

**Ride a Bike** Spring is here – time to get off the couch and out in the fresh air. For family biking, New2U has a youth mountain bike – a red Giant. Find more information via the New2U [link](#) on UUSG’s home page.

**Women’s Circle: Celebrate Spring Pagan Style** Say good-bye to winter with us on March 24, at 1pm, when the Women’s Circle celebrates Ostara, the spring equinox, through the creation of sacred space and group ritual. Come join us in honoring this blessing of life’s renewal through this ancient spiritual ritual! Sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Project Snowfall** “For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” Vincent Van Gogh. Learn more at [uusg.org/green-sanctuary](http://uusg.org/green-sanctuary).

**Internet Safety:** What Can Save You From Social Media Oriented Crimes? Sunday, April 8, at 1pm. Join us with Detective Sarah Sullivan from the Geneva Police Department. For info, contact Hal Schulman, at [ertleader@uusg.org](mailto:ertleader@uusg.org). Childcare may be available upon request, please note if you need it while registering in Realm under “Events” section.  
\*Material not suitable for youth younger than 7th grade\*

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

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

### **Sunday, March 18**

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm LRE Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Monday, March 19**

- 7:00 pm “Bible Study for UUs” Group

### **Tuesday, March 20**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 21**

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

### **Thursday, March 22**

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Meditation for Connection

### **Friday, March 23**

- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

### **Saturday, March 24**

- 9:00 am IYC Tutor Training
- 1:00 pm Women’s Circle

### **Sunday, March 25**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Presentation: #MeToo

# **Welcome to This House!**



*March 18, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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### **Today’s Worship Team**

Musicians: The UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel;  
Sandra Anderson-Cordogan  
Greeter: Neill Shanahan  
Social Hour Host: Bill Koehl  
Counters: Kevin O’Neill, Ellie Radvanovsky

### **Upcoming Services**

March 25: Celebration of Naming & Dedication  
March 30: Tenebrae Service at 8pm  
April 1: Easter Sunday - Intergenerational Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**Song of Community** # 1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** Bridge Over Troubled Water; Paul Simon, arr. Kirby Shaw

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 668 “Faith Cannot Save”

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

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

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Vision*, Edvard Grieg

**For All Ages** Diane Gallentine

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

**Pledge Drive Testimonial** Kevin Beyer

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** We Come Here; Beverly Feldt, Angela Salvaggiore

### Readings

**Hymn** # 317 “We Are Not Our Own”

**Sermon** “Revisiting Our Covenant - Until We Finally Get It Right...” the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 1028 “Fire of Commitment”

**Unison Closing** # 694 (Frederick E. Gillis)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, reprise

## Announcements

**Thank you, Bill Koehl**, for our Social Hour this morning, along with the important reminder to vote as we enjoy the arrival of Spring. We look forward to the WOW Team hosting next week.

**The 2018-19 Pledge Drive runs from March 17 to April 7.**

Please take time to review your Pledge Drive Brochure, and submit your form ([uusg.org/pledge-form](https://uusg.org/pledge-form)) promptly. A member of the Pledge Drive team also looks forward to talking with you. This will be an important year for UUSG as we celebrate 40 years of superb ministry by our Reverend Dr. Lindsay Bates and as we begin a new chapter in UUSG’s story. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and remind ourselves, “We Can Do It!”

**The March Beyond Our Walls** offering will be going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in 6 counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. The newest drop-in center was reopened at UUSG this fall after a summer break and is growing along with the new centers added in additional areas this last year. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and the outreach has grown with our help.

**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. Sign up at [uusg.org/day-of-service](https://uusg.org/day-of-service).

**The Interim Ministry Search Process** is in full-swing! Stay up-to-date with the latest news and information at [uusg.org/interim-minister](https://uusg.org/interim-minister), or check out the bulletin board in the Common Room. Questions or comments? Email [interimtaskforce@uusg.org](mailto:interimtaskforce@uusg.org).

**Soup Kitchen Group** needs 2 volunteers on Thursday, March 22, 10:30am to 2:00pm, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E Benton St, Aurora, to prepare and serve a buffet lunch to the needy. Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen). Questions? [martha.tabis@gmail.com](mailto:martha.tabis@gmail.com).

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

**Spring has sprung, and so have the weeds!** We are looking for volunteers to join our Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry for 2018. With enough volunteers, this ministry is a once a month commitment that involves keeping a small plot of our church grounds weeded (April - October). To join, please email Karen Laukaitis at [weeding@uusg.org](mailto:weeding@uusg.org).

**For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible** as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will be March 19, 7-8:30pm. We’ll discuss Acts. For future planning, in April we’ll be discussing Exodus. In May, we’ll discuss “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World,” by Bart Ehrman. For info, Jim Frazier at: [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**If you would like to remember a loved one** with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden, please give a completed order form ([tinyurl.com/ko46op8](https://tinyurl.com/ko46op8)) to Christine by April 15. The Memorial Garden Dedication Service will be held May 27, at 2pm.

**Friday Flicks** This month we offer 2 short documentaries on fear in our society today. Whether conservative or progressive, we are inundated with stories and messages that play on our emotions. This month we examine this phenomenon with 2 films, “A Virus Called Fear” and “Culture of Fear.” Please join us Friday, March 23, at 7:00pm in the Common Room.

**The Mental Health Ministry** will be hosting a discussion of the #MeToo movement on Sunday, March 25, at 1pm. We will talk about why this movement took hold at this particular time in history, and brainstorm ways how to keep the momentum going to protect and enhance women’s rights across the globe.

**UU Tourism** Since so many of our members and friends travel frequently, here’s a challenge to get us out of our comfort zone as a community. When you travel, visit a UU church in the area. Bring us back a brochure or picture, we’ll create a bulletin board! For more info, contact Teal Cyko.

**CPR/AED & Basic First Aid Training** Saturday, April 28 in the YRUU Room. You’ve asked - ERT is responding for our opportunity to obtain valuable training. Class size is limited to 12 students. Register by March 28 at [uusg.org/training](https://uusg.org/training). Each class is \$40.00 and payment is due to the UUSG Office by April 15. Please write a check to UUSG with “AHA Training” in the memo line. CPR/AED: 9am-12pm and Basic First Aid: 1pm-4pm. Questions? Hal Schulman [ertleader@uusg.org](mailto:ertleader@uusg.org).