



A Newsletter of  
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## The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

I know it's still only October and the official canvass is still four months away, but we're working on canvass materials now for the 2015-16 pledge drive. Our canvass themes are always future-oriented, and this year's is no exception.

But just as important as building for the future is being fully present and involved in the here and now. There's no future to build for if we're not creating and strengthening a foundation together in the present.

So as we move through our 2014-15 church year, I'd like to remind us all of the five pillars of involvement expected of all UUSG members and encouraged for all UUSG friends:

Show up. Be here for worship, for church school, special events, meetings that interest you, opportunities for socializing and having fun together.

Serve the congregation. Everything from greeting on Sunday to serving on the Board of Directors is essential for our smooth operation.

Serve the world together. You needn't officially join the Social Justice Team to be part of our ministry of promoting practical goodness in the world. Join our Day of Service, pack food at the Illinois Food Bank, tutor imprisoned youths. You can make a huge difference.

Pursue your own moral and religious improvement. We hope that everything we do nourishes the spirit, but pay special attention to your own needs. Consider joining a Small Group Ministry, exploring hypnosis as a spiritual practice, meditating with the Buddhist group, attending an adult RE class, talking with Lindsay about spiritual direction. Feed your soul.

Support your church financially to the highest extent your personal circumstances allow. Give until it feels right and good for you. And know that every gift counts.

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If all of us aspire to all of these, we'll build an even healthier, more vital UUSG. And each new year will be better than the last.

Peace ~ Lindsay

### Last Chance to Get In Our Photo Directory!

This Sunday, November 2 is the last Sunday we'll be taking pictures for the spring 2015 directory. There are limited time slots available — if you'd like to have your family's portrait in the directory, sign up today at [www.uusg.org/directory-photos](http://www.uusg.org/directory-photos).

You may have noticed that we're doing these photos just in time for the holidays. There is no charge for your photo in the directory, but if you make a donation to the UUSG "Make a Difference" (MAD) Fund, we'll email you a high-res version of the picture to print or post.

## Religious Education Announcements

### OWL

“Our Whole Lives” (OWL) is a program dealing with relationships, sexuality, and decision-making for our 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Our facilitators are specially trained.

The OWL Program is scheduled for January 16-17, February 20-21, March 13-14, and April 10-11, 2015. Registration needs to be completed by December 14.

The cost of the program is \$50; if this cost represents a hardship for you, scholarships are available. Anyone who would like to repeat the program is more than welcome to do so.

Contact Elba Karim ([elba@uusg.org](mailto:elba@uusg.org)) or Michelle Gibson ([LRE@uusg.org](mailto:LRE@uusg.org)) for registration forms or if you have questions.

### Book Discussion Canceled

The book discussion group scheduled for October 30 has been canceled. If you are interested in future adult religious education opportunities, please contact Eleanor Hamilton at [AdultLRE@uusg.org](mailto:AdultLRE@uusg.org).

### Interested in 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, 7-8:30pm.

Their next meeting is November 17. They will discuss Romans and 1 Corinthians, as well as pages 179-186 in the current supplemental reading (“Understanding the Bible” by John Buehrens).

### YRUU

Fall CON will be November 21-23, 2014 at Unitarian Universalist Church West (UUCW) in Brookfield, WI. All CON forms and payments need to be turned in by Sunday, November 2. We are in need of parent chaperones; if you are interested, please contact Elba Karim ([elba@uusg.org](mailto:elba@uusg.org)).

### Intergenerational Service

LRE classes will not meet on Sunday, November 23. We encourage all children and youth to join the intergenerational services in the Sanctuary.

### RE Music

Our PreK through 5th grade students have been busy singing “I Know Your Name,” a song that touches on the ideas of getting to know people through one’s travels, finding traits we recognize in others, trying to live in kinship with people of all nations, and remembering that each person needs another.

These ideas tie in with students’ study of various religions and ways of thinking about God, in that one of the desired outcomes is to achieve greater understanding and appreciation of others.

Be sure to attend services on November 2 when you can sing along as students share their song with the congregation!

