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The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

It's a good thing there were other options, or the cats and I would have starved. Scot (one "t" - my husband, not to be confused with Rev. Scott, two "t"s, our new Assistant Minister) had gone out of town for three days. His first night away, I was thinking soup would make a good supper, and I'm capable of heating up a can of soup (those who know me will tell you that I'm seriously cooking-impaired; it's usually not safe to leave me alone in a kitchen). This can, however, required a can opener. Since I don't cook, and am in fact rarely in the kitchen, I first had to find the can opener. Managed that part of the process. So far so good. Now to open the can.

You who know your way around a kitchen undoubtedly know that cans and can openers have changed greatly over the years. No longer does the can opener pierce the lid, introducing germs and metal into the soup and getting soup onto the can opener. Now the can opener separates the lid from the can by breaking a glue seal. No metal or other gunk to enter the can, no food ever touches the can opener. A vast improvement - cleaner, neater, healthier.

But I could *not* make that newfangled can opener work to save my life. I tried to fit it to the can every which way I could think of, and I never found the correct position. Deeply frustrating, and leading to the creative use of high level theological language. What grown woman can't figure out a can opener? This one, apparently.

I found something else for supper. When Scot returned home, and after he'd stopped laughing, he gave me a brief Introduction to the Modern Can Opener. I now understand the theory. I have yet to attempt to put it into practice. But I think I can handle a soup can the next time I'm home alone and hungry.

Ever have that experience of being suddenly introduced to something - a gadget, a procedure, an idea - that you *know* you're capable of mastering, but it's just not coming together for you? Sometimes you just have to walk away and seek help, even if it feels embarrassing to do so. I don't think Scot needed to be quite as amused as he appeared to be. But hey, I learned to use the can opener, he got a good healthy laugh out of it, and I have further strengthened my position as a non-cook. It all worked out. It usually does.

Peace ~

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We are now on our summer schedule of one worship service at 10am on Sundays.

Please note that there is NO WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, June 28 due to the Swedish Days Festival.

Come visit our Pizza Booth at the NE corner of 3rd and James Streets instead!

Religious Education News

“Coming of Age” Service

We would like to congratulate Marcelite Bucheit, Alexander Cordogan, and Ellie Montgomery on their completion of the “Coming of Age” program!

We would also like to thank our wonderful facilitators and mentors: Gary Noll, Kathie Noll, Lou Pierce, Diane Peters, and Tom Peters.

LRE Teachers Needed

Our teaching teams are filling up nicely, but we still have some open spots we hope to fill. We are looking for LRE teachers for the following teams:

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

We have exciting curriculum focused on our UU sources. In a teaching team of four people, you can pick your Sundays, teaching twice a month on average.

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

RE Registration Reminder

Your child(ren) were recently sent home with a registration form for the 2015-2016 school year. If your child did not receive a form in class, then one was mailed to your home.

Please review, sign, and return the form. Forms can be returned to the envelope on the LRE bulletin board in the Common Room or mailed to the church.

If you need another copy of your form, please contact Michelle Gibson at LRE@uusg.org.

LRE Volunteers Needed

Help support our Lifespan Religious Education Program! We are in need of volunteers for the 2015-2016 church year.

This month, you will see several different sign-up sheets on the LRE bulletin board in the Common Room.

Some of the areas where you could volunteer your time are: LRE Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Summer Classroom Clean-up, Driver, Chaperone, and “Coming of Age” mentor.

Do You Want a UUSG Choir?

How much do you value music and specifically a choir for the church service?

Money for a Choir Director has been cut from the budget. The Board is trying to be fiscally responsible and must weigh competing priorities.

Could you help reinstate a Choir Director (\$4,000)?

An anonymous donor has put up \$1,500 toward that goal and others have added more than \$500, so we have about \$2,000.

If each pledging unit (180) gave \$11 (2-3 Starbucks coffees), we could have a director and choir.

Please write checks to UUSG with “for Choir Director fund” on the memo line. Thank you for chipping in!

