

The Beyond Our Walls collection for October will go towards The Humanitarian Service Project (HSP). The HSP Senior Gift Bag project supplies 140 area seniors with hygiene projects, facial tissues, and other special gifts that meet their basic and emotional needs. To donate, please write checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

At this year's Veterans Day service on November 10 we will once again have a rolling picture display of UUSG veterans and family members who were veterans. If you would like to have pictures displayed, please send them with captions to Jeff Stibal by November 3 (by e-mail at jtstibal@gmail.com, if possible). Also, if you would like Jeff to remove or alter any pictures from last year's service, please let him know.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, October 27

- 12:45 pm Search Team: Focus Group

Monday, October 28

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 4:30 pm FRVI Mental Health Meeting

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

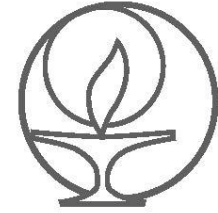
Thursday, October 31

Friday, November 1

Saturday, November 2

Sunday, November 3

- 11:20 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Town Hall: Beyond Categorical Thinking Follow Up



October 27, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

October Theme: *Evil*

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associates: Trish Beckjord, Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Ivan Pynn

Social Hour Hosts: The Technology Team

Greeters: Blake Strong

Counters: Patricia Ward, Patrick McGleam

Teachers: 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Laurel Rigertas; 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Keith Gesiakowski; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Vickie Kilgore; 3-5: Parvaneh Smith, Shawn Thornton; 6-8: Anthony

Mistretta, Jenny Montgomery, 9-12: Nancy Christensen, Scott Dotson; Nursery: Meredith Vandre, Sean Hruby

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services

November 3: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

November 10: Annual Veterans Service

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 103 “For All the Saints”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Search Team Update

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *River Flows in You*, Yiruma

Chalice Lighting

***Song of Praise** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

***Antiphonal Reading** “This Sacred Thread” (insert)

***Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

***Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *Melodie, opus 10*, Jules Massenet

Sacred Story

Children’s Departing Song “As You Go,” Nancy Belt
“As you go, may love surround you, may truth be your guide,
may peace be in your heart.”

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Musical Response *Silent and soft and slow descends the snow*
Arthur Benjamin

Reading

***Hymn** # 1002 “Comfort Me”

Reflection “All Souls”

Communion of Names Remembered

***Hymn** # 205 “Amazing Grace!”

***Unison Closing** # 680 (Barbara Pescan)

***Sending Our Light into the World** # 456

*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Prayer, opus 48, no. 1*, Beethoven

*Please stand as you are willing and able at the **

Announcements

The Beyond Categorical Thinking Town Hall will follow up on the September 29, workshop which brought out some powerful conversations as well as concerns related to how this congregation handles bias around race, LGBTQ, and mental and physical disability. Join us for a follow up conversation on **November 3**. Rev. Jennifer will lead the conversation with assistance from the Transition Team. The agenda includes a more complete report of the responses gathered at the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop and a chance for small group discussion. Please sign up at uusg.org/town-hall or in the Common Room and indicate whether you need childcare. See Rev. Jennifer for questions.

Religious education (RE) volunteers needed! Please help UU youth by volunteering your time and talents as a classroom teacher. You will be one of two teachers, teaching about twice per month. Everything you need is provided, including on-the-job training. You can start as the assistant teacher until you get to know the ropes. Grade levels of need include K-2 and 3-5. Contact the team at LRE@uusg.org with questions.

Meatless Mondays! A simple way that you and your family can make a difference. Set aside one day each week (how about Mondays?) for eating only healthy, plant-based foods. Be healthier, save money, preserve the environment, and save the animals. Join our initiative by signing your name on the sheet in the Common Room.

Become a Northern Illinois Food Banker! Sign up today to sort food at the Food Bank this fall. Children ages 8 to 16 may volunteer with an adult. Our next dates are: Tuesday, November 12, 6-8 pm; Saturday, December 21, 9am - 12 pm. Sign up at uusg.org/food-bank.

Parking alert! The Ooh La La Chocolate 1/2 Marathon and 5K is taking place the morning of November 3. Please leave extra time to find parking.

The UUSG Women’s Retreat is evolving and looking for input. All who identify as women are invited to save the date for the 7th Annual Retreat on January 31 – February 2. The 2020 theme is “Sourcing Our Strength: Our Selves, Our Sisters, Our Society.” If you have ideas for retreat content related to this theme, please email the committee at womensretreat@uusg.org and/or come to our next meeting on Saturday, November 9, at 10am, at Kava Diem in St Charles. Check out our updated web page at uusg.org/womens-retreat for more information.

Is There a Doctor in the House? Our house is so full of large hearts and talents. While our Emergency Response Team (ERT) has a core of trained members ready to respond should there be a real-time need, we might have a situation where additional volunteers could help. We are asking everyone who possesses related skills, certifications, experience and/or training which might be useful to please voluntarily let us know. We are not asking you to become a direct member of the ERT (unless you desire to explore that option) and your information will be protected. Examples of related skills and backgrounds include: CPR/AED, Basic First Aid, Stop-the-Bleed, nursing, physician, Physician Assistant, LPN, police officer, fireman, EMT, military service, OSHA knowledge, EMA, CERT, etc. Please Contact Hal Schulman, ertleader@uusg.org, to self-identify your skills that can help when it matters. Thank you!

Welcoming Congregations Renewal Program Meeting Sunday, November 10, 9:30-10:45am. We invite you to participate in helping to make our church more inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ+ folk. Interweave will lead this effort but welcoming is the business of the whole congregation and cannot be left to our small Interweave group. Some areas we will explore are: educating ourselves; nurturing dialogue for deeper trust and right relationships; addressing bias at UUSG; outreach; and practical ideas like building a LGBTQ library and washroom signs etc. (Please see the full details in the weekly email). For more information contact WCC@uusg.org. Come share your ideas and interests as we work together to create a community that lives out it’s values.