



Getting in Touch

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For more information, or to reach any of these folks, please contact the church office at 630-232-2350 or office@uusg.org.

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.



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva



Unitarian Church—Geneva, Illinois, 1842

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Welcome to this house!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

Song of Community # 360 “Here We Have Gathered”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

*At the sounding of the **Rin Gong**, please enter into **Shared Silence**.*

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the Beauty everywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.

Antiphonal Reading # 568 “Connections Are Made Slowly”

Unison Reading of Our Covenant (*written in 1842*):

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But as seekers after truth and goodness.

NEW TO UUSG?

Welcome—we’re glad you’re here!

Who We Are

As Unitarian Universalists, we are part of a long tradition of religious freedom, theological inclusiveness, and community acceptance, and we cherish our diversities of race, age, ability, politics, theology, sexual orientation, culture, and ethnicity. We are bound together not by any creed but by our Covenant (printed on the back of this bulletin), and all who find themselves in harmony with that Covenant are welcome in this house.

Offering

As our welcome guest, you may ignore the collection baskets with a clear conscience.

Religious Education for Children

Your children are welcome to attend class or they may stay with you in the Sanctuary. If they attend class, please fill out an abbreviated registration form (found in the pew pockets) for each child and send it with your child to give to the teacher. If you plan on sending your child to class again after your initial class visit day, please remember to complete (1) the Regular Registration Form and (2) the Emergency Contact Information & Consent-to-Treat Form (found attached to the LRE Bulletin Board in the Common Room) for each child. You can turn in the completed forms to our Church School Administrator Deb Askelson’s mailbox in the Volunteer Office. Students attending field trips, overnights, and conferences require additional forms and copies.

Social Hour

Please join us for Social Hour in the Common Room following each service. Members of our Membership Committee will be available to answer any questions you have about Unitarian Universalist and our church in particular. The Welcome Table is located on the west wall of our Common Room.

New UUs Orientation Program

This program is designed for anyone who would like more information about Unitarian Universalism in general and UUSG in particular. The next round of sessions begins today right after the second service and will continue on February 19 & 26. You can sign up in the Common Room, at <http://content.uusg.org/new-uus/>, or by sending an email to office@uusg.org.

Questions?

Finally, if you have any questions or aren’t sure how to get involved, feel free to contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips (630-232-2350, office@uusg.org). If she can’t answer your question, she’ll put you in touch with someone who can.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS & EVENTS

“Our Whole Lives” Program The next OWL Overnight is Friday-Saturday, February 24-25. Contact Elba Karim for more information. Permission slips for OWL participation and overnights are on the LRE Bulletin Board in the Common Room. You can give them to our Church School Administrator, Deb Askelson, or put them in her mailbox in the Volunteer Office. The cost for this program is \$50, and scholarships are available.

YRUU Out of CONtext The Central Midwest District’s spring youth conference is March 9-11 in Deerfield, IL. For registration info or if you have questions, please contact Zia Karim.

Lecture Series If you have an idea for a “Munch & Learn” lecture series presentation, contact Deb Askelson (LRE@uusg.org, 630-232-2350) or Larry Bartoszek.

UUs Studying the Bible The next meeting of "The Bible for UUs" will be on Monday, February 20, from 7pm to 8:30pm, and will continue on the third Monday of each month. This group is for UUs who want to learn more about the Bible. The group is using the book *Understanding the Bible*, by John Buehrens, as their study guide. This next session will discuss pages 43 to 61; you may also want to read Genesis. Each session stands on its own, so you can attend any without committing to attending all. Please sign up online at <http://content.uusg.org/bible-for-uus/> or in the Common Room.

YRUU Service Our high schoolers will lead the worship service on February 26. Please support our youth and their efforts for this service.

RE Music Message Parents of Pre-K through 5th graders are reminded to encourage students to create their own verse for “We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands” on the cardstock that was provided on January 22. Bring the completed work to church on any Sunday in February so we can use it in our singing! Also, please sing the song with your child at home. It’s fun and it will help your child become familiar with the lyrics. Please watch for lyrics to be distributed today (you will also find them on the back of the cardstock). Questions or comments? Contact our RE Music Director Sandra Anderson-Cordogan at remusic@uusg.org.

Doxology

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise;
Let beauty, truth, and good be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

For All Ages

“Beyond Our Walls” Offering *Pink*, Robert Starer

Children & Youth will leave with their teachers & facilitators for their morning activities.

Congregational Offering *O Bambino Caro*, Puccini

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *I Loves You, Porgy*, Gershwin

Readings

Hymn # 317 “We Are Not Our Own”

Sermon the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
“Healing Hearts”

Hymn # 354 “We Laugh, We Cry”

Unison Closing # 692 (Lauralyn Bellamy)

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction.

