



October 25, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

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People's Church of Chicago  
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Unity Temple UU Congregation  
Unitarian Church of Evanston  
UU Prison Ministry of Illinois  
UU Fellowship of DeKalb  
Northshore UU Church

Presents:

# UU Democracy Revival

## A Unitarian Universalist Revival for Democracy

Democracy has always been a core of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Using our online technologies, we gather our resources and energies for this worship service.

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/B9QIGowcN5o>

We will be hosting a joint coffee hour that will include 2 small break-out room sessions for people to get to know one another:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94624372350?pwd=WUxzUTNpV2k4Wkl0RVpOdEJzeUNBZz09>

Meeting ID: 946 2437 2350, Passcode: 337988

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### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, November 1:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Our Ancestors Are Calling Us Forward"

**Sunday, November 8:** Annual Veterans Service

*Come as you are.*

# Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar)

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

## **Sunday, October 25**

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:45 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:45 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:45 am RE Class 9-12

## **Monday, October 26**

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

## **Tuesday, October 27**

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot (online)
- 1:00 pm The Help Desk with Christine
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

## **Wednesday, October 28**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am Luncheonettes

## **Thursday, October 29**

## **Friday, October 30**

## **Saturday, October 31**

## **Sunday, November 1**

- 9:00 am RE Class K-2
- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Online Worship Service
- 11:15 am RE Class 3-5
- 11:15 am RE Class 6-8
- 11:15 am RE Class 9-12
- 1:00 pm New UU? Q&A with the New Guy

## Announcements

**Fall brings crisp cool days and beautiful colors...**and another chance to gather with UU friends for virtual lunch! Join us for Luncheonettes! October 28, 11:30-1:00. [Sign up here to receive the Zoom link](#). Hope to see lots of you there! Questions? [luncheonettes@uusg.org](mailto:luncheonettes@uusg.org).

**BYOL (Lunch) with Rev. Scot: Tuesdays at Noon** Rev. Scot will be hosting an open meeting on Zoom each Tuesday at noon. No agenda. No requirements. Come if you can, when you can. Just bring yourself, your concerns, your questions, your stories, your jokes--and your lunch--and join him (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>. Meeting ID: 583 290 3665, Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 (Chicago)

**Chats with Rev. Scot! Sundays at 1pm** Rev Scot wants to try something new in order to connect with you! Join him (and anyone else who wants to attend) for discussions, the first three weeks of the month, starting November 1:

### **First week of the month: New UU? Q&A with the New Guy!**

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? New to UUSG? Want to know more? Join our new minister, Rev. Scot, for a monthly drop-in on the first Sunday of the month, at 1pm--after the service, coffee break-outs, and the talk-back. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat!

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85446292800>

### **Second week of the month: Parents Circle**

Got kids? These are impossible times, and impossible times calls for coffee and community. If you can take an hour, come chat with Rev. Scot and other UUSG parents about what's on your head & heart.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84033914938>

### **Third week of the month: Minister Coffee**

Open Forum! For those of you that think those talk-back sessions are just a tad too short, this is for you. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and a cup of coffee, and we'll chat!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896751773>

**NIFB Beyond Our Walls Giving Total.** From April to September 2020 our BOW recipient was the Northern Illinois Food Bank and we raised a grand total of \$8,008.05! Thank you for your generous giving, your dollars will do so much to support the people in our community!

**Sermons and For All Ages Stories Now On YouTube!** Would you like to watch past sermons and FAA presentations and share them with friends and family? Visit our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9oupYz5jh08iZ3u1m-J-kw>.

**For All Ages Opportunity** Are you interested in an opportunity to read a "For All Ages" story during a Zoom Sunday service? Please let the newly formed "For All Ages Team" of Rhonda Robinson, Tom Lichtenheld and Becky Hruby know! Whether you want to read alone or with a loved one, there will be stories to tell. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list of potential readers. There will be many opportunities throughout the year. Also note whether you prefer a solo gig or have other voices in your home that would like to join you. Please contact Becky Hruby at [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org).

**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 **November 30**. Ongoing assessments are being monitored and further updates will be posted at [uusg.org](http://uusg.org) as relevant.

**Help Getting to the Polls** With the election just weeks away, we want to make sure everyone is able to **VOTE**. If you need assistance getting to the polls, please let our WOW team know. You can contact our WOW Team Leaders, Glenda Peck and Carol Myers at [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org), or the office at 630-232-2350, [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**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 November 16. We'll continue our discussion of "[Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene: The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend](#)" by Bart Ehrman. We'll be discussing Mary Magdalene. We'll meet using Zoom. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**October Beyond Our Walls: The Humanitarian Seniors Project** With your support, every month the Humanitarian Service Project's volunteers deliver fruits and vegetables, meat, bread, non-perishables, paper products, and more to the low-income seniors in their Senior Citizen Project. In past UUSG Days of

Service, friends and members of the church have helped assemble hundreds of bags with essential supplies. Although it is doubtful that UUSG will be able to sponsor a Day of Service in the spring, our senior neighbors need our support now more than ever.

