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The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

It's a slowish process, but I'm getting better at using technology in my work and studies. Google has long been my research friend (an overly generous one, most of the time). My entire library, including many old favorites for both work and pleasure, exists electronically now and is almost always with me. Keeping up with the church's database of addresses and emails and phone numbers is a challenge, but if you've ever emailed or phoned me, you're officially In The System. I've now taken one workshop via the electronic classroom, and I've signed up for a six-week seminar I could never have managed had it required traveling every Thursday morning.

I'd be lost without my smart phone, my tablet, my laptop. How on earth did I manage when I first began ministry? Do you remember typewriters - the manual kind, not even electric? How about when landlines were the only option, sometimes with a party line? Typewriter correction tape was a necessity as soon as it appeared; it's gone now, of course, although White-Out remains. Amazing the number and complexity of the changes.

It's not all a love affair, mind you. My spouse swears by Evernote; I swear at it. I do not like getting messages across the computer screen telling me that my "internet connection is unstable" when I'm depending upon the connection. Our connection will go out without warning and return just as unpredictably. Skype seemed like a great idea, until they decided I didn't exist anymore and wouldn't let me connect. So much for that.

But I have a new enthusiasm for video conferencing. I set it up with Zoom software so we could experiment with the on-line covenant groups - a successful experiment so far, as we've got 4 groups going with a total of 28 people involved. One OLCG member is in Florida. Another is on Guam. Being able to bring all these folks together across miles and time zones without worries about bad weather, long drives, leaving the kids, or being out late, is turning out to be a welcome alternative to in-person gatherings. Handy for other meetings, too, like our MOM (Ministry on Ministries) session the afternoon of the February blizzard. Members of the Councils and the Board are experimenting with the software now, too, to see how we'd feel about using it for key church meetings.

Without question, I'd rather be sitting around the tables at church with people actually present. In a perfect world, getting people together would be simple, time wouldn't be an issue, childcare would be effortlessly arranged, weather would always be balmy and all meetings would begin, and end exactly as scheduled. But that's not our reality, and finding other ways of connecting will become increasingly important.

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Let this be a standing invitation. If you've been thinking you'd like to talk with me about anything, but making time for an office appointment doesn't seem quite right or comfortable for you, consider the other options. My phone is always with me, and except on Wednesday, my day off, I try always to answer it. I've had some great conversations via texting. Email works well for less sensitive issues - and often even for the sensitive ones. And we can easily set up a meeting over Zoom. In person is always my preference, but I know it doesn't always work. Sometimes face-to-face through a computer screen is a good enough substitute.

Hope to see you soon!

Peace ~ Lindsay

Religious Education Announcements

Visiting With Rev. Lindsay

On March 1, Rev. Lindsay will be visiting the 6th-8th grade classrooms. The youth will really enjoy this special time with their minister!

Religious Education Class Topics

RE classes will study the following topics in March:

Grades K-2nd: Mother Mawu Wants Peace

Grades 3rd-5th: Peace; St. Patrick's Day: March 17 (Christian Heritage); No Ruz Iranian New Year (World Religions: Islam); Passover (Jewish Heritage); Buddha's Birthday (World Religions: Buddhism)

Grades 6th-8th: Islam

YRUU (Grades 9th-12th): Planning projects (social justice as well as social), welcoming new youth into our community, identifying processes to make the group a success, team-building

Junior High Youth Group

The Junior High Youth Group will meet on Saturday, March 14 at 7pm at the church. We will be doing an off-site activity. More information to come. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun!

Coming of Age Program

The Coming of Age Program will begin on March 22 and conclude on June 14. There will be a mandatory parent meeting; date and time to be announced. Parents will receive detailed information on class topics and on the process for students choosing their mentors. Parents will also sign up to bring snacks and to provide food for the Celebration Luncheon.

Thank you to all of our Facilitators and Mentors for offering such a wonderful program!

YRUU Habitat Trip

The Habitat for Humanity trip in Grand Rapids this year will be July 18-25. The Assemblies of God church has graciously offered their space again, and the dates have been solidified. We need a commitment by March 1 from any YRUU youth who is planning to go.

Islamic Center of Naperville Visit

The Junior High Group and YRUU group will be visiting the Islamic Center of Naperville on Sunday, March 8.

We will be leaving UUSG promptly at 10am, and we are looking forward to a great visit.

