



A Newsletter of

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# THE PIONEER

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## Paper Pulpit

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister

Summer again – already! Not so quiet a time as it used to be; the church slows down, but it certainly doesn't close.

I'll be leading worship throughout July, and Adam (and at least one guest) will be in the pulpit in August. Our Spirit Play Summer Church School program starts on July 5. Katie and Sandi and Adam and I will all be in and out of the offices and away only occasionally. Groups and programs and committee work all continue, but do check with your group leaders about times and places. And if you see that the online calendar is out of sync with your group's plans, please let Katie know!

We're still hoping to find at least three more people (we have two so far) willing to serve in a Ministry of Hospitality, to help us with pot-lucks, social hours, and occasional special gatherings of all kinds. From all of us who've had to deal with the situations that led to the "No More Snacks at Social Hour" decision, thank you to all who have responded with understanding, if not necessarily joy. There are still opportunities to greet and host (coffee/tea/lemonade only!) during the summer, with experienced social hour folks in place to teach the techniques to newcomers. Please do consider signing up to help – if you're waiting for Somebody Else to do it, well, please remember that Somebody Else resigned from UUSG some time ago and has joined a commune in Montana....

Summer is brief. It's going to be September again before we know it – so may the summer offer all of you times of rest and enjoyment. Whether your travels be in body to distant places or in spirit as you relax in the shade of a backyard tree, I offer you one of my favorite Summer meditations to consider taking along:

*It is far better to give yourself sometimes to negligence, to drift with wave and tide, with the blind force of the world, to think and dream, to forget the chains and limitations of the breathing life, to forget purpose and object, to lounge in the picture gallery of the brain, to feel once more the clasps and kisses of the past, to bring life's morning back, to see again the forms and faces of the dead, to paint fair pictures for the coming years, to forget all Gods, their promises and threats, to feel within your veins life's joyous stream and hear the martial music, the rhythmic beating of your fearless heart.*

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*And then to rouse yourself to do all useful things, to reach with thought and deed in the ideal in your brain, to give your fancies wing, that they, like chemist bees, may find art's nectar in the weeds of common things, to look with trained and steady eye for facts, to find the subtle threads that join the distant with the now, to increase knowledge, to take burdens from the weak, to develop the brain, to defend the right, to make a palace for the soul.*

*This is real religion. This is real worship.*

Robert Ingersoll, to the Free Religious Association, June 2, 1899

Happy Summer!

See you in church! **LB**

## Religious Education Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Spirit Play Classes Begin

Our summer religious education for children grades K-5 begins July 5! We'll have two classes, one for K-2 and another for 3-5, giving all our students the space and attention they need to explore Unitarian Universalism through the Spirit Play curriculum. We hope that you'll join us for a summer of stories, arts, and fun!

### YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip

Our youth and adult chaperones are going on their H4H trip once again this year, and we wish them a wonderful, successful, life-changing experience! (As well as no injuries, drama, or clouds of mosquitoes!) Keep your eyes open for them when they return later in July, and ask how the trip went. I'm sure they'll have plenty of stories!

### Upcoming Adult & Youth LRE Events

July 5, 1:00pm	UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group
July 8, 7:00pm	Compassionate Communication Study Group
July 11	YRUU Habitat Trip Begins!
July 12, 1:00 pm	Coming of Age Program
July 15, 7:00 pm	LRE Committee Meeting
July 17, 7:00pm:	Friday Flicks: "Sicko"
July 18, 3:30pm	Small Group Ministry
July 19	YRUU Habitat Trip Concludes
July 22, 7:00pm	Compassionate Communication Study Group
July 25, 6:30pm	Small Group Ministry
July 26, 1:00pm	Coming of Age Program

#### Weekly Adult RE Opportunities

Mondays, 7pm, in the Common Room:  
"Still Living in the Present Moment"

Wednesdays, 7pm, in the Sanctuary:  
UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### Opportunities for Service with Youth Outlook

UUSG has been hosting Youth Outlook's newest GLBT Teen Drop-In Center beginning this spring, and it's been a wonderful experience for both organizations. They've had the biggest turn-out of youth at the start of a new center in their history, and we're able to create a safe place for area youth. This is an important ministry in our wider community; providing space has been a wonderful thing, but now we have an opportunity for members of the UUSG community to do even more!

Nancy Mullen, director of Youth Outlook, is always on the hunt for volunteers who can help Youth Outlook improve the lives of queer youth and their families. There are opportunities for people to work behind-the-scenes, helping with administrative needs or events, as well as to work directly with youth. There is a volunteer application process. You can find out more about volunteering by going to [www.youth-outlook.org](http://www.youth-outlook.org) or get application materials by talking to Rev. Adam.

