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the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Please Help Save Your Staff's Sanity

We're not significantly larger in numbers than we were a few years ago, but as an institution in challenging times, we're far more complex than we used to be. With so many active ministries and so much going on in and around the building, we're bound to have the occasional miscommunication, toes inadvertently stepped on, even an out-of-joint nose or two.

So as we go into our new year together, here are some suggestions (we wouldn't dare call them commandments!) to help us all keep things running smoothly.

1. Thou shalt check the Online Calendar (www.uusg.org/calendar) when planning any event.
2. Thou shalt confer with the Congregational Administrator regarding the availability of a room or rooms, submit the appropriate Room Request Form (www.uusg.org/room-request-form/), and be sure thou art indeed cleared for the calendar before beginning to publicize any event, meeting, conference, party, or other gathering of persons in the shared spaces of our buildings.
3. Thou shalt honor the non-working hours of our staff and keep them holy. In any emergency outside of office hours, the person to call is our Senior Minister. She's the one who signed on to be on call 24/7.
4. Thou shalt avail thyself of the rich trove of information regarding activities, starting times, contacts, schedules, staff hours, and staff time off available through our website (www.uusg.org), our Pioneer newsletter, and our Mini-Pioneer bulletin, as well as the various bulletin boards in the Common Room and the Heritage Room at the 110 S. 2nd Street entrance.
5. Thou shalt read the Weekly E-Blast (www.uusg.org/weekly-email) from UUSG and any special e-mailings that may emanate from the Church Office. These missives will often answer questions you didn't know you had.
6. Thou shalt honor the Senior Minister's reserved parking place at all hours, every day of the week. She comes and goes at unscheduled times and needs to know she has a place to park.
7. If there is a problem or a misunderstanding, thou shalt go directly to the person or persons involved and work it out. If thou canst not do that, thou shalt go to the Senior Minister. If thou canst not do *that,* thou shalt approach a member of MOM (Ministry of Ministries) for guidance. Their names are in the directory and on the bulletin board on the west wall of the Common Room.
8. Thou shalt not seek to be an exception to any policy, principle, guideline, or rule, as such are not established lightly or without reason.
9. Thou shalt plan ahead and send requests for staff assistance in a timely fashion, remembering that staff time is limited and a failure to plan on your part will not necessarily constitute an emergency for the staff.
10. Thou shalt remember our Covenant and do thy best to live it into reality, even - or especially - when faced with our disagreements in opinion and imperfections in character. We're a fallible human community, doing our best to promote practical goodness and aid each other. We don't have to get it right every time. But we do have to keep striving.

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Blessed Be! Lindsay

Religious Education Announcements

Welcome Back to Church School!

On Sunday, September 14, church school religious education will begin again, with classes offered for Pre-K through 5th grade at the 9:30am service, and for Kindergarten through high school at the 11:15am service.

Thank you to the following individuals who have stepped up to teach—we will begin our year with almost a full roster.

Kindergarten-Grade 2

Diane Handler	Becky Hruby
Carol Myers	Chung Liang
Katie Masini	Bill Scown
Jenna Webster	

Grades 3-5

Lee Bernard	Jennifer Klein
Alice Martin	Wendy Mosier
Dawn Pokorny	Geoff Pynn
Shawn Thornton	Lyn Wilder-Dean

Grades 6-8

Kate Johnson	Kim McDuffee-Dotson
Jenny Montgomery	Anne Wilson-Dooley

YRUU (Grades 9-12)

Nancy Christensen	Mary Jonke
Elba Karim	Zia Karim
Laura Laughlin	Bill Pokorny
Tom Zimmerman	

RE Registration Reminder

Is your child (or are your children) registered for the upcoming church year?

Additional forms can be found in the literature display outside the south door of the Common Room.

Return completed forms to the envelope on the LRE bulletin board or mail them to UUSG.

Questions? Contact Michelle Gibson at LRE@uusg.org.

Habitat and YRUU Kick-off Meeting

Everyone (but particularly Junior High and YRUU students and their parents) is invited to a special kick-off meeting on Sunday, September 28 at 12:30pm.

The meeting will begin with a potluck, and then the HFH youth and advisors will tell us about their successful house project this past July.

Afterward, advisors will explain to students and parents our YRUU programming for this year. Parental participation is a requirement for a successful YRUU year, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and sign up to support the program.

