

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.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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

Monday, January 21

- 10:30 am MLK Day Service & Workshop
- 7:00pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

Tuesday, January 22

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 23

- 11:30 am the Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 24

- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

- 11:00 am Celebration of Life for Stuart Mansfield
- 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, January 27

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting

Welcome to This House!



January 20, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Theme for January: Justice

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis
Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Diane Gallentine
Greeter: Patrick McGleam
Musician: Geoff Pynn
Social Hour Hosts: The Social Justice Team
Counters: Tom Haslett, Sherri Casterline

Upcoming Services

January 27: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Misha Sanders
February 3: Rev. Jennifer Innis, Rev. Patrick Price

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** (William Sinkford, Adapted)

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

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

Intro to the Offering

Offering

Sacred Story “Martin’s Big Words” Doreen Rappaport presented by Lisa Brennan

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

Readings

***Hymn** # 1053 in teal hymnal “How Could Anyone”

Sermon “The Body of Freedom”

***Hymn** # 121 “We’ll Build a Land”

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*

Announcements

Today! 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 today 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.

Come celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with UUSG Social Justice and Hope Fair Housing. Hope Fair 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 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.

Christine’s Maternity Leave News While Christine Imielski is on maternity leave (beginning January 21) we are excited to welcome Becky Hruby to our staff! As our Temporary Congregational Administrator, Becky will be taking on the bulk of Christine's position responsibilities. Please continue to send all announcements, room requests, and informational requests to office@uusg.org. Financial questions (such as pledge balances and donations to date) can also be sent to Becky. Becky’s hours will be Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm. She can be reached at 630-232-2350.

Luncheonettes! Join us for our first gathering in our new year! No doubt we have lots to talk about...All are welcome. Wednesday, January 23, 11:30-1:00pm (Fourth Wednesday of the month), Andre’s Restaurant in Batavia. RSVP at uusg.org/luncheonettes.

Guest-in-the-Pulpit Sunday, January 27: the Rev. Misha Sanders, “Raising the Roof.” We will explore radical hospitality, welcome, and disability activism through the lens of an ancient story about a healer named Jesus. Rev. Misha Sanders is a Resident Chaplain at a hospital in Barrington, Illinois and an affiliated community minister with her home church, the Unitarian Universalist in Rockford, Illinois. She lives in Woodstock, Illinois, with her teenaged son, two fat hamsters, and three cats who run the show.

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.

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 or in the Common Room.

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. We will meet 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.

Mental Health Ministry: “Five Wishes.” Whether or not you participated in our discussion on January 13, if you’d like additional copies of the booklet that helps plan a living will for yourself, and provides your family and friends with details of your social, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs if you become ill, they are on order and will be available for \$1.00 each from Page Paris. They should arrive in about two weeks.