

**July Friday Flick: “Lost in Detention”** Once again, immigrants and the government enforcement policies are front page news. However, immigration enforcement policies and actions have been harsh dating back to the Obama and Bush administrations. While the separation of children from their families for illegal immigrants is new, the overall system the United States has implemented has been increasingly punitive for years. This month’s film revisits the changes that were made 10 years ago and raises a troubling question: Why do we continue to believe that more draconian actions or a wall will stop people desperate to escape the violence and economic devastation in their countries? Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 27, at 7:00pm in the Common Room as we begin a new year of Friday Flicks.

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

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

### **Sunday, July 8**

- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hangtime
- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting

### **Monday, July 9**

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### **Tuesday, July 10**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:00 pm Board of Directors (off-site)

### **Wednesday, July 11**

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

### **Thursday, July 12**

- 5:30 pm Youth Outlook Tour
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

### **Friday, July 13**

- 10:00 am Geneva Learners

### **Saturday, July 14**

- 8:00 am IYC Tutor Training (private event)

### **Sunday, July 15**

- 10:00 am Summer Youth Hangtime
- 10:00 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:30 am Interweave
- 11:30 am Welcoming Team meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

# **Welcome to This House!**



*July 8, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

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### **Today’s Worship Team**

Worship Associate: Julie Riffle  
Musicians: John Rosenkrans; The Montgomery Family  
Counters: The Finance Team

### **Upcoming Services**

July 15: Alan Mills, Uptown People’s Law Center in Chicago  
July 22: the Rev. Linda Slabon, “Transformed by the Music”

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**Song of Community** # 131 “Love Will Guide Us”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Another Day*, James Taylor

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 662 “Strange and Foolish Walls”

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

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

### Intro to The Offering

**Offering** *Falling Slowly*, Glen Hansard

**For All Ages** Ilene Smit

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *In A Week*, Hozier

### Readings

**Hymn** # 282 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

**Sermon** “Pulling Out of the Mud,”

Thom Thomas

**Hymn** # 330 “The Arching Sky of Morning Glows”

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

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Stand By Me*, Ben E. King

## Announcements

**Today, Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas** - “Pulling Out of the Mud” After many years running training programs in the corporate world, Thom Thomas has decided to put his training and experience to work in a different arena, and is currently a Master’s of Divinity student at Meadville Lombard Theological School. If you have ever had your car well and truly stuck in the mud, you know how hard it can be to pull yourself out. Sometimes just walking through the world feels like your feet are stuck in the mud. On any network newscast there will be at least 5 things that will make you angry, or sad, or hopeless. Turning off the news doesn’t help, as long as you know the stories are there. In this sermon Thom will talk about getting yourself unstuck.

**July 15 Guest in the Pulpit:** Did you know that America has the largest prison population in the world, and the highest per-capita incarceration rate of any country? What does these shocking statistics mean for us, in light of our covenant to promote practical goodness in the world? Join us next Sunday for a discussion of mass incarceration with **Alan Mills**, the Executive Director of the Uptown People’s Law Center in Chicago, where he has worked since 1979. UPLC represents tenants facing wrongful eviction, disabled people wrongfully denied social security benefits, and people in prison whose rights have been violated while they are in prison.

**The Beyond Our Walls cause for July** is aid to kids and immigrant families on the southern border. Our donations will be split between the RAICES and the ACLU. RAICES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that promotes justice by providing free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees in Texas. The ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project is dedicated to expanding and enforcing the civil liberties and civil rights of immigrants and to combating public and private discrimination against them. Using targeted impact litigation, advocacy, and public outreach, the ACLU protects the rights and liberties of immigrants.

**Pathway to Membership** Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? Are you looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Would you like a free lunch? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next Pathway to Membership (P2M) session on Sunday, July 22. Gather in the Common Room right after the regular worship service. We’ll kick things off around 11am with a light lunch. More details and RSVP at [uusg.org/pathway-to-membership](https://uusg.org/pathway-to-membership).

**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, 7-8:30pm. Our next meeting will be on July 16. We’ll be continuing our discussion of “The Triumph of Christianity: How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World” by Bart Ehrman. Need more info? Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**While formal Social Hour has ended until fall**, we welcome volunteers who will share treats, coffee or cold drinks through our Summer Sundays. Giving each other a place to gather and enjoy time together is a valued part of our Sunday mornings. Questions? [hospitality@uusg.org](mailto:hospitality@uusg.org).

**We need greeters!** It’s a vital part of the Worship Ministry and the Hospitality Ministry, to welcome people into the Sanctuary, count attendance, and answer questions about the locations of washrooms and the Nursery. Sign up at [uusg.org/greeting](https://uusg.org/greeting).

**We know everyone is looking** forward to summer, but fall is right around the corner. We would appreciate if everyone could sign up for Social Hours coming up starting Sept 9. Sign up [uusg.org/hosting](https://uusg.org/hosting). Questions? Email [hospitality@uusg.org](mailto:hospitality@uusg.org).

**Fox Valley Recycle Extravaganza** is July 14, at the Kane County Fairgrounds. Details are available in the weekly E-Blast.