Religious Education Curriculum

Pre-K Group (year prior to Kindergarten)

We Are Many, We Are One: This yearlong preschool curriculum offers children the grounding of a religious community and tradition, along with the freedom to discover and express their uniqueness.

Primary Group (Grades K, 1, 2)

Stories About God: Looks at "God" as a central symbol for understanding human religiousness. This liberal and eclectic theology is story-based and covers three themes: (1) God is a oneness that can take many forms, (2) God is love and worth that can take many forms, and (3) God is mystery that can take many forms. Theism and atheism are both addressed, as are the spiritual and theological needs of young children.

Elementary Group (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Holidays and Holy Days: In this program, participants learn about the origins and meanings of holiday and holy day celebrations. They will also explore the Holidays and Holy Days other cultures and religions celebrate.

Junior High Group (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Building Bridges: This yearlong curriculum helps youth learn about their own faith and other faith traditions through interactive experiences such as field trips and interviews.

YRUU (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Youth and adult advisors work together to build community, develop youth leadership, and engage in worship and social action. Our youth develop ties to our area congregations and wider UU youth movement by attending district YRUU conferences.

UUSG Picnic

Join us for the 8th Annual UUSG Picnic on Sunday, September 7, 1pm-4:30pm.

The location has changed to beautiful Peck Farm, located at 4038 Kaneville Road in Geneva.



Come on out and enjoy all that Peck Farm has to offer:

Observation silo	Butterfly house	Nature trails
Playground	Hawk's Hollow	Peck Farm Lake
Peck House featuring the nature and history rooms		

Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring drinks, a savory dish, or a dessert to share. You can also sign up to help with set-up, help with clean-up, or to bring your musical talent to the UUSG Open Mic!

Sign up at www.uusg.org/picnic or in the Common Room by September 3.

“It's All About Me...Being More”

Registration for the 2nd Annual UUSG Women's Retreat begins October 1. Space is limited, and openings are first come, first served. The retreat is January 9-11, 2015.

We're also calling all UUSG female practitioners: are you able to provide massage, Reiki, or acupuncture services?

If you would like more details about the retreat or want to offer your services, contact Samantha Mejia at womensretreat@uusg.org.

Lindsay's Reserved Parking

We are aware that parking in downtown Geneva can be a challenge, but please note that the Senior Minister's parking place is reserved for her at all hours, every day. She comes and goes at unscheduled times and needs to know she has a place to park.

The End of Summer

Through September 7, we offer one worship service at 10am.

- August 31: Rev. Lindsay: “Thou Shalt Not Other”
- September 7: Music Celebration with Ruth Cavanaugh: Last summer service

On September 14, we will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, and return to our regular church year schedule of two services each Sunday, at 9:30am & 11:15am.

Our Newest Members

Welcome to new UUSG members Andrea Gruszecki, Katherine Lyons, Walter Pearson, Craig Smit, Ilene Smit, and Susan Williams!

They all signed “The Book” on Sunday, August 17 after attending the Membership Preparation Class.

A big “thank you” to Tracy Rosenkrans, Page Poris, Julie Riffle, Lynn Steele, Kevin Beyer, and Lindsay Bates, who talked about what it means to be a member of UUSG.

Upcoming Staff Time Off

Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, will be off work this Sunday, August 31.

The office will be closed and all staff off on Monday, September 1 in honor of Labor Day. Teams and groups that would normally meet on that day have been canceled.

Folk Concert

This Saturday, August 30 at 7pm, UUSG will host a live WFMT (98.7 FM) radio broadcast!

The concert will feature folk musicians from the Folk Festival being held in Geneva this weekend.

Tickets are available by contacting the Fox Valley Folklore Society through <http://foxvalleyfolk.com>.

Social Justice News

Volunteer Opportunities for All Ages

Saturday, September 6, 9am-11:30am

- Northern Illinois Food Bank (273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva)
- Anyone ages 8 and older is welcome.
- Sign up by emailing Lisa Gades at dayofservice@uusg.org or by going to www.uusg.org/monthly-day-of-service/.

Sunday, September 7, 1pm-4:30pm

- Project Sunshine (during the church picnic at Peck Farm)
- Create "Sunny Grams" for children facing long-term medical challenges.

Friday Flick: *Unacceptable Levels*

At 7pm on Friday, September 26, our free monthly film series will show *Unacceptable Levels*, an important 2013 documentary designed to help us protect ourselves from serious diseases caused by synthetic chemicals affecting our bodies.