### Junior High Youth Group

The next Junior High Youth Group meeting is November 8. They will be going to EPIC Air Trampoline in South Elgin.

The cost is \$18 per youth, which will cover 2 hours of jumping time, pizza, and a drink. Please have Epic Air waivers turned in to our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, by November 2.

### Religious Education Class Topics

The RE classes will study the following topics in November:

Grades K-2nd: God is Like a Compassionate Deer, Things God Made for Joy, The Mystery of God

Grades 3rd-5th: Maulid al-Nabi (World Religions Source: Islam), Ramadan (World Religions Source: Islam), United Nations/UNICEF (Humanist Source)

Grades 6th-8th: Hinduism – One God, A Thousand Faces. On Sunday, November 9, the Junior High Group will visit the BAPS Hindu Temple in Bartlett at 10am.

YRUU (Grades 9th-12th): Planning projects for the coming year (social justice as well as social), welcoming new youth into our community, identifying processes to making the group a success, team-building

## Friday Night Feverish Auction

November 15, 5pm-8pm



### Details

On November 15:

- 5pm - 8:30pm: See below for childcare information
- 5pm - 6:30pm: Finger food potluck and Silent Auction (all on the main floor)
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Live Auction in the Sanctuary

### Prizes will be awarded for:

- Showing up in the best disco outfit
- Demonstrating the most memorable disco moves

### Donations

- Click on the disco ball at [www.uusg.org](http://www.uusg.org) OR complete a form in the Common Room.
- The deadline for donations to be listed in the catalog is Sunday, November 2.
- Donations made after that date will be listed in an addendum distributed on November 15.

### Food

Sign up to bring finger food – savory or sweet – on the auction bulletin board display in the Common Room or at [www.uusg.org/auction](http://www.uusg.org/auction).

### Childcare

- We are working to coordinate childcare for children up to age 6; please let us know if you need it and we'll let you know if we can provide it as we get closer to the event.
- We have special activities for children over age 6.
- Register your children by signing up on the bulletin board display in the Common Room or by emailing Jean Pierce at [auctionleader@uusg.org](mailto:auctionleader@uusg.org).

### Bring Donations

- Sunday, November 9, 9am - 1pm OR
- Friday, November 14, 7pm - 9pm

### Help With Set-up

- Sunday, November 9, 12:30pm: Carry tables from upstairs down to the Common Room
- Friday, November 14, 7pm: Set up tables in Common Room and cover with tablecloths

### Help With Clean-up

Saturday, November 15, 8:30-9pm

To sign up to assist with these or other tasks, go to [www.uusg.org/auction](http://www.uusg.org/auction) or contact Jean Pierce at [auctionleader@uusg.org](mailto:auctionleader@uusg.org).

## Young Adult Ministry

Do you want to help ensure another generation of UUs is connected to UUSG? Help us reach out to our young adult community and let them know they are important to us and to the denomination.

We will be collecting small, lightweight items and gift cards in small amounts to send to our young adults. We have around 30 on our list!

If you would like to donate items or money, please do so by November 2 so that the first round of packages/letters can go out. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Elba Karim at [elba@uusg.org](mailto:elba@uusg.org).

## Supporting NPR

Thank you to everyone who donated to UUSG so we can again be a corporate sponsor on our local NPR stations (89.5FM and 90.5FM).

With \$245 donated and \$125 from the Communications Team, we were able to purchase 22 slots, which will be used to publicize our upcoming Cookie Walk.

## We're Welcoming!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up already to greet—it is much appreciated!

One reason it's important to sign up in advance to greet on Sunday mornings is because welcoming people into our church (and helping them find the nursery and—most importantly!—the bathroom) is a vital part of our ministry.

Sign up today at [www.uusg.org/greeting](http://www.uusg.org/greeting).

## Get Involved With Interweave

Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends, and allies who meet once a month to have discussions about issues and events interesting and important to the group.

They will meet at the church on Sunday, November 23 at 12:30pm to make plans for 2015 and enjoy time together.