Postlude *You Raise Me Up*, Rolf Loveland, Brendan Graham

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Both Services

Musicians: Dean Malambri, Lily Phillips,
Kat Zimmerman
Social Hour Hosts: Jim & Kate Frazier
Counters: The Finance Committee

9:30am service

Worship Associate: Melissa Auer
Greeters: Pat Ward, a Valued Volunteer
"For All Ages" Presenter: Jean Pierce, Guest Jim Klink
Nursery Caregivers: Yuri Ferrell
PreK Teacher: Karen Laukaitis, Becky Hruby
Grades K-2 Teachers: Karen Laukaitis, Becky Hruby
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Buffy Higgins

11:15am service

Worship Associate: Don Brod
Greeters: Barb McKittrick, Dana Utroska
"For All Ages" Presenter: Jean Pierce, Guest Jim Klink
Nursery Caregivers: Jenny Leslie, Jen Reiner
PreK Teacher: Cathy Newman Holmes
Grades K-2 Teachers: Karen Laukaitis, a Valued Volunteer
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Kerri Trejo, Shawn Thornton
Grades 6-8 Teachers: Christy Hickey, Steve Cordogan
Grades 9-12 Teachers: Laura Laughlin, Bill Pokorny, Elba Karim,
Zia Karim

How to get your name on this page:

- Interested in being a Worship Associate or "For All Ages" presenter? Contact Rev. Lindsay (minister@uusg.org, 630-232-2350, x222).
- Want to share special music with the congregation? Contact our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org.
- Would you like to greet or host? Sign up on the Common Room or online at <http://content.uusg.org/greeters-and-social-hour-hosts/>.
- Want to count? Contact our Assistant Treasurer, Jim O'Malley.
- Interested in learning more about our religious education program and teaching the next generation of UUs? Contact our Church School Administrator, Deb Askelson, at LRE@uusg.org or 630-232-2350, x224.

UPCOMING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Canvass Begins! Yesterday's "Day of Service & Celebration" marked the beginning of this year's Canvass season. More than 80 people volunteered their time and energy throughout the day to take our beliefs out into the world and promote "practical goodness." The catered dinner was a big success, too, and the Common Room was packed. The next Canvass event is the ever-popular Canvass Luncheon catered by Elba Karim, on March 4. Sign up in the Common Room or online at <http://content.uusg.org/canvass-luncheon/>. And don't forget to pledge! You can do so online at <http://content.uusg.org/canvass-pledge-form/> or by filling out a paper form in the Common Room.

New Board Member The Board of Directors recently voted for Lisa Gades to join the Board immediately to finish the remainder of Barry Knerr's term. Thank you, Barry, for the time, energy, and great ideas you contributed to the Board in 2011. Welcome, Lisa, we're excited that you've joined the church leadership!

Friday Flick As America enters the 2012 election season, more money than ever will be spent to sway voters by fear and emotion. On February 17 at 7pm, the film "Patriocracy" will show voters how they can avoid being manipulated.

Meditation Opportunity The UU Buddhist Meditation & Study Group will be holding longer meditation-only sessions, approximately once a month, starting in February. Members and friends are invited to join us for the first one-hour session on Saturday, February 18 at 9am in the UUSG Sanctuary. If you are interested in this session and/or would like to be notified of upcoming dates, please contact Eric Bodwell or Lisa Gades at ubuddhism@uusg.org.

New to UUSG? All are welcome to attend the first session of our 3-week "New UUs" Orientation Program, which starts today at 12:30pm in the Common Room. The program is designed to introduce newer friends and members to our faith traditions. This session will focus on your spiritual journeys and a brief history of Unitarian Universalism. Lunch and childcare are provided.

Staying in Touch How do you get info about UUSG? Is it the paper Pioneer, the emailed Pioneer, the weekly email blast, the as-needed email blasts, the UUSG Facebook page, and/or Lindsay's Facebook page? Let us know with an email to office@uusg.org. Also let us know if there's anything we can do to improve communication!