RE Music

RE Music students have learned some big vocabulary words in their song, "I Can Feel the Friendship All Around!"

They have explored all three verses and chorus, and they are now getting ready to share their song with the congregation on March 8. Students are also making visual art interpretations, which will be displayed soon in the Common Room.

OWL

The next OWL ("Our Whole Lives") overnight is March 13-14, beginning at 6:30pm on Friday and ending at approximately 4pm on Saturday.

Spring Project

Beginning on Sunday, April 5, our Kindergarten-5th grade youth will participate in curriculum about diversity. This curriculum features presentations by our puppeteers, led by Nancy Goodfellow.

Each week, students will learn about a different topic involving diversity. The topics are:

- We may have physical differences, but we are the same on the inside and we all have special talents.
- What are stereotypes?
- Understanding economic disparity and poverty
- Appreciating people from different cultures
- How to deal with bullies

We are looking forward to presenting these lessons to the children!

Day of Service Success

Our 4th UUSG Canvass Day of Service was a huge success! Over 140 UUSG members and friends promoted practical goodness all over the Fox Valley and then gathered together for a catered dinner in our Common Room.

Many thanks go to Jean Pierce and Lisa Gades for planning and organizing the day's volunteer opportunities, and to Kevin Beyer, Lisa Gades, Nancy Goodfellow, Jeanne Neltnor, Jean Pierce, Jeannie Scown, Kris Webster, and Jenna Webster for being the "point people" for the day's various activities.

Extra special appreciation goes to Gail Tattersfield, who coordinated the delicious dinner; George Tattersfield, who provided the evening's drinks; and Geneva's own Riganato's, who catered the delicious food.

We also thank Julie Riffle and Thom Thomas for designing and leading a wonderful worship service; Tracy Rosenkrans for coordinating the evening's music; Sandra Anderson-Cordogan for providing music during the worship service; and Audrey Jonke and David Montgomery for sharing music during the dinner.

Many thanks to the superstars who helped before, during, and after dinner: Patricia Burch, Sharon Hansen, Nancy Russo, Hal Schulman, Cindy Vacek, and Dick Yingst. Thank you also to our other dinner volunteers: Karen Laukaitis, Tracey McFadden, Page Poris, Chris Schulman, Bill Scown, and Jeff Stibal.

And last but not certainly not least, we'd like to thank those who participated in the day's events, all of whom are listed below.

Don't see your name? We've tried very hard to make sure to thank everyone who helped make the Day of Service a success, but if you participated and don't see your name listed here, please contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, so we can recognize you in next month's Pioneer.

Cleaned & Organized at Mutual Ground Shelter

Laura Bartoszek	Jeanne Neltnor	Page Poris	Bill Scown	Jeannie Scown
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Packed Gift Bags for 125 Indigent Seniors

Kevin Beyer	Anne Brink	Deb Brod	Don Brod	Elke Chateau
Kate Frazier	Lisa Gades	Christy Hickey	Mark Hickey	Rosemary Maziarz
Pat O'Malley	Lou Pierce	Bob Prah	Manya Prah	Jason Sapet
Kerry Sapet	Will Sapet	Llona Steele	Lynn Steele	Dick Yingst

Provided Other Help for the Senior Gift Bags Project

Mike Anderer	Kevin Beyer	Sherry Casterline	Steve Clevenger	Jim Frazier
Kate Frazier	Lisa Gades	Jean Pierce	Ben Sapet	Jason Sapet
Kerry Sapet	Jeannie Scown	Craig Smit		

Processed Donations and Provided Customer Service at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

David de Coriolis	Nancy Goodfellow	Jess Holtzapple	Katherine Lyons	Walter Pearson
Rhonda Robinson	Bob Swanson	Mary Swanson	Matt Vetter	

Wrapped Birthday Gifts for Children In Need

Betty Bristol	Sherry Casterline	Steve Cordogan	Stephan Cordogan	Desiree Eastham
Conner Eastham	Skyler Eastham	Andrea Gruszecki	Katie Hansen	Quinn McNamara
Christy Hickey	Marilyn James	Cathy Kern	Jan Miller	Wendy Mosier
Jean Pierce	Julie Riffle	Karin Ruschke	Karla Thompson	

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Day of Service Volunteers (continued)

