



A Newsletter of
The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

THE PIONEER

July-August 2014

The Return of ... The Paper Pulpit!

The Paper Pulpit has been on hiatus for a while (although I'm not entirely sure anybody noticed—no one except Katie has asked me where it went!). It's now coming back as a regular part of our monthly Pioneer.

Sometimes I'll be sharing my own reflections. Sometimes I'll share the words of others. This time, I'm sharing a column from the UU Community Church of Augusta, Maine: "When to Call the Minister."

Call the Minister When....

- You just want to talk.
- When you don't know me, but would like to.
- When your child doesn't know me, but would like to or you would like them to.
- When your family doesn't know me, but would like to.
- When you are looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life.
- When your children have questions of faith and you would like me to visit with them.
- When you have religious or spiritual questions.
- When you are celebrating one of life's joys and want to share the good news.
- When your child has joys and accomplishments to share with their minister.
- When you or your child are feeling sad or lonely, or lost.
- When you have lost your job, found a new job, been promoted, or been demoted.
- When you or a family member is ill.
- When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.
- When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- When you would like to make plans for a memorial service. When you would like to make plans for your memorial service.
- When you are planning to be married. When you are challenged by the demands of marriage. When you are separated or planning to get a divorce.

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- When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you want to be pregnant but aren't.
- When you would like your child dedicated.
- When you are challenged by life's daily happenings.
- When you feel ready to join the congregation.
- When you want to share your experience of or appreciation for our beloved community.
- When you have concerns about the church or our faith community.
- When you have a good story to share.
- When you just want to talk.

Peace ~ Lindsay

(For all of the above, Lindsay can be reached at 630-464-1668, but please see page 5 for some upcoming dates when she will not be available due to time off.)

Religious Education Announcements

YRUU Habitat for Humanity Build = Success!!

Twenty-seven teenagers and 8 adult chaperones recently returned from the 7th successful year working with Itasca County Habitat for Humanity in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Thank you for doing such a great job building a house for a deserving family!

Special shout outs to Nancy Christensen for feeding the crew on pennies a day, the Benjamin family for contributing not one but two vehicles, Bob & Mary Swanson for chaperoning the final overnight in Wisconsin, and of course to the 27 hard-working, hard-playing feisty UUSG youth.

Youth

Paula Amat	Aron Bartozsek	Katherine Benjamin	Elaina Boss
Grace Christiani	Mara Handler	Natalie Hong	Griffin Johnson
Audrey Jonke	Bryce Jonke	Sarah Jonke	Isaac Karim
Joe Masini	Anna Masini	Dane McKittrick	David Montgomery
Jake Montgomery	Mary Phillips	Jack Roberts	Sophia Spiegel
Evelyn Steinbrueck	Chris Stibal	Ryan Thornton	Katy Vetter
Luci Whiting	Abby MacKay Zacker		Ben Zinser

Chaperones

Jenny Benjamin	Nancy Christensen	Mary Jonke	Laura Laughlin
Dan Masini	Andy Montgomery	Jeff Stibal	Tom Zimmerman

Homecoming

Homecoming Sunday is September 14.

We are looking forward to a successful and joyful year of Religious Education!

Thank You, Teachers!

We would like to thank our 2014-2015 volunteer teachers:

Jaime Andersen
 Diane Handler
 Becky Hruby
 Kate Johnson
 Mary Jonke
 Elba Karim
 Jennifer Klein
 Laura Laughlin
 Chung Liang
 Alice Martin
 Katie Masini
 Kim McDuffee-Dotson
 Jenny Montgomery
 Wendy Mosier
 Carol Myers
 Dawn Pokorny
 Geoff Pynn
 Bill Scown
 Shawn Thornton
 Lyn Wilder-Dean
 Anne Wilson-Dooley
 Tom Zimmerman

LRE Teachers Needed

Our teaching teams are filling up nicely, but we still have some openings. We are looking for LRE teachers for the following teams:

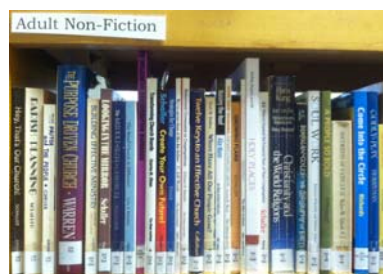
- PreK at 9:30am (1 teacher needed)
- PreK at 11:15am (1 teacher needed)
- K-2nd grade at 11:15am (1 teacher needed)
- 3rd-5th grade at 9:30am (1 teacher needed)

If you are interested in joining a team, contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

Library Love

We would like to thank Mary Garland for volunteering to organize our library!

Mary will be helping us get the library up and running. We have several new books and are excited to share them.



RE Registration Reminder

Is your children (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.

