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The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Blessedly, there were only a few casualties. Three hostas, two pachysandra, and one tuft of ornamental grass seem not to have survived the winter. Overall, however, the survivors look quite healthy. Since I've always believed I can kill a plant by looking at it, this return of our front garden is nothing less than a miracle.

My neighbor has expressed concern and seriously inquired after my well-being. In the 27 years we've been in our house, no one has ever before seen me so intimately involved with dirt, gardening tools, and yard refuse bags. In the past, plants have regarded us with horror, pulled themselves up by their roots, and fled our home. No house plants (not with omnivorous cats). Dirt under the fingernails had no appeal.

But to my astonishment, I enjoyed being out there with the hoses last summer and fall, right after the garden went in. I know bets were placed in several quarters on how long this new infatuation with the out-of-doors would last. When I came back inside after my first spring weeding session – two hours on hands and knees, the time passing amazingly quickly – my spouse immediately offered me a drink and suggested I go lie down. Yes, it's that radical a change.

I'm discovering what so many of you have described over the years, the relaxed pleasure that comes from hands in the soil. My spell-check just tried to tell me that I actually meant to type "soul," and that may not be far off. This is soul-work. I'm learning which new growths are weeds, potentially lovely maple trees but in the worst possible places, some sort of wild garlic that infests our neighborhood, unidentified green shiny things that bear no resemblance to anything that's supposed to be there and are threatening to create a carpet in the mulch. Dandelions, of course, which I'm leaving alone for the bees. I can recognize the new pachysandra growth. And I know that the ones the rabbits have gnawed down to the root are likely to be back in a few weeks.

Today the hoses and sprinklers get placed, and I'll plant the phlox from LRE (thank you!). I foresee another couple of hours on hands and knees, removing baby maple trees. Then some time in the hanging chair, enjoying just being.

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"A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot....The veriest school Of peace"
(Thomas Edward Brown, 19th century). I do feel some regret, I fear, that I so resolutely failed to discover this until now.

Enjoy your gardens! Enjoy planting in the soul.

Peace ~

Beginning Sunday, June 7,
we will move to our summer worship schedule
of one worship service at 10am on Sundays.

Religious Education Announcements

Teacher Volunteers for 2015-2016

Look who signed up to teach our youth next year!

Jaime Andersen	Lee Bernard
Nancy Christensen	Kim McDuffee-Dotson
Becky Hruby	Mary Jonke
Jennifer Klein	Chung Liang
Martha Malana	Carol Myers
Wendy Mosier	Andy Montgomery
Jenny Montgomery	Bill Pokorny
Dawn Pokorny	Sara Robbins
Bill Scown	Shawn Thornton
Tom Zimmerman	

We hope to add your name to the list! 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 contributing, please contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusq.org.

RE Music

A note from Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, RE Music Director

During the final Sundays in March, RE Music students shared their talents during class: Calvin Hruby and Lydia Pynn on piano, Cameron Klein and Ivan Pynn on trombone, and Joshua Hoecker and Jack Pokorny reciting poetry. Each of these students is appreciated for sharing their ideas!

As the RE Music program concludes for the season, I would like to express my gratitude for the interest and participation of our amazing young people, their parents and guardians, and the church congregation and staff. It has been a marvelous year of learning, sharing, expressing, and growing through music!

2015-2016 RE Registration

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 (Church School Administrator) at LRE@uusq.org.

Moving Up

On Sunday, June 7, the LRE Team – along with Rev. Lindsay, the Puppeteers, and student musicians – will be presenting a service you won't want to miss (even if it is the beginning of summer!).

Many of our LRE students are "Moving Up" – 2nd graders into the grade 3-5 group, 5th graders into Junior High, 8th graders in YRUU, and our graduating seniors into the world beyond UUSG. Join us to celebrate their achievements in a special way!

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.

Picnic Playdate

Families, pack a lunch and bring your PreK-5th grade child/children to a picnic playdate at Island Park in Geneva on Sunday, June 7.

We'll meet outside the Common Room door at 11:30am and walk together to the park. If you'd prefer to drive, that's fine too; just meet us by the picnic tables on the children's playground.

If you'd like to bring balls, Frisbees, cards, and/or board games, etc., that would be great, too.

We hope you can make it. If you can, please email Karen Laukaitis at playdate@uusq.org. Unfortunately, if it rains, we'll have to cancel.

Coming of Age Service

The Coming of Age Service will be Sunday, June 14 at 10am. There will be a Celebration Luncheon following the service.

