

July 12, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

Worship Associate: Melissa Auer

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman piano; Elena Spiegel violin;
Sophia Spiegel cello; Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, July 19: Aaron Fogleman

Sunday, July 26: Rev. Linda Slabon

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Prelude *Appalachia Waltz*, Mark O'Connor

Welcome & Community Announcements

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.

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.

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.

Offering

For All Ages

Pastoral Prayer & Meditation

Shared Silence

Musical Response *Romantic Piece Op. 75, no. 4*, Antonin Dvorak

Hymn # 1031 May I Be Filled With Loving Kindness

May I be filled with love and kindness May I be well
May I be peaceful and at ease and may I be happy
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Message "Forgiveness"

Hymn # 205 Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears
relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first
believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Sending Our Light into the World

Benediction

Postlude *The Path You Walk Upon*, Catherine Dalton

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

(All activities meet via Zoom. Contact your group leader for links.)

Sunday, July 12

- 9:00am Summer RE K-5
- 10:00am Online Worship Service
- 11:00am Summer RE 6-8
- 12:00pm Summer RE 9-12

Monday, July 13

- 1:00pm Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

- 7:00pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, July 15

- 7:00pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, July 16

- 11:00am Simply Sharing Circle

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

- 9:00am Facilities Work Day

Sunday, July 19

- 10:00am Online Worship Service

Contact Information

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Announcements

Navigating the Year Ahead: Board Statement on UUSG's COVID-19

Reopening Strategy As UUSG looks ahead to the coming year, we're thrilled to begin our new journey with Rev. Scot Hull. At the same time, unexpected and weighty decisions demand our attention about how we will do church and when we'll resume "normal," face-to-face worship and ministry practices. [Visit our website to learn more about UUSG's plan for the future.](#)

Black Lives Matter Signs Available If you'd like to purchase a Black Lives Matter yard sign, please contact Gail Tattersfield or Christine Imielski. Signs are \$5 and all proceeds will go towards a Black Lives Matter initiative. Further donations gratefully accepted.

The Board of Directors has extended our current stay-at-home practice including a continuation of virtual services, group meetings and other functions until at least Friday, July 31. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at uusg.org as relevant.

Rev. Scot is on the Move If you missed last Sunday's service, you also missed Rev. Scot Hull's update. In a nutshell: He and his family are on track to be here by August 1. They are anticipating that negotiations will be wrapped up this week on a home purchase in Batavia. He's looking forward to be physically present at UUSG and will be in the front office facing Second Street. The Facilities Team is currently sprucing up the space by decluttering, cleaning, & painting.

Service July 19: Aaron Fogleman, Jesus Is Female: Historical Image, Current Relevance Aaron Fogleman and his family live in Batavia and have been attending UUSG for nine years. He is a professor of History at Northern Illinois University, where he teaches courses on early American history and the history of the Atlantic World.

July 26: Rev. Linda Slabon served the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb for 26 years along with her spouse, Dr. Toni Tollerud, retired Music Director. Linda is now Minister Emerita and is also an Affiliated Community Minister with the UU Church in Rockford, IL. A Clinical Social Worker, Linda maintains a small private practice, serves on the DeKalb County Board, and is a Bionic Nana with titanium hips for games with her grand-daughter.

Bible Study for UUs. 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" is on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on July 20. We'll begin our discussion of "[The Origin of Satan: How Christians Demonized Jews, Pagans, and Heretics](#)" by Elaine Pagels. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Simply Sharing Join us Thursday, July 16, at 11am for a time to see friends and to check in with each other. Our topic of conversation is still TBD, send ideas to Gail Tattersfield if you have one! If you're not on the Simply Sharing list but would like to attend, please email Christine at office@uusg.org. Zoom link will be sent Wednesday, July 15.

Religious Education The Religious Education Steering Team has decided to dedicate the entire summer to our first principle: "Each person is important". To that end, teachers are creating awareness of our words, attitudes and privilege; teaching about the importance of Black Lives Matter; and empowering our youth with knowledge to confidently counter prejudice.