Played Bingo with Seniors at the Bria Health Services

Joe Eddy Brown	Lesley Ronson Brown	Mylane Bryant	Quinn Bryant
Patricia Burch	Cari Gesiakowski	Samantha Gesiakowski	
Chris Schulman	Ilene Smit	Emma Weber	Felicia Weber
Sophia Weber	Jenna Webster	Kris Webster	

Packed Food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank

Kevin Beyer	Chris Brown	Declan Brown	Jodi Brown	Nolan Brown
Bob Brubaker	Steve Bryant	James Carroll	Elke Chateau	Salome Fogleman
Becky Hruby	Calvin Hruby	Eric Jonke	Karen Laukaitis	Tom Lichtenheld
Vera Lind	Brad Lipman	Doris Lipman	Gary Littlefield	Anna Masini
Dan Masini	Joseph Masini	Katie Masini	Robert Masini	Kathy McFadden
Tracey McFadden	Omar Mejia	Samantha Mejia	Garrett Miller	Jeff Miller
Kimberly Miller	Zac Miller	Craig Moore	Rose Moore	Jeanne Neltner
Gary Noll	Kathie Noll	Lou Pierce	Zoë Steele	Martha Tabis
Beth Towell	John Towell	Pat Vary	Ian Vetter	Sarah Vetter
Alyssa Williams	Christopher Weithers			

Pledging, Paypal, and a Party

How to Pledge & Give

You can submit your pledge in the Common Room, mail it to the church office, or pledge online at www.uusg.org/pledge-form/.

Whether you are pledging or not, please return your form to us by March 8 so that we can begin to plan for the upcoming church year.

Pledges are payable beginning July 1, 2015. You can contribute to your pledge weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly, or whatever works for you.

Canvass Ice Cream Social

Sunday, March 8, 12:30 pm

In 1842, the women of the Unitarian Church of Roxbury, Massachusetts held a series of ice cream socials to raise money for a fledgling Unitarian congregation in the frontier town of Geneva, Illinois.

On Sunday, March 8 at 12:30pm, we will enjoy this tradition again with an ice cream social event featuring delicious sweet treats prepared by our own William Elbert.

Parents: We do not yet have childcare scheduled for this event, but if you need to attend OR would like to offer your services, please let us know by this Sunday, March 1 so we can plan accordingly.

Sign up for this event by March 5 at www.uusg.org/ice-cream-social.



BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO
OUR FUTURE

Pledging Progress

As of Wednesday, February 25, 102 of us have pledged \$198,990.

To those of you who have pledged already or talked to one of our Pledge Team members, a heartfelt "Thank You!"

If you have not yet responded to your Pledge Team member, please give them the courtesy of a phone call or email stating your intentions.

Paypal!

New this year--you can now pay your pledge via Paypal!

Just go to our homepage (www.uusg.org), scroll down, and look for the yellow "Donate" button on the bottom left of the page.

The Warmth of Winter Music

Warming our hearts this month has been piano artistry by Tom Zimmerman, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, and Patricia Arzaga, who accompanied Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" with special new UUSG lyrics written by Jean Pierce.

The UUSG Choir, led by Bridget Kancler, shone in a diverse array of lovely music, including two selections by Margaret Dryburgh, composed while she was a captive during World War II.

The young people leading the YRUU service wove in wonderful music from their own ranks, prefaced by violinist Mary Phillips, and followed by pianist Alexander Cordogan and three song solos featuring the singers' deft accompaniment on guitar: Grace Christiani, David Montgomery, and Anna Masini.

Looking ahead, we'll be treated to music by Ben Walker, children in the RE Music Program, Dean Malambri, Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel, and Lynn Fisher McCanne, in addition to our infamous, name-changing house band, the UUSG Time Bandits.

Our one-of-a-kind Music Ministry here is a reflection of the diverse beliefs at UUSG. 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).

Supporting NPR, Supporting UUSG

UUSG is a Corporate Sponsor of Northern Public Radio, which broadcasts WNIJ (89.5FM) and WNIU (90.5FM). As a sponsor, we can advertise UUSG fundraisers—including this summer's Pizza Booth—on both stations.

To help us continue this important publicity, we're asking for your help. Write a check to UUSG with "NPR" on the memo line, and the Communications Team will match your contribution (up to a maximum total match of \$250).

We'll accept donations through the end of March.

Studying the Bible

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

Our next meeting will be on March 16. We will be discussing The Revelation to John. The current supplemental reading (in "Understanding the Bible" by John Buehrens) is pages 187-196. For more information, please contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org.

