

**New Year. New Directory.** Our UUSG directory is now only available online via Realm (UUSG's **private** social network). If you would like to set up an account, please email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**The Welcoming Team** will offer a one-day Pathway to Membership program from 12:30 - 4:00pm on Sunday, February 25, in the Common Room. Newcomers can experience "the best of" our former New UUs orientation combined with the required elements of the Membership Preparation Class in a single three-hour session. If at the end of the afternoon you feel ready to sign the Membership Book, you can do so on the spot! We'll kick things off at 12:30 with a light lunch. Please RSVP at [uusg.org/pathway-to-membership](http://uusg.org/pathway-to-membership). Childcare will be provided upon advance request. Listen for pulpit announcements as the date approaches. Questions? Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Common Room between services.

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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

### **Sunday, January 28**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm LRE Team Meeting

### **Monday, January 29**

- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Tuesday, January 30**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Women's Retreat Meeting
- 7:30 pm Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis

### **Wednesday, January 31**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 1**

- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

### **Friday, February 2**

### **Saturday, February 3**

- 6:00 pm YRUU Overnight Begins
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group

### **Sunday, February 4**

- 8:30 am YRUU Overnight Ends
- 10:30 am Commit To Knit
- 10:30 am RE Music Art Project
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:45 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting
- 1:00 pm Personnel Meeting

# **Welcome to This House!**



*January 28, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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[www.uusg.org](http://www.uusg.org)

[www.facebook.com/uusg1](https://www.facebook.com/uusg1)

### **Today's Worship Team**

Worship Associates: Melissa Auer, Diane Gallentine  
Musician: Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel  
Hosts: The Technology Team  
Counters: Bob Prahl, George Tattersfield

### **Upcoming Services**

February 4: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
February 11: 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** # 1003 “Where Do We Come From?”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *God Who Fills the Universe*, Transylvanian hymn,  
words by Carl G. Seaburg

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Unison Reading** # 435 (Kathleen McTigue)

**Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

**Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Departure*, Max Richter

**For All Ages** Tom Lichtenheld

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Dawn*, Béla Bartók,

### Readings

**Hymn** # 302 “Children of the Human Race”

**Sermon** “Spidery Evolution”  
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 295 “Sing Out Praises for the Journey”

**Unison Closing** # 525 “Web”

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Written on the Sky*, Max Richter

## Announcements

**Thank you, Technology Team**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Stewardship Team will host next week. We appreciate you!

**Our For All Ages book** this week is *A Magical Do-Nothing Day*, written and illustrated by Beatrice Alemagna. Originally published in France, it’s a quiet, visually rich story of a child’s serendipitous discovery of nature. It’s available at local bookstores and libraries, and you’ll find a link to an activity sheet in our online UUSG news.

**The Nominating Committee** is looking for a few good people. We’re building a list of members who are “warm” to the idea of serving on the Board. If you’re interested in being on that list, please send an email to Jim Frazier, at [nominating@uusg.org](mailto:nominating@uusg.org).

**January is cold and dark . . .** a great time to go to the basement, attic, garage, and your many closets, and free up some space by listing unused items with New2U. So much easier than having a garage sale – and a great way to support UUSG. For more information, click on [New2U](#) on UUSG’s home page, or email [new2u@uusg.org](mailto:new2u@uusg.org).

**Need help with Realm?** If you or your UUSG Ministry Team or Group is having trouble getting started with our new social network, email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) to set up a time for a one-on-one or group training.

**The Board of Directors** is looking for creative visionaries who would like to help brainstorm ideas for FUNdraisers and Short term and Long term uses of the 3rd Street property. Please contact Jean Pierce at [boardpresident@uusg.org](mailto:boardpresident@uusg.org).

**Stay warm AND make a statement:** Handcrafted pink “kitty” hats available on New2U. Find them through the New2U tab on UUSG’s home page.

**Women’s Circle - Spirituality and Creativity** Join us as we explore the connection between Spirituality and Creativity. The two go hand-in-hand. Creativity isn’t limited to the arts—it can be part of almost everything we do—cooking, child-rearing, playing chess. And it is through creativity—waking up that muse—that we can find the true expressions of ourselves. We’ll discuss ways to nurture your spirituality through creativity and your creativity through spirituality. Unleash and focus your inner creator! We hope you can join us on February 24, 1-4pm, in the Common Room. Deb Brod facilitates. Sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**St. Charles Episcopal** does a monthly Soup Kitchen buffet lunch every 4th Thursday/Friday for 100+ people and they need help for preparation and serving. If you would like to volunteer to help with the St Charles Episcopal Soup Kitchen please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaac28a0f94-stcharles>.

**The January BOW** collection will go towards Bridge Communities. The mission of Bridge Communities is to transition homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services. Bridge Communities provides free transitional housing to 131 homeless DuPage County families each year. During the two years that each family spends in the Bridge program, they are able to save money, learn budgeting skills, and obtain better employment, so they live self-sufficiently once they graduate.

**Project Snowfall has begun.** Meditation, contemplation, social action, poetry and art, we are creating something new. There is no precedent for this. This is a story about to unfold. Everyone is invited to participate. For info, please check out [uusg.org/green-sanctuary](http://uusg.org/green-sanctuary), the Bulletin Board, Weekly Newsletter, Realm, or send an email to Bill Koehl at [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org).

**Get Involved With Interweave** Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. We will meet Sunday February 18, 12:30pm, to discuss current events. We will also be planning for our Friday Flicks presentation on February 23, and the annual LGBTQ service scheduled for March 4. For info, please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave.leader@uusg.org](mailto:interweave.leader@uusg.org).