### Simple Living Group Summer Plans

Thursday, June 25 at 9:30am  
at Ann Schuster's house

Thursday, July 23 at 9:30am  
at Susan O'Neill's house

Thursday, August 27 at 9:30am  
at Bob Brubaker's and Marilyn James' house

For more info or directions, contact Gail Tattersfield.

### UU Buddhist Meditation Group

Summer is a great time to check out the UU Buddhist Meditation and Study Group. To accommodate more sporadic attendance, we will be exploring a number of resources (videos, CDs, podcasts, and short articles) so that participants can feel comfortable dropping in whenever they are available. If you find yourself free on a Wednesday night, feel free to join us in the Sanctuary at 7pm! To find out more about the group or to follow our schedule, visit us at <http://sites.google.com/site/uusbuddhist/>.

### Taste of New UUs

Are you new to UUSG? Want to learn more about us and Unitarian Universalism? Then join us for a "Taste of New UUs," offered Sunday, July 19 from 11:30am to 2pm, immediately after Sunday worship.

Rev. Lindsay Bates will lead the session with support from the Membership Committee. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) or by signing up on the "Taste of New UUs" clipboard in the Common Room.

Questions? Contact Joanne Erickson.

### It's Official!

Michael McElvain will be back at UUSG in August, beginning a new musical chapter with us as our Part-Time Music Director. Michael's been working for the UUs out in Kirkwood, MO, where they have [almost] as many talented musicians as we have here at UUSG.

Michael would like to find ways to get as many people of all ages involved in our music ministry as possible, so if you would like to bring your musical gifts, instrumental or vocal or both, to the congregation, in a Prelude or Postlude, an Offertory or an Interlude, or any combination thereof, please let Katie Phillips know. We're asking her to help Michael gather a list of those he'll want to be sure to be in touch with.

Don't be shy, please, about giving us your name. If you'd like to suggest someone else, we'd like to know that, too - we'll double-check before giving names suggested by others to Michael, though, to be sure no one gets a surprise they didn't really want.

### Requesting Reimbursement?

If you spent money on behalf of UUSG this year and forgot to request reimbursement, please do so by June 30.

Reimbursement request envelopes are available in the hallway just outside the south Common Room door.

Requests MUST be received by June 30.

## Volunteer Headquarters

If you'd like to be a part of our Ministry of Hospitality, please talk to Lindsay or Katie.

### Volunteer Appreciation

Heartfelt appreciation goes out to **Laura Bartoszek**, who prepared a wonderful lunch at the recent Spirit Play Training hosted at UUSG. Laura provided a delicious, gluten-free, vegetarian meal with dessert for a group of 16 people. The food was amazing! Thank you very much, Laura!!

**George Hickman**, who trimmed all the shrubs in the Memorial Garden

**Jeanne Neltor**, for putting the Mini-Pioneer together, and **Karen Moore**, for getting & sorting the mail, while our Congregational Administrator was on vacation

**Cindy Vacek**, for putting together an awesome picnic!

### Cleaning Up the Backyard

We have a large collection of weeds and sticks along the SW corner of our lot and we'd like to get rid of it by the end of the summer. It can be done one yard waste bag at a time, so let us know if you can help even just a bit (bags provided).

**Greetings!** If you'd like to welcome members, friends, and visitors to UUSG, sign up in the Common Room or at <http://content.uusg.org/greeters-and-social-hour-hosts/>.

### 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.

### Let's Go for a Ride

If you can help provide local rides to UUSG members, once a week or once a month, talk to Katie in the office.

## Healthy Living...

You're invited to join a new group at UUSG—the "Healthy Habits" Group! We meet on 1st Wednesdays at 12pm and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. The group is open to men & women of all ages.

We're not following a specific plan, but just getting together to share ideas about living healthier lives.

For more info, talk to Katie in the office or just join us at a meeting!

## Selling Some Pizza

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who are working the Swedish Days Pizza Booth this week! If you're not signed up to help, you can still support UUSG by stopping by the booth for some pizza, Oreos, and an ice-cold drink!

Look in next month's Pioneer for a complete list of volunteers and how our biggest fundraiser did this year!

## It's Back...!

The Steeple Walk is returning this year and we're looking for 2 UUSG folks to work with representatives from the other 3 churches involved to make this an event to remember.

