



A Newsletter of
The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

THE PIONEER

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The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

On August 16, we held our summer "MPC" (the Membership Prep Class) and welcomed 4 UUSG friends – Dave & Mary Davis, Julia Friesen, and Fred O'Donnell – into UUSG membership.

That MPC is intended to be sure that new members have a clear idea of what is hoped and expected of them within our UUSG community. Central to those hopes and expectations are the "Five Pillars of Involvement" that consultant Mike Durall shared with us two years ago.

As we approach the opening of the new church year (Homecoming Sunday is only a month away), it seems a good time to share those Pillars again. These are expectations for members – and strongly encouraged for all UUSG friends:

- 1) Show up. Be here for worship, for church school, special events, meetings that interest you, opportunities for socializing and having fun together.
- 2) Serve the congregation. Everything from greeting on Sunday to serving on the Board of Directors is essential for our smooth operation.
- 3) Serve the world together. You needn't officially join the Social Justice Team to be part of our ministry of promoting practical goodness in the world. Join our Day of Service, pack food at the Illinois Food Bank, or tutor imprisoned youths. You can make a huge difference in the world.
- 4) Pursue your own moral and religious improvement. We hope that everything we do nourishes the spirit, but pay special attention to your own needs. Consider joining a Small Group Ministry, exploring hypnosis as a spiritual practice, meditating on Wednesdays with the Buddhist group or every other Thursday with Debbie Leoni, attending an adult RE class, or talking with Lindsay about spiritual direction. Feed your soul.
- 5) Support your church financially to the highest extent your personal circumstances allow. Give until it feels right and good for you. And know that every gift counts.

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If all of us aspire to all of these, we'll build an even healthier, more vital UUSG. And each new year will be better than the last.

Enjoy these remaining weeks of summer ~ see you all at church!

Peace ~ Lindsay

Through September 13, we are on our summer schedule of one worship service at 10am on Sundays.

On Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate Homecoming and return to 2 services each Sunday, at 9:30am and 11:15am.

Religious Education News

Welcome Back to Church School!

Religious education classes begin on Sunday, September 20. Thank you to the following individuals who have stepped up to teach!

K-Grade 2

Becky Hruby
Chung Liang
Vera Lind
Martha Malana
Carol Myers
Lily Phillips
Dawn Pokorny
Bill Scown

Grades 3-5

Jaime Andersen
Lee Bernard
Sherri Casterline
Jennifer Klein
Alice Martin
Wendy Mosier
Sara Robbins
Shawn Thornton

Grades 9-12 (YRUU)

Jenny Benjamin
Nancy Christensen
Mary Jonke
Elba Karim
Andy Montgomery
Bill Pokorny
Tom Zimmerman

Grades 6-8

Kate Johnson
Griffin Johnson
Kim McDuffee-Dotson
Jenny Montgomery

RE Music Program

The Religious Education Music Program for kindergarteners through fifth graders (and any preschoolers whose parents would like to bring them to class) begins on Homecoming Sunday.

After leaving the Sanctuary each week, students meet in the Common Room and learn to sing songs that enrich classroom lessons, provide a musical expression of being UU, and develop students' sense of community. Weekly attendance is encouraged so new material can be learned with ease.

Students will share their music with the congregation on both November 15 and March 13, so mark your calendars!

Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, RE Music Director
remusic@uusg.org

Religious Education (RE) Curriculum

Primary Group (Grades K,1,2)

In Our Hands: A Peace & Social Justice Curriculum
In this program, children explore peace and fairness through stories, discussions, and activities.

Elementary Group (Grades 3,4,5)

In Our Hands: A Peace & Social Justice Curriculum
This program provides opportunities for children to explore their own knowledge and feelings about peace and justice.

Junior High Group (Grades 6,7,8)

It Starts With Me. This program's focus is on the concept of community, an awareness of oneself as a part of a community, and the importance of volunteerism to the local community.

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.

Habitat and YRUU Kick-off Meeting

Everyone (but particularly Junior High/YRUU students and parents) is invited to a special kick-off meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm.

