

WEEKLY OFFERING

Each week, any funds not identified for the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva are donated to a charity or social service project that our Social Justice Team has identified as being in harmony with our mission to be "...a force for compassionate social justice."

This month, your contributions will go to Freedom from Hunger, which provides micro-grants to women throughout the world, enabling them to build a business in order to support their families.

In addition, Freedom from Hunger educates recipients about healthcare and money management. This organization is active in 23 countries, where it has helped 5.7 million individuals learn how to provide for their families.

For people who would like to target their donations to particular causes, here is the schedule for the rest of our 2014 collections:

June: Wilderness Challenge (Tri-City Family Services)

July: JAMS secondary school for girls in rural Kenya

August: Mutual Ground shelter for abused women and their children

September: Senior Gift Bags for Humanitarian Service Project

October: 2014 Illinois Youth Center Party and Jump Start

November: Cause identified by UUSG Veterans

December: Holiday Lights Fund

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 18, 2014

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

Song of Community # 1013 "Open My Heart"

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

At the sounding of the Rin Gong, please enter into Shared Silence.

Prelude *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*, traditional Appalachian song, arr. J. David Moore

Chalice Lighting

* **Song of Praise** (please see lyrics on facing page)

Antiphonal Reading # 442 "We Bid You Welcome"

* **Unison Reading of Our Covenant** (please see words on facing page)

* **Doxology** (please see lyrics on facing page)

Congregational Offering *Dig Down Deep*, Libby Roderick

In Appreciation for Our Teachers & Facilitators

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *This We Know*, words by Chief Seattle, music by Ron Jeffers

Welcoming of New Members

Hymn # 347 "Gather the Spirit"

Sermon the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
"The Question Box Service"

Hymn # 354 "We Laugh, We Cry"

Unison Closing # 458 (Walter Royal Jones, Jr.)

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction.

Postlude *May You Have Peace*, Lynn Fisher McCanne

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Both Services

Musicians: Sandra Anderson-Cordogan;
FUUsion: Trish Beckjord, Pam Birch,
Lynne Fisher McCanne, Sara Hoerdeman,
Susan O'Neill, Dawn Pokorny,
Rhonda Robinson, Pat Vary
Social Hour Hosts: the Nominating Committee
Counters: Dave Moore, Jim O'Malley
LRE Point Person: Michelle Gibson

9:30am service

Worship Associate: John Rosenkrans
Greeter: Karen Laukaitis
Nursery Caregivers: Jenny Hanson, Euneta Weeks
PreK Teacher: Martha Malana
Grades K-2 Teachers: Cindy Benshoof, Jessica Littlefield
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Lesley Ronson Brown, Geoff Pynn

11:15am service

Worship Associate: Deb Brod
Greeters: Sandy & Dan Bottoms
Nursery Caregivers: Jenny Hanson, Euneta Weeks
Grades K-2 Teachers: Jennifer Klein, Chung Liang
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Wendy Mosier, Tom Russo
Grades 6-8 Teachers: Kate Johnson, Jenny Montgomery
Grades 9-12 Advisors: Elba Karim, Zia Karim, Laura Laughlin,
Bill Pokorny, Tom Zimmerman

INSIDE STORY: Teacher Recognition

Today, our congregation will honor our Religious Education volunteers during both worship services.

Those being recognized include our PreK through 8th Grade Teachers, Substitute Teachers, YRUU Advisors, OWL Facilitators & Chaperones, Nursery Caregivers, Adult RE Facilitators, H4H Chaperones, CON Chaperones, Overnight Chaperones, YRUU Drivers, Junior High Youth Group Chaperones, Social Event Coordinators, and Puppeteers.

We thank you for your choice to support the growth of our young people!

GETTING INVOLVED

- Want to learn more about being a "For All Ages" presenter? Contact Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.
- Want to share special music with the congregation? Contact our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org.
- Would you like to greet or host? Sign up in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/greeting/ or www.uusg.org/hosting/. Questions? Talk to our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.
- Interested in learning more about our religious education program and teaching the next generation of UUs? Contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 25: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates: "Why the Flowers?"