Mental Health Ministry Event

Our next Mental Health Ministry event is this Sunday, March 1 at 3:15pm. Ben Walker, a social worker and former member of UUSG, will talk about several aspects of the psychological treatment of LGBTQ individuals.

He will review the options available to youth who are discovering their sexuality. He will describe treatment options for such common ailments as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Finally, he will discuss challenges over the life span for LGBTQ individuals.

Read All About It!

If you see UUSG mentioned in a newspaper or online, please send the link to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org) or bring the article to her.

Drum Circle

Bring your inner child and come drum with us at the Drum Circle, or just clap along and enjoy the fun on Sunday, March 22, 12:30-2pm in the Sanctuary.

All ages are welcome and no experience is needed. Bring a drum or percussion instrument and a sack lunch. Some drums will be available to share on first-come basis.

Memorial Stones

On May 24, we'll dedicate new memorial stones as they're installed in the Memorial Garden.

If you would like to remember a loved one with a carved stone, talk to our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, or give her an order form (www.tinyurl.com/aroy3fb).

Orders are due by April 1.

Social Justice News

February Friday Flick: *Gen Silent*

This month's Friday Flick, on February 27 at 7pm, will be the award-winning film *Gen Silent*. This documentary reveals the plight of LGBTQ elders in facilities where they face discrimination by staff and bullying by other seniors. While this is not happening in all care facilities, it is prevalent enough that it has been called "an epidemic."

The film is sponsored by the UUSG Interweave Group. For more information about Interweave, contact the group facilitator, Lynn Steele, at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

Commit to Knit

The handiwork created by this wonderful group goes to the non-profit Knitting4Peace (www.knitting4peace.org) and to local services as requests come in.

Work on your own or join us in the Common Room between services on the first Sunday of each month. All skill levels are welcome, and help is available. Donations of yarn, needles, and patterns are gratefully accepted, too. Please contact Katherine Lyons (knitting@uusg.org) with any questions.

March Friday Flick: *Pay to Play*

The Friday Flick at 7pm on March 27 will be *Pay to Play*. Using the game "Monopoly" as a metaphor, the film looks at how corporations have taken over democracy in the U.S. John Nichols has called it "the best documentary about speaking truth to power since *The Big Lebowski*."

See the difference that one person can make. Follow filmmaker John Ennis' quest to find a way out from under the campaign finance threat in America.

March Day of Service: Food Bank

The combined Social Justice Monthly Day of Service and Food Bank Team's next volunteer event will take place on Saturday, March 7, from 9am to 11:30am at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Children ages 8 and up are welcome with a parent.

Go to www.uusg.org/food-bank to sign up. For more details or to be notified via email about future food bank opportunities, please contact Kevin Beyer at foodbankleader@uusg.org.

Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

Our February collections brought in \$865 for the Bridge Communities program and \$948 for our YRUU group's Habitat for Humanity trip.

Fair Trade at UUSG

UUSG promotes the Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee Project by purchasing coffee, tea, sugar, and cocoa for church use.

Coffee, tea, and some additional "EE/FT" items are available for purchase. These are priced with little or no mark-up. They are displayed in the Common Room armoire closest to the kitchen.

When purchasing, please put your check in the silver coffee can on the top shelf. Write your checks to "UUSG" with "EE/FT" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

Supporting Our Homeless Neighbors

The Social Justice Team expresses its appreciation to people who ministered to Lazarus House in February: Jenny Montgomery and family for preparing lunches; Aaron Fogleman and Eric & Leah Jenski for delivering dinner; and Maureen McKeough for staying overnight.

Volunteering All Year

Did you enjoy volunteering for the annual Canvass Day of Service? If so, we'd love to have you at one of our many events throughout the year. Visit www.uusg.org/opt-in to sign up for information about the Monthly Days of Service, Food Bank Ministry, and great opportunities for children and families.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Gail & George Tattersfield, who stuffed, stamped, and labeled over 250 Pledge Packets in late January.

Jean Pierce and Lisa Gades, who put countless hours into making February’s Canvass Day of Service a huge success. They started planning this event last summer and worked tirelessly to make the day fun and meaningful for everyone involved. See pages 4-5 for a complete list of the day’s volunteers.

Dave Moore, who wrote a terrific article about our Canvass Day of Service and the 140 UUSG members and friends who were “promoting practical goodness” in the Fox Valley. The article is on a number of online media outlets and was even picked up by the Chicago Tribune (www.uusg.org/day-of-service-article).

