

Our BOW cause for September is Lazarus House in St. Charles. Lazarus House provides safe shelter, food and a range of support services for men, women and children in need of help in St Charles, Geneva, Batavia and Western Kane county. In addition to shelter and food, Lazarus provides case management that helps people identify benefits that they are eligible to receive from other social service agencies in our area that offer support for employment, food pantries, low income housing, medical care, mental health counseling, addiction counseling and more.

Check out the new Heritage Display Case! It highlights our new book, *Lighting the Chalice*, and the party details.

Save the Date! The 5th Annual UUSG Women's Retreat, "Discover Your Flow...Pause and Bond with the Women of UUSG," will be held January 19-21, 2018.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, September 10

- 8:00 am Band Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Taoism Discussion Group
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm 11th Annual Homecoming Picnic

Monday, September 11

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group
- 7:00 pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors
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Wednesday, September 13

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, September 14

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Small Group Ministry
- 7:30 pm Write Time Writer's Group

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

- 7:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

Sunday, September 17

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 am Interweave
- 7:00 pm UUSG Book Release Party

Welcome to This House!



September 10, 2017

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Today's Worship Team

Worship Associate: Deb Brod, Rhonda Robinson
Greeters: Louise Haslett, Martha Tabis
Musicians: John Rosenkrans; The Happy to Be Home Band:
Liam Johnson, Andy Montgomery, Ellie Montgomery,
John Rosenkrans, Tracy Rosenkrans
Hosts: The Board of Directors
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, George Tattersfield

Upcoming Services

September 17: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
September 24: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong.

Prelude *Happy Together*, Gary Bonner & Alan Gordon

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Antiphonal Reading # 729 “The Winds of Summer”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to the Offering

Offering *Happy*, Pharrell Williams

For All Ages: Introduction of LRE Teachers

Children & teachers go to religious education classes.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *You're My Best Friend(s)*, John Deacon

Readings

Hymn # 347 “Gather the Spirit”

Sermon “Homecoming,”
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Hymn # 131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Unison Closing # 683 (Theodore Parker)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow*, Christine McVie

Announcements

Annual Homecoming Picnic! Join UUSG members and friends as we celebrate our 11th Annual UUSG Picnic today, 1-4pm, at Wheeler Park Pavilion. Fried chicken is provided.

A PPG award to David and Renee Tomell, and Ro Maziarz for making sure we had plenty of coffee and tea during our Summer Social Hours. Thanks for “Promoting Practical Goodness” at UUSG!

Book Release Party / 175 Anniversary Fall Kick-off We cordially invite you to help celebrate the beginning of our church year with a special Book Release Party on Sunday, September 17, at 7pm! The newly created *Lighting the Chalice*, edited by our own Don Brod with contributions from our Heritage Team and others, will be available for purchase - with the authors present to personally sign each copy. This new book updates the fascinating history of UUSG. The party will be similar to the fantastic celebration we enjoyed in June, with bubbly, wine, beer, lemonade, handmade munchies, and cake! RSVP at uusg.org/book-release.

LRE Registration is Open! Your Lifespan Religious Education Steering Team is pleased to announce that registration for our 2017-2018 LRE programs for children and youth is now open. We have a terrific year in store. This year, we'll turn our attention outward to learn about faiths followed by our neighbors and around the world. More information on our program is available at uusg.org/curriculum. Questions? LRE@uusg.org.

New2U is Open for Business New2U is back, with an opportunity for you to support UUSG while getting great deals on great stuff. Check out the catalog, and pass it on to your family, friends and neighbors. And, if you have something to sell, we'd love to hear from you. Click on the [New2U](#) icon on UUSG's home page to get started.

Come sing with the UUSG choir! Rehearsals begin September 20, please sign up at uusg.org/choir. Questions? Contact Choir Director Cynthia Spiegel at choir@uusg.org.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” is the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on September 18. We'll be reading “The Bible: A Biography (Books That Changed the World)” by Karen Armstrong. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org.

Women's Circle September 23! *Taize Revisited -The Power of Meditative Chant*. The experience of singing a repetitive chant together as a group can be powerful, even if you just sit and listen. Cynthia Spiegel will guide us in a variety of short meditative pieces from different cultures. They aren't hard to learn, nor are they hard to sing. The beauty is in doing it together. You won't want to miss this. We all loved it when we first sang with Cynthia and she is back by popular demand. No singing experience is required! Please see uusg.org/womens-circle to register!

The UUSG Board of Directors recommends that the church engage in interim ministry for the period of 2018-2020. Therefore, you are invited to a Forum at 12:30pm on Sunday, September 24, in the sanctuary to learn about the purpose, the process, and the timeline.

Are you deeply uncomfortable with the rise of hate and vilification of undocumented immigrants and refugees? Do you want to make a difference, but are unsure how? The Social Justice Team has asked Cinthya Rodriguez of Chicago Religious Leadership Network of Latin America to come to UUSG, and assist us in discerning the best ways to respond. Ms. Rodriguez will present a variety of methods that we can employ to counter hate and assist our neighbors locally and beyond. Please plan on attending October 1, 12:30-2:30pm. If you wish to participate, please sign up at uusg.org/social-justice-event.

Save the date for the Green Sanctuary Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 21, at 6pm in the Common Room. Dinner will be preceded by 1/2 hour presentation by Dan Huntsha of Faith in Place (faithinplace.org).