Please return completed forms to the envelope on the LRE bulletin board or mail them to the church.

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

Save the Date

Our Teacher Start-Up Meeting is Monday, August 25, 7:30-9:30pm at UUSG.

Memorial Garden Updates

This week and next, we are installing granite replacements of all the current crumbling limestone in the Garden.

If you have requested that an old stone be set aside for you, it will be available in the church office beginning August 3.

Later in August, any unclaimed old stones will be offered to the congregation and then the community on a first-come, first-served basis for sentimental reasons, landscaping, etc.

Swedish Days Results

This year's Swedish Days pizza booth brought together over 105 volunteers, who served 282 pizzas, collected \$243.25 for our youth's July Habitat for Humanity trip, and made \$2,654 for UUSG.

In addition, due to our "Buy Back the Pizza Booth" campaign, we sent \$2,200 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who helped out!

Summer Summary

Worship Services

Through September 7: one service at 10am

- August 3: Poetry Service, led by William Elbert
- August 10: Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas
- August 17: Guest in the Pulpit: Jim King
- August 24: Taize Service, led by Cynthia Spiegel
- August 31: Rev. Lindsay: "Thou Shalt Not Other"
- September 7: Music Celebration with Ruth Cavanaugh
Last summer service
- September 14: Homecoming Sunday!
Back to two services each Sunday, at 9:30am & 11:15am

Church School

- Church school is on summer hiatus until September 14.

Spring & Summer Staffing

- Through August 17: Church School Administrator working from home Monday – Thursday
- Wednesday, July 30 – Thursday, August 14: Senior Minister on vacation, then at hypnotism conference
- Sunday, August 31: Congregational Administrator off work
- Monday, September 1: Office closed and all staff off for Labor Day
- Other vacation dates for our Church School Administrator will be announced as they are scheduled.

FY2013-2014 Financial Summary

Income

We budgeted for an income of \$348,200 with a projected deficit of \$19,833 (for a total of \$368,033). We received actual income of \$370,964, which is \$22,764 over the budgeted amount.

Even after we account for the projected deficit, our income was still \$2,931 over the budgeted amount.

Details: We continued to receive pledges after the budget was approved, so the projected pledge income in the budget was lower than our actual pledges. Pledge income came in at 109% of the budgeted amount.

Expenses

We budgeted for expenses of \$368,033 and spent \$360,357, which is \$7,676 under the budgeted amount.

Details: Although our "Place" expenses were higher than expected, expenses for musicians, childcare, the Interweave Group, the WOW Team, and worship were lower than expected.

Surplus

Total actual income	\$370,964
Total actual expenses	<u>\$360,357</u>
Surplus	\$ 10,607

The surplus of \$10,607 has been moved from our checking account into the Elsa Ollsson Capital Endowment Fund until the Board decides on further action.

We also collected \$27,548.94 in "Beyond Our Walls" and loose plate collections going to social justice causes.

If you would like to see a copy of the year-end financial report, see the "Board News" display on the east wall of the Common Room or talk to Katie Phillips



Summer Services

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

Social Justice News

Volunteer Opportunities for All Ages

Saturday, August 9, 9am-11am

- Batavia Community Garden (311 W. Main St. in Batavia)
- Help us harvest vegetables for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

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

- Northern Illinois Food Bank (273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva)
- Anyone ages 8 and older is welcome.

Please sign up for the either of the above events 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.

Caring for Those “Beyond Our Walls”

Your generous “Beyond Our Walls” contributions in July sent \$926 to Mutual Ground Shelter in Aurora.

Mutual Ground’s mission is to provide a safety net of services for victims of domestic abuse, including emotional abuse and sexual assault. Although only women and children can stay at the shelter, Mutual Ground helps 1,500 men, women, and children each year.

“Change for a Change”

Many thanks to everyone who dropped coins (or bills) in the “Change for a Change” Jar in the Sanctuary between July 2013 and June 2014. Because of your generosity, we were able to send \$311.19 to the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in rural western Kenya.

This high school was built several years ago to educate girls. The student body has grown quickly from 12 to almost 60. The school needs many things, including beds, books, and science lab equipment, as well as money to cover tuition for orphans and daughters of poor farm families.

The jar is ready to fill again, this time to support Bridge Communities.

Building Relationships for Community Organizing

On Friday, August 22 at 7pm, we will show the film *The Democratic Promise* as part of our “Friday Flick” Film Series.

This prize-winning documentary is the story of ordinary people making profound differences in their communities. The evening’s program will focus on strengthening democracy through building relationships with others.

Meet our partners in the Fox River Valley Broad-Based Organization and hear about community organization in our region. Find out how you can help make a difference in our community regarding mental health, affordable housing, and work force development.