The Habitat for Humanity youth and advisors will tell us about their successful house project. Afterwards, YRUU advisors will explain to students and parents about our 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.

Registration Forms

Have you registered your child(ren) for Religious Education this year? Registration forms are located in the literature display outside the south Common Room door. Please register as soon as possible and receive important information regarding the upcoming school year. If you have questions or need the registration form emailed to you, please contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

Used Book Sale Success!

We're thrilled to report that the used book sale brought in \$2,402.18 total! \$500 was sent to the Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley, so the benefit to UUSG is \$1,902.18.

Thank you to everyone who donated books, hauled boxes, set up tables, sorted fact from fiction, cleaned up, and everything in between.

Special thanks to Jean Pierce and Pat Ward, who coordinated the fundraiser, and to the people listed below, who helped at the sale itself:

Melissa Auer	Vohny Moehling
Kevin Beyer	Karen Moore
Lisa Gades	Pat O'Malley
Diane Gallentine	Ellie Radvanovsky
Nancy Goodfellow	Rhonda Robinson
Andrea Gruszecki	Ben, Jason, Kerry,
Ann Holt-Harris	and Willy Sapet
Kurt Heinz	Chris Schulman
Sara Hoerdeman	Bill Scown
Monica Jenkins	Sandy Smith
Sally Jones	Llona Steele
Tom Lichtenheld	Gail Tattersfield
Jan Miller	

Brainstorming on Membership

Open to all! Bring your ideas and suggestions for encouraging, supporting, and retaining our current members to a "Brainstorming on Membership" meeting on Sunday, August 30 at 11:45am.

Light lunch included; childcare provided (for up to age 6). Please sign up online at www.uusg.org/brainstorm by this Thursday, August 27.

Weeds, Begone!

We'd love your help – if you know a weed when you see one, please sign up at www.uusg.org/weeding to care for the church grounds for one week in September.



UUSG Picnic

Join us for the 9th Annual UUSG Picnic on Sunday, September 13 at 12pm!

This year's picnic is back at the Wheeler Park pavilion in Geneva. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish or drinks to share.

Sign up in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/picnic by September 9.

Questions about the event? Contact Cindy Vacek at picnic@uusg.org.



The End of Summer

Worship Services

Through September 13, services are at 10am on Sundays.

- August 30: Poetry Service, led by William Elbert
- September 6: Rev. Lindsay: "Working for Meaning"
- September 13: All-Music Service, led by Ruth Cavanaugh

Last summer service

- September 20: Homecoming Sunday!
Back to two services each Sunday, at 9:30am and 11:15am

Church School

- Church school will begin again on September 20.

Staffing

- Tuesday, September 1: Assistant Minister begins work!
- Sunday, September 6: Congregational Administrator off work for holiday weekend
- Monday, September 7: Office closed and all staff off for Labor Day

He's Almost Here!

We're very excited that our new Assistant Minister, Scott Talbot Lewis, will be joining our staff next week!



If you have already made a pledge to support him, thank you! If you haven't made a pledge yet, we invite you to add your support – you can pledge in the Common Room or online at

www.uusg.org/assistant-minister-pledge.

And if you haven't started paying on your pledge yet, now's the time! Contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, at office@uusg.org if you have questions about your pledge or remaining balance.

Our Flowers Need YOU!

Please help us keep our flowers blooming by signing up to water them for one week in September.

Just come by whenever it's convenient for you during your week and give our flowers a drink! Sign up online at www.uusg.org/watering or in the Common Room.

Changes to the Board of Directors

We have some recent changes in the UUSG Board of Directors to announce.

Patricia Burch and Jennifer Klein both have encountered time conflicts and have offered up their Board seats to people who are better able to take on an increasing amount of Board work. We thank Patricia and Jennifer for all of the time and energy they have invested, and we hope that this change helps reduce their stress levels.

Fortunately, two very qualified, active, and well-known UUSG members have stepped forward. Please give your support to Kathy Cornell and Lynn Steele in their new roles as Directors on the Board.