**How do we combat the injustices in our country?** Stand up for others? Use our voices to speak for those unable to do so? In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." To that end, Religious Education has collected [several anti-racism books for the UUSG library](#). From child and teen to adult audiences, the UUSG library has a nice selection of new titles to share. Books are available in a bin on the front porch of the Pioneer House. Please sign out the books you borrow on the log on the clipboard (inside the box). Try to return the books within a month to give others the chance to read as well. May you find inspiration and hope throughout the pages.

### **From the Minister's Desk**

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and is part of an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. Please visit [nationalbreastcancer.org](http://nationalbreastcancer.org) for more information on screening and education.

**October is also Bullying Prevention Month** Every day, thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends and family, and within your school or community. Please visit [pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/](http://pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/) to learn more and for ways to get involved.

**October is also LGBT History Month** This is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. Founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson, LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community, and represents a civil rights statement about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. Every day this month, a different video story will be highlighted at [lgbthistorymonth.com](http://lgbthistorymonth.com).

**October is also Clergy Appreciation Month** Your new clergy person wants you to know that you are loved, that you are seen, and that you are appreciated. If

you're so moved to return that compassionate understanding, he wants you to know that his job would be impossible without the amazing staff at UUSG and suggests that your continuing expressions of gratitude and thanks to them would be a tremendous gift.

**Trick or treating may look different this year.** But, chocolate is the same tasty treat it has always been. Something else is also the same – child labor and deforestation are still ingredients in big name chocolate bars. [We made this cheat sheet so you can easily spot chocolate brands doing chocolate better.](#) Many of these companies are also Green Business Members of Green America, and all of these chocolates are available for purchase online! During the pandemic, child labor in cocoa has risen by an estimated 20% and small businesses everywhere are struggling, so using your purchasing power this Halloween is even more important than usual. Whether you are spending Halloween at home or discovering new ways to safely pass out candy, we hope that our '[Trick or Treat Cheat Sheet](#)' helps you pick chocolate that you can feel good about eating.

**After Andrew DeCoriolis' Ethical Eating program** last August, many expressed the desire to start sharing vegetarian recipes. Deb Brod has stepped up and is willing to coordinate this activity. Please send recipes, favorite websites, stories or information requests to Deb at: [dcbrod44@icloud.com](mailto:dcbrod44@icloud.com). Additional references: <https://www.facebook.com/UUVeg>. Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry: <https://uuam.org/wp/>.

### **Social Justice News**

**Thank you** for Volunteering to provide food for the Soup Kitchen: Lisa Gades, Carol Myers, Will Sapet and Family, and Anne Wilson Dooley.

**Thank you** for Volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank this month: Jaime Andersen, Jamie Carroll, James Carroll, Don Clements, Mike Clements, Lizzy Clements, Mikey Clements, Connor Lougheed, Devin Lougheed, Steven Lougheed, Aaron Miller. [Sign up for November 21 here.](#)

**Calling all musicians:** Please tell [socialjustice@uusg](mailto:socialjustice@uusg) if you are willing to provide music in person at the Illinois Youth Center for the boys sometime during the holiday season. Music would not need to be limited to Christmas carols.

[Sign up to be part of UUSG's anti-racism efforts here.](#)

## **This week on the Social Justice Calendar:**

**Pick up your Vote Yes for Fair Tax Sign** at 1931 W Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL between 11 and 5.

**Tuesdays on the Bridge** 4-5 pm on the Geneva Bridge on State Street, Geneva

**Thursdays on the Bridge** 4-5 pm on the St. Charles Bridge – Main Street, St. Charles. Rally for candidates and issues. Wear a mask and be prepared to socially distance, please. Bring signs.

**Voting by mail is continuing – Contact your Board of Elections**

[To request a Vote by Mail ballot in DuPage](#)

[To request a Vote by Mail ballot in Kane](#)

### **Mail Drop Boxes:**

- Kane County Clerk's Office (Inside) 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva
- Aurora Satellite Office (Inside) 5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F
- City of Elgin (Inside) 150 Dexter Ct, Elgin, IL 60120

**October 26:** Grace Period Registration and Voting at more locations

- Kane County Clerk's Office (719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. B, Geneva)
- Aurora Satellite Office (5 E. Downer Pl., Suite F)

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm; Wed. 8:30am-8pm

**November 7,** Dinners for Lazarus House: Volunteer to prepare a casserole and salad for 12. [Sign up here.](#)

**Learn about Candidates Here:** [illinoisvoterguide.org/](http://illinoisvoterguide.org/) Enter your address, then click on Research Ballot.

### **Candidate Forums:**

[See one Kane County Forum here:](#) Kane County Bd. members, State's Attorney, Recorder

[See another Kane County Forum here:](#) Auditor, Circuit Clerk, 16th Judicial, Kane Co. Bd. Chair

[See the Illinois General Assembly Candidate Forum here:](#) State Legislators for House 49, 50, 65 and Senate 25

[See the Congressional District 6 Forum here](#)

[See the Congressional District 14 Forum here](#)



**Election Protection:** From the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights:  
Report any suspected attempt to disenfranchise here: 866-OUR VOTE

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