

“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. For info, check out [uusg.org/green-sanctuary](http://uusg.org/green-sanctuary), the Bulletin Board, Weekly E-blast, Realm, or email 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.

**It All Adds Up** Since September, New2U has raised almost \$900 for UUSG (over \$4,000 since its inception in 2016). Sales have been brisk; we need more listings; and you can help. Chances are there are things in your spare room, attic, basement, garage, storage lockers that you’re not using, and someone else may treasure. To list an item, find New2U on UUSG’s home page.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### 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

### Monday, February 19

- 7:00 pm “Bible Study for UUs” Group

### Tuesday, February 20

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, February 21

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

### Thursday, February 22

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Meditation for Connection

### Friday, February 23

- 11:30 am The Geezer’s Group (off-site)
- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

### Saturday, February 24

- 1:00 pm Women’s Circle
- 4:00 pm OWL Overnight Ends

### Sunday, February 25

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Pathway to Membership
- 12:30 pm Personnel Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm LRE Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Jazz Combo Rehearsal

# Welcome to This House!



*February 18, 2018*

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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### Today’s Worship Team

Worship Associates: Doreen Christiani, Roxanne Willis  
Musicians: The UUSG Political Band; Tracey McFadden,  
Andy Montgomery, Steve Nink, John Rosenkrans,  
Tracy Rosenkrans  
Hosts: Interweave  
Counter: Patrick McGleam, Tom Haslett

### Upcoming Services

February 25: Annual YRUU Service  
March 4: Annual Interweave Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**Song of Community** “If I Had a Hammer”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *What Did you Learn in School Today?* Pete Seeger

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 671 “Freedom”

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

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

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Sunshine*, Jonathan Edwards

**For All Ages** Diane Gallentine

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *A Few Honest Words*, Ben Sollee

### Readings

**Hymn** # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

**Sermon** “Keeping an Eye on Everything...”  
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** “My Country ’Tis of Thee”

**Unison Closing** # 698 (Wayne B. Arnason)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *This Land is Your Land*, Woody Guthrie

## Announcements

**The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates** will be on Study Leave February 19 through February 25.

**Thank you, Interweave Group**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Women’s Retreat Group will host next week. We appreciate all of you!

**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. We will meet today at 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 tomorrow, and we’ll be discussing John. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier at [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**The Soup Kitchen Needs You This Week.** Wednesday evening (Feb 21) to cook in St. Charles and Thursday (Feb 22) during the day to service in Aurora. Only two people have signed up. Please, can you spare some time to feed the needy? Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen) or contact Martha Tabis for more details.

**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.

**The Emergency Response Team (ERT)** is expanding to better ensure we all have a safe worship experience. We are seeking volunteers to implement an internal Security Team that would be “on duty” on Sunday mornings. Training would be provided to ready us to handle an unplanned situation dealing with disruptive, threatening, and violent types of behavior. If you are willing to be part of a rotating pool of people, please contact Hal Schulman at [ertleader@uusg.org](mailto:ertleader@uusg.org). A professional background/degree in a related field is not required.

**Women’s Circle - Spirituality and Creativity** Join us as we explore the connection between Spirituality and Creativity. 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).

**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. 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).

**If you are interested in learning** more about the UUSG Women’s Retreat or are interested in contributing to the 6th Annual UUSG Women’s Retreat in 2019, join us on March 4, at 12:15pm in the Alcott Room. If you can’t make the meeting, please contact the Planning Committee Chairwoman, Rachel Harbold, at [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org) for more information.

**Naming & Dedication Services: March 25** Once again, it’s time to plan for our annual Naming & Dedication Services. 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).

**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.