



# THE PIONEER

July—August 2010

## Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Somewhere in our collection of household books is an old (i.e., pre-2009) copy of Facebook for Dummies. Scot brought it into the collection when he was expanding his practice's internet presence. My spouse is one of those "early adopters" the computer world loves – if it promises to be faster, shinier, improved, more powerful, more functional, more impressive, he's on it. Cloud computing, check. Blogging, check. Automated appointment calendar, check. Consultations via webcam, check. MP3 downloads from his website, check. Twitter, check. Facebook, check. His iPhone 4 just arrived; he's postponing the iPad until Version 2 comes out...

I do have to give him credit – he's never shied away from new technologies or the sometimes steep learning curves involved. It's incredibly helpful to have someone in the house who actually does understand routers and servers and WEPs (oh my). The list of "better ways to use technology" he's prepared for me is paralyzing.

I think he was thinking that the "for Dummies" series, being indeed pretty simple and respecting my claim to semi-Ludditehood, would help move me into the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century at least. Maybe, now that we're moving out of it, even into the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

By the time I was ready to look at it seriously, of course, that edition was ridiculously out of date. Besides, now I can't find it. I suspect it got recycled.

But UUSG has its own Facebook Group now, and more and more people have joined Scot in urging me to get my own FB account and join in the fun. I'm still waiting for the fun part, but I've done it. I've joined Facebook. I'm starting to figure out how to use it (a special thank you to all who responded positively to my "friend" invitations and offered encouragement on my Wall), and I'm even starting to see how it can actually be more than an interesting glutton of not-really-spare time.

I'm thinking about using the Notes page to share ideas I'm knocking around for sermons, classes and other activities and invite comments and suggestions from all of you. I'll get photos of our Gang of Furs up, and pictures from the hermitage I disappear to twice a year up at Christ in the Wilderness Retreat Center. Might even have a semi-blog, although, since I do get to invite your attention most weekends for a good part of our 60-to-70-minute worship time, I can't help but think I get more than enough opportunities to tell you what I'm thinking about. Maybe we can make better use of the UUSG page for ongoing conversations?

I've decided to set the privacy controls for my FB page to restrict most of it to Friends only – part of my concern is the issue of boundaries in this brave new digital world, and I've seen some pages for which "OMG" and "TMI" are the only possible responses. The UUSG page is also restricted – our Communications chair, Hillary Accarizzi, is the guardian of that electronic gate. If you have a Facebook account, please do go join our UUSG Group. If I haven't found & asked to Friend you, please (if you're willing – it's truly OK if you'd rather not!) invite me.

This has the potential to allow sharing thoughts, concerns, interests and plans in a way our Pioneer, MiniPioneer, bulletin boards, and weekly email blasts can't.

Besides, if I can figure it out, so can you!

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Peace! **LB**

**Upcoming LRE Events**

- July 10-17 YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip
- July 16, 7:00pm Friday Flicks
- July 17, 3:30pm Small Group Ministry
- July 18, 11:30am Sandel's Justice Study Group
- July 19, 7:30pm LRE Committee Meeting
- July 25, 1:00pm Coming of Age Program
- Aug 1, 11:30am UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group
- Aug 8, 1:00pm Coming of Age Program
- Aug 12, 7:30pm Small Group Ministry
- Aug 18, 7:30pm LRE Committee Meeting
- Aug 20, 7:00pm Friday Flicks
- Aug 21, 3:30pm Small Group Ministry
- Aug 22, 11:30am Sandel's Justice Study Group
- Aug 22, 1:00pm Coming of Age Program
- Aug 28, 10:00am Teacher/Advisor Planning Workshop

**Weekly Adult RE Opportunities**

- Every Monday at 7:00pm in the Common Room:  
"Still Living in the Present Moment"
- Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary:  
UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

**Welcome Back, Sandi!**

We're thrilled to have Sandi Sumner, our Acting DRE, back with us after her medical leave.

**Summer LRE Opportunities**

Get involved with summer church school by serving as the Doorkeeper in our multi-age *Spirit Play* classroom! Just what does that mean, you ask?