The Steeple Walk features different music in different churches in Geneva and is a great way to let the community know about us. If you'd like to help or would like more info, please talk to Katie in the office (630-232-2350 or [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org)).

## Claiming Your Inner Annie Oakley & Wild Bill Hickok

It's been interesting to discover how many target-shooters we have here at UUSG, coming forward since our Senior Minister started learning to handle a revolver a few months back.

Lindsay and Scot would like to get a group together to go shooting and then out for pizza (or burgers or salads or whatever) sometime this summer, if we can manage to coordinate schedules.

If this would interest you, please let Lindsay know ([minister@uusg.org](mailto:minister@uusg.org)). If there are enough of us with enough interest, perhaps we can make it a regular occasional event!

(You need a FOID card to transport or rent a gun, although not to use someone else's, and you must be 18 or older.)

## Circles of Life

Again, we've had some rough months for UUSG families. We send our thoughts and condolences to Lisa McCarthy, whose father died in April; to Eleanor Lukezewski, who lost her sister in May; to Lisa Gomien, whose mother died in May; and to Sharon Hansen, whose father died in early June. To all of them and their families, and to any others in our UUSG community facing the loss of loved ones, our sympathies and prayers.

Our thoughts are also with two of our newest UUSG members (although many of you will remember them as active friends) - Susan and Barry Knerr signed our Membership Book on June 15 at their new home in Elgin. Susan has entered hospice care, and Barry and Julie and Phil (their daughter and son) are all with her. If you're in the Elgin (the south west area, near Randall and Bowes), and would like to be included on the "Call if you need me" list, please let Katie Phillips know.

Ben Walker is recovering from complications from an appendectomy. Cards, emails, and phone calls are welcome, but he's still needing plenty of rest.

We're glad to report that Jim O'Malley is recovering from his most recent medical adventures and that Mary Schweizer is also, at last, back home. Best wishes to them and to all others who have been or are about to be embarking on journeys of healing.

And we're delighted to welcome our newest baby - the first member of the third generation of the Schulman family here at UUSG! Lincoln Gage Erickson was born very early in the morning on June 4. Baby Lincoln and Mom Heidi and Dad Jasson Erickson, as well as grandparents Chris & Hal Schulman, all are doing well.

# Social Justice News

## July Friday Flick: *Sicko*

Universal Health Care will be the topic of the Friday Flick at 7pm on July 17, when the Social Justice Committee will show Michael Moore's film *Sicko*. The film has been hailed as a "brilliant diagnosis of the U.S. healthcare system ... dishing laughs and outrage in equal measure, this is the rare movie that could actually change our world." More information is available at <http://www.michaelmoore.com/sicko>.

Following the film, the audience will be given an opportunity to respond to an Action Alert for HR 676 and S 703, the National Health Care Act. With over 45-75 million uninsured Americans, and another 50 million who are under-insured, the time has come to change our inefficient and costly fragmented non-healthcare system.

## July RSVP Schedule

Thank you to our June volunteers for Northern Illinois Food Bank: Colleen Besic, Judith Calleja, Lisa Gades, Gertrude & Richard Hayden, Jennifer Mackey, Jean & Lou Pierce, & Lisa Rittenberry. Thanks to your efforts, we packed 1,000 pounds of paper goods for delivery to families in need!

In July, join us for Bingo and good conversation with the residents of the Provena Geneva Care Center! Provena provides rehabilitation services and intermediate & skilled nursing care for seniors. For more information, visit their website: <http://www.provena.org/seniors/body.cfm?id=1972&oTopID=201>

Date	Location	Ages	Requirements	Activities
July 18 2-4pm	Provena Geneva Care Center	All ages		Bingo, games, and conversation

## They're Committin' to Knittin'!

A big THANKS to all of the folks who knitted, crocheted, coached, and donated to our Commit to Knit/Shawls & Dolls project this year. Kathie Noll, Kate Frazier, Ben Walker, Jean Pierce, Anne Wilson-Dooley, Nancy Christensen, Glenda Peck, Elba Karim, Joan McInnes, Jill Brown, and Mary Lou Beyer...we thank you for your contributions. On May 31, we dedicated 22 shawls and 10 dolls that will be distributed to women and children in areas of conflict around the world through Women for Women, Knitting for Peace [www.women4women-knitting4peace.com/#3](http://www.women4women-knitting4peace.com/#3).

We will continue to meet in the Common Room on the second Sunday of each month, after church during the summer and between services in the fall. We're hoping for another big year of crafting global peace, believing knitting needles and crochet hooks are more effective than bullets and bombs. For more information on this project, contact Joan McInnes or Jean Pierce.

