

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.

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.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

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

Monday, November 15

- 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting (online)

Tuesday, November 16

- 7:00 pm The Inclusion Book Club (online)
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 17

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group (online)
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting (online)

Thursday, November 18

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle (online)
- 7:00 pm One Book One UUSG

Friday, November 19

Saturday, November 20

Sunday, November 21 **Worship Service 9am & 11am**

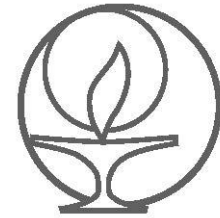
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Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

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Welcome to This House!



November 14, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Pat Vary, Liam Doyle

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Elaina Hruby, Andy Montgomery, Linda O'Neill, UUSG choir: Mark Adams, Katie Baar, Mary Davis (soloist), Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, Diane Handler, Rachel Harbold, Tom Haslett, Jessica Littlefield, Andy Montgomery, Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel, Katie Yurkewicz, Tom Zimmerman

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Cindy Duckworth;
3-5: Bill Pokorny, Dave Duckworth

6-8: Kim McDuffee, Jenny Montgomery
9-12: Scott Dotson, Ashley Peterson

A&E: Julia Friesen, Becky Hruby, Aaron Miller
Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll,
Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, November 28: Chung Liang

Order of Worship

Prelude “Suite for Piano: I,” Norman Dello Joio; “Prelude II,” George Gershwin

Ring the bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” Harold Arlen, Yip Harburg, arr. Sam Holland; Sandra Anderson & Elaina Hruby, piano

Welcoming Words

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

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

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Reading

Hymn # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

Reading

Responsive “Ashokan Farewell,” Jay Unger; guitar arr. Mark Hanson; Andy Montgomery, guitar; Linda O’Neill, violin

Sermon “Paging Captain America”

Offertory # 1018 “Come and Go With Me,” African-American spiritual arr. Kenny Smith

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending “No Other People’s Children,” Elisabeth Alexander; Sandra Anderson; UUSG Choir directed by Cynthia Spiegel

Benediction

Announcements

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>.

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.

Cookie Walk 2021! We are so excited to bring Cookie Walk back this year, but we need your help to make this fundraiser a success! If you’re able to bake cookies or work the event, please sign up today. Visit uusg.org/cookie-walk for more details. Questions? Contact cookiewalk@uusg.org.

Week of Service 2022 We are looking for an individual or a team to help coordinate UUSG’s annual Week of Service this spring. Coordinating the week involves planning a variety of volunteer opportunities, finding individuals to lead activities, organizing sign ups, and communicating information. Much of the planning is in place from past years, we just need a few more helping hands to keep our Week of Service tradition going. Training and administrative support are provided! If interested, contact Kerry Sapet at dayofservice@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 **December 13**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

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.

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.**

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>.

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

Beyond Our Walls Total: In October 2021 we raised \$1,922.39 for the Humanitarian Service Project. Thank you for your generous giving!