Mary Swanson, who has volunteered to coordinate this year’s Swedish Days Pizza Booth! We’re looking forward to another fun and successful week of fundraising.

Our YRUU group for their heartfelt efforts in providing the congregation with an imaginative and moving worship experience on February 22.

Greeters: Dan & Sandy Bottoms, the YRUU Youth, and any last-minute recruits

Hosts: the Lay Ministers, the Junior High Youth & Their Parents, the Facilities Team, and the YRUU Group

Counters: Kevin Beyer, Brad Lipman, Ellie Radvanovsky, and the Finance Team

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 church on March 29 at 12:30pm to make plans for spring socials, review Interweave weekend programs, and discuss current issues. For more information, contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

Want to Know More?

Board Meeting Summaries & Minutes: www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes
 Team Reports: www.uusg.org/team-reports
 Financial Reports: www.uusg.org/financial-report



Celebrate Earth Hour

Lights off! for the world’s largest display ever of environmental action. Citizens in 162 countries will join together on March 28 at 8:30pm in each time zone.

UUSG will celebrate this dark time by offering choices among a variety of activities—star gazing (weather permitting), art projects (some including glow sticks and balloons) shadow play, spooky stories, a discussion group, even meditation. Enjoy nibbles, beverages and sharing friendships, all in honor of our beloved planet.

Who would like to help out? Contact Ann Drover at greensanctuary@uusg.org.

UUSG’s Wind Energy Future?

UUSG has supported wind energy in recent years, a project that was made possible by an anonymous donation which will end next year.

At the March Board Meeting, the Green Sanctuary Team and their new partner, the Social Justice Team, will discuss the future for continuing support of renewable energy at church.



Earth Month Is Coming

Everyone, dust off your greenest hat! Earth Month approaches.

We’ll enjoy multiple ways to celebrate this amazing planet. There will be an intergenerational sermon by Lindsay, green bargain sales during social hours, an eye-opening eco-flick, perhaps a new gardening idea, and our annual native plant sale.

Would You Like Your Own Hymnal?

A number of people have indicated an interest in owning their own copy of the gray hymnal "Singing the Living Tradition" and/or the teal hymnal "Singing the Journey."

We are going to place a bulk order with the UUA Bookstore and split the shipping, so if you'd like to order one (or more), send your request to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org) by April 1.

The gray hymnal is \$28 and the teal is \$18. Your total cost will depend on the shipping rate (which is determined by how many hymnals we order). Before the order is placed, you will be contacted with your total for final approval.

Never Meditated?

It's a great time to start! The UUSG Buddhist Meditation & Study Group will soon start a new book, "Zen Keys" by Thich Nhat Hanh. They welcome new members and visitors anytime. For more information, contact Lisa Gades and Eric Bodwell at uubuddhism@uusg.org.

What Happens at Board Meetings?

To improve communication, the Board of Directors publishes a summary of each meeting (see the article below for information about the February 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 7pm on 2nd Tuesdays.

Board Meeting Summary

February 10, 2015

1. Conducted Executive Session on personnel matters
2. Will hire engineer to determine feasibility and cost of moving Pioneer House
3. Updated progress of Assistant Minister search
4. Initiated planning for Annual Report and Annual Meeting
5. Discussed needs for keeping ministries enthusiastic and alive
6. Initiated response to City of Geneva for Pizza Booth at Swedish Days

Circles of Life

Congratulations to Sally & Jim Jones on the arrival of their first grandchild, Ethan Graham Jones, on January 30! Baby Ethan and his parents, Shaun and Amy, live in North Carolina.

On Saturday, March 28 at 3pm, we'll gather in the Sanctuary to celebrate the life of long-time church member Jerry Henningson.

Learning More About...

Our Lay Ministers offer active listening and presence for those who might feel abandoned, confused, or frightened during life's more difficult times or who simply need someone outside the immediate circle of family and friends with whom to talk confidentially.

You may reach the Lay Ministers by contacting Mark Alleman at 630-863-3569 or by email at layministers@uusg.org.

Giving Thanks

We're looking for a few more people with good handwriting to write "thank you" notes to those UUSG members and friends who turn in a pledge form.

Stationery, envelopes, stamps, and addresses will be provided. Note-writers will not have any pledge info about those whom they're thanking.