The Choir Is Back!

This year, the choir will perform a total of three times. Ruth Cavanaugh will direct the 8pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Cynthia Spiegel will then direct the next two service weekends, on January 17 and May 15.

Rehearsals will be held at a different time this year, 9:15am-10:45am, 2-3 Sundays before a performance weekend. Choir members, this means childcare can now be provided, less conflict with after-church meetings, and you can still attend the 11:15am service after rehearsal!

Teens, youth, and adults are welcome to sing for one or all weekends. Please contact your UUSG Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org for more information.

Get Involved With Interweave

Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies who meet once a month to have time together for discussions and special events.

They will meet at the church on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm to start our new church year and discuss plans for the fall and winter activities.

UUSG Turns 175

UUSG will celebrate its 175th birthday in 2017, and it's not too soon to start planning for this momentous occasion! If you would like to help plan the festivities, please contact Pat Ward at 175@uusg.org.

Looking Good

We're looking for a few volunteers to assist Patrick McGleam with trimming the shrubs and other groundskeeping tasks. Training and support will be provided. Volunteers can work on their own schedule.

If you can volunteer to help keep our grounds looking good, please contact Deann Alleman at facilities@uusg.org.

Want to Know More?

Most recent Board Meeting Minutes: www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes

Most recent Team Reports: www.uusg.org/team-reports

Most recent Financial Report: www.uusg.org/financial-report

We're Not Too Corny...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the August volunteer shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Together we packed 3,395 pounds of frozen corn!

Kevin Beyer	Max Montgomery
Jamie Carroll	Nate Ng
Elke Chateau	Gary Noll
Lia Conklin	Kathie Noll
Salome Fogleman	Alec Palmer
Audrey Jonke	Elena Palmer
Eric Jonke	Evan Palmer
Ethan Jonke	Hugh Palmer
Mary Jonke	Lou Pierce
Sarah Jonke	Hamid Rusef
Karen Laukaitis	Ramsey Rusef
Shannon Laukaitis	Martha Tabis
Andy Montgomery	Pat Vary
Jenny Montgomery	Chris Weithers



Women's Retreat

Do you offer massage, acupuncture, or Reiki services? If so, and you are a woman interested in providing services on January 23, 2016 for the UUSG Women's Retreat, please contact Samantha Mejia at womensretreat@uusg.org.

The retreat dates are January 22-24, 2016, and it will be facilitated by Debbie Leoni. This is an annual event; if you are interested in possibly leading at a future retreat, please let Samantha know.

Our Newest Members

The following people signed "The Book" on August 16 and become official members of UUSG—welcome home!

Dave Davis	Julia Friesen
Mary Davis	Fred O'Donnell

Music In the Air

August brought wonderful music, including an interactive Taize service of chants sung by the congregation, led by Cynthia Spiegel, and joined by fellow vocalists and multi-instrumentalists Ruth Cavanaugh, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Andy Montgomery, Tracy Rosenkrans, and Elena Spiegel.

Ben Walker returned with ukulele in hand for a gorgeous arrangement blending the songs "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "What a Wonderful World." We also enjoyed beautiful selections by pianists Patricia Arzaga, Geoff Pynn, and Dean Malambri. Anna Rosenkrans will add deep emotions to the Poetry Service when she sings from the piano on August 30.

Looking ahead to September, we'll be treated to an all-music African-inspired service led by Ruth Cavanaugh and supported by Tracy Rosenkrans, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Cynthia Spiegel, Andy Montgomery, and Katie Baar. Feel free to bring your instrument and add to the open-mike fun at UUSG's Annual Picnic following the September 13 service.

Don't miss the infamous UUSG Band members John & Tracy Rosenkrans, Andy & Ellie Montgomery, and Tracey McFadden on Homecoming Sunday and the keyboard work of pianists Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, Quinn Welsh, and Patricia Arzaga – all in October.

The music is as eclectic as our beliefs here at UUSG, and every weekend is one-of-a-kind. To share your own unique gift, share suggestions, or express your appreciation of our work, please reach out to Music Director Tracy Rosenkrans (music@uusg.org).

