

Mental Health Ministry: “Five Wishes.” Whether or not you participated in our discussion on January 13, you may purchase a booklet that helps plan a living will for yourself. It also provides your family and friends with details of your social, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs if you become ill. Booklets are on order and will be available for \$1.00 each from Page Poris. They should arrive in about a week.

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

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Sunday, January 27

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

Monday, January 28

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00pm Reiki Share

Tuesday, January 29

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 30

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 31

- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm FRVI Mental Health Team Meeting

Friday, February 1

- 6:00 pm Women’s Retreat Begins (off-site)

Saturday, February 2

- 8:00 am IYC Tutor Training

Sunday, February 3

- 10:30 am Women’s Retreat Ends (off-site)
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group

Welcome to this house!



January 27, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Theme for January:
Justice

Today’s Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Misha Sanders
Worship Associates: Doreen Christiani, Gail Tattersfield
Greeter: Patrick McGleam
Musicians: UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel;
Sandra Anderson
Counters: Bill Scown, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services

February 3: Rev. Jennifer Innis, Rev. Patrick Price
February 10: 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** # 315 “This Old World”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Gather Us In*, Marty Haugen

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** Rhys Williams

Spirit of life, come to us to break down barriers;
to widen horizons; to make us less judgmental.

Help us to see the larger picture and the kinder conclusion;
to love and let live; to embrace and forgive; to sustain and care.

Help us to reach out to our better selves,
that we may love more and hate less,
care more and reject less,
that bound together by understanding we may sustain each other
through trial and tribulation,
through joy and happiness, through sickness and health.

Help us to be joined in a common purpose of hope and
fulfillment.

We seek a common, holy ground for one and all.

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

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

Intro to the Offering

Offering

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 *Saving Souls*,
Underwood

Musical Response *In Meeting We Are Blessed*, Robertson,
Gatsnahos, Donne

Readings *This Body*, Kayla Parker

***Hymn** # 317 “We Are Not Our Own”

Sermon “Raising the Roof”

***Hymn** # 95 “There Is More Love Somewhere”

***Unison Closing** John C. Morgan

Let us bless and keep one another.

Let kindness rule in our hearts,
and compassion in our lives,
until we meet again. Amen

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *May You Go in Peace*, Diana Ward

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

Announcements

Gabrielle Grace Imielski arrived Tuesday, January 22, at 10:03am! 7lbs 12 oz, 21 inches. Mom and baby are happy and healthy and Christine would like to thank the UUSG congregation for all the well wishes and support!

Guest-in-the-Pulpit Today The Rev. Misha Sanders presents “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.

Christine’s Maternity Leave While Christine Imielski is on maternity leave 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.

Get Involved with Interweave Today We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. We will meet today, 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.

UUSG & WOW Can Help The government shutdown is something that is adversely affecting our country and our UUSG community. We want to remind you that there are resources available to you. The WOW Team is ready to step up and provide practical assistance such as meals, transportation, and child care. Let us know how we can help during this trying time: wow@uusg.org. Additionally, please contact Rev. Jennifer or Rev. Patrick with possible financial or emotional concerns. We want to stand strong beside you as you weather this difficult interruption to your income and working life.

LRE Mid-Year Teachers Meeting Teachers, please mark your calendars for Wed., February 6. Plan to join us in the Common Room, 7-8:30pm.

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, February 10. Gather in the Common Room right after the second worship service. We’ll kick things off around 12:45 with a light lunch. Please RSVP online. Since this is a full 4-hour session, participants are encouraged to make their own childcare arrangements at home. Questions? Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Common Room. We also suggest that you preview the material in the Pathway to Membership Informational Packet. For further information, please contact Jim or Kate Frazier at welcoming@uusg.org.

Be Sure to Save the Date! UUSG’s annual Day of Service is scheduled for Saturday, March 30. 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 playing bingo with the residents of Geneva Care Center. More info will be coming soon.