For more information, contact Lynn Steele at [interweave.leader@uusg.org](mailto:interweave.leader@uusg.org).

## Friends of New UUs

Would you like to meet new UUs? Introduce them to UUSG activities? Share a cup of coffee or lunch? Go for a walk or meet in the park with the kids for a playdate?

The Membership Team has developed a program for new folks who are interested in our church and/or want to know more about Unitarian Universalism. This new program pairs UUSG members with people who attend our "New UUs" Program.

Help us help them feel more welcome! Contact our Membership Team at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org) for more information.

**Daylight Saving  
Time Ends on  
November 2  
at 2am!**

**Remember to  
"Fall Back" on  
Saturday Night!**

## Social Justice News

### Update on Local Habitat House

The Habitat for Humanity house at 1620 13th Ave. in St. Charles is now occupied by its new owner! The house blessing took place on Sunday, October 12. Thirty friends and workers attended the event and were very impressed with the house.

### Commit to Knit

Fall is the perfect time to "Commit to Knit" (and crochet) with soft, colorful yarn. Choose to craft a scarf, hat, blanket, shawl, stuffed toy, mittens, or socks for the non-profit project Knitting4Peace ([www.knitting4peace.org](http://www.knitting4peace.org)).

This group meets in the Common Room between services on the first Sunday of each month. Donated yarns, needles, and patterns are available to help you get started. All skill levels are welcome, and beginners are invited to request individual attention.

For more information, please contact Katherine Lyons ([knitting@uusg.org](mailto:knitting@uusg.org)).

### Friday Flick: *Wage Crisis*

November 21, 7pm

Note: Only for November, Friday Flicks is moving to the third Friday.

More Americans than ever are living off of government assistance even though they have jobs. The film *Wage Crisis: The USA's New Underclass* introduces us to a former TV anchor, an ex-hedge fund trader, and others. Pulitzer Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz explains the dynamics of this crisis.

### Volunteers Needed

There are a variety of opportunities coming up for people to volunteer for social justice. We need volunteers to:

- Prepare lunches for 15 people at Lazarus House on the first Saturday in December (families with young children are encouraged to do this at home)
- Facilitate Affordable Care Act registration
- Organize a folk concert starring Tom Neilson
- Help with a used book sale in summer 2015
- Participate in the Illinois Youth Center Party on December 20

Contact Jean Pierce at [socialjusticeleader@uusg.org](mailto:socialjusticeleader@uusg.org) to find out how you can get involved in these and other activities or sign up online at [www.uusg.org/social-justice-volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.uusg.org/social-justice-volunteer-opportunities/).

### Supporting Lazarus House

On Sunday, September 21, Lindsay invited the congregation to donate to restore our \$1,000 annual gift to Lazarus House (which was cut out of the current budget), over and above monies collected to fund food expenses for the homeless shelter.

In response, members of the Board of Directors and other church members stepped up and committed to donate enough to cover the full amount, plus additional funds that went to our Lazarus House Food Fund. Many thanks for your generosity!

In addition, our September "Beyond Our Walls" collections brought in \$1,308 to provide monthly lunches and dinners at Lazarus House. To get involved in this local ministry, go to [www.uusg.org/lazarus-house](http://www.uusg.org/lazarus-house).

## A Rich Tapestry

A rich tapestry of music has inspired us this fall, beginning with a wonderful program of vocals and accompaniment by Cynthia Spiegel, Ruth Cavanaugh, Anne Heavey, and Elyssa Smith.

Shining at the piano keyboard were Amanda Bollero and Geoff Pynn. Heartfelt vocals were offered by Diane Handler, with beautiful accompaniment and instrumental work by pianist Tom Zimmerman.

The UUSG Choir dazzled and was led by Bridget Kancler, who shared the creative process behind the choral selections and also doubled as a last-minute solo substitute. The choir had deft accompaniment by Tracy Rosenkrans, John Rosenkrans, and Andy Montgomery.

Thank you to the choir—Trish Beckjord, Bob Brubaker, Ann Drover, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Eric Peterson, Rhonda Robinson, John Towell, Pat Vary, and Ed Wehling—for sharing their talent with us.