Our Flowers Need YOU!

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

Depending on how much help we get from Mother Nature, this shouldn't involve a large investment in time.

In a typical week, we would water the flower beds in the Memorial Garden and also the urns in front of the Sanctuary once or twice.

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

Lindsay on Vacation

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, is on vacation June 22-29.

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

Summer Services, Sunday School, & Staffing

Worship Services

All services are on Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted.

- **June 28: No service due to Swedish Days**
Sign up at www.uusg.org/swedish-days.
- July 7: Guest in the Pulpit: Steve Zrebiec will speak on “Economic Justice”
- July 12: Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas; topic TBA
- July 19: Rev. Lindsay will speak on “Practical Goodness: JAMS in Kenya”
- July 26: Rev. Lindsay will speak on “The Compassionate Buddha”
- August 2: Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas; topic TBA
- August 9: Taize Service, led by Cynthia Spiegel
- August 16: Guest in the Pulpit: the Rev. Dr. Rudra Dundzila will speak on “Worshipping With Recruits at Great Lakes Naval”
- August 23: Rev. Lindsay will speak on “Building Bridges”
- August 30: Poetry Service, led by William Elbert
- September 6: Rev. Lindsay will speak on “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 is on summer hiatus until September 20.

Spring & Summer Staffing

- June 1 – August 31: Church School Administrator working from home Monday – Thursday
- June 22-29: Senior Minister on vacation
- Sunday, June 28: Office closed and all staff off due to Swedish Days
- Sunday, July 27: Congregational Administrator off work
- July 29 – August 13: Senior Minister on vacation, then at conference
- August 16-20: Congregational Administrator on vacation
- Monday, September 7: Office closed and all staff off for Labor Day
- Vacation dates for our Church School Administrator will be announced as they are scheduled.

Support Our New Assistant Minister

We’re very excited our new Assistant Minister, Scott Talbot Lewis, will be joining our staff beginning September 1!

If you have already made a pledge to support him, thank you! If you haven't make a pledge yet, we invite you to add your support – you can pledge online at www.uusg.org/assistant-minister-pledge or in the Common Room.

Women’s Retreat

Save the Date! We are excited to share the dates for the 3rd Annual Women’s Retreat. “Web of Women: Connecting the Women of UUSG” will be January 22-24, 2016. More details to come. Questions? Contact Samantha Mejia (womensretreat@uusg.org).

What’s Happening During Swedish Days?

Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, is in the office her regular hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm), during the week of Swedish Days.

Remember, there is not a worship service on Sunday, June 28.

Meetings have been canceled, rescheduled, or moved off-site. Check the online calendar at www.uusg.org/calendar or with the group leader to find out if, where, and when the group is meeting.

Requesting Reimbursement?

If you spent money on behalf of UUSG this year and have not yet requested reimbursement, please do so by June 30. Request envelopes are available just outside our Congregational Administrator’s office, or you can email your request (along with receipts) to Katie at office@uusg.org.

Requests MUST be received by June 30.

2014-2015 Pledges

If you haven’t fulfilled your 2014-15 pledge yet, please try to do so by June 30.

If you would like to know your balance, please contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, at office@uusg.org.

Green Corner

Growing Gardens & Indoor Plants

Many thanks to all who bought native plants at the Green Sanctuary Team's sale! Rain hindered the sale on June 7, but perfect weather welcomed buyers on June 14.

Remaining plants will be placed around the church grounds. Profits will go to UUSG's "Green Maintenance Expenses" and to this year's "triple challenge" recipient, The Conservation Foundation.

Thanks to those who helped with the sale: Trish Beckjord, Kurt Heinz, Nancy Goodfellow, Jess Holtzapple & friend, and the Drivers with daughter Ginny. All plants were discounted. Trish provided the native plants from Midwest Groundcovers and Jess brought varieties of house plants from various outside sources.

Super Summer Supper

Save August 22 for the Super Summer Supper organized by the Social Justice and Green Sanctuary Teams!