Our New Assistant Minister

We had a great time meeting our new Assistant Minister, the Rev. Scott Talbot Lewis, at our annual meeting on May 17!

For those of you who didn't get a chance to meet Scott, you'll have plenty of opportunities beginning this fall – he starts work at UUSG on September 1.

Scott joins UUSG having just completed a term as Sabbatical Minister and Director of Religious Education at Unity Temple. Scott brings to UUSG an abundance of enthusiasm, passion, honesty, integrity, and knowledge for religious education and the Unitarian Universalist faith.

Many, many thanks to our Search Committee – Jodi Brown, Jenny Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Dick Yingst, and Molly MacKay Zacker – for their hard work and dedication to finding the right person to lead our religious education program!

May Music

The congregation this month bid farewell to our choir director, Bridget Kancler, who led the UUSG Choir one last time in beautifully vibrant selections before moving on to other exciting things in her life.

Patricia Arzaga shone at the piano keyboard, while making her lovely vocal debut for Memorial Day weekend. Pianist Tom Zimmerman brought his warmly lyrical touch to classical works.

The UUSG Questioning Band was in fine form with a little help from Elvis (aka Tracey McFadden), Andy Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Tracy Rosenkrans, John Towell, and Jim Miles on drums. Always multi-instrumentalists, the band members upped their game with a special piece played on children's toys.

Looking ahead, we'll be treated to the keyboard artistry of pianists Geoff Pynn, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, and Dean Malambri.

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).

Top Ten Reasons We Sign Up to Work the UUSG Pizza Booth

10. Free pizza! Wait! What? I'm supposed to pay for it?
9. Tattoos! We're selling (and modeling) Viking and Swedish flag tattoos.
8. Selling more Swedish Fish than Kevin O'Neill
7. It looks good on my college applications.
6. It's only 2 hours of my time once a year.
5. Court-Ordered Community Service
4. Getting to know people I didn't know before
3. Showing the world that Swedes are about more than IKEA
2. Thought I'd enlist before I got drafted

And the number one reason we sign up to work the UUSG Pizza Booth...

1. Fulfills childhood fantasy of being pizza vendor

Geneva's Swedish Days are Tuesday, June 23 through Sunday, June 28. Our Pizza Booth will be in full swing all six days, but only with your help!

Sign up for a two-hour slot to serve up pizza & pop, or consider joining the elite rank of Day Managers. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, and we need everyone's help to make it a success.

Sign up today at www.uusg.org/swedish-days.

The Pete Seeger Songfest

This Saturday, May 30 at 2pm in the UUSG Sanctuary, we will honor folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, who believed music had the power to inspire and encourage social change.

This sing-a-long program will include many of his well-loved songs, such as "If I Had a Hammer," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and many others. All interested singers are welcome – no experience necessary!

We will be led by UU composer/guitarist Jim Scott, who knew Pete well and collaborated on many projects with him. Suggested donation: \$10-\$15. Questions? Contact Diane Handler at songfest@uusg.org.

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.

Summer Services, Sunday School, & Staffing

Worship Services

- May 31: Rev. Lindsay will speak on “The Pillars of Islam”
Last Sunday of our regular church year
- June 7: “Moving Up” Celebration
First Sunday of our summer schedule: one service at 10am
- June 14: “Coming of Age” Program Services
- June 21: Fathers’ Day Service with puppets
- 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
- 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 “Worshiping 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 will be on summer hiatus June 7 – September 14.

Spring & Summer Staffing

- June 1 – August 31: Church School Administrator working from home Monday – Thursday
- June 5-13: Congregational Administrator on vacation
- June 22-29: Senior Minister on vacation
- Sunday, June 28: Office closed and all staff off due to Swedish Days
- July 29 – August 13: Senior Minister on vacation, then at hypnotism conference
- Monday, September 7: Office closed and all staff off for Labor Day
- Other vacation dates for our Congregational Administrator and Church School Administrator will be announced as they are scheduled.

Studying the Bible as Literature

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, 7-8:30pm.

Their next meeting will be on June 15. They are currently reading “Understanding the Bible” by John Buehrens and will be discussing pages 141 to 196. For more info, contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org.

Nursery Caregiver Needed

Make a few extra bucks while helping out the littlest UUs! We’re looking for someone to join our Nursery staff.

If you would like to join our rotating group of childcare providers or know someone who might be a good fit in our Nursery, please contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

Although we’re particularly looking for regular help, please also let us know if you can be called for special events or on short notice.