Explore the Music of Africa

Our Summer Music Service on September 13 at 10am will explore the music of Africa through communal song, movement, and percussion.

Please join Rev. Lindsay, Ruth Cavanaugh, Cynthia Spiegel, Tracy Rosenkrans, Lynn Fisher McCanne, and Andy Montgomery on our musical adventure!

We encourage interested singers of all ages to join us Saturday, September 12 at 11am in the Sanctuary for a rehearsal to help support congregational singing on Sunday.

Social Justice News

Vegan Challenge

Vegan can be yummy! That was the result of our August 22 Vegan Challenge, when over 80% of the votes cast for vegan dishes favored the “Yummy” end of a 4-point continuum.

Only 4 of 11 people taking the challenge identified all 3 vegan dishes, which were based on recipes in “The Vegan Bible.”

The event was inspired by the “Cowspiracy” Friday Flick which contends that eating vegan helps the environment – animal agriculture is responsible for (1) more greenhouse gas emissions than the combined exhaust from all transportation and (2) 55% of water consumed in the US (vs. 5% by private homes).

Teaching Tolerance

For our August “Beyond Our Walls” collection, we are collecting funds to support the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Teaching Tolerance program (www.tolerance.org), which works through educators to nurture a new generation that is more engaged in social justice.

We took a special collection on August 9, but are accepting donations all month. If you would like to support this organization, please bring your check to church this Sunday or donate via Paypal (go to www.uusg.org and look for the yellow “Donate” button in the right sidebar) to be certain that your donation is received by the church before the end of August.

September Friday Flick: *HAPPY* September 25, 7pm

Combining real-life stories of people from around the world and powerful interviews with the leading scientists in happiness research, the prize-winning documentary *HAPPY* explores the secrets behind our most valued emotion.

Is there a relationship between happiness and valuing of money, power, compassion, cooperation, or even social justice?

Join us to see free Friday Flicks at 7pm on the 4th Friday of each month (except December) in the Common Room.

Commit to Knit (or crochet or quilt)

Now that the school year has started and fall is coming, the urge to knit/crochet can be irresistible. Let's get going with our monthly get-togethers on first Sundays.

On September 6, we'll meet at 11am after the only church service of the day. Then, beginning in October, we'll go back to our usual between-the-services time.

The organization we work with, Women4Women Knitting4Peace, continues to request winter items, toys, and quilted sleeping mats. For more info, check out the patterns section of the non-profit's website: www.knitting4peace.org/what-we-do/patterns.

Questions, suggestions, or donations? Contact Katherine Lyons at knitting@uusg.org.

Sanity-Saving Dinner Mentoring

Jean Pierce is offering to work with anyone who would like to learn how to simplify the task of preparing dinners for Lazarus House. Please contact her at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to find out how! Signups are now open to cook dinner on the first Saturday of a month during the fall.

Sign up on the Social Justice bulletin board in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless.

Social Justice Opportunity for Families

Sign up now to make Lazarus Lunches for the first Saturday of a month this fall. This is a fun and fulfilling task for families.

UUSG supplies 15 lunches, each containing a drink (water, soda, or juice box), a sandwich (your choice of filling – no condiments), and something else (such as chips, veggies, etc.). Pack sandwiches and sides separately. Please mark sandwich wrapping with day and month, and bring to Lazarus House anytime on the first Saturday of the month or on the day before.

Sign up on the Social Justice bulletin board in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless.

Giving “Beyond Our Walls”

In July, our “Beyond Our Walls” collections, totaling \$1,237, supported the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) for girls in rural Kenya.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Gail Tattersfield for stepping in at the last minute to help Jeanne Neltner and Vohny Moehling with Cathy Newman Holmes’ memorial reception on July 3 (and for taking the linens home to launder!).

Kathleen Herrera, Sally Jones, Carol Myers, and Kris Webster, who watered our new grass to help it get established earlier this summer. Special thanks to Velma Powers, who coordinated the project and did her own share of watering.