The FUUsion singers showed off their choral artistry and taught the congregation how to create their own four-part harmony. Members are Trish Beckjord, Pam Birch, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Sara Hoerdeman, Susan O'Neill, Dawn Pokorny, Rhonda Robinson, and Pat Vary. Lynn was the composer of a stunning song and also played piano.

Looking ahead, we'll be treated to more of Lynn Fisher McCanne at the keyboard, the RE Music Program kids, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, Brian Joesse, Dean Malambri, Tracey McFadden, Dawn Pokorny, Cynthia Spiegel, and Chris Stibal.

Our Music Ministry is as diverse as our individual beliefs here at UUSG. To share your own unique gift or provide feedback for this special ministry, contact Music Director Tracy Rosenkrans ([music@uusg.org](mailto:music@uusg.org)).

## Learning More About...

- The Ministry on Ministries ([ministries@uusg.org](mailto:ministries@uusg.org)) works with our Senior Minister to strengthen the quality, effectiveness, and health of our ministries.
- Our Heritage Team ([heritage@uusg.org](mailto:heritage@uusg.org)) is involved in gathering, organizing, and making available documents and artifacts pertaining to UUSG.
- The Facilities Team ([facilities@uusg.org](mailto:facilities@uusg.org)) works to provide facilities that are functional, safe, comfortable, and attractive as a home for our thriving congregation.

## November Staffing

- Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, will be on Study Leave November 3-9. In addition, she will be on vacation November 24-December 1.
- Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, will be off work on Tuesday, November 18.
- The office will be closed and all staff off on Thursday, November 27.

## Church Holiday Decorating

November 29, 10am-1pm

The Hospitality & Fellowship Team invites UUSG members, friends, and families to join in decorating the church and making handmade ornaments for our trees.

There will be craft stations for children of all ages! Lunch will be provided. Sign up in the Common Room or online at [www.uusg.org/holiday-decorating](http://www.uusg.org/holiday-decorating).

## Do You Have a Taste for Cookies?

After over a decade of co-chairing the Cookie Walk with Elba Karim, Sherri Casterline has decided to let someone else have the fun.

This year, Sherri will train you and next year she will participate to give guidance as needed. Processes are in place that make the job quite easy, and people will be so grateful for your help running the Walk.

Talk to Sherri or let the church office know of your interest. It's really a great way to invest your time and talents.

## Circles of Life

Congratulations and best wishes to Jessica (Auer) James and Brian Scowden, married by Rev. Lindsay on October 11 at our church.

Thank you to all who helped with the visitation and memorial service for Sharon Wiese on October 18.

Congratulations to Gail & George Tattersfield's yellow labrador Dickens, who is now a certified therapy dog!

## Green Corner

### A Successful Harvest Supper

Our thanks to those who attended the Green Sanctuary Team's Harvest Supper last Saturday, and to those who assisted in various ways. Guests exclaimed at the number of healthy soups contributed; those we managed to try were so delicious! Lovely salads, desserts, and yummy breads were much appreciated.

Healthy foods were a priority, and (thanks to Llona Steele) fresh, natural table decors, apples, and colorful fallen leaves adorned the tables for special eco-emphasis.

Kudos to Nancy Goodfellow, our kitchen champion, who coordinated many helpers, and to Kurt Heinz and Jeff Stibal, who insured that all tech details were covered.

### Local Natural Food Co-Op Forming

Our Harvest Supper's speaker, Jason Bell from the developing local Green Tomato Food Co-op, talked about important requirements for a co-op's formation.

Additional members, funds, and a location are priorities at this time to show substantial progress in creating an organic natural grocery. We're looking forward to more exciting information next year.

### Bring Scissors & Help Yourself

If you haven't seen the herb garden (just east of Pioneer House) this fall, don't wait any longer. Much parsley – two varieties – and even new dill insist on growing and love being cut and used. So far, many UUSG attendees and the Batavia Food Pantry have appreciated receiving quantities of our herbs.