Well, it's very simple. During the summer, we use a Montessori-based curriculum called *Spirit Play*. In this structured environment, the Doorkeeper (Assistant Teacher) invites each child to join in the classroom circle for a story. The Storyteller (Lead Teacher) tells a story using various materials that help the children connect with the story and its theme (this year's theme is the 7 UU Principles). Then, each child chooses an activity to retell the story in their own way.

We are fortunate to have many trained *Spirit Play* Instructors. A few have already signed up as Storytellers this summer (thank you!), but we're still in need of Doorkeepers. There's a short instruction sheet available and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Sign up on the LRE board in the Common Room or see Sandi Sumner.

Please consider joining our youngest members in their classroom for a Sunday or two! Be prepared to be amazed at their wonder and creativity as they learn and play!!

**OWL Overnight**

The next OWL Overnight begins on Friday, July 23 at 6:30pm and ends on Saturday, July 24 at 4pm.

**YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip**

Our youth and adult chaperones are currently on their H4H trip, and we're wishing them a wonderful, successful, life-changing experience! (As well as no injuries, drama, or clouds of mosquitoes!)

We look forward to hearing their stories during the "For All Ages" segment of the worship service on July 25.

## Help Us Support “*Our Bottom Line*”

After over a year of reviewing, comparing, evaluating, and deciding upon the fabric for new pew cushions, the Sanctuary Aesthetics Committee chose just the right fabric—or so we thought! We anticipated that the congregation would be willing to make small contributions to “support our bottom line” and that there would ample time to develop a fundraising program to cover the cost of the project.

Time waits for no one, including our committee, and neither does the manufacturer of the pew cushions who meanwhile decided to discontinue the fabric we had chosen! Faced with that information a decision was made to purchase the last remaining fabric and negotiate with the manufacturer to produce the cushions with a mid-September delivery schedule. The down payment came from a special fund in memory of Mr. Walter Cordin. This fund was established to provide for special seating in the Sanctuary. Mr. Cordin, who was well over 6’ tall, found the pews to be uncomfortable for a person of his stature. This fund is helping us move forward with ordering the new cushions, but will need to be replenished so that it can be used for its original intent.

This is where we all can help to “cover our bottom line.” We are asking for your contribution of \$25 for one seat, \$50 for two—or perhaps a long pew at \$150. We have 160 seats available and at \$25/seat we will get to the \$4000 needed. Not only will we “cover our bottom line,” we’ll have wonderful new pew cushions that will be comfortable—more “cush for your tush”—and add to the improved aesthetics of our worship space.

You can leave your donation in the Common Room on the bulletin board with the special display that will show our progress. Or you can place your donation in the collection basket or send it to the UUSG office, noting on your check and/or envelope that this is for the pew cushion fund.

We are hoping that the production schedule will result in the new cushions being in the Sanctuary for us all to enjoy on Homecoming Sunday.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity. We will all enjoy the results of supporting “our bottom line”!

### Summer Summary

#### Worship Services

Through September 5: summer schedule of one service on Sundays at 10am

September 12: Intergenerational Potluck & End-of-Summer Celebration Picnic

September 19: return to our regular church year schedule—2 services on Sunday at 9:30am & 11:15am

#### Church School

July – August: Spirit Play for preschool through grade 5

#### Staff Travels & Vacations

Katie: on vacation July 16-31

Lindsay: on vacation August 10-19

### Circles of Life

Our best wishes go with Joan McInnes, who is moving to Colorado this month.

We send loving thoughts to Joanne Erickson, who recently moved to Minnesota to be closer to her family.

Many happy congratulations to Lois Ulreich, whose son Greg recently married Veronica Mateus in the UUSG Memorial Garden!

We send lots of healing energy to Sandi Sumner as she gets used to her bionic knee. She’s back to work, for which we’re very grateful!

Did you know...  
UUSG is on Facebook?

### Super Summer Salad Supper

Who? UUSG Members, Friends, and Children

What? For a Salad Buffet Supper

Where? In our Common Room at UUSG

When? At 6 PM on Saturday, July 31, 2010

Why? Just for fun!