Ann Drover, Keith Gesiakowski, Natalie Hong, and Jason Sapet, who helped at the Swedish Days Pizza Booth and were inadvertently left off the list of volunteers. Thank you for your time and energy!

Kevin Beyer for organizing a team to work at Northern Illinois Food Bank once a month, and especially for creating a sense of community among those volunteers. The group is a well-oiled, efficient machine as they pack food or change labels, and what a party it is!

Ben Zinser, a YRUU teen, who completed his Eagle Scout project by providing UUSG a totally new compost bin. Many thanks and best wishes for your senior year, Ben!

August Lazarus House volunteers: Becky & Calvin Hruby for preparing lunches; Jean Pierce for making dinner; and Vohny Moehling for staying overnight.

Greeters: Patricia Burch, Teal Cyko, Debbie Leoni, Jason Sapet, Parvaneh Smith, Martha Tabis

Hosts: all those who helped!

Counters: Al Drover, Patrick McGleam, Jim O’Malley, Kevin O’Neill, Patricia Ward, Finance Team

Folk Concert

On Saturday, September 5 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 that weekend.

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

What Happens at Board Meetings?

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, held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Board Meeting Summary: August 11, 2015

- Funding for a choir has been secured.
- The Book Sale took in just over \$2,400, with \$500 of that being donated to Literacy Volunteers.
- The Board reviewed the UUSG report card in preparation for the Board retreat and finalized the retreat agenda.
- Neill Shanahan was appointed as the new chair for the Personnel Committee. The Board is looking for one or two additional Personnel Committee members.
- The Board decided to draft a policy on Obtaining Permission to Use Photographs.
- The Board decided that it does not need to approve a new group’s formation, but it does retain the power to prohibit formation of any group that does not conform to the church’s principles/ideals.
- A closed session on the Third Street Property negotiations concluded the meeting.

Hypnotism at UUSG

If you’re interested in learning more about hypnotism, or would like to join the Last Tuesday Group Hypnotism program, you’re invited to the “Hypnosis Informational Intake Session” on Tuesday, September 22, 7-9pm.

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.

Sign up in the Common Room or with an email to Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.

Once you have been through the Info-Intake process, you may join the Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis sessions—the next one is September 29.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister Off Today</i> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM "Brainstorming on Membership" Meeting	31 7:00 PM Reiki Share 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Technology Team Meeting	1 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Program & Administrative Councils	2 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	3 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM WomenSpiritRising	4 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	5 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM 39th Annual Fox Valley Music & Storytelling Festival -- WFMT Festival Showcase Radio Show
6 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Commit to Knit	7 Labor Day <i>Office Closed / All Staff Off</i>	8 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Girl Scout Leaders' Meeting 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Board of Directors	9 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	10 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Meditation for Connection 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Small Group Ministry 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Write Time Writers' Group	11 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	12 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Private Meeting 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Music Rehearsal
13 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Finance Team Meeting 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Membership Team Meeting 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Annual All-Church Homecoming Picnic 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reserved for Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors Event	14 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reiki Discussion Group 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM LRE Team Meeting	15 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	16 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	17 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	18 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	19 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service
20 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> Homecoming Sunday! 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Big Ideas Covenant Group 2:00 PM Lay Ministers' Meeting (note date change) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reiki Share	21 5:15 PM - 8:45 PM Private Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Bible Study for UUs" Group	22 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hypnotism Informational Intake Session	23 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> Yom Kippur 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM The Luncheonettes (off-site) 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 5:15 PM - 8:45 PM Private Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	24 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM Simply Sharing Circle 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Meditation for Connection 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Write Time Writers' Group	25 <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: "HAPPY"	26 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 10:00 AM Online Covenant Group 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM UUSG Women's Circle: Walking Our Spiritual Journey Together (tentative) 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Drum Circle
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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.

Our Staff

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The next Pioneer deadline is September 28 at 9am.

Guidelines for submissions are available at

www.uusg.org/s/Pioneer-Guidelines.pdf.

Please send all articles to office@uusg.org.