Pottawatomie Habitat

The local Habitat for Humanity project is rehabbing a house located at 1620 13th Ave. (on the east side of St. Charles) between 9am and 3pm each Saturday. The house is for a single mother with two young children.

Contact Nancy Goodfellow and Hal Schulman at habitat.coordinator@uusg.org for more details about the tasks scheduled.

Lazarus House Volunteers

We greatly appreciate our July Lazarus House volunteers: Jacque Miller, who made lunch; Tom Russo, who brought pizza for dinner; and Shawn Thornton, who stayed overnight.



Prairie State Energy Special Interest Group

If you live in Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, or Rochelle, you may have heard about environmental and economic concerns regarding bituminous coal energy supplied by the Prairie State Company. To learn more about the issues and the effort, contact Jean Pierce at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org.

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		

Please bring a dish to pass. Fried chicken, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. You can also bring your musical talent to the UUSG Open Mic!

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

Questions about the event? Contact our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.

Women's Guild Luncheon

The Women's Guild of UUSG invites all interested folks to join them for their annual summer luncheon on Monday, August 11 at 12pm at Riganato's Restaurant on Route 38 in Geneva.

If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Common Room or call Winnie Blewitt (whose contact information is in the directory or available from the church office).

What Happens to Unspecified Donations?

Because of financial constraints, beginning July 1, any donations not specified for a UUSG pledge, "Beyond Our Walls" collection, or other purpose will remain with UUSG instead of going to outside causes.

2nd Annual Women's Retreat: "It's All About Me...Being More"

Registration begins October 1! Space is limited; 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 information about the retreat or want to offer your services, contact Samantha Mejia at womensretreat@uusg.org.

Staff Time Off

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, is on vacation and then at a hypnotism conference through August 14.

In the event of an emergency or urgent matter while Lindsay is gone, you may call Lay Ministries Coordinator Mark Alleman at 630-863-3569 or Lay Minister Jim Jenkins at 630-677-2232.

Sister Suppers

Deadline extended—sign up today! Modeled on the UUSG traditional Circle Suppers, these are social gatherings of female members and friends of UUSG.

The goal is fun, fellowship, and new & renewed connections. Groups of participants take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers.

If you would like to participate, please sign up online at www.uusg.org/sister-suppers by August 1.

New Book for Buddhists

The UUSG Buddhist Meditation and Study Group will begin a new book—"Full Catastrophe Living" by Jon Kabat-Zinn—on July 30.

It's a great time for new members! For more information, contact Lisa Gades and Eric Bodwell at uubuddhism@uusg.org.

Upcoming Membership Prep Class

Are you thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? If you are and you have attended at least some of the "New UUs" orientation sessions, please come to the Membership Prep Class on Sunday, August 17, 11:30-2pm.

This class is a requirement for church membership, and you'll have the opportunity to sign "The Book" at the end of the class.

Lunch will be provided. We are working to coordinate childcare so please let us know by August 10 if you need it to attend.

Mark your calendars and sign up today at www.uusg.org/mem-prep-class.

UUSG Summer Follies

Come and join the frivolity at this all-ages event!

Absurd foolishness & buffoonery will have you howling with laughter at the UUSG Follies.

This event will feature UUSG's own Melissa Auer, Betty Bristol, Alexa Feeney, Chung Liang, Tracey McFadden, Jacque Miller, Tracy Rosenkrans, Llona Steele, and our fearless leader, Steve Zrebic.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 23—come for appetizers and wine at 6pm, stay for the hilarious show at 7pm.

Be Part of the Magic

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.

Hosting Social Hour

Fellowship thrives on Sunday mornings during Social Hour—keep the love (and coffee) flowing! We still have openings in October and November, so reserve your date today by signing up at www.uusg.org/hosting.

Learning More About the Bible

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 August 18, and they will be discussing Luke and pages 150-159 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.

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 next meet at UUSG on Sunday, August 24 at 11:30am for a brief presentation. Then they will proceed to a local restaurant for social time together.

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

Weeds, Begone!

We'd love your 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 August or September.

Defaulting to Email

One of the recent revisions to our bylaws makes email (instead of postal mail) the default method of communication with our members.

Beginning July 1, any communications from UUSG (including pledge statements) will be via email unless you specifically request otherwise.

If you would prefer to receive your pledge statements or other information via postal mail, contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips.

Biking to Church?

You can park your wheels at the bike rack on the south side of Pioneer House.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

David & Renée Tomell for always stepping up to help at the Social Hour. The Tomells have been available in recent months to explain details of brewing coffee to anyone in the kitchen on Sundays.

Our weeders: Elke Chateau; Diane Handler; Becky, Sean, & Calvin Hruby; Sally Jones; Cathy Kern & Alistair Betts; Karen Laukaitis, Katie Masini; Kathy Meier; Julie Riffle; and Llona Steele. Thank you for making our grounds beautiful.