### Looking for Leaders

This time of year, our Nominating Committee begins to go to work finding out which Board members plan to continue in the upcoming fiscal year. Then they start to think about who in the congregation to approach to fill any openings.

If you're interested in getting involved in the Board of Directors or you'd just like more information, please send an email to [nominating@uusg.org](mailto:nominating@uusg.org) or talk to any member of the Nominating Committee: David Tomell (chair), Trish Beckjord, Doreen Christiani, Jim Frazier, and Ellie Radvanovsky.

### "Promoting Practical Goodness"

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Larry Mathias for helping Sherri Casterline change the Sanctuary curtains—thank you both for the beautiful fall colors!

Patricia Ward, who is always at UUSG doing great things for the church, including leading the Heritage Team and being on both the Finance Team and the Board of Directors.

Betty Bristol, whose involvement in our WOW ("Within Our Walls") Team is exceptional. Betty has volunteered for almost every meal request as well as many outreach opportunities. She's a dynamic member of WOW and UUSG.

Jeanne Neltner, Vohny Moehling, Cindy Vacek, and everyone else who helped with Sharon Wiese's memorial service on October 18 by bringing food, setting up, and cleaning up. Due to unforeseen circumstances and at the last minute, Cindy and Rev. Lindsay also worked overtime to accommodate a reception dinner for about 40 people in our Common Room.

Bob Schwedler, who installed a permanent post for Lindsay's "Reserved Parking" sign

October Lazarus House Volunteers: Jodi, Nolan, Declan, and Chris Brown prepared lunches; Gail & George Tattersfield and Jill Brown provided dinner; and Pat Betzen stayed overnight.

October Greeters: Mary & Eric Jonke, Jennifer & Mia Ortiz, Karen Laukaitis, Nancy & Don Smith, the Montgomery Family, Lynn & Llona Steele, and all of our last-minute recruits

October Social Hour Hosts: Ministry on Ministries Team, Heritage Team, Facilities Team, Simple Living Group

October Counters: Kevin Beyer, Al Drover, Karen Laukaitis, Brad Lipman, George Tattersfield, the Finance Team

## Are You a Luncheonette?

All female UUSG members and friends, especially those at or near retirement age, are welcome to a lunch and "community building" on November 12 (note date change due to Thanksgiving holiday), 11:30am-1pm. They'll meet at Andres Restaurant (located at 5 Webster in Batavia, on Route 25 just south of Wilson St.).

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 11 at [www.uusg.org/luncheonettes](http://www.uusg.org/luncheonettes) or with email to Rhonda Robinson at [luncheonettes@uusg.org](mailto:luncheonettes@uusg.org).

## PTSD Presentation

On November 16 at 3pm, our Mental Health Ministry will give a presentation on the psychological effects of war. Following up on the Veterans' Service, the theme of which is WWI, Peter Coe will talk about the psychological traumas of war and Roxanne Willis will give the historical perspective on the culture to which the veterans returned.

## Joining UUSG

Are you ready to sign the Membership Book? If so, please attend the Membership Prep Class on Sunday, November 23. After a light lunch at 12:30pm, the class will run from 1pm to 3pm. "The Book" will be available for signing at the end of the class.

Sign up at [www.uusg.org/mem-prep-class/](http://www.uusg.org/mem-prep-class/) or in the Common Room. We are coordinating childcare; if you need it to attend, please let us know by November 9.

## Women's Retreat

The 2nd Annual Women's Retreat is now at full capacity. Register on the waitlist ([www.uusg.org/womens-retreat](http://www.uusg.org/womens-retreat)) if interested and to help us gain insight for next year! If you have registered, please turn in your payment as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Samantha Mejia at [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org).

## Save Our New Grass

Volunteers are urgently needed to water our newly-seeded lawn! We have lovely new grass appearing but we need to keep it evenly moist until it goes dormant. If you can help, please sign up online at [www.uusg.org/watering](http://www.uusg.org/watering) (instructions are at that link, too). Many thanks!

## What Happens at Board Meetings?

To improve communication, the Board of Directors publishes a summary of each month's meeting (see the article below for information about the October meeting).