We have approximately 200 synthetic industrial chemicals interacting with our cells every single day. To explore different facets of common chemical exposure, this documentary was made in consultation with experts in multiple fields and is guided by a father on a personal journey to bring these issues to light for everyone.

The film's primary goal? To determine whether we can prevent disease before it strikes us.

Lazarus House Volunteers

We greatly appreciate our August Lazarus House volunteers: Kevin Beyer and Lisa Gades, who made lunch; Kathy Basil and Monica Jenkins, who cooked dinner; and Vohny Moehling, who stayed overnight.



Thank You, Gardeners!

A big "thank you" to Amy, Kerry, & Natalie Hong; Karen Laukaitis; Jean Pierce; and Betsy & Claire Zinser for their help at the Batavia Community Garden in August!

Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

So far in August, we've collected \$786 for the Pottawatomie Habitat for Humanity.

With your help, more than 60 houses have been built or rehabbed in the northern Fox Valley area over the past 22 years.

If you'd like to add your support, you can still do so this Sunday, August 31.

Making a Difference in Our Communities

On Sunday, September 21 at 12:45pm, the Fox River Valley Initiative Team at UUSG will update the congregation about plans to effect changes in mental health delivery, affordable housing, and workforce development in the region.

We will talk about plans for identifying solvable problems and potential solutions regarding mental health services in Kane County and affordable housing. We will also share what is happening right now to train people to become skilled manufacturing workers who are in high demand in our counties.

We are working to coordinate childcare (for children up to age 6), so please let us know (with an email to Jean Pierce at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org) by September 14 if you need it to attend.

Giving "Change for a Change"

The "Change for a Change" jar at the front of the Sanctuary is a year-round project that supports an organization chosen by students in our Religious Education Program.

This church year, contributions to the "Change for a Change" jar will support our Bridge family, Jasmine Cotton and her 4-year-old twin boys, Jahki and Jahleel. Jasmine is earning high grades at DeVry Institute, where she is pursuing a nursing degree. Her active sons are attending day care and preschool.

Summer Services Ceasing Soon!

On Sunday, September 14, we will celebrate Homecoming and return to our regular schedule of 2 services each Sunday, at 9:30am and 11:15am.

A Mesmerizing Opportunity

a Message from the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

I love hypnosis. Love doing it, love using it, love being in trance. I've been using hypnotism in my pastoral work since 1995, when I earned my basic certification from the National Guild of Hypnotists, the largest hypnosis organization in the world (there are about 15,000 of us scattered about the continents).

Since then I've continued my studies, earning Advanced Hypnotist and (most recently) Board Certified Consulting Hypnotist credentials. I'm a Past President of the Guild's Clergy Special Interest Group and co-author of our Spiritual Hypnotism curriculum.

This part of my ministry is why I'm off to Marlboro, Massachusetts every summer for a week-long convention of seminars, workshops, and lectures on every aspect of hypnosis research, theory, and practice. This year I presented a workshop on how our Last Tuesday program works, and had a full class of ten interested colleagues. Fun and gratifying!

Are you curious about hypnotism? Do you wonder what it feels like to be hypnotized? Would you like to learn to use hypnotism to meet personal goals of self-improvement, self-understanding, habit-alteration, increased self-confidence, and relaxation?

Sound too good to be real? Think you'd like to find out? Then join me on Tuesday, September 23, from 7pm until about 9pm in the Common Room for an "Introduction to Hypnotism" program.

You'll learn what hypnosis is, what it isn't, how it can be used, why it works, and what hypnotic trance feels like, as well as learning an "anchoring" gesture you'll be able to use to help yourself feel calm and relaxed even in the most stressful situations. You'll also be eligible to join our Last Tuesday Group Hypnotic Induction sessions, starting up again on September 30.

All UUSG members and friends are invited to participate, and teens and older children are also welcome with parents and a signed parent/guardian permission slip.

Please sign up in the Common Room or with an email to me at minister@uusg.org.

Peace! Lindsay

Feeling Feverish?

Our Saturday Night Feverish Auction Fundraiser is Saturday, November 15!

If you would like to help with the catalog, children's rooms, entertainment, donations, or Silent Auction, sign up at www.uusg.org/auction or contact Jean Pierce at auctionleader@uusg.org.