This year, our Super Summer Supper will have a new twist. *Part* of the menu will present a Vegan Challenge. See if you can tell which foods have no meat.

Contact SuperSummerSupper@uusg.org to help plan the menu or sign up to come by going to www.uusg.org/super-summer-supper.

Green Tomato Grocery Co-Op

Have you visited Green Tomato Grocery's meetings yet? On the 1st Thursday of each month this summer, they will meet at UUSG with various informative topics. Join us on July 2 at 7pm.

New memberships are encouraged: 300 memberships will enable GTG to determine location, size, composition, and benefits. All members vote on decisions.

You may spot their booth at a Saturday Batavia Farmer's Market or Green Fair. Find out more about their purpose, organization, and timing. In addition to regular customer choices, they will feature organic, vegetarian, and vegan foods – perhaps much like you have hoped to find nearby, but couldn't.

Sister Suppers 2015

Modeled on UUSG Circle Suppers, these are gatherings of UUSG women (members and friends). The goal is fun, fellowship, and new and renewed connections.

Suppers will occur in July, August, September, and October. To participate, sign up online at www.uusg.org/sister-suppers. Help spread the word by inviting women from UUSG to sign up!

If you have any questions, contact Laura Laughlin at SisterSuppers@uusg.org.

New to UUSG?

You may be interested in attending our "Taste of New UUs" program, which will be held Sunday, July 19, 11:30am-2pm.

This is the abbreviated, summer version of the three-week orientation program we offer twice during the regular church year.

You'll have an opportunity to discuss personal journeys, ways to get involved, and what it means to be a member of UUSG.

A light lunch will be included. Childcare will be provided, but please register for it. You can sign up at www.uusg.org/taste-of-new-uus or in the Common Room.

Circles of Life

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death on June 3 of UUSG member Cathy Newman Holmes. Some of you may know Cathy from her participation in our Last Tuesday Hypnotism group. But most will remember her as a devoted Sunday School teacher of our younger children for many years.

A memorial service celebrating Cathy's life will be held at UUSG on Thursday, July 2 at 2pm, with a reception/visiting time to follow. We send to her husband Steve and her children Stephanie and Eric our loving sympathy on this devastating loss.

We also send our loving sympathy to Ingrid Ramos and her family. Ingrid's father died in February, and the extended family is gathering in Elburn on July 11 for a graveside memorial service led by Rev. Lindsay.

Social Justice News

Used Book Sale & Art Fair – July 25

Needed: people to carry books: Please sign up to help during each shift. Sign up today at www.uusg.org/used-book-sale.

All UUSG artists and crafters are welcome to sign up to display their wares during the Geneva Art Fair in the UUSG courtyard and on the front lawn (inside the church if it rains). For \$10, you will have a 3' x 3' space (card-table shaped). You arrange for easels/display – you may request help. Contact usedbooksale@uusg.org to reserve your space now!

Bring your used books to church on Sunday, July 19 at 11:15am or Thursday, July 23, 6-8pm.



July Friday Flick

There will not be a Fourth Friday Flick in June due to the Swedish Days Festival.

On July 24 at 7pm, the movie will be multiple prize-winner *Shadows of Liberty*, which examines the effect of the corporate media on news reporting.

Paraphrasing John Lennon, Director Tremblay decries the media's use of control to keep us "doped with sex and scandal."

And yet, despite reporters' first-hand accounts of censorship in the name of sponsors, corporations, and government, some socially responsible news is being conveyed to those who seek it out. Join us to explore what we can do.

For the Friday Flick on August 28, we will preview and critique *Dream On*. Is the American dream alive and well?

Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

In May, we collected \$1,455.25 for Freedom from Hunger, an organization that combines microfinance with health and education services to equip very poor families to improve their incomes, safeguard their health, and achieve lasting food security.

