

“Even though February was the shortest month of the year, sometimes it seemed like the longest.” — J.D. Robb  
Come celebrate the end of grey February with UUSG women at Luncheonettes on Wednesday, February 28, 11:30am-1pm, at Andres Restaurant, Batavia. RSVP by 2/27 at noon at [uusg.org/luncheonettes](http://uusg.org/luncheonettes).

**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, 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).

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

**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).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### 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

### Monday, February 12

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### Tuesday, February 13

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Music Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

### Wednesday, February 14

- 10:00 am Music Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

### Thursday, February 15

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

### Friday, February 16

### Saturday, February 17

- 10:00 am House Band Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Youth Outlook Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm YRUU Service Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 18

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Series Presentation
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

# Welcome to This House!



*February 11, 2018*

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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### Today’s Worship Team

Musicians: UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel; Sandra Anderson-Cordogan  
Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine  
Hosts: 6th-8th Grade Students & Families  
Counters: The Finance Team

### Upcoming Services

February 18: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
February 25: Annual YRUU Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 395 “Sing and Rejoice”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *O Ye Who Taste that Love Is Sweet*, Rossetti

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal** # 440 “From the Fragmented World”

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

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

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Allegro moderato*, Stephen Heller

**For All Ages** 6th-8th Graders

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Love Is the Message*, Sylvia Wallach

### Readings

**Hymn** # 18 “What Wondrous Love”

**Sermon** “Hearts & Flowers; or, How To Love Thy Neighbor Whom Thou Dost Cordially Despise,”  
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 34 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

**Unison Closing** # 434 (Anonymous)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Take Down These Walls*, Brian Tate

## Announcements

**Today’s For All Ages** message and the Social Hour were brought to you by our 6th-8th grade students and their families. Their service to the congregation has become an annual tradition to which they are very committed, and have been excited to share with us all!

**Thank you 6th-8th grade Students & Families** for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Interweave Group will host next week. We appreciate you!

**The January “BOW”** collected \$1,388 for Bridge Communities! Thank you for your generous contributions.

**February “Beyond Our Walls”** will support our church’s active involvement with Habitat for Humanity. Our YRUU and Young Adult groups will be traveling this summer to work on Habitat houses. Your donation will be used to support the trips, and as contributions to the local chapters with which we work. Write “BOW” in the memo line. Thank you!

**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).

**For UUs who simply want to learn** more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” is on the third Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on February 19. We’ll be discussing John. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier at [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**Help cook for hungry people** Wednesday evenings in St Charles, or serve food Thursday day-times in Aurora. Next dates are Feb. 21 & 22. Join our ongoing partnership with St. Charles Episcopal and Trinity Episcopal. Sign up at our church web site under Get Involved – St. Charles Episcopal Soup Kitchen, or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaac28a0f94-stcharles>.

**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.

**Be sure to save the date.** UUSG’s annual Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. There will be many ways for all ages to get involved - from volunteering at the food bank, to putting together gift bags of personal care items for senior citizens, to writing postcards to representatives. More info coming soon.

**Mental Health Ministry.** Join us February 18, at 1pm in the Common Room for “The Mental Health of Donald Trump—What are the uses and abuses of focusing on his psychiatric status” by Peter Coe, PhD clinical psychologist. This presentation and subsequent discussion will focus on the personality, psychopathology, and dangerousness of our president and the risks of taking that approach.

**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).

**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).

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