

**Friday Flicks** *Nobody Speak: Trials of the Free Press* When the online tabloid Gawker posted a surreptitiously filmed tape of professional wrestler Hulk Hogan, it ignited a high stakes legal battle that pit privacy rights against the first amendment. In an age of extreme inequality, how vulnerable is a free press that has lost most of its traditional sources of income? Please join us in the UUSG Common Room on Friday January 25, at 7:00pm, as we look at the current state of the Free Press in America.

**Come celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day** with UUSG Social Justice and Hope Fair Housing. Fair Hope Housing will be holding their second annual dialogue and service event on MLK day Monday, January 21, from 10:30am to 3pm, at UUSG. Our service project will involve creating care packages for homeless youth in our area. There will be adults and high school/college students in attendance from all over the Northern Illinois and of all economic levels. We will provide breakfast and lunch for attendees – especially important for free lunch students on a holiday weekend. Please see the weekly email for more details and registration.

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

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

### **Sunday, January 13**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Coffee with the Ministers
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presents 5 Wishes

### **Monday, January 14**

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### **Tuesday, January 15**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 16**

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm Citizens Climate Lobby
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Board “Sub Group Meeting” (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

### **Thursday, January 17**

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)

### **Friday, January 18**

### **Saturday, January 19**

- 1:00 pm UU Worship in Theory & Practice

### **Sunday, January 20**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Town Hall: Update on Interim Ministry & RE Staffing
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

## **Welcome to This House!**



*January 13, 2019*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*Theme for January: Justice*

### **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associates: Pat Vary, Roxanne Willis  
Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Anna Dullea Rosenkrans  
Social Hour Hosts: The Technology Team  
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Sherri Casterline

### **Upcoming Services**

January 20: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
January 27: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Misha Sanders

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 209 “O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *From a Wandering Iceberg*, Edward MacDowell

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 657 “It Matters What We Believe”

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

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

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *Ashokan Farewell*, Jay Ungar

### Sacred Story

*Children & teachers leave for religious education classes*

**Children’s Departing Song:** “As You Go,” Nancy Belt  
“As you go, may love surround you, may truth be your guide,  
may peace be in your heart.”

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *Midnight Love*, Yuki Hiyashi

### Readings

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

**Sermon** “Dancing With Angels: What is the Purpose of a Unitarian Universalist Congregation?”

\***Hymn** # 131 “Love Will Guide Us”

\***Unison Closing** # 456 “Extinguishing the Chalice”

\***Sending Our Light into the World**

### \*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

**Postlude** *Valse Noble Op. 77 No. 3*, Franz Schubert

*Please stand as you are willing and able at the \**

## Announcements

**Coffee With the Ministers Today** Join Revs. Jennifer and Patrick for Coffee and Conversation with the Ministers at 12:30pm. The Board and the ministers recognize how Sunday morning can be a hectic time for Patrick and Jennifer. This coffee is a more relaxed way to talk with the ministers and get to know them. This coffee also is a time to ask informational questions about what will be covered at the Town Hall meeting on January 20. Please be sure to wear nametags and help the ministers get to know you.

**The Board of Directors, the Transition Team,** and Interim Co-Ministers Jennifer Innis and Patrick Price, invite all congregational members and friends to a Town Hall meeting to take place on Sunday, January 20, from 12:30 to 2:00pm. This is the second in a series of conversations about life at UUSG. Attendees will receive updates on: our interim ministry process; information on the steps and a possible timeline for conducting a search for a called minister, and; findings of the Religious Education Town Hall hosted on December 2. Board recommendations and financial considerations pertaining to the hiring of paid RE staff will also be presented. This will be followed by an open Q&A session. Lunch and child care will be provided. Please RSVP to [uusg.org/town-hall](http://uusg.org/town-hall) or contact Board President David de Coriolis at [boardpresident@uusg.org](mailto:boardpresident@uusg.org) with any questions.

**A Celebration of Life Service** for UUSG Member Stuart Mansfield will be held on Saturday, January 26. There will be visiting at 11am, with the service starting at 12pm. The memorial service will be followed by a reception in our Common Room. We welcome donations of food and beverages for the reception, please sign up at [uusg.org/memorial](http://uusg.org/memorial) or in the Common Room.

**Rev. Patrick Explains** “Why UUs Do UU Worship the Ways UUs Do?” Or “An Introduction to Unitarian Universalist Worship for All.” Whether you are new to Unitarian Universalism or raised in the UU faith, this brief three-hour workshop will help you deepen your understanding and experience of UU worship at UU Society of Geneva and elsewhere. We’ll look at weekly services: what do we do and why do we do it? Yearly celebrations, and Rites of Passage, and more! Registration is desired but not necessary. Childcare is available with advance request. Sign up at [uusg.org/uu-worship](http://uusg.org/uu-worship). 1-4pm, Saturday, January 19. For more information, [Interim.Coministers@uusg.org](mailto:Interim.Coministers@uusg.org) or 972-639-7901.

**“Five Wishes” Today**, from 1:00 to 2:30, in the Common Room. Join the Mental Health Ministry and Page Poris as we discuss your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes in end-of-life care. You will be able to leave a record for your family, friends, and doctor about how you want to be treated if you become seriously ill and can’t speak for yourself. Please attend, even if you haven’t signed up.

**Volunteering in the New Year!** Soup Kitchen needs one volunteer for Wednesday, January 23, 6:30-9:00pm, and 3 volunteers for Thursday, January 24, 10:30am-2:00pm. Wednesday’s location is St. Charles Episcopal Church, and Thursday’s location is Trinity Episcopal/Aurora. Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen)

**Get Involved with Interweave** We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING DATE: Due to the town hall meeting on our regular meeting date, we will meet instead on Sunday January 27, at 12:30pm. We will discuss plans for our 2019 LGBTQ church activities leading up to the annual LGBTQ service. For information please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).

**The Beyond Our Walls** cause for January is Bridge Communities. The mission of Bridge Communities is to transition homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services. The goal of the two-year program is to enable families to achieve self-sufficiency, sustain permanent housing, and to break the cycle of poverty within the family unit. This year UUSG’s donation will go to the Bridge Communities Founders fund that that prepares Bridge teens for independence with college preparation workshops, career assessment, ACT and SAT tutoring and scholarships.

**Starting in January 2019** Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski’s work schedule will be Monday – Friday to prepare for her upcoming parental leave. Office hours will continue to be 10am – 5pm. If you need to schedule an appointment with Christine before her parental leave (expected to start January 22, or whenever baby decides!), please email [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) or call 630-232-2350. Thank you!