Food Bank Group & Day of Service

Thank you to everyone who participated in this month's volunteer shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank: Kevin Beyer, William Brodeur, James Carroll, Jamie Carroll, Salome Fogleman, Lisa Gades, Kathleen Herrera, Jett Herrera-Glezen, Vera Lind, Jeanne Neltner, Nate Ng, Lou Pierce, Bob Prah, Manya Prah, Hamid Rusef, Ramset Rusef, Jason Sapet, Bob Swanson, Mary Swanson, and Chris Weithers.

Together we packed and relabeled 12,000 packages of instant oatmeal!

Escalating Wealth Inequality

UUSG is sponsoring two opportunities to get involved in the UUA study of Escalating Inequality:

- July 5, 11:30am: Bill Scown will moderate a forum and discussion about what should be done to promote economic justice.
- July 12 – August 2, 11:30am: Steve Zrebiec will lead a workshop/discussion that will discuss causes and solutions to the problem as well as what we can do about it. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the 1-hour sessions.

Commit to Knit

In the good old summertime, we're working from home, continuing to create gifts for the non-profit organization Women4Women Knitting4Peace (www.knitting4peace.org) and local services.

Monthly get-togethers will resume in the fall. In the meantime, if you have questions, suggestions, or donations, please contact Katherine Lyons (knitting@uusg.org).

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

All of our Swedish Days Pizza Booth volunteers!
A complete list will be published in next month’s Pioneer newsletter.

Nancy Petersen, who has been a volunteer extraordinaire! She recently joined the Hospitality & Fellowship Team where she has jumped right in, assisting with the Social Hour and supporting other hosts.

Diane Handler, who coordinated the Pete Seeger Songfest with UU singer-songwriter Jim Scott on May 30. She took on the project with great enthusiasm and it turned out wonderfully – we had a turn-out of over 50 people and collected donations of nearly \$300 for UUSG.

Greeters: Kevin Beyer, Dan & Sandy Bottoms, Betty Bristol, Ann Drover, Lisa Gades, Gary & Jessica Littlefield, Katie & Dan Masini, Jeanne Neltnor, Tom Peters, Lou Pierce, Martha Tabis

Hosts: Coming of Age & Friends, and others who helped in June

Counters: Kevin Beyer, Patrick McGleam, Kevin O’Neill, George Tattersfield, Finance Team

Who Deserves a PPG Award?

Our weekly “Promoting Practical Goodness” Award is an opportunity to recognize our fellow church members and friends for the many small ways people give of themselves at UUSG.

If you’d like to nominate someone, send 1-2 sentences about what they do (or did) to Katie Phillips at office@uusg.org.

Simplify Your Giving With Paypal

Would you like to automate your giving to UUSG? We now have a Paypal account, so you can set up a recurring payment to come from your checking account or be charged to your credit card.

You don’t have to remember to write a check and we don’t have to worry about a snow day throwing off our cash flow – everybody wins!

Go to our homepage (www.uusg.org) and look for the yellow “Donate” button in the right-hand sidebar.

What Happens at Board Meetings?

The Board of Directors publishes a summary of each meeting (see the article below for information about the June 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

June 9, 2015

1. Two appointed members of next year’s Nominating Committee are Ali Lanthrum and Deb Brod.
2. New Board members were welcomed and put to work.
3. Swedish Days is on target, but there are still some slots to be filled.
4. Building Task Force: an analysis of possibly leasing the 3rd Street portion was not positive. However, the City of Geneva may be interested.
5. Board Liaisons were appointed for the Ownership Campaign to be launched in the Fall: Stewardship (linked to Canvass), Membership Marketing (linked to the Communications Team with a Marketing Strategy proposed by Jan Miller), and a New Entrepreneurship Team to be led by Patricia Burch.
6. Dates are being finalized for a Board Retreat.
7. A plea to fund a Choir Director will be put in the Pioneer: we have raised about \$2,000 of the needed \$4,000.

Weeds, Begone

Keep UUSG weed-free by signing up to care for the church grounds for one week this summer.

You won’t need to water – just come by when you can, for as long as you can, during that week and pull up some weeds.

Sign up at www.uusg.org/weeding or in the Common Room.