For a more detailed description of the Board meetings, see the official minutes online ([www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes](http://www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes)). Please note that these are posted later than the summary, after they have been approved by the Board the following month.

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Board meetings, which are held at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the UUSG Common Room.

## Board Meeting Summary

October 14, 2014

1. Motion passed to participate with Geneva Police Department in "people safety" program.
2. Discussed progress of PayPal Giving Fund
3. Discussed the most effective way to communicate with congregation about progress of Assistant Minister fund
4. Discussed staffing for growth
5. Updated by Hal Schulman regarding the Emergency Response Team
6. Reviewed Q1 report card on Board performance
7. Discussed current UUSG insurance coverage

## Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers are a great way to get to know others! Participating pairs or singles will be grouped with different participants for each of the four suppers, which will be held in January, February, March, and April 2015.

The designated guests at each supper will be assigned the tasks of bringing a salad, entrée, or dessert. The hosts will provide a place to dine, and may provide appetizers and bread as well.

Sign up in the Common Room or at [www.uusg.org/circle-suppers](http://www.uusg.org/circle-suppers) by November 16.

## 32nd Annual Cookie Walk

This year's Cookie Walk is **Friday, December 5**, and as always, we need bakers and helpers.

The Cookie Walk is a long-held and cherished fundraising tradition at UUSG, and it is part of the Geneva celebration that welcomes in the holiday season with light, food, and festivities. It's also a lot of fun—in one evening, we sell over 7,500 beautiful holiday cookies!

Sign up in the Common Room or online at [www.uusg.org/cookie-walk](http://www.uusg.org/cookie-walk).

You can help by doing any of the following:

- \* Bake cookies (6, 12, or 18 dozen—or more!).
- \* Set up for the event on Thursday, December 4, 6:30-8:30pm.
- \* Work at the event itself: 3:45-5:30pm or 5:15-7pm.
- \* Post flyers around town before the event.

### Want to Bake?

- Please make festive holiday cookies (the plain ones, as tasty as they may be, just don't sell as well).
- Bring your goodies in disposable containers (shirt boxes, disposable plates, etc.—things that you do not want back and are recyclable). Make sure your cookies are well-protected, and enclose a piece of paper with the name of the cookies.
- We have two duplicate tables of cookies (to reduce the wait time for Cookie Walkers), so please provide two identical sets of whatever you bring so that we can put one plate or box on each table.
- Drop off your cookies on Thursday, December 4 between 6:30pm and 8:30pm. If you're not able to make it to UUSG on Thursday evening, please contact Katie Phillips in the church office to make arrangements to bring your cookies earlier in the week. *No one will be at UUSG to accept cookies on Friday.*



### Not a Baker? Set Up for or Help at the Event

- Help with set-up on Thursday, December 4, 6:30-8:30pm. Set-up includes assembling boxes, setting up tables, arranging the cookies, etc. The tasks are simple, we go at a leisurely pace, and we talk a lot. You may sit or stand as you prefer. Broken cookies may be sampled this night only.
- Help during the event on Friday, December 5, 3:45-5:30pm or 5:15-7pm. Helping at the event itself is a little more hectic, but great fun! There are a couple of sitting jobs, but for most of them you must stand. Tasks include keeping the cookie tables filled with cookies, taping boxes, recycling containers, and handing out gloves.

### Other Ways to Help

- Post flyers (available in the Common Room) in coffee shops, businesses, grocery stores, etc. in Geneva, St. Charles, and Batavia.

### Questions? Need a Recipe?

Contact Elba Karim or Sherri Casterline at [cookiewalk@uusg.org](mailto:cookiewalk@uusg.org).

## Can You Sew?

We seem to have lost the window valances in one of our classrooms, so we're looking for a volunteer to sew new ones.

If you can help, please contact our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) or 630-232-2350.

## Introduction to Zen Practice

Mark your calendars for a December 13 workshop offered by the Buddhist Meditation and Study Group. They'll meet 2-5pm and welcome Jeff Slepak, an advanced student of Susan Myoyu Andersen, Roshi at the Great Plains Zen Center.