If you can help out, contact Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org) and tell her how many notes you can write in February and March.

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/.

A Friendly Face

Individuals, couples, and families are all invited to act as greeters on Sunday mornings as we welcome members, friends, and visitors into the Sanctuary.

Current openings are listed online and in the Common Room; if you can help out, sign up at www.uusg.org/greeting.

Upcoming Staff Time Off

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, will be on Study Leave March 9-14.

Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips will be off work March 15-17.

Our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, will be off work March 27 - April 5.

Kid-Friendly Events & Activities

Parents, would you like to receive announcements describing opportunities at UUSG that are especially designed for your children (beyond Religious Education)?

Find out about social justice opportunities for young people, what activities for children are being planned in conjunction with the church-wide events, and when childcare will be provided for free.

Sign up at www.uusg.org/opt-in to be included.

Online Covenant Groups

The four groups are up and running. We still have room for some additional members of our On-Line Covenant Groups - on the Fourth Monday (1) and on the Fourth Thursday (3). If you're interested, or would want to be notified if a spot opens up on the Third Tuesday or the Fourth Saturday, let Rev. Lindsay (minister@uusg.org) know.

Lindsay's Reserved Parking Place

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.

What's That Noise?

If you are hearing a high-pitched "chirp" in the church, it's more than likely a carbon monoxide detector that needs its battery replaced. (Our heat and fire detectors don't chirp – they signal our alarm company and the fire department shows up.)

Carbon monoxide detectors are located in the Common Room, the Potter Room, the Sanctuary, the main floor of Pioneer House, the upper floor of Pioneer House, the lower level hallway, and the Pioneer House basement

Please locate the chirping detector and replace its battery. Fresh batteries can be found in a marked container on the shelves above the work table in the Volunteer Office.

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 Info-Intake" on Tuesday, March 24, 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 March 31.

Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time begins
on Sunday, March 8.



MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 12:30 PM "New UUs" Orientation Program 12:30 PM Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group 12:45 PM Meeting 2:00 PM Ministry on Ministries Meeting 3:15 PM Mental Health Ministry Event: Psychological Treatment for LBGTQ Individuals	2 7:30 PM Technology Team Meeting	3 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Program & Administrative Councils	4 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	5 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM Fox River Valley Initiative Meeting 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	6 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	7 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service: Northern Illinois Food Bank 1:00 PM UUSG Band Rehearsal
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 10:30 AM Coming of Age Mentor Planning Meeting 11:00 AM Finance Team Meeting 11:00 AM Green Sanctuary Team Meeting 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 12:30 PM Canvass Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social 12:30 PM Membership Team Meeting (to be rescheduled) 2:00 PM Lay Ministers' Meeting	9 <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 7:00 PM Reiki Discussion Group 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM LRE Team Meeting	10 <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 9:00 AM Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Board of Directors	11 <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 4:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	12 <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry 7:30 PM Write Time Writers' Group	13 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 6:30 PM "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) Program Overnight Begins	14 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> 4:00 PM "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) Program Overnight Ends 7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group
15 <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</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 Groundskeeping Team Meeting 2:00 PM Private Recital 7:00 PM Reiki Share	16 <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> 7:00 PM "Bible Study for UUs" Group	17 <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	18 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	19 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	20 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	21 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> Reserved for Circle Suppers (off-site) 1:00 PM Private Meeting
22 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 11:15 AM Coming of Age Program 12:30 PM Drum Circle 12:30 PM Facilities Team Meeting 12:30 PM Social Justice Team Meeting 1:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Event: TBD 2:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	23 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Reiki Share (note date change) 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	24 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Hypnosis Info-Intake Session 7:00 PM Small Group Ministry	25 <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	26 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 9:15 AM Simply Sharing Circle 7:00 PM "Feel Good in the Present" Group Meeting 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group 7:30 PM Write Time Writers' Group	27 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 11:30 AM The Geezers Group (off-site) 7:00 PM Friday Flicks: "Pay to Play"	28 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 10:00 AM Online Covenant Group 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Jerry Henningson (rooms reserved 12-5pm)
29 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> Palm Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 11:15 AM Big Ideas Covenant Group 11:15 AM Coming of Age Program 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Interweave Meeting	30 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i>	31 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis	1 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	2 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	3 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 8:00 PM Tenebrae: Service of the Shadows (doors open at 7:30pm)	4 <i>Church School Administrator on Vacation</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.

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