*Questions? Information for us?
Please write it here, tear off the form and put it
in the Offering basket or give it to the Minister or a Greeter.*

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT UUSG

Sunday, February 12

- 10:45 am Special Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 am Finance Committee Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm New UUs Orientation Session
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Committee Meeting
- 12:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 pm Lay Ministers' Meeting

Monday, February 13

- 1:30 pm Women's Guild
- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, February 15: Senior Minister's Day Off

- Church School Administrator's Day Off
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:30 pm GAS AA

Thursday, February 16: Senior Minister's Sabbath

- 7:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:15 pm WomenSpirit Rising

Friday, February 17: Congregational Administrator's Day Off

- 7:00 pm Friday Flick: "Patriocracy"

Saturday, February 18: Congregational Administrator's Day Off

- 9am-3pm Pottawatomie Habitat Workday:
34W806 N. James Dr. in St. Charles
- 9:00 am Buddhist Meditation Opportunity
- 12:00 pm YRUU Service Rehearsal
- 3:30 pm Small Group Ministry
- 6:00 pm Games Night

Sunday, February 19

- 10:00 am Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
- 10:45 am Special Congregational Meeting (snow date)
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Facilities Committee Meeting
- 12:30 pm New UUs Orientation Session
- 3:00 pm Committee on Ministries Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

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INSIDE STORIES: Giving "Beyond Our Walls"

It is our custom on the second weekend of each month to collect individual donations for a charity or social service project that the Social Justice Committee has identified as being in harmony with our mission, to be "...a force for compassionate social justice."

Your donations today will go to the **Tri-Cities Unemployment Group**.

Since 2001 (when Arthur Anderson closed in St. Charles), this interfaith group has helped over 8,500 people find jobs. Our collection today is to facilitate their communication with the community by providing binders of information to job-seekers and by creating a newsletter alerting employers about skills represented in current job-seekers. Their website is www.tricityug.org. On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30pm, they hold informational and networking meetings at Bethlehem Lutheran church in St. Charles. Topics for upcoming meetings are: February 13: Designing a Job Search Strategy; February 27: TBA; March 12: Resumes.

Please give generously! Write checks to UUSG, with "TUG" in the memo line.

If you are curious about social justice work at UUSG, please contact Jean Pierce through 630-232-2350 or join us at a meeting – usually the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. See the church calendar for details.

GENERAL INFO

Worship Service

- Worship Services are held at 9:30am & 11:15am on Sundays.
- Please join us for Social Hour in the Common Room following each service.
- February 19— the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
- February 26—Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

Church School

- Church School is offered for grades K-5 during the 9:30am service and for grades K-12 during the 11:15am service.
- On Intergenerational Sundays, all children & youth are invited to stay in the Sanctuary.
- Childcare is available during both services for children through Pre-Kindergarten or age 4. On Sundays when there is no church school program, childcare will include children through Kindergarten or age 5.
- For safety reasons, all children and youth (including visitors) who are attending class or are in the nursery **must** be registered for the Religious Education program.
- There are abbreviated registration forms in each pew; if you are here with a child who is a visitor or not yet registered, please fill out one form for each child and send it with your child to take to the teacher.
- If your child is attending RE classes after their initial class visit, please complete the Regular Registration Form and Emergency Contact Information & Consent- to-Treat Form found attached to the LRE bulletin board in the Common Room and turn them in to our Church School Administrator Deb Askelson’s mailbox in the Volunteer Office. Students in grades 6-12 require additional forms that are also found on the same bulletin board.

Deadlines

- Mini-Pioneer bulletin and the weekly email blast: the preceding Wednesday at 9am.
- Next Pioneer monthly newsletter: Monday, February 27 at 9am.
- Please send all submissions to office@uusg.org.

GETTING TO KNOW UU...

INFORMATION PLEASE!

I would like:

- the monthly newsletter by email
- the monthly newsletter by postal service mail
- to receive occasional emails about upcoming events
- to talk with a member of the UUSG Membership Committee
- a permanent nametag
- to be added to the UUSG Directory
- for my email address to be included in the UUSG Directory
- my directory/mailling information corrected
- other – see reverse side

Today’s Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

phone(s) _____

e-mail _____

If you’re new to UUSG, how did you hear about us?

- phone book website newspaper ad or article
- word of mouth radio advertisement other: _____

Use the other side for any other questions you have or information we should know. Then tear this off and place it in the Offering basket or give it to the Minister or a Greeter. Thank you – and welcome to UUSG!

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NEWCOMERS: If you are not yet on our mailing list or if you would like more information about UUSG, you are invited to **PRINT** your name and address on the above form and place it in the offering basket, or give it to the minister or Greeter. You can find more **information on Unitarian Universalism** in our pamphlet racks in the Common Room and the foyer. You are always welcome in this house!

EVERYONE: A cup that’s blue or a nametag with a blue outline says “I AM NEW AND I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOU.” Membership Committee members (with light blue nametags) are always available for questions and conversations.

Also, please **wear a nametag** so we can greet one another by name. If you would like a permanent nametag (or need a new one), please fill out the form above and place it in the offering basket, or give it to the Minister or a Greeter. Stick-on tags are also available at the back of the sanctuary.

If you’ve requested a nametag, you can find it in the **nametag basket** in the **vestibule** at the back of the Sanctuary.