As we prepare for fall, please consider helping support our RE program. We are in need of: middle school teachers, middle school youth group leader (social events), mentors for our Coming of Age (COA) program. Please consider how and where you may be able to help support our program.

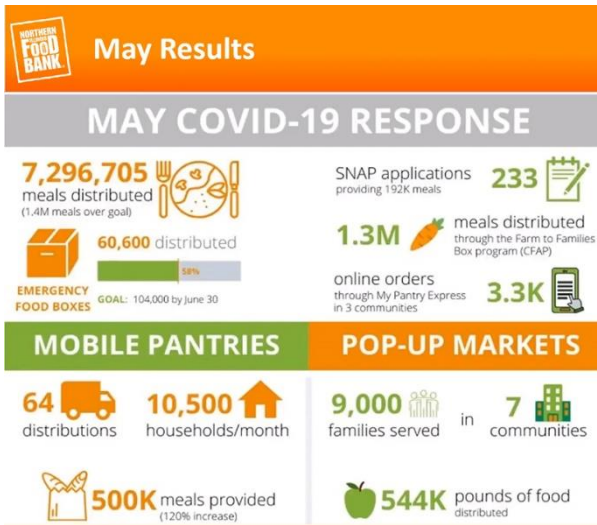
Mutual Ground Quaran-cleaned recently? Found old jewelry you no longer want? State Street Jewelers will give \$CASH\$ to Mutual Ground, a local domestic violence shelter, for jewelry of ANY condition or value! Some jewelry may even be used in Mutual Ground's gala auction! If jewelry doesn't make a fashion statement at your home, Mutual Ground is also requesting donations of essential items found on their wishlist here.

Domestic and relationship violence cases have risen and increased in intensity during shelter-in-place guidelines. This has left shelters with an increased need for community support. Now is the time to give to these essential non-profits.

IMPORTANT: The Social Justice Team asks that donations are left inside of the blue plastic container located at the 110 entrance to the church. Mutual Ground appreciates if jewelry donations are contained in a ziplock bag. Please do not bring donations directly to Mutual Ground or State Street Jewelers. Christine will use her superpowers to ensure that donations remain safe.

Thank you to Diane Gallentine for discovering this community service act of love. For questions for more information email the Social Justice Team at socialjustice@uusg.org.

July “Beyond Our Walls” Members and friends donated \$1,978 in support of the Northern Illinois Food Bank in May. In this time of crisis, our donation had an immediate impact within this community. The graphic shows just how busy the NIFB was in May. July is going to be no different. The NIFB is continuously updating their safety information regarding operations. Please follow the supplied [link](#) if you have concerns.



Want UUSG to be Recognized in the Broader Community? Here’s How:

You can help ensure that UUSG is recognized in the broader community. We have more of an impact when we work with other churches and non-profits. That is why we are a proud member of the Fox River Valley Initiative. This broad-based organization does a terrific job of training people to be community organizers. The next zoom training sessions will be 7-8:30, July 21, and 28.

Register here: contact Lucy Tarabour, admin@dupageunited.org

During the past 5 years, UUSG has been part of these successes:

- Since 2017, 170 police officers have been trained through Crisis Intervention to identify and de-escalate encounters with people suffering from mental illness or addiction

- Expanded and increased availability of a Crisis Stabilization Units offering people treatment instead of incarceration
- Helped create a Kane County Jail re-entry program linking ex-offenders with mental illness with appropriate treatment and housing
- Won 48 units of permanent supportive affordable housing units in Elgin
- Convinced law enforcement in the county to leverage their purchasing power to force gun manufacturers to create gun safety technologies

Looking for a convenient way to fulfill your pledge or make a donation to UUSG during this time? Visit our website here to donate using your PayPal account, credit card, or debit card. You can also contribute to our monthly “Beyond Our Walls” collections here; be sure to include “BOW” in the special note instructions. Questions about donating online? Contact Christine at office@uusg.org. Checks may also be mailed to: UUSG, PO BOX 107, Geneva, IL 60134.

If you haven't fulfilled your 2019-20 operating fund pledge commitment yet, please try to do so immediately. Questions? Contact Christine at office@uusg.org.