Graduating Seniors

We would like acknowledge our graduating seniors:

High School

Paula Amat
Aron Bartoszek
Kylan Duncan
Angelo Fanella
Griffin Johnson
Audrey Jonke
Anna Masini
Dane McKittrick
David Montgomery
Sophia Spiegel
Jeremy Swanson
Luci Whiting

College Graduates

Chris Swanson (Marquette)
Joe Giamberdino (Macalester)

We wish you all great success in the future!



Spring Spruce-Up Summary

A great group of volunteers got a lot of work done on our May 16 Spring Spruce-Up Workday – they distributed 4 yards of mulch, weeded, pruned, planted, and, in general, spruced up! Take a few moments to walk around the property and enjoy our beautiful grounds.

Special thanks to Karen Moore and Karin Kemp, who coordinated all the workers, and to Sharon Hansen, who coordinated refreshments.

Many thanks to our hard-working volunteers: Melissa Auer, Elke Chateau, Al Drover, Ann Drover, Tim Fuller, Kathleen Herrera, Becky Hruby, Calvin Hruby, Karen Kemp, Merlin Kemp, Karen Laukaitis, Rosemary Maziarz, Pat McGleam, Karen Moore, Carol Myers, Velma Powers, Jenny Gresko Schevers, Tom Schevers, Bill Scown, Martha Tabis, Pat Vary, Ed Wehling, and Joyce Whitehead.

Thank you to the Hospitality & Fellowship Team members – Jamie Carroll, Sharon Hansen, Glenda Peck, Gail Tattersfield, and Cindy Vacek – who provided a wonderful assortment of food and drink to keep all of the volunteers happy and fueled up.

Special thanks to Tom Fuller for bringing some wonderful compost for our Memorial Garden beds.

If you helped out and are not listed above, please let us know with an email to office@uusg.org so we can recognize your time and effort.

Circles of Life

We send our loving condolences to our new Assistant Minister, Scott Talbot Lewis, on the death of his mother on May 25.

We keep Scott, his partner Tony, and Scott's extended family in our hearts during this difficult time.

Weeds, Begone

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

LGBTQ Allies

Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies. They will not meet in May, but mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21, when they will go to Island Park after the worship service for a picnic. For more information, contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

Find Your Inner Drummer

Celebrate the summer solstice at the Drum Circle on Friday, June 19, 7:30-9pm in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting; otherwise, we will be in the Sanctuary).

All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring a drum or percussion instrument. Some drums will be available to share on first-come basis. Be prepared to find your inner child!

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.

This Year's Pledge

Pledge reminder statements were emailed last week (however, if you have a zero balance, you did not receive one). 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 or you're not able to meet your commitment, please contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, at office@uusg.org.

Spring Cleaning

We're looking for someone to wash some linens—the washing part is easy, but the project also requires taking down and putting up some curtains, and pulling all the tablecloths in the classrooms.

If you can help or would like more details, talk to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org).

Social Justice News

Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities

Meals for Lazarus House this summer

Please sign up for lunch or dinner for the 1st Saturday of the month at www.uusg.org/lazarus-house.

Overnight at Lazarus House

Contact Jean Pierce at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to volunteer for July 4 or October 3.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

The combined Social Justice Day of Service and Food Bank Ministry's next volunteer event will take place on Saturday, June 20, 9-11-30am. Children ages 8 and up are welcome with a parent. To sign up, visit www.uusg.org/food-bank or contact Kevin Beyer at foodbankleader@uusg.org.

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.

Supporting Our Homeless Neighbors

The Social Justice Team thanks the following folks who were involved in the Lazarus House ministry in May: Jamie and James Carroll, who prepared lunches; and Renée and David Tomell, who fixed dinners.

T-shirt Sales

May 31 is the last day when orders will be taken for UU t-shirts. After that date, please contact Jean Pierce at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to arrange to get your shirt.

Used Book Sale & Art Fair – July 25

UUSG artists and crafters are welcome to sign up (with an email to usedbooksale@uusg.org) to display their wares from 9am to 3pm on July 25 during the Geneva Art Fair in the UUSG courtyard and on the front lawn (or inside the church if it rains).

For \$10, you will get a 3' x 3' space (card-table shaped). You arrange for easels/display – you may request help. Reserve your space now with an email to usedbooksale@uusg.org!