Look for the sign-up sheet in the Common Room to add your name to the salad ingredients. Those who wish to attend will get an email of reminder and at that time you will know about how many will be attending and thus how much of your food offering to bring.

Hope to see you there!  
Your Hospitality/Fellowship Committee

### New to UUSG? New to Unitarian Universalism?

Want to learn a little more? Join us to watch a 10-minute DVD, "Voices of a Liberal Faith." and have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with Membership Committee members.

When? Either Sunday July 18 or August 15 at 11:30, right after the service. Membership Committee members at the visitor table will be happy to show you the room and answer your questions.

### Financial Report...How's That Deficit?

We ended fiscal year 09-10 with a deficit of \$5023. Considering that we originally projected a deficit of over \$13,000, we should be very proud.

Many thanks to the committees who kept their spending to a minimum, and to our generous pledgers and donors who continue to support UUSG.

We look forward to seeing how we can save money and reduce the deficit again in the current fiscal year.

### Clip 'n' Save: Summer Services

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| July 18 & 25 and August 1 & 8 | Dr. Bates will be in the pulpit  |
| August 15 & 22                | Pamela Rumancik, our not-quite-yet Ministerial Intern from Meadville/Lombard, will be covering our pulpit while Dr. Bates is in New England  |
| August 28                     | a special concert by February Sky (Phil Cooper & Susan Urban)  |
| August 29                     | Phil and Susan have led worship services for many UU congregations, and are bringing "Reverence & Glory: The Songs of Dave Carter" to UUSG.  |
| September 5                   | Dr. Bates will have the pulpit for the Sunday before Labor Day   |
| September 12                  | This is the weekend of Geneva's Festival of the Vine, a weekend when downtown parking is abysmal and our attendance has matched it! So we're moving Homecoming Weekend and instead will have an informal potluck brunch between 9:30 and noon, but we really hope you'll all have signed up for the All-Church Picnic instead! |
| September 19                  | Homecoming Sunday! We're back to 9:30 and 11:15 services, and our children, who'll be with us as usual for the first part of the services, will go off together for their own Homecoming Celebrations with their church school classes.  |

## Social Justice News

### Used Book Sale To Benefit Illinois Youth Centers

We will be holding a Used Book Sale from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, August 7, on the lawn at UUSG (or in the Common Room if it rains!). Proceeds will go to the Illinois Youth Centers located in St. Charles and Warrenville. As many of you know, the St. Charles facility is home to about 300 boys who are going through the Juvenile Justice System; the facility in Warrenville is similarly dedicated to young women. These young people will be reentering society and they need all the help they can get to become productive adults. Due to limited funding, the facilities experience an ongoing lack of resources for things like library materials and even simple improvements in the buildings.

How can you help?

- \* By donating your used books (excluding text books and encyclopedias)
- \* By stopping by the sale to buy some books (bring a friend or two)
- \* By baking some cookies to tempt hungry shoppers
- \* By helping with the sale itself

We will need volunteers to

- \* help set up the books the morning of the sale
- \* collect money
- \* sort through the books at the end of the sale (appropriate books will be donated to the two facilities)
- \* move the remaining books to the Geneva Library.



Books being donated may be dropped off in the Common Room from 6:00pm to 9:00pm the evening before the sale. You will be asked to sort your books according to fiction, nonfiction, or children's. Please contact Melissa Auer if you can help with any of the tasks or if you would like more information.

*Note to high school students: You should be able to earn Service Hours Credit for assisting with the book sale. Contact Jean Pierce to make arrangements.*

### Action Alert: No Taxpayer Bailout of Big Oil — Hold BP Accountable for Gulf Coast Drilling Disaster

Months after BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded and sank off the Louisiana Gulf Coast, attempts to cap the gushing well have failed. Thick oily sludge has reportedly reached Louisiana's coastal wetlands, threatening to destroy the delicate ecosystem and the multimillion-dollar seafood industry of the region.