## UUSG YRUU Habitat Update

### Important Dates

June 30 – Hammering 102 – 7pm at UUSG – ALL TRIP ATTENDEES REQUIRED.

Wear boots – bring hammers – hands-on practice of what we went over in Hammering 101.

July 9 — Last gathering before departure — 7-9pm at UUSG

July 1— Please be at UUSG with gear by 7am

July 19 — Return home

August 8— 6:30pm at UUSG — 10-Year Habitat Reunion Honoring Hal Schulman.

Church family welcome! Please RSVP to Laura Laughlin at [habitat@uusg.org](mailto:habitat@uusg.org).

### Trip Info

This summer 20 UUSG teens and 10 adults will travel to Grand Rapids, MN to build a house for a family that needs one. We will be hosted by the First Assembly of God Church. Our goal is foundation slab to completed external and internal walls with roof in 5 working days. Keep us in your thoughts – safety, service, laughter, and community are our top goals.

## Green Corner

### Global Warming Report

Global warming skeptics seem increasingly convinced that the phenomenon has been disproved, but the scientific community continues to publish new data showing ever-accelerating climate change. This month, the U.S. Global Change Research Program released their latest report detailing its effects on the United States, including impacts on health, agriculture, coastal areas and water supplies. The largest U.S. temperature rise is being seen in the northern Great Plains and here in the Midwest where winters are more than 7 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than 30 years ago.

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Holdren said "This [report] is telling us with persuasiveness why we need to act sooner rather than later, and why action needs to include measures to reduce heat-trapping emissions and measures to adapt to unavoidable changes."

According to the New York Times, these are among the report's conclusions:

Heat-related deaths are likely to increase as the number of 100-degree plus days grows. Without a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, heat-related deaths in Chicago will rise tenfold by the end of the century.

Sea levels will continue to rise, increasing the temporary and permanent flooding of airports, roads, rail lines, and tunnels. About 2,400 miles of roadways and 250 miles of freight rail lines could be inundated along the Gulf Coast over the next 50 to 100 years.

Despite an initial increase in growth, crop production will suffer long-term as carbon dioxide emissions rise. Warmer winter temperatures will help insects and plant diseases spread.

Without efforts to limit emissions, the United States could warm 7 to 11 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century. Cutting emissions could hold that increase to just 4 to 6.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Earlier cuts will be more effective than comparable later cuts, the document adds.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Jane Lubchenco said, "This report demonstrates that climate change is happening now, in our own backyards, and it affects the things that people care about. The dialogue is changing."

The report also warns that "the projected rapid rate and large amount of climate change over this century will challenge the ability of society and natural systems to adapt."

### Turn Off Electronics

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/community-tips/shut-off-electronics-461108#ixzz0lt1TaJRT&D>

If you are really serious about cutting your energy costs, this will make a difference. Make sure ALL electrically driven items are shut off and/or disconnected completely when not in use for extended periods.

Think about computers, TVs, gaming units, nightlights, coffee pots with clocks, microwaves, printers, etc. Use programmable thermostats for different times of the day, and set lower temps (heat), or higher temps (A/C), when you are on vacation or go for extended periods. Burnt-out light bulbs should be replaced, or, at the very least, removed.

If you start looking around your home, you will find many more ways to conserve energy and money!

### Friends of the Geneva Library Swedish Days Book Sale

Thursday, June 25, 2009, 5-9 pm

Friday, June 26, 2009, 9am-5pm

Saturday June 27, 2009, 9am-3pm

## Green Corner

### Slow It Down...

With the cost of gas going up, here are some tips from Illinois Go Green on how to save gas with your car. See [www.illinoisgogreen.org/tips](http://www.illinoisgogreen.org/tips) for more!

1. SLOW DOWN! Drive the speed limit. You will save a couple of miles per gallon when you do this. On the highway it can be hard, but you can save almost 5 mpg if you drive the speed limit instead of going 75 mph or faster.
2. Accelerate Slowly. You will save mpg by not having a lead foot. Don't worry — you will still get there, just a few minutes slower and you'll save money at the pump.
3. Change your air filter to one that you clean (K&N air filter). Not only will it give you a couple extra of mpg for your car, but you don't throw it away. You clean the air filter every 30,000 to 50,000 miles.
4. Get rid of extra weight. This might be hard, especially if the golf clubs are in the car so you can go whenever you want, but get them out. Too much weight slows down the car and wastes gas.
5. Change your wheels. Get rid of the steel wheels and change them to aluminum or ones that weigh less. This will help with getting better mpg.
6. Get regular tune-ups. This will help make your car run its best.
7. Make sure your tires are inflated to the right pressure. Over-inflated or under-inflated tires will cause your car to waste gas trying to move.
8. Remove roof racks. They cut down on air resistance and you lose 1 to 2 miles per gallon.

