

The Inclusion Bookclub Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the next one is **December 21**. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Zoom info available in the calendar.

Save the Date! UU Church of Bloomington Normal and UUSG are co-sponsoring a three-part series of Difficult Conversations: The art and science of working together. If you missed this workshop last year, now is your chance to attend! UUSG members and friends are invited to take part. Save the date for **January 27, February 1 & 3**, 6-8:30pm via Zoom. Registration and more information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Teenagers and adults from UUSG are being given an opportunity to correspond with a student enrolled in the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. Typically, letters are hand-delivered twice a year – in December and May. Please contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 28 **Worship Service 11 am**

- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group - online
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Meeting - online

Monday, November 29

Tuesday, November 30

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 1

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhist Meditation & Study Group (online)

Thursday, December 2

- 6:30 pm Cookie Walk Set-Up

Friday, December 3

- 4:30 pm Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 4

Sunday, December 5 **Worship Service 11 am**

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)
- 2:00 pm Steeple Walk

Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

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Welcome to This House!



November 28, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Chung Liang

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Ellie Montgomery, Cynthia Spiegel, Sandra Anderson, piano; UUSG Choir: Mark Adams, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, Tom Haslett, Andy Montgomery, Tom Zimmerman

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, December 5: Bhante Sujatha, Abbot of the Blue Lotus Temple

Sunday December 12: Rev. Scot Hull, "The 'G' Word"

Order of Worship

Ring the bell

Call to Worship

Welcoming Words

Introit “Carol of the Bells,” traditional Ukrainian Carol; arr. Jennifer Eklund

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise Ellie Montgomery

Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious
improvement,

We have associated ourselves together -

Not as agreeing in opinion,

Not as having attained universal truth in belief

Or perfection in character -

But as seekers after truth and goodness.

Doxology Ellie Montgomery

Reading

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life” Ellie Montgomery

Offertory “For the Beauty of the Earth,” by Conrad Koche;
arr. Phillip Keveren

Public Service Announcement Molly MacKay Zacher

Reading

Responsive Thanksgiving Medley (featuring *Over the River & Through the Woods* & *We Gather Together*), traditional,
Adrian Valerius, arr. Jennifer Eklund

Sermon Drawing from Experience

Closing Hymn #21 “For the Beauty of the Earth,” Sandra
Anderson, piano; Mark Adams, Roger Gallentine, Dave
Hanchette, Tom Haslett, Andy Montgomery, Tom Zimmerman

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude “Lime Tree”, by Trevor Hall; Ellie Montgomery

Announcements

Cookie Walk 2021! We are so excited to bring Cookie Walk back this year, but we need your help to make this fundraiser a success! If you're able to bake cookies or work the event, please sign up today. Visit uusg.org/cookie-walk for more details. Questions? Contact cookiewalk@uusg.org.

A&E Volunteers Needed Please give our unable-to-be-vaccinated youth in grades K-8 an hour of your time by assisting with Arts & Exploration (A&E). Contact Becky Hruby at dre@uusg.org with any questions. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d2zc86r>.

November Beyond Our Walls: Veterans Path to Hope (formerly known as TLS Veterans). Since 2001, this organization has provided shelter and support for veterans who want a chance to rebuild their lives. In 2011, they added a drop-in resource center for veterans and their families. It offers certified veteran peer counseling support to any veteran and family in need of assistance along with food and clothing if needed. This organization has transformed lives through its work with veterans in our part of Illinois. Please give generously.

Thank You The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of the following people who donated goodies for the 40 boys incarcerated at IYC: Sherri Casterline, Colleen Cushing, Jan Miller, Chris and Bill Newman, Linda and Kevin O'Neill, Mary Swanson, and Molly Zacker.

Week of Service 2022 We are looking for an individual or a team to help coordinate UUSG's annual Week of Service this spring. Coordinating the week involves planning a variety of volunteer opportunities, finding individuals to lead activities, organizing sign ups, and communicating information. Much of the planning is in place from past years, we just need a few more helping hands to keep our Week of Service tradition going. Training and administrative support are provided! If interested, contact Kerry Sapet at dayofservice@uusg.org.

Sacred Texts Study Group Whether a text is new to you or not, scripture can be challenging. This class will try to unravel things, at least a bit. No experience necessary! Meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **December 13**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2022! The Board of Directors has decided to resume the Circle Supper Program. Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, which are held in January, February, March, & April. Details and sign up at uusg.org/circle-suppers. Mary Swanson: circlesuppers@uusg.org. Deadline: November 30.

DEI As our language has been shaped alongside a predominantly racist climate, it has absorbed some of the recollections from that period. On our journey to free our system of its prejudice, we must also purge our lexicons of the scars of the past which stoke buried hatred. Here are some phrases that you should immediately remove from your usage: <https://tinyurl.com/cr9bc4yr>.

Lazarus House Volunteers needed:

signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus

Dec. 3: Lunches: we need one person or family to sign up to fix 20 lunches

Dec.4: Casserole & Salad: We need 3 people to sign up to fix a casserole and salad for 12 to be delivered 6-7pm.

Board Chat Due to the upcoming holidays and additional commitments, Board Chats will resume on Sunday, February, 20. As always, if you would like to ask a question or have a comment to share, please reach out to board@uusg.org or to Molly MacKay Zacker at molly.zacker@mackayco.com.