Congress must act now to ensure that the corporations responsible for this massive disaster pay the full cleanup costs. Under current law, corporate liability for oil spills is capped at \$75 million. For companies such as BP, which reported a profit of over \$6 billion in the first quarter of 2010, it amounts to less than one day's average earnings. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) recently introduced the Big Oil Bailout Prevention Liability Act of 2010 (S. 3305), which would increase corporate liability to \$10 billion. Included in the bill are provisions to improve oil spill contingency plans and improve the claims process.

Urge your senators to cosponsor S. 3305 today and prevent the bailout of Big Oil! Please go to the following website to easily make your voice heard:

<https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=197>

Tracey McFadden, for the Social Justice Committee

## More Social Justice News

### RSVP Volunteering Opportunities for This Summer

Join others from UUSG while assisting with the Community Garden in Batavia. At 9am on July 31, people of all ages are welcome to come to 311 W. Main Street in Batavia. We will also be signing up to return to the garden at various times between August 1-6. In June, we planted radishes and squash, harvested lettuce, staked tomatoes and peppers, and worked on mulching and compost. See what is happening on the Batavia Community Garden site on Facebook. Produce from the garden is being contributed to the Interfaith Food Pantry. To find out what tools you should bring, please contact Jean Pierce or Betsy Zinser.

On the first weekend of August, UUSG will host a used book sale (see the article on page 5). Volunteers are needed Friday, August 6 between 6pm & 9pm and on Saturday, August 7 for 2-hour shifts between 9am and 3pm. Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Common Room or by contacting Melissa Auer.

On Saturday, September 25, join us from 9am until 11am at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, located at 600 Industrial Drive in St. Charles. Since it is the final Saturday of the month, people as young as 8 years old are welcome to come with a parent. To sign up, please see the bulletin board in the Common Room or contact Lisa Gades.

Date	Location	Ages	Requirements	Activities
July 31 9am-12pm	Batavia Community Garden	All ages	A parent needs to accompany their child	Gardening for Food Pantry
August 6 6pm-9pm	UUSG Common Room	Teens & adults		Bake cookies; Sort books into fact, fiction, or kids
August 7 2-hour shifts 9am-3pm	UUSG lawn (or in Common Room)	Teens & adults		Set up, collect money, etc.
Sept. 25 9am-11am	Northern Illinois Food Bank 600 Industrial Dr., St. Charles	Ages 8 through adult	A parent needs to accompany their child	Sorting and packing food for pantries

### Summer Friday Flicks: July 16 and August 20

This summer, we will enjoy “the rest of the story” for two films. At 7pm on Friday, July 16, we will screen *A Force More Powerful*, Part 2, which describes how nonviolent resistance brought about profound changes in Denmark, Poland, and Chile.

Then, at 7pm on Friday, August 20, we will watch *Peace Is Every Step*, Part 2. This film gives an overview of the life and work of Thich Nhat Hanh.

At previous Friday Flicks, Part 1 of each of these films inspired lively, thought-provoking discussions. It is anticipated that the same will be true for this summer’s movies. Note: it’s NOT necessary to have seen Part 1 of either film to appreciate Part 2.

### Thank You to Our July Lazarus House Volunteers

Maureen McKeough, William Elbert, and Gail & George Tattersfield made dinner; Jeanne Neltor & David Meehan provided lunch; and Jeanne Neltor stayed overnight. Please consider volunteering in the upcoming months. See the Social Justice bulletin board or <http://content.uusg.org/lazarus-house/> for more info about supporting this important local ministry.

## Volunteer Headquarters

### Weeding & Watering

We're looking for a few people to join our Groundskeeping Crew. If you can help out by watering and weeding one week a month over the summer, please talk to Karin Kemp or Karen Moore.

### Strong Arms Needed

If you can help move some boxes and furniture this weekend, please meet in the Volunteer Office after the worship service.

### Shopping for UUSG

If you shop at Dominick's, you could earn money for UUSG! Next time you're there, ask to have your Dominick's card attached to the UUSG scrip account and UUSG will get a 1% to 4% rebate on all your purchases. Or register your Dominick's card today by grabbing your card and going to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). (The Dominick's at Randall and Route 38 is closed, but check to see if you live near another store.)