Jeanne Neltner for the four years she single-handedly coordinated UUSG's monthly commitment to Lazarus House. Jeanne ensured lunch, dinner, and overnight support were provided, and frequently stayed overnight herself. Thank you, Jeanne, for all your hard work serving the homeless in our community.

Roger Gallentine, Benjamin Stibal, and Christopher Stibal, who helped out with the Pizza Booth and were inadvertently left off of last month's list of volunteers

Kim Liang and Kevin Beyer for taking the time to update nearly 1,000 offering envelopes with new stickers

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

Our July Social Hour Hosts: William Elbert, Jenny Montgomery, Jeanne Neltner, Jerry Nordengren, Bill & Jeannie Scown, David & Renée Tomell, and Cindy Vacek

Our July Counters: Kim Liang, Patrick McGleam, Jim O'Malley, Kevin O'Neill, Bob Prah, and the Finance Team

Circles of Life

Two rounds of congratulations are in order for church members Steve & Emily Clark—they welcomed twins Sarah Elaine and Helenna Grace on June 24! The girls were born healthy but 8 weeks early, so they're only now coming home from the NICU—Sarah last Saturday and Helenna hopefully this week. We can't wait to meet them!

It was also a joy to see newly-arrived Finley Piper McNamara in church with her mom Katie Hansen and big sister Quinn.

Best wishes to our former UUSG Administrative Assistant Cathy Baunach and her partner of 22 years, Laura Welmers, who were married at the church by Rev. Lindsay on July 19.

We also send our congratulations to Katy Pokorny and Niel Hutchison, married by Rev. Lindsay at UUSG on June 27.

We also celebrate with Brad Lipman, who retired this month and enjoyed a surprise party at UUSG in his honor.

There's so much good news this month, but we also remember that other church members are having medical adventures—in fact, they're too busy having those adventures to give us the thumbs-up to list their names. But we wish them all a speedy recovery!

Report from General Assembly

By UUSG Member Monica Jenkins

I attended the UUA General Assembly (GA) in Providence, Rhode Island as a delegate for UUSG.

On the UUA resolution to divest from fossil fuels, I voted yes. The resolution passed. It is my hope that we here at UUSG will follow suit and divest from fossil fuels in a similar way.

I attended this GA to present a program, *Love Reaches out to Address our Climate Crisis*, with 5 other UUs who also trained as Climate Reality presenters last summer in Chicago.

To read my full report, please go to www.uusg.org/s/Report-from-GA-2014.pdf.

Questions? Want to talk? Feel free to contact me (my information is in the directory or available from the church office).

Monica Jenkins

Want to Know More?

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

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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:30 AM Facilities Team Meeting-- CANCELED	28 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Facilities Meeting--Proposal Review 7:30 PM UUSG Follies Rehearsal	29 Eid al-Fitr 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	30 Senior Minister's Day Off 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	31 Senior Minister's Sabbath 6:30 PM Board Retreat	1 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off Senior Minister on Vacation	2 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off Senior Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Anderson Bar Mitzvah
3 Senior Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:15 AM Membership Team Meeting 11:30 AM Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group	4 Senior Minister on Vacation 7:00 PM Facilities Meeting--Proposal Review 7:00 PM FRVI Mental Health Group Meeting 7:30 PM Technology Team Meeting 7:30 PM UUSG Follies Rehearsal	5 Senior Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Program & Administrative Councils	6 Senior Minister on Vacation 7:00 PM Emergency Response Team Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	7 Building Closed for Carpet Cleaning Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 6:30 PM Board Retreat (off-site)	8 Building Closed for Carpet Cleaning Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference	9 Building Closed for Carpet Cleaning (until 2pm) Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service: Batavia Community Garden 7:00 PM UUSG Follies Comedy Show rehearsal
10 Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:00 AM Green Sanctuary Team Meeting (tentative) 1:00 PM Private Event	11 Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 12:00 PM Women's Guild Summer Luncheon (off-site) 7:00 PM Reiki Discussion Group 7:30 PM LRE Team Meeting	12 Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Board of Directors	13 Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference 4:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	14 Senior Minister's Sabbath 7:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry 7:30 PM Write Time Writers' Group	15 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off	16 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off 3:30 PM Small Group Ministry
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31 Congregational Administrator Off Today 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM	1 Labor Day Office Closed / All Staff Off	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Program & Administrative Councils	3 Senior Minister's Day Off 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM GAS AA	4 Senior Minister's Sabbath 7:15 PM WomenSpirit Rising	5 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off	6 Church School Administrator's Day Off Congregational Administrator's Day Off 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service: Northern Illinois Food Bank

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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 August 25 at 9am.

Guidelines for submissions are available at

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

Please send all articles to office@uusg.org.