To see the donations as they come in, go to www.togetherauction.com/uusg.

Veterans' Service

As they do every November, our veterans will lead a worship service this fall. If you are a veteran and would like to participate, please contact Peter Coe at veterans@uusg.org.

Get Involved With Interweave

Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies who meet once a month to have discussions about issues and events interesting and important to the group.

They will meet at the church on Sunday, September 28 at 12:30pm for a brief meeting, followed by social time at the Old Towne Pub at about 1pm.

For more information, contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

Making a Difference

You are making a real difference in the world with your contributions of both time and money! To see some of the "thank you" letters we have received from the organizations we support, go to www.uusg.org/donation-appreciation/.

AED in the Common Room

Our new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is now hanging on the west wall of the Common Room (at the north end of the room, between the windows and the armoire) and is available in the event of emergency.



Circles of Life

Two rounds of congratulations to the Pierce Family—Jean & Lou became grandparents twice last month! Brindle June Pierce (weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces) was born on Sunday, August 3 to Evan & Carrie. Remington Louis Martin Pierce (weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces) was born on Wednesday, August 6 to Jordan and Danielle.

We send our best wishes to Kady McFadden and her new husband Michael Elliott, who were married on August 2 at Heritage Prairie Farm.

Lastly, some sad news: on June 6, UUSG lost a dear friend - Nita Dippel, the great-great granddaughter of our founding minister, Augustus Conant.

Nita's deep commitment to keeping "Grampa's" story alive is a large part of the reason we know so much about Augustus. She visited us from her home in Baraboo often when her teaching and directing schedules allowed. She gave us copies of a number of Conant's sermons and a silver spoon from Betsy's dining room. And she delighted in sharing our 1992 Sesquicentennial Celebration, coming to services and special events several times that year.

Most of you reading this, we know, never had the opportunity to meet Nita and her husband Al (now in a nursing home). You missed knowing a special lady with a ready laugh, a great sense of humor, an unquenchable curiosity, a dramatic flair, and a great love for a good story. Those of us who knew her are greatly saddened by her death.

What Happens at Board Meetings?

To improve communication, the Board of Directors will publish a summary of each month's meeting (see the article below for information about the August meeting).

For a more detailed description of the Board meetings, see the official minutes online (www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes). Please note that these are posted later than the summary, after they have been approved by the Board the following month.

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Board meetings, which are held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the UUSG Common Room.

Board Meeting Summary

August 12, 2014

1. Finance Report: UUSG doing OK with pledges in July at \$34,025.
2. Assistant Minister Search Committee resuming in September - the Board planning mechanism for reminding the congregation to continue making pledges.
3. Plans made to increase communication between Board and congregation.
4. Board to meet with Councils on September 2 to discuss goals, get feedback, and improve communication.
5. Hal Schulman presented update on the new Emergency Management Team.
6. Progress made to create a Personnel Committee thanks to Bill Scown, Dick Yingst, Bill Pokorny, and Debbie Leoni.
7. Request made for bylaw changes re: 60-day waiting period before having voting privileges.
8. Board requested Membership Team create a solution around time requirement between signing "The Book" and acceptance as a voting member.
9. Board passed motion to make past minutes accessible on UUSG website.
10. Board requested Membership Team to create an economical plan for establishing a membership station in the Common Room.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Mary Garland for volunteering to organize our library! Mary will help us get the library up and running. We have several new books and are excited to share them.

David & Renée Tomell, for stepping in every summer Sunday morning to make sure we have coffee, tea, and cold water. Gratitude to them and to others who have also stepped up to help.

Patrick McGleam, who was spotted last week sweeping in the Memorial Garden, moving old memorial stones, fighting a weedy vine that was clinging to Pioneer House, and generally keeping the grounds looking great.

Our August Greeters, all of whom were last-minute recruits

Our August Social Hour Hosts: Carol Myers, Patricia Ward, Alice Martin, the Finance Team, the “Feel Good in the Present Group,” and the Board of Directors

Our August Counters: Kevin Beyer, Ellie Radvanovsky, Ilene Smit, Lynn Steele, Patricia Ward, and the Finance Team

Who Needs a PPG Award? If you’d like to nominate someone for a “Promoting Practical Goodness” Award, send 1-2 sentences about what they do (or did) to Katie Phillips at office@uusg.org.