**August 11 through September 14, you can earn UUSG up to 10% back on your purchases!**

### Time & Talents Census

Have you filled out a green UUSG "Time & Talents" Census form yet? Or has it been a few years since you've filled one out? If so, let us know how you'd like to be involved at UUSG by filling out the form in the Common Room this weekend or online at <http://content.uusg.org/time-talents-interest-invento/>.

### Greeting & Hosting in August

If you're interested in greeting or hosting social hour in August, you can sign up in the Common Room or by going to <http://content.uusg.org/greeters-and-social-hour-hosts/>. (Remember, in order to have coffee at the August social hour, all hosting slots need to be filled by the end of July!)

### Volunteer Appreciation

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Bob Atac & Tom Russo, for being this year's Swedish Days Pizza Booth coordinators.

Everyone who helped out at the Pizza Booth—there's a complete (we hope!) list on page 8.

Ben Walker and Mylane Bryant, for stepping in to lead our church school class on July 11.

Bob Schwedler, for offering to be our weekly Garbage Patrol.

David deCoriolis, for re-joining the Finance Committee.

### Going Behind the Scenes

Have you ever wondered what happens at Council Meetings or Board Meetings?

These meetings are open to anyone who's interested. The Councils (which is a meeting of the Committee chairs, vice presidents, and full-time staff) meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

### Getting the Word Out

The Communications Committee wants to continue sending out regular press releases to the local newspapers, but we need a few more writers. Want to get involved? Talk to Hillary Accarizzi.

### Wanted: Committee Members

Most committees are open to new members, so feel free to sit in on a meeting and see if it's a fit for you!

## Swedish Days Round-Up

Many thanks go to Bob Atac & Tom Russo, for coordinating this year's Swedish Days pizza booth fundraiser.

Our great appreciation goes to all those who helped out at the Pizza Booth:

Mark Alleman	Jinny Gilgan	Stuart Mansfield	Eric Smith
Sam Atac	Dave Hansen	Joan McInnes	Cynthia Spiegel
Katie Baar	Sharon Hanson	Kathy Meier	Doria Spiegel
Kathy Basil	Fran Hart	Jan Miller	Elena Spiegel
Jenny Benjamin	Louise Haslett	Gary Noll	Grant Steskal
Rachel Benjamin	Nell Haslett-Brousse	Kathie Noll	Jenny Stewart
Dan Bottoms	Anne Heavey	Jim O'Malley	Ben Stibal
Sandy Bottoms	Jude Hoecker	Tracy Paszkiet	Sue Stibal
Amy Brink	Amy Hong	Glenda Peck	Amy Swanson
Jill Brown	Becky Hruby	Jean Pierce	Bob Swanson
Alesa Burbach	Deb Johnson	Lou Pierce	Pam Tilbrook
Grace Christiani	Sally Jones	Dawn Pokorny	Roger Tilbrook
David deCoriolis	Paul Justis	Katy Pokorny	Renee Tomell
Al Drover	Steve Justis	Pat Riordan	David Tomell
Ann Drover	Jordan Karim	Rhonda Robinson	Cindy Vacek
Jim Frazier	Zia Karim	John Rosenkrans	Pat Vary
Chenoa Gain	Laura Laughlin	Nancy Russo	Anne Veague
Kathy Gain Sandy	Karen Laukaitis	Hal Schulman	Rick Veague
Barret Galauner	Debbie Leoni	Vince Schuster	Pat Ward
Brenda Galauner	Tom Lichtenheld	Neill Shanahan	Julie Wegerich
Bruce Galauner	Gloria Mansfield	Gloria Simo	Claire Zinser

If you helped out at the Pizza Booth and aren't on the list above, please accept our apologies and let Katie know—we do appreciate you and want to recognize your efforts!

### A Note From Bob Atac

I would like to express my warm thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make our Swedish days booth a success this year. We made \$3892 and did well considering that the booth was closed for one of the days due to extreme weather. We sold: 2,280 slices of pizza, 185 pieces of candy, 432 bottles of water, 793 bottles of pop, and thousands of free smiles, jokes, or other forms of merriment.