Jeff will speak on the history of Zen Buddhism and introduce Buddhist practice from the Zen point of view.

Cost is \$25; scholarships are available from Rev. Lindsay for those needing assistance.

For more information, please contact Lisa Gades or Eric Bodwell at [uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <i>Senior Minister on Retreat</i> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>10:30 AM</b> Veterans' Service Planning Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> "New UUs" Orientation Program <b>12:30 PM</b> Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Communications Team Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Interweave Meeting <b>3:15 PM</b> Mental Health Ministry Event: Dementia, Caregiving, & Aging	<b>27</b> <i>Senior Minister on Retreat</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <b>4:00 PM</b> Steeple Walk Planning Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share (note date change) <b>7:30 PM</b> OWL Parent Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group Ministry <b>7:30 PM</b> Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis	<b>29</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>30</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Book Discussion Group: "Huckleberry Finn"--CANCELED	<b>31</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Private Meeting
<b>2</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>10:45 AM</b> Food Bank Ministry Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> "New UUs" Orientation Program <b>12:30 PM</b> Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group <b>2:00 PM</b> Ministry on Ministries Meeting	<b>3</b> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Technology Team Meeting	<b>4</b> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Program & Administrative Councils	<b>5</b> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Facilities Meeting--Proposal Review <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>6</b> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>7:15 PM</b> WomenSpirit Rising	<b>7</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Veterans' Service Rehearsal
<b>9</b> <i>Senior Minister On Study Leave</i> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>11:00 AM</b> Finance Team Meeting <b>11:00 AM</b> Green Sanctuary Team Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Membership Team Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Lay Ministers' Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>12:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> 110 S. 2nd St. Entrance CLOSED <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Discussion Group <b>7:30 PM</b> LRE Team Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Board of Directors	<b>12</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>11:30 AM</b> The Luncheonettes (off-site) (note date change due to Thanksgiving) <b>4:00 PM</b> Heritage Team Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>13</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Heritage Team Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Small Group Ministry <b>7:30 PM</b> Write Time Writers' Group	<b>14</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Auction Set-up	<b>15</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> All-Church Auction: Saturday Night Feverish Auction
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>9:45 AM</b> Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group <b>3:00 PM</b> Mental Health Ministry Event: PTSD <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> "Bible Study for UUs" Group	<b>18</b> <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting (note date change) <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>20</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> WomenSpirit Rising Silent Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> "Feel Good In the Present" Group Meeting (note date change) <b>7:30 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group	<b>21</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Friday Flicks (note date change): "Wage Crisis"	<b>22</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Presentation on Charter School Issues <b>1:00 PM -5:00 PM</b> Affordable Care Act Enrollment Counseling (advance registration required)
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Intergenerational Worship; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>12:30 PM</b> Facilities Team Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Interweave Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Membership Prep Class <b>12:30 PM</b> Social Justice Team Meeting <b>3:30 PM</b> Private Meeting	<b>24</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <b>7:00 PM</b> Reiki Share (note date change)	<b>25</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group Ministry	<b>26</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>4:00 PM</b> Heritage Team Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>27</b> <i>Office Closed / All Staff Off</i> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> UUSG Thanksgiving Dinner (rooms reserved 10am-6pm)	<b>28</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>11:30 AM</b> The Geezers Group (off-site) (to be confirmed)	<b>29</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Church Decorating
<b>30</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>9:30 AM</b> & <b>11:15 AM</b> Worship & Church School; Social Hour at 10:30 AM <b>11:15 AM</b> Big Ideas Covenant Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <i>Senior Minister on Vacation</i> <b>7:30 PM</b> Compassionate Communication Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Technology Team Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Program & Administrative Councils	<b>3</b> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group <b>7:30 PM</b> GAS AA	<b>4</b> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i> <b>9:15 AM</b> Simple Living Circle (note date change) <b>6:30 PM</b> Cookie Walk Set-up <b>7:15 PM</b> WomenSpirit Rising	<b>5</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> Cookie Walk	<b>6</b> <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>

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(written in 1842)

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