

If you would like to remember a loved one with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden, please give a completed order form (uusg.org/memorial-stone) to Christine by April 12. The Memorial Garden Dedication Service will be held May 24, at 2pm.

Interweave Meeting The Interweave Group includes LGBTQ+, their Friends & Allies. All are Welcome. Join us, March 15, 12:30-1:30pm, snacks provided. We will be discussing plans for our participation in this year's Aurora Pride Parade, and ways we might be of service in the church. We would love to have your input. Hope you can make it!

Wanted: Pizza Booth General Manager UUSG risks losing \$8k+ in fundraising this year! The main responsibilities include preparation (reserving equipment and contacting our food vendors), set up, and volunteer organization. You'll also have access to the Swedish Days Manual, a tome handed down from General Manager to General Manager, that documents everything. Interested? swedishdays@uusg.org.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 8

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Finance Team Meeting

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, March 12

- 8:00 am MAT Waiver Training

Friday, March 13

- 3:00 pm Private Party
- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins

Saturday, March 14

- 4:00 pm OWL Overnight Ends

Sunday, March 15

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Congregational Survey Results & Focus Group Summaries are

Here! We have a limited number of survey summary booklets and focus group summaries available outside of Christine's office for in-house circulation only. Please feel free to read a copy on a Sunday or schedule a time with Christine during the week at office@uusg.org. Questions about the results? Ask the Search Team at search@uusg.org.



March 8, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March Theme: Freedom

Today's Worship Team

Guest-In-the-Pulpit: Rev. Linda Slabon, Minister Emerita, UU Fellowship of DeKalb

Worship Associates: Rhonda Robinson, Ivan Pynn

Greeter: Louise Haslett

Musicians: Lillian Lau, Toni Tollerud playing Moyo Midi Drum

Social Hour Hosts: UUSG Council

Counters: The Finance Team

Teachers 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Laurel Rigertas; 3-5: Keith Gesiakowski, Kerry Sapet; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Ilene Smit
3-5: Martha Malana, Aaron Miller; 6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Kim McDuffee-Dotson; 9-12: Jaime Andersen, Scott Dotson

Nursery: Rachel Harbold, Frank Coffey

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services:

March 15: Rev. Jennifer Innis

March 23: Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Ring of Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 123 "Spirit of Life"

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Prelude *Aquatintes*, Bernard Andres

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 483 (Wendell Berry)

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

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

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *What a Wonderful World*, Bob Thiele

For All Ages "A Bad Case of Stripes," David Shannon

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 and Silent Meditation *Let the Way of the Heart*
This Darshan Celebration Song is by Maniko & Samir in the Osho tradition. Osho, a 20th cent. Indian mystic, was described by Lama Karmapa as 'the greatest incarnation after Buddha.'

Reading *A Story about Colin Kaepernick*, A. Poppei, Quest, Feb. 2020

Musical Response *One Hand One Heart*, Leonard Bernstein

Sermon "Steeped In Worry; Drenched in Love"

***Hymn** # 1031 "Filled with Loving Kindness"

***Unison Closing** Spirit of Life, May our anxious hearts be blessed so that longing becomes love, and love guides our every action.

*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Fire Dance*, David Watkins

**Please stand as you are willing and able*

Announcements

A Tornado Drill will be conducted at the end of each Service today. A megaphone announcement will start and end the drill. Please proceed to our primary sheltering location which is the YRUU room in the basement. ERT members will help guide everyone and be able to answer questions.

Hearing Assistance Do you have difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary at times? Help is available. UUSG has a number of small hearing receivers that can be used with headphones or earbuds. Receivers may be checked out at the rear of the Sanctuary. Ask a Greeter for assistance.

On Sunday, March 15, from 4-5:30pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, the Fox River Valley Initiative is sponsoring an open discussion on the issues of gun safety, affordable housing, and decriminalizing mental illness. Action on these issues will also be addressed. For more information and to sign up, please see Larry Escalona or Bill Scown. More details in the Sunday Email and on the Social Justice bulletin board in the Common Room.

The 2020-2021 Pledge Drive is in full swing! If you have not received your packet, there are extras available in the Common Room. It contains information on building our future, our vision for Religious Education, and details from the UUA to help determine fair share giving. uusg.org/pledge-form.

Day of Service 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. Everyone meets back at UUSG in the evening for a worship service and catered dinner! More details and sign up at uusg.org/day-of-service.

Mark your calendars! Women's Circle is March 28. "Old Woman, Wise Woman, Powerful Woman: The Beauty of Aging." Please register through UUSG's Women's Circle page at uusg.org/womens-circle.

For the month of March, the Coexist Flag will be flying on Pioneer House.

The March Beyond Our Walls offering will support Youth Outlook, which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, support for parents, and community education. New centers have been added in our region this year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

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" will meet March 16, 7-8:30pm. We'll continue our discussion of "How Jesus Became God: the Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee," by Bart Ehrman. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Another Reason to Ring the Bell! UUSG's church bell has recently been added to the National List of Holbrook Bells. George Holbrook and his heirs began casting bells around 1804 in Massachusetts. Their bells are highly regarded and many of them can still be found in churches and other institutions in the Northeast. The inscription on our bell reads: CAST by G.H. HOLBROOK, EAST MEDWAY, MASS. 1846. For several years, our bell was the only bell in Geneva and was rung to gather townspeople for announcements and to warn of fires. It also was included in the 1936 Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), a WPA project.

Social Justice Team Needs. Please consider helping us with two of our ministries: 1) We need someone to invite and remind volunteers to sign up to assist with the Soup Kitchen where we partner with St Charles Episcopal to serve a lunch to the needy in Aurora once a quarter. This activity is during the 4th week of February, May, August, and November. 2) We need someone to order and keep track of sales of fair-trade items in the Common Room armoire. Items are ordered 4 to 5 times a year. Please contact Jean Pierce and Bill Scown at socialjustice@uusg.org.