June 1: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates: Intergenerational Flower Communion

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors

Board President, Bill Pokorny
V.P., Admin. Council, Pam Tilbrook
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Treasurer, Bill Scown
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Secretary, John Towell
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Director, Lisa Gades
Director, Pat Ward
Director, Dick Yingst

Team Leaders

Canvass: George Tattersfield
Communications: Open
Facilities: Deann Alleman
Finance: Kevin O'Neill
Green Sanctuary: Ann Drover,
Nancy Goodfellow
Heritage: Pat Ward
Hospitality & Fellowship:
Cindy Vacek, Kim Liang
Lay Ministry: Mark Alleman

LRE: Linda Burke
MAD: Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
Membership: Bev Coe, Jill Brown
Ministries: Deb Brod
Nominating: Jenny Stewart
Personnel: Open
Social Justice: Jean Pierce
Technology: Jeff Stibal
Worship: Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
WOW Care Ministry: Glenda Peck

Music Ministry

Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, music@uusg.org
RE Music Director, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, remusic@uusg.org
Choir Director, Bridget Kancler, choir@uusg.org

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT UUSG

Sunday, May 18

- 9:00 am South End of Common Room Reserved For LRE Puppet Show
- 9:45 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm **Annual Congregational Meeting**
- 1:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting & Picnic (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Music Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

Monday, May 19

- 7:00 pm “Bible Study for UUs” Group

Tuesday, May 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share
- 7:00 pm Sierra Club Community Action - PSEC

Wednesday, May 21

- 11:30 pm Senior Minister’s Day Off
The “Luncheonettes” (off-site)
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:30 pm GAS AA

Thursday, May 22

- 9:15 am Senior Minister’s Sabbath
Congregational Administrator Off Today
Simple Living Circle
- 7:00 pm “Feel Good in the Present” Group Meeting
- 7:30 pm Write Time Writers’ Group

Friday, May 23

- 11:30 am Congregational Administrator’s Day Off
Church School Administrator’s Day Off
The “Geezers” Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks: “A River Changes Course”

Saturday, May 24

Congregational Administrator’s Day Off
Church School Administrator’s Day Off

Sunday, May 25

- 10:30 am Congregational Administrator Off Today
Communications Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm “Munch & Learn” Lecture
- 2:00 pm Memorial Garden Service

Staff Time Off: Our Congregational Administrator will be off May 22 and May 25. The office will be closed and all staff off on May 26.

UPCOMING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Cleaning Thanks to everyone who helped out at yesterday's Spring Spruce-Up & Smorgasbord! We'll publish a full list of volunteers soon.

Annual Congregational Meeting All voting and student members are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting today, immediately after the 2nd worship service.

New Member Reception Please join us for today's Social Hour as we celebrate our newest UUSG members. Beverages and cake will be served as we celebrate this joyous occasion. The Nominating Committee is hosting this Social Hour.

Summer Weeding You can help out by signing up to “adopt” the church grounds for one week this spring or summer. You won't need to water—just come by when you can, during that week and pull weeds. Sign up at www.uusg.org/weeding or in the Common Room.

Learning More About the Bible For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, our “Bible Study for UUs” group meets on third Mondays; their next meeting is tomorrow, May 19 at 7pm. Rev. Lindsay will join the group to talk about the transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and in June, they'll dive into the Gospels. But wait, there's more—Kate Frazier has promised to make a “scripture cake” for the May meeting!

The Luncheonettes All female UUSG members and friends at or around retirement age are invited. Their next gathering is Wednesday, May 21, 11:30am-1pm at Andres’ Restaurant in Batavia. If you'd like to walk with them from Fabyan Park, meet in the parking lot at 10:50am. RSVP to Rhonda Robinson at least 2 days in advance at luncheonettes@uusg.org or at www.uusg.org/luncheonettes.