### Another Opportunity: 2nd Annual Katrina Project

Please consider joining DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church of Naperville on a repeat visit to the Mississippi Coast in November. Arrangements have been made with Camp Coast Care. Since the first days after Hurricane Katrina, Camp Coast Care has offered help to survivors in the form of a distribution center for food, clothing, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, and free medical services. The focus now will be on renovations and building of homes. Almost 4 years later, there is still a need! You can see their website for more specific information: [www.campcoastcare.com](http://www.campcoastcare.com).

Interested volunteers need not have special skills for carpentry or other building trades. Just ask any of the 19 church who volunteered last year. Please do not let a lack of skills dampen your enthusiasm for this project. Each site has an experienced supervisor.

This event is sponsored by community action group of DUUC, which will assist with group rides for those interested. Estimate travel costs will be shared by those traveling via vans. Total costs for transportation, room and board are expected to be in the vicinity of \$400 for the week.

November 16 is the week that has been selected for this project. Plans are to depart Illinois on Saturday, November 14, stopping overnight in Memphis, and then arriving mid-afternoon in Bay St. Louis, MS. The work week is Monday to Friday.

Please contact Jane or Joe Gano at 630-961-9528 or [janefgano@gmail.com](mailto:janefgano@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. They are requesting that you express interest as soon as you can but no later than July 30th.

## **What's Happening During Swedish Days?**

The office will be closed during the week of Swedish Days: Sunday, June 20 through Sunday, June 28.

Remember that there will be no worship services on Saturday, June 27 or Sunday, June 28.

Meetings during that week have been canceled, rescheduled, or moved off-site. Check with the group leader or the online calendar to find out if, where, and when your group is meeting.

## **Upcoming Services & Summer Planning**

### **Summer Services**

June 7 through September 6: summer schedule of one service on Sundays at 10am

Remember: no services on June 28—it's Swedish Days!

September 12 & 13: return to our regular 3-service weekends (Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 9am & 11am)

### **Church School**

July – August: Spirit Play for grades K through 5.  
Details are on page 2!

### **Staff Travels & Vacations**

Lindsay: on retreat June 22-27, at annual National Guild of Hypnotists Convention August 4-12

Adam: at Ferry Beach July 10-17

Sandi: on summer break June 8-July 5

During Swedish Days: Adam & Katie will be available by email, but will not be at UUSG.

Our calendar is provided on the next page, and is current as of June 23, 2009. 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, July 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

# JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i> <b>No Services This Weekend</b> Swedish Days	<b>29</b> <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>30</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> YRUU HFH: "Hammering 102"	<b>1</b> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i> <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>Associate Minister's Day Off</i> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	<b>3</b> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <i>LRE Administrator on Summer Break</i>
<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am <b>1:00 PM</b> UU Atheism/Humanism Study Group	<b>6</b> <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>7</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing <b>7:30 PM</b> Program & Administrative Councils	<b>8</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> Boyle/Hemmings Wedding Rehearsal <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>9</b> <i>Associate Minister's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> Boyle/Hemmings Wedding <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm) <b>7:00 PM</b> YRUU HFH Gathering <b>7:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry	<b>10</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Begins!
<b>12</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am <b>11:00 AM</b> Commit to Knit <b>11:30 AM</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Membership Committee Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Social Justice 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>13</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>1:30 PM</b> Women's Guild <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>14</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Board of Directors	<b>15</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> "Healthy Habits" Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> LRE Committee Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>16</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	<b>17</b> <i>Associate Minister at Ferry Beach</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> PIONEER deadline <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Flicks: "Sicko"	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> RSVP: Geneva Care Center <b>3:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry
<b>19</b> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Concludes <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship and Summer Church School (K-5); Social Hour at 11am <b>11:30 AM</b> Communications Committee Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Taste of New UUs <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share	<b>20</b> <i>Associate Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Group Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult RE - "Still Living in the Present Moment"	<b>21</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Sacred Harp Singing	<b>22</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>23</b> <i>Associate Minister's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>9:15 AM</b> Simple Living Circle (meeting off-site) <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Outlook (youth can begin arriving at 6:30pm)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry
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