Plan now to bring your used books to church between 9am and 5pm on Friday, July 24. Sign up by going to www.uusg.org/used-book-sale.

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).

July Friday Flick

There will be NO Fourth Friday Flick in June due to Swedish Days. 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.

Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

So far in May, we've collected \$1,223.25 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. If you'd like to add your support, you can still do so this Sunday, May 31.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Cathy Carpenter, who recently became a member and has offered to help with the Social Hour for the various groups she has become a part of. Plus, she’s the chef of the delicious cous-cous salad at the April 19 Social Hour.

John Bucheit, Dan Masini, Molly MacKay Zacker, and Sandra Anderson-Cordogan for being fabulous OWL (“Our Whole Lives”) Program chaperones and sleeping on the floor to make it all possible.

Pat O’Malley, Al Drover, Karen Moore, Don Brod, and Lou Pierce, who acted as docents during the April 19 “Discovering Sacred Architecture” Tour of our historic church.

George Tattersfield, who has been the brains and “brawn” behind the WOW Team’s assistance for a dear church member. He organized an elaborate schedule and tended to many other small tasks to see that she had the needed help to assist with her full recovery from surgery. George is one of our church treasures!

Greeters: Martha & Anthony Malana, Membership Team, Chris Schulman, Renée & David Tomell

Hosts: James & Jamie Carroll, Communications Team, Finance Team, Sharon Hansen, LRE Team, the Sapet Family, Bill Scown, Simply Sharing Circle, Technology Team, David & Renée Tomell

Counters: David de Coriolis, Al Drover, Brad Lipman, Jim O’Malley, Kevin O’Neill, Finance Team

New LRE Team Member

We would like to welcome our new LRE Team member, Sara Robbins. Sara has been a K-2 teacher in our LRE program this past year.

The LRE Team is looking forward to having Sara join the team and to a great new year!

Wanted: Bulletin Covers

If you accidentally took home a laminated Mini-Pioneer cover and still have it, please bring it back—no questions asked!

8,500 Pounds of Potatoes

Thank you to everyone who participated in this month’s volunteer shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank: Mavra Ali; Lena, Makayla, & Marc Apullelo; Marisa Avellano; Kevin Beyer; Sadie Busch; Cathy Carpenter; James & Jamie Carroll; Kathleen Herrera; Jett Herrera-Glezen; Molly MacKay Zacker; Nate Ng; Gary & Kathie Noll; Hamid & Ramsey Rusef; Bob & Mary Swanson; Martha Tabis; Pat Vary; Chris Weithers; and Ben & Dave Zacker. We packed 8,500 pounds of potatoes!

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?

To improve communication, the Board of Directors publishes a summary of each meeting (see the article below for information about the May 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

May 12, 2015

1. Motion passed to approve Assistant Minister Agreement
2. Motion passed to accept targeted gift for choir
3. Discussed update from Building Task Force
4. Motion passed to accept Senior Minister’s letter of agreement
5. Discussed Annual Meeting agenda
6. Executive session on personnel issues

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

Help Needed in the Office

Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, is looking for some help putting together Leadership Orientation binders for our new Board members. If you can help on Monday, June 1 at 10am, please let her know at office@uusg.org.

“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). Thank you to Jean Pierce for giving the children the opportunity to vote!

Summer Social Hours

In June and July, our Sunday Social Hours take a more relaxed approach. While there is no organized hosting, that doesn’t mean the kitchen is closed—anyone is welcome to step up and host.

The hosting “How To” book can be found next to the coffee pots and offers step-by-step instructions. Need help? Contact our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.

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 <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/podcasts-uusg/id605536491>.

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. (Note: This does NOT involve watering the newly seeded areas of the lawn.)



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.

Super Summer Supper

Save the Date: Saturday, August 8! 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. Possible menu items: nachos, sloppy joes, chili, lasagna, & Black Forest cake.

Contact SuperSummerSupper@uusg.org to help plan the menu. Details about sign-up are coming soon.

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.

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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>	6 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>
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21 Fathers' Day 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Interweave Picnic (off-site) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reiki Share	22 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	23 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days	24 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Heritage Team Meeting (off-site) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	25 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM Simply Sharing Circle (off-site) 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	26 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days	27 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days 10:00 AM Online Covenant Group
28 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> Swedish Days—No Worship Services or Church School Today	29 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 7:00 PM Reiki Share (note date change)	30 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting	1 <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	2 <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Green Tomato Co-op Meeting	3 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	4 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> Independence Day

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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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