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For UUs who simply want to learn more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, "Bible Study for UUs" will meet March 16, 7-8:30pm. We'll continue our discussion of "How Jesus Became God: the Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee," by Bart Ehrman. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

A Tornado Drill is Fast Approaching and we want all persons to be safe! It will be conducted at the end of each Service on March 8. A megaphone announcement will start and end the drill. Please proceed to our primary sheltering location which is the YRUU room in the basement. ERT members will help guide everyone and be able to answer questions. ertleader@uusg.org.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Adult Program Test

Monday, March 2

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, March 5

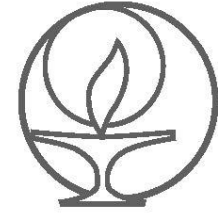
Friday, March 6

- 1:00 pm Band Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Private Party

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Finance Team Meeting



March 1, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Interweave Service

Today's Worship Team

Guest-In-the-Pulpit: Sayer Johnson

Worship Associate: Deb Brod, Melissa Auer, Lynn Steele

Greeters: Trish Beckjord, Louise Haslett

Musicians: Geoff Pynn, Jessica Littlefield

Social Hour Hosts: The Welcoming Team

Counters: David de Coriolis, Jamie Carroll

Teachers: 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Amanda Slaiher; 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Ro Maziarz; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Ilene Smit 3-5: Wendy Mosier, Martha Malana

Nursery: Rachel Harbold, Frank Coffey

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services:

March 8: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Linda Slabon

March 15: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of Church Bell

Song of Community # 188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Prelude and Chalice Lighting *Subwoofer Lullaby*, D. Rosenfeld

Song of Praise (see words inside of gray hymnal)

Antiphonal Reading # 662 “Strange and Foolish Walls”

Our Covenant (see words inside of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside of gray hymnal)

Introduction to the Offering / Beyond Our Walls

Youth Outlook, Lynn Steele

Offering *Everything Possible*

For All Ages “I Am Jazz,” Jessica Herthel, Jazz Jennings

Presented by Llona Steele

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 and Silent Meditation

Musical Response *Rainbow Connection*, Archer, Williams

Hymn # 1053 “How Could Anyone”

Sermon “Shades of Blue,” Sayer Johnson

Hymn # 1012 “When I Am Frightened”

Unison Closing # 505 (Thich N’hat Hanh)

Postlude *Born This Way*, Lady Gaga

Benediction

Announcements

Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Sayer Johnson Sayer is a parent, partner, artist, social worker, and lifelong activist. He proudly identifies as a queer transgender man. Sayer sits on the board of the LGBT Center of St Louis; and is President and Co-founder of the Metro Trans Umbrella Group. He spends as much of his time as he can with his family and working to help create power for transgender people in St. Louis and the metro east regions.

Adopt-a-Senior results! Thank you to all who donated to our Adopt-a-Senior collection. We raised an extra \$720! We will now be able to add puzzle books and cough drops to the care packages. Thank you for your generous giving!

Green Sanctuary Team Meeting Today: After the social hour, during the second service in the Alcott Room. All invited.

The March Beyond Our Walls offering will support Youth Outlook, which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, support for parents, and community education. New centers have been added in our region this year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

Another Reason to Ring the Bell! UUSG’s church bell has recently been added to the National List of Holbrook Bells. George Holbrook and his heirs began casting bells around 1804 in Massachusetts. Their bells are highly regarded and many of them can still be found in churches and other institutions in the Northeast. The inscription on our bell reads: CAST by G.H. HOLBROOK, EAST MEDWAY, MASS. 1846. For several years, our bell was the only bell in Geneva and was rung to gather townspeople for announcements and to warn of fires. It also was included in the 1936 Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), a WPA project.

February BOW: We raised \$2,088.00 for our YRUU Habitat for Humanity collection! Thank you for your generous giving!

The 2020-2021 Pledge Drive is in full swing! If you have not received your packet, there are extras available in the Common Room. It contains information on building our future, our vision for Religious Education, and details from the UUA to help determine fair share giving.

Day of Service UUSG's Annual Day of Service will be held on Saturday, March 21. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Mutual Ground, Senior Gift Bags, BINGO, and Green Postcard Writing. Everyone meets back at UUSG in the evening for a worship service and catered dinner! More details and sign up at uusg.org/day-of-service.

Save the Date! Geneva, Elgin, & DuPage UUs marching together at the Aurora Pride Parade, June 14, 2020. UUSG has invited neighboring UU churches to march together under one UU banner at the upcoming Aurora Pride Parade (aurorapride.org). More details will follow in the coming months. Questions? Email Interweave Leaders Ash Petersen and Irene Frederick at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

Wanted: Pizza Booth General Manager UUSG risks losing \$8k+ in fundraising this year! The main responsibilities include preparation (reserving equipment and contacting our food vendors), set up, and volunteer organization. You'll also have access to the Swedish Days Manual, a tome handed down from General Manager to General Manager, that documents everything. Interested? swedishdays@uusg.org.

Finance Can Be Fun! Join the UUSG Finance Team! We are currently looking for new members to help ensure our congregation can remain a stable and growing entity for the next 175 years. View responsibilities and expectations in the Weekly Email or on the bulletin board in the Common Room. Contact finance@uusg.org or office@uusg.org if interested.

Mark your calendars! Women’s Circle is March 28. Old Woman, Wise Woman, Powerful Woman: the Beauty of Aging. Please register through UUSG’s Women’s Circle page at uusg.org/womens-circle.