Summer Services Beginning Sunday, June 1, we will have one service on Sundays at 10am.

May Friday Flick: “A River Changes Course” This award winning film, which will be shown at UUSG at 7pm on May 23, is a powerful story of how globalization and the changing environment are ravaging Cambodia and many third-world countries. Our discussion will be led by Sreinitn Ten, who has met the filmmaker several times. Sreinitn has been working to preserve the stories of survivors of the Khmer Rouge.

Memorial Stone Dedication Ceremony Please join us on Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 2pm for the dedication of memorial stones for Jean Ida Hartman Fisher, Shirley A. Yingst, Mary Connelly, Joan Mansfield, Jeanne & Edward Mansfield, Mary Catherine Laughlin, Thomas Kevin Laughlin, and John J. Woods.

Tutoring Toward a Brighter Future Men and women who are compassionate, flexible, and non-judgmental are needed to become volunteer tutors at the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles, a medium security facility for adolescent boys. An info session will be held at UUSG on Thursday, May 29 from 1pm to 2pm. For more information, call Literacy Volunteers of Illinois at 312-857-1582.

Help Keep Our Kitchen Clean When using dishes, please put them in the dishwasher afterwards. Lately the sink has been filled with dirty dishes that attract critters. The kitchen closes before the second service begins, so anything used after “clean-up” requires your special care. The kitchen is open to all, so please be responsible for the dishes you use and kind enough to pick up some you don't.

PTSD Presentation On June 1 at 3pm, UUSG's Mental Health Ministry will hold a lecture on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, presented by Peter Coe, PhD. Dr. Coe, who has over thirty years of experience in treating PTSD in combat veterans, will talk about the causes of PTSD, course of illness, and treatment approaches. Other traumas will also be discussed.

PPG Award This week's “Promoting Practical Goodness” Award goes to our Nominating Committee—Jenny Stewart (chair), Jim Frazier, Ellie Radvanovsky, John Rosenkrans, and David Tomell—for the time and effort they put into finding the next Board of Directors, a great group ready to lead us into the future!

Hosting Social Hour Fellowship thrives on Sunday mornings at the Social Hour between services. Keep the love (and coffee) flowing! Reserve your date today for the August-December schedule in the Common Room or online at www.uusg.org/hosting.

Interweave June Picnic A local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies, Interweave meets monthly to have discussions about issues important to the group. Instead of meeting in May, they will host a Marriage Equality Day Picnic on Sunday, June 8 at Island Park (or the Common Room if it's raining). Please note that this is a new date for the picnic. Bring a side dish or dessert to share to the Common Room at 11:30am; Interweave will provide sandwiches and drinks. Questions? Contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS & EVENTS

2014-2015 RE Registration Reminder Current RE students received a registration form for the 2014-2015 church year, either in class or via mail. Please review, sign, and return it to the envelope on the LRE bulletin board, or mail to UUSG by Sunday, May 25. If you need a copy of your form, please contact Michelle Gibson at LRE@uusg.org.

Picnic & Playdate Calling all PreK through 5th grade children and parents! Celebrate the end of another great school year with our annual Spring Picnic & Playdate on Sunday, June 1. Pack a lunch and meet outside the Common Room doors at 11:30am. We'll walk to Island Park in Geneva to play, relax, and eat. If you'd prefer to drive, meet us at the playground at 11:45am. Feel free to bring games, frisbees, balls, etc. Unfortunately, if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll have to cancel. Need more information? Contact Karen Laukaitis (playdate@uusg.org).

“Change For Change” The children voted for Bridge Communities to be the recipient of the “Change for a Change” jar funds next church year. Thank you to Jean Pierce for giving the children the opportunity to vote and hear about the great organizations. Last year, they voted to support the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) in Kenya from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014. Support this worthy cause by dropping your spare change in the jar by June 30.