

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 **December 16**. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Zoom info available in the calendar.

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 21 **Worship Service Online at 11am**

- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group -online
- 2:00 pm K-2 OWL Parent Meeting -online

Monday, November 22

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 23

- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting -online

Wednesday, November 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting

Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

Saturday, November 27

Sunday, November 28

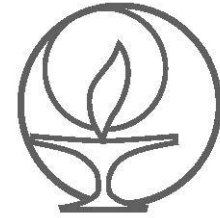
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group -online
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting -online

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

Donate via Tithely with the QR code below:



Welcome to This House!



November 21, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associates: Gail Tattersfield

Musicians: Mark Adams, Sandra Anderson, Katie Baar, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, Diane Handler, Rachel Harbold, Tom Haslett, Kelly Herz, Jessica Littlefield, Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, Linda O'Neill, Rhonda Robinson, Cynthia Spiegel, Pat Vary, Tom Zimmerman

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 28: Chung Liang

Sunday, December 5: Bhante Sujatha, Abbot of the Blue Lotus Temple

Order of Worship

Ring the bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn # 1002 "Comfort Me"

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

Reading "As If to Demonstrate an Eclipse," Billy Collins

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offertory

Reading "Deep Well of Appreciation," Rev. Marta Valentin

Responsive "Parting Glass (Pandemic Version)"

Sermon "With Thanksgiving"

Closing Hymn # 1015 "I Know I Can Go On"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude "Hold On"

Announcements

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.

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>.

Holiday donations for the Illinois Youth Center:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-illinois>
Because we will not be having our traditional holiday party, we are seeking donations of individually packaged treats for the 40 young men incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. A number of people have already signed up with generous donations. We still need 40 candy bars, small packages of pre-popped corn, TAKIS/hot chips (small bags – Meijer), and Little Debbie treats. Donations may be left in the Common Room on the table in front of the big bulletin board at UUSG until Nov. 24. Please clearly label: "Illinois Youth Center." If you would like more information or would prefer to make a cash donation, please contact Melissa Auer at Melissa.auer@illinois.gov.

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.

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.

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.

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>.

Lazarus House Volunteers needed:

[signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus)

Dec. 3: Lunches: we need one person or family to sign up to fix 20 lunches

Dec.4: Casserole & Salad: We need 3 people to sign up to fix a casserole and salad for 12 to be delivered 6-7pm.

Board Chat Due to the upcoming holidays and additional commitments, Board Chats will resume on Sunday, February, 20. As always, if you would like to ask a question or have a comment to share, please reach out to board@uusg.org or to Molly MacKay Zacker directly at molly.zacker@mackayco.com.