUs Next Week 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.

Childcare will be available. Please stop by the Welcome Center during Social Hour or contact Jim Frazier or Deb Brod at welcoming@uusg.org with questions.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Friday Flick. Join us, Friday, February 28, 7pm for a free pre-screening of the new documentary *TransGeek*. The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by the director/producer Kevin McCarthy. *TransGeek* is a documentary exploring the intersection of gender identity and geek culture. We interview people working in science, technology, gaming, science fiction/fantasy, and other geekish pursuits; to give voice to their stories. We explore how people express their authentic selves through geek culture; and how their gender identities have affected their professional development. Kevin McCarthy will also be the guest-in-the-pulpit for the March 1, Interweave Service.

Wanted: Pizza Booth General Manager UUSG risks losing \$8k+ in fundraising this year! David Zacker, last year's Pizza Booth General Manager, will be out of the country during Swedish Days this year. With no lead organizer, Pizza Booth efforts are on life support. You (or a team of two or three!) could be the one to save the Pizza Booth. David would be happy to help with preparations. But you can take all the credit. The main responsibilities include preparation (reserving equipment and contacting our food vendors), set up, and volunteer organization (i.e., cat herding). You'll also have access to the Swedish Days Manual, a tome handed down from General Manager to General Manager, that well documents all that needs to be done. If interested, contact David at swedishdays@uusg.org.