

**Celebration of Life.** We send our loving sympathy to Jill Brown on the passing of her mother on November 11. We will Celebrate the Life of Marcelle Edith Bamerick on February 10 at 1pm. The service will begin with ingathering music, 1-1:30pm, with the service beginning at 1:30, followed by light refreshments and visiting in the Common Room.

**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).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### 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

### Monday, February 5

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

### Tuesday, February 6

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm MAD Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

### Wednesday, February 7

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### Thursday, February 8

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:30 pm Small Group Ministry

### Friday, February 9

### Saturday, February 10

- 1:00 pm Memorial Service

### Sunday, February 11

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm House Band Rehearsal

# Welcome to This House!



*February 4, 2018*

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### Today's Worship Team

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield, Doreen Christiani  
Musician: Dean Malambri  
Hosts: The Stewardship Team  
Counters: Tom Haslett, Jamie Carroll

### Upcoming Services

February 11: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
February 18: 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** # 363 “Alleluia! Sang Stars”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *All My Trials*, Spiritual

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal** # 598 “Without Hate”

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

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

**For All Ages/BOW** YRUU & Young Adult Habitat for Humanity; Nancy Christensen & Lily Phillips

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *It Might As Well Be Spring*, Rodgers & Hammerstein

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *It's Impossible*, Wayne, Manzanero

### Readings

**Hymn** # 92 “Mysterious Presence, Source of All”

**Sermon** “Believing Impossible Things”  
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 139 “Wonders Still the World Shall Witness”

**Unison Closing** # 679 (Buddhist)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Every time I Feel the Spirit*, Spiritual

## Announcements

**Thank you, Stewardship Team**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our 6th-8th grade students & their families will host next week. We appreciate you!

**Naming & Dedication Services: March 25** Once again, it's time to plan for our annual Naming & Dedication Services. Each year, we dedicate at least one full service to a Celebration of Naming & Dedication. We need to know how many families would like to take part and how many children will be dedicated, and we need that information no later than Sunday, March 4. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Lindsay at [minister@uusg.org](mailto:minister@uusg.org).

**Save the Date!** The Green Sanctuary Team will hold their Green Dinner on Saturday, May 5, at 5pm, in the Common Room.

**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 one-on-one or group training.

**Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.** Shop [New2U](#). Good for the environment; good for UUSG. Find a link to New2U on UUSG's home page.

**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 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).

**February Friday Flicks** Come join us for the showing of a new documentary *The Freedom to Marry*. We will gather in the Common Room at 7pm on Friday February 23, for this film, sponsored by Interweave.

**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>.

**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 E-blast, 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).

**The Welcoming Team** will offer a one-day Pathway to Membership program, 12:30-4pm, 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. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Common Room with questions.