Special thanks to Tom Russo who was able fill in for me as my place of employment interfered mightily during the week I was supposed to be on vacation. Thanks to the Stibals who took care of moving the booth and pizza equipment to and from the storage barn in LaFox and Papa Saverios. Thanks to Pat McGleam for purchasing and loaning us the big coolers that allow us to use a fraction of the ice that we have used in years past. Thanks to Katie Phillips for organizing the volunteers and helping us to get set up for the week.

Thanks to Amy Brink who signed up to day manage for two full days. She and her team were able to sell 11 pizzas on that rainy Wednesday, which, in my mind, was Herculean. Rick and Anne Veague and Bob Swanson sold 91 pizzas on Friday, which was our record day. All of the day managers need to be thanked for working as late as 11pm trying to sell the last few pizzas each night. We worked hard this year to extract every dollar!

## Lights!....Camera!....Auction! Donations for 2010 UUSG Auction

Now is the time to begin thinking about a good or service which you will donate to our auction to be held on November 13. Share your passions with the church. Do you like playing scrabble? Donate a "Scrabble and Scramble" Party - where you serve scrambled eggs after playing the game. Are you a bike rider? Invite others to bid on the opportunity to join you on your favorite path with a stop for ice cream. The sky is the limit! Donate an airplane trip, a painting, a book, tickets, an hour of computer hand-holding, babysitting, show-shoveling – you name it!

### **Important Dates:**

**October 23:** Final date for submitting a donation form online or in the Common Room:

**November 7, 9am-1pm** or **November 12, 7pm-9pm:** Bring donations to the church

**November 13, 5pm-6:30pm** Finger food potluck and Silent Auction

**November 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm:** Live Auction

Return this form to a box in the Common Room or donate an item online at

[www.togetherauction.com/uusg](http://www.togetherauction.com/uusg)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose a category:  Artwork/Craft  Basket  Collectible  Education  
 Entertainment  Excursion  Food  Jewelry  Literary  Party  
 Service  Tickets  Miscellaneous

I/we are donating the following item: \_\_\_\_\_

Description (include number of seats/places):

Address where guests should meet (if relevant):

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A photo of the item is attached to this form.

I/we could accept one more person

Estimated value:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Bid (optional): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to help with an Auction Committee

I will bring the following type of finger food:

appetizer  small sandwich  dessert

## Benefit Concert by February Sky

On August 28 at 7pm in the UUSG sanctuary, the musical duo February Sky will present an all-ages benefit concert for the Warrenville Youth Center for Girls. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 13. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 13. Contact Katie at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) or 630-232-2350 for tickets and information.

February Sky (<http://www.februarysky.com/> or <http://www.myspace.com/februaryskyfolk>) is traditional singer and Celtic guitarist Phil Cooper with songwriter and singer Susan Urban. Phil sings and plays his own arrangements of traditional songs and tunes on six string guitar and cittern, and he also interprets a number of carefully chosen songs from the best of modern Folk song writers, as well as backing Susan up on her songs.

Susan Urban is a writer of story songs and humorous "slice of life" songs. She accompanies her songs, plus Phil's songs and tunes, on six- and 12-string guitar, six-string banjo, mountain dulcimer, and hand percussion instruments. Phil and Susan present a combination of old and new songs addressing the widest possible range of experience, complete with vocal harmony, intricate instrumentation and thoughtful stagecraft. They believe that Folk Music is a continuum - whether the songs are self-penned or have a history thousands of years old, as long as they speak to the human condition and the human heart, they carry on the Folk Music tradition.



### About the Warrenville Youth Center for Girls

The Illinois Youth Center at Warrenville is a Maximum Security Facility for girls. The center provides GED and high school diploma academic services, an in-patient substance abuse treatment program, vocational programs, mental health services, medical services, clinical services, leisure time activities, parenting education, assessments and family reunification programming. The average age of the juvenile females at the center is 16 years. The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva has a history of providing for needs of the young people in youth centers who are too often forgotten by the larger society. Proceeds from the February Sky concert will go towards purchasing essential hygiene supplies as well as library books and sporting goods. If enough money is raised, we will also provide winter hats and gloves, and hopefully a much-needed television.

## Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody: A Reminder About Our Shared Space

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Our calendar is provided on the next page, and is current as of July 14, 2010. For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit our Website Calendar – go to [www.uusg.org](http://www.uusg.org) and follow the links to the Interactive Online Calendar. You can download a printable version if you like; the Calendar site has the instructions.

#### **NEXT PIONEER DEADLINE**

The deadline for submission to this monthly newsletter, the PIONEER, is generally 9:00 a.m. on the third Friday of the month.

The next deadline for articles is **Friday, August 20, at 9:00 a.m.**

# JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> <b>No Services This Weekend</b> <i>Senior Minister on Study Leave</i> <b>Swedish Days</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>29</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>1</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i>
<b>4</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am	<b>5</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>6</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing <b>7:30 PM</b> Program & Administrative Councils	<b>7</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>8</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry	<b>9</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> PIONEER deadline	<b>10</b> <i>Acting DRE on Medical Leave</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Begins <b>8:00 AM</b> Blood Drive
<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am <b>11:00 AM</b> Commit to Knit <b>11:00 AM</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Auction Committee Chair Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Membership Committee Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Coming of Age Program <b>7:00 PM</b> 2nd Sunday (Story Tellers) Covenant Group	<b>12</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Guild Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Discussion Group	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Board of Directors	<b>14</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pioneer Mailing Prep <b>7:00 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>15</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>9:15 AM</b> Simple Living Circle (meeting off-site)	<b>16</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Flick	<b>17</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>3:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry
<b>18</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Ends <b>9:00 AM</b> Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am <b>11:30 AM</b> Sandel's Justice Study Group <b>11:30 AM</b> Visitors & Newcomers Mini-Orientation Session <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share	<b>19</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" <b>7:30 PM</b> LRE Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing	<b>21</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>22</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>6:30 PM</b> OWL Overnight Begins	<b>24</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> OWL Overnight Ends
<b>25</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am <b>1:00 PM</b> Coming of Age Program	<b>26</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>27</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> Private Music Recital Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Private Music Recital <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>29</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Community Garden (off-site) <b>6:00 PM</b> Super Summer Salad Supper

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am <b>11:30 AM</b> UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group <b>11:30 AM</b> UUSG Leadership Retreat	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" <b>7:30 PM</b> Technology Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing <b>7:30 PM</b> Program & Administrative Councils	<b>4</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>5</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Set up for Used Book Sale to Benefit the Illinois Youth Center	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> -2:00 PM Used Book Sale to Benefit the Illinois Youth Center (setup at 8am) <b>10:00 AM</b> All-Day Sacred Harp Singing <b>1:00 PM</b> Committee on Ministries Meeting
<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Church School; Social Hour at 11am <b>11:00 AM</b> Commit to Knit <b>12:30 PM</b> Membership Committee Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Coming of Age Program <b>2:00 PM</b> Lay Ministers' Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> 2nd Sunday (Story Tellers) Covenant Group	<b>9</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Guild Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Discussion Group	<b>10</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Board of Directors	<b>11</b> Ramadan Begins <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>12</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry	<b>13</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Hospitality & Fellowship Committee Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am <b>11:15 AM</b> Communications Committee Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Visitors & Newcomers Mini-Orientation Session <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share	<b>16</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>17</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing	<b>18</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA <b>7:30 PM</b> LRE Committee Meeting	<b>19</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>9:15 AM</b> Simple Living Circle (meeting off-site) <b>7:00 PM</b> Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> PIONEER deadline <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Flick	<b>21</b> <i>Congregational Administrator on Vacation</i> <b>3:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry
<b>22</b> <i>Senior Minister Off Today</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am <b>11:30 AM</b> Sandel's Justice Study Group <b>1:00 PM</b> Coming of Age Program	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment" <b>7:00 PM</b> Canvass Committee Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pioneer Mailing Prep <b>7:00 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>26</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Teacher Planning Workshop <b>6:00 PM</b> Potluck <b>7:00 PM</b> February Sky Concert
<b>29</b> <i>Senior Minister Off Today</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>31</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Hypno-Info Intake	<b>1</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>12:00 PM</b> "Healthy Habits" Group <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>2</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Committee on Ministries Meeting

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