

Chicago Area UU Council Fall Conference: Gathering and Strengthening Our UU Communities. Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:30am-Noon via Zoom. Keynote presentation on navigating grief by Elizabeth Harding followed by a panel discussion. Free to attend, more details and registration at <https://uuchicagoarea.org/conference>.

Women's Circle - Rise Up and Call Her Name Saturday, Nov. 13, 1-4pm in the Common Room. Guest Speakers Deann Alleman, Jean Pierce, and Pat Vary will share from our UUSG history of programs and experiences honoring women in global earth-based spiritualities with an emphasis on goddesses. They will share how these programs influenced WomenSpirit Rising at UUSG as well as district gatherings sponsored by Women and Religion for more than 15 years. More details and sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Save the Date! UU Church of Bloomington Normal and UUSG are co-sponsoring a three-part series of Difficult Conversations: The art and science of working together. If you missed this workshop last year, now is your chance to attend! UUSG members and friends are invited to take part. Save the date for **January 27, February 1 & 3**, 6-8:30pm via Zoom. Registration and more information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 7 **Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)

Monday, November 8

- 3:00 pm Steeple Walk Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors (online)
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 10

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm DEI Team Meeting (online)

Thursday, November 11

Friday, November 12

Saturday, November 13

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle

Sunday, November 14 **Worship Service 9am & 11am**

- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)

Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

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Welcome to This House!



November 7, 2021

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

**Veterans Service
"Where We Were"**

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: UUSG Veterans Group
Musicians: Brian Joosse, Tracey McFadden, Dawn Pokorny, Kristin McFadden, Mike Elliott
RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, 3-5: Kerry Sapet, Bill Pokorny, 6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold, 9-12: Jaime Andersen, Scott Dotson
A&E: Amanda Slaiher, Eleanor Hamilton, Becky Hruby
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Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby
Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 14: Rev. Scot Hull, "Paging Captain America"

Sunday, November 21: Rev. Scot Hull: "Living With Tiny Gods"

Order of Worship

Ingathering “This Land is your Land,” Woodie Guthrie

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship & Welcome Scott Dotson

Music # 123 “Spirit of Life”

Chalice Lighting

Introduction Aaron Fogleman

First Reading “Post-War Germany vs Afghanistan,” Larry Escalona

Offering

Music “Your Flag Decal Won’t Get You into Heaven Anymore,” John Prine

Second Reading “Al Drover – A Remembrance,” Tracey McFadden

Musical Interlude “Nothing More,” The Alternate Routes

Third Reading “Vietnam and Afghanistan,” Lynn Steele

Musical Interlude “Sam Stone,” John Prine

Fourth Reading “Reflections on Germany in the 20th Century,” Aaron Fogleman

Concluding Thoughts Rev. Scot Hull

Postlude “Taps,” Dawn Pokorny

Announcements

November Beyond Our Walls: Veterans Path to Hope (formerly known as TLS Veterans). Since 2001, this organization has provided shelter and support for veterans who want a chance to rebuild their lives. In 2011, they added a drop-in resource center for veterans and their families. It offers certified veteran peer counseling support to any veteran and family in need of assistance along with food and clothing if needed. This organization has transformed lives through its work with veterans in our part of Illinois. We hope you can give generously to help support Veterans to Path Hope in its efforts to reintegrate veterans to society and a better life here back home.

Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry would like to thank the following people for their tireless devotion to the upkeep of our beautiful church grounds: Jan Miller, Kathy Meier, Linda O'Neill, Marilyn Hebda, Llona Steele, Chris and Bill Newman, Carol Myers, Renee Tomell, Shawn Thornton, Karen Laukaitis, Sean and Becky Hruby, Tom Zimmerman, Terry Shouba, Nate Thomas, Rose Maziarz, Susan O'Neill, Diane Gallentine, Glenda Peck, Melissa Auer, and Patrick McGleam on shrubs, grasses, and trees!

UUSG Circle Suppers 2022! The Board of Directors has decided to resume the Circle Supper Program. Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, which are held in January, February, March, & April. Details and sign up at uusg.org/circle-suppers. Mary Swanson: circlesuppers@uusg.org. Deadline: November 30.

A&E Volunteers Needed Please give our unable-to-be-vaccinated youth in grades K-8 an hour of your time by assisting with Arts & Exploration (A&E). Contact Becky Hruby at dre@uusg.org with any questions. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2d2zc86r>.

Teenagers and adults from UUSG are being given an opportunity to correspond with a student enrolled in the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. Typically, letters are hand-delivered twice a year – in December and May. Please contact socialjusticeleader@uusg.org.

Sacred Texts Study Group Whether a text is new to you or not, scripture can be challenging. This class will try to unravel things, at least a bit. No experience necessary! Meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **November 15**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

DEI As our language has been shaped alongside a predominantly racist climate, it has absorbed some of the recollections from that period. On our journey to free our system of its prejudice, we must also purge our lexicons of the scars of the past which stoke buried hatred. Here are some phrases that you should immediately remove from your usage: <https://tinyurl.com/cr9bc4yr>

The Inclusion Bookclub Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the next one is **November 16**. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Zoom info available in the calendar.

The Steeple Walk is back in 2021! December 5, 2-4:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available November 7-14 through Gail Tattersfield or Chris Newman. Featured this year are a wind quartet, a steel pan ensemble, a soloist featuring Spanish guitar, and a string quartet.

Mark your calendar for our final One Book One UUSG. We will meet Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:00pm in the Common Room. This gathering will be a bit different from our previous meetings. We would like everyone to please bring one to three books (or have the titles and authors in mind) to share with our literacy group to promote quality reading as we move into the dark months of winter. Be ready to give a quick summary or enticing "commercial" to encourage the reading of your title. We plan to create a list of the recommendations for you. **Please RSVP to wow@uusg.org.**

Thanks The Social Justice team appreciates the volunteer efforts of the following people who helped prepare meals for Lazarus House in November: Kirsten Carroccia, Elizabeth Clements, Jan Miller, Rose Moore, Page Poris, and Gail Tattersfield.

Congressional District maps have been redrawn: You might have a new Rep. <https://tinyurl.com/y6v6hmrw>