August Musical Offerings

We enjoyed a dramatic start to August with arias by Mozart and Puccini among the beautifully performed works by operatic vocalist Carelle Flores and pianist Patricia Arzaga. Next, an over-arching theme of joy propelled memorable songs by Kristin McFadden.

Dean Malambri shone with his lyrical keyboard artistry, followed by an interactive Taize service that let the congregation share a transcendent emphasis on prayerful song, led by soprano Cynthia Spiegel, with gorgeous instrumental work by flutist Ruth Cavanaugh, guitarist Michael Mackey, pianist Lynn Fisher McCanne, violinist Mary Phillips, and double bassist Tracy Rosenkrans.

Looking ahead, we’ll be treated to Sandra Anderson-Cordogan and her student, Quinn Welsh, at the keyboard. Ruth Cavanaugh returns to team up with Cynthia Spiegel and gifted guitarist Jose Luis Posada. To give a rousing start to the new church year, come worship with the fun-loving UUSG Homecoming Band, featuring Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Tracy Rosenkrans, Chris Stibal, and John Towell. Also in store are Seth Prisco and Kelly Herz.

Get ready for Open Mic fun at the UUSG Picnic on September 7! Email our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org if you are interested, and then bring your ax!

Our Music Ministry is as diverse as our individual beliefs here at UUSG. Be a part of it.

The Bible as Literature

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, our “Bible Study for UUs” group meets on the third Monday of each month from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Their next meeting will be on September 15, and they will be discussing John and pages 160-178 of the current supplemental reading (“Understanding the Bible” by John Buehrens).

If you have any questions about this group, contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org.

Weed Control

We’d need some help—if you know a weed when you see one, please sign up (in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/weeding) to care for the church grounds for one week in September.

Want to Know More? Board Meeting Summaries & Minutes: www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes
Team Reports: www.uusg.org/team-reports Financial Report: www.uusg.org/financial-report

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:00 AM Green Sanctuary Team Meeting	1 Labor Day <i>Office Closed / All Staff Off</i>	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Program & Administrative Councils with Board of Directors (start time TBD)	3 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM Emergency Response Team Planning Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	4 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	5 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 7 Musician Set-Up for September 7 Worship Service	6 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 7 Musician Set-Up for September 7 Worship Service 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service: Northern Illinois Food Bank
7 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:15 AM Finance Team Meeting 11:15 AM Women's Retreat Planning Meeting 1:00 PM Annual All-Church Homecoming Picnic	8 7:00 PM Reiki Discussion Group 7:30 PM LRE Team Meeting	9 9:00 AM Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Board of Directors	10 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 4:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	11 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry 7:30 PM Write Time Writers' Group	12 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	13 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 8:00 AM Illinois Youth Center Tutor Training
14 Homecoming Sunday! 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 11:00 AM Green Sanctuary Team Meeting (tentative) 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 12:30 PM Auction Chairs Meeting 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Membership Team Meeting 12:30 PM YRUU Extended Meeting 2:00 PM Lay Ministers' Meeting 2:00 PM Ministry on Ministries Meeting	15 7:00 PM "Bible Study for UUs" Group	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Reiki Share 7:00 PM Social Justice Team Meeting (off-site)	17 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	18 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	19 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	20 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 8:00 AM Illinois Youth Center Tutor Training
21 <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 9:45 AM Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Junior High Parent/Student Meeting 12:45 PM Forum: Making a Difference in Our Communities 7:00 PM Reiki Share	22 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Hypnosis Info-Intake Session 7:00 PM Small Group Ministry	24 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 11:30 AM The Luncheonettes (off-site) 4:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	25 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 9:15 AM Simple Living Circle 7:00 PM "Feel Good in the Present" Group Meeting 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM Write Time Writers' Group	26 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 11:30 AM The Geezers Group (off-site) 7:00 PM Friday Flicks: "Unacceptable Levels"	27 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>
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Our 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.

Our Mission Statement

(adopted by the congregation May 19, 1996)

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva is a diverse, welcoming community which endeavors to make its Covenant a living reality. We provide religious education and opportunities for spiritual growth. We encourage individual and mutual responsibility as together we work to be a liberal religious voice in the community and a force for compassionate social justice.

The next Pioneer deadline is September 22 at 9am.

Guidelines for submissions are available at
www.uusg.org/s/Pioneer-Guidelines.pdf.

Please send all articles to office@uusg.org.