The Sounds of Summer

To kick off the transition into summer, we enjoyed a joyful duet by Grace Christiani on flute and Geoff Pynn at the piano. Lending their talents to the "Moving Up" LRE celebration were Gabi Karim, Luci Whiting, and Lynn Fisher McCanne at the keyboard. Dawn Pokorny joined son Jack in a terrific vocal duet, and in a first for the Montgomery family, a quartet featured siblings David, Ellie, Jake, and Max. Taking his turn, dad Andy Montgomery sang for the all-ages program.

The youth and family focus continued at the "Coming of Age" service with great offerings by Marcelite Bucheit on cello, and Alexander Cordogan on violin and piano, plus Ellie Montgomery singing "Let It Be," accompanying herself at the piano. Pianist Sandra Anderson-Cordogan also performed.

Fathers' Day was festive with songs beautifully sung by Kelly Herz, accompanied by lyrical pianist Dean Malambri, including a lovely vocal duet with Thom Thomas.

Looking ahead, we'll be treated to more keyboard artistry by pianists Patricia Arzaga, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, and Lynn Fisher McCanne.

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

Bike to Church

Enjoy summer by biking to church – you can park your wheels at the bike rack on the south side of Pioneer House.

Miss a Service?

If you didn't make it to a Sunday service or just want to hear the sermon again, you can get a CD recording by asking Jeff Stibal (techdirector@uusg.org).

You can also check out what's new on our podcast at www.uusg.org/podcasts.

Supporting Our Homeless Neighbors

The Social Justice Team appreciates the help of Jenny Leslie who fixed lunches and helped Jean & Lou Pierce with dinners for Lazarus House in June. Thanks also to Shawn Thornton for staying overnight.

“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 five-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.

Please help support this family by dropping your spare change in the jar by June 30.

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Our RE Program children voted for “Elba’s Kids” to be the recipient of the “Change for a Change” jar funds next fiscal year (beginning July 1).

Can You Greet?

Thank you to everyone who has signed up in recent months to greet—it is much appreciated!

Greeting is a great way to get more familiar with our church community, to learn a few more names, and to become better known yourself.

If you can help out, please sign up today at www.uusg.org/greeting.

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/.

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

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Big Ideas Covenant Group 11:15 AM - 1:45 PM Coming of Age Program 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Social Justice Team Meeting 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Women's Retreat Planning Meeting 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM Music Rehearsal | 1 7:30 PM Technology Team Meeting | 2 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Geneva History Center Bell-Ringing Tour 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Program & Administrative Councils | 3 <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 | 4 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 6:00 PM WomenSpiritRising (meeting off-site) 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Green Tomato Co-op Meeting | 5 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting 2:00 PM Private Meeting | 6 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> |
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| 12 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM Finance Team Meeting 11:30 AM Membership Team Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Escalating Inequality 2:00 PM Lay Ministers' Meeting | 13 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reiki Discussion Group 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group | 14 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Board of Directors | 15 <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 | 16 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> | 17 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> Eid al-Fitr 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Moore/Borne Wedding Rehearsal | 18 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Begins! 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Food Bank Ministry 9:00 AM Monthly Day of Service 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM Private Memorial Interment (time TBD) 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Moore/Borne Wedding |
| 19 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Mini "New UUs" Orientation Session 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Escalating Inequality 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reiki Share | 20 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Bible Study for UUs" Group | 21 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group | 22 <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM The Luncheonettes (off-site) 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 | 23 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM Simply Sharing Circle (off-site) 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 | 24 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Set-Up for Used Book Sale 11:30 AM The Geezers Group (off-site) 7:00 PM Friday Flicks | 25 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Used Book Sale 10:00 AM Online Covenant Group |
| 26 <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Concludes 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Women's Retreat Planning Meeting 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Social Justice Team Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Escalating Inequality | 27 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Collaboration/Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Reiki Share (note date change) 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group | 28 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting | 29 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA | 30 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> | 31 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> | 1 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</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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