

**Registration for Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat** is now open. Join us July 11-14, in Sturgis, Michigan for an amazing all ages experience at lovely Amigo Centre in southwestern Michigan – only 90 miles from Chicago. At Chalice Sparx camp and retreat you will experience a truly multigenerational community. There are no camp counselors here to whisk away the children from their families. Here we learn together, worship together and explore together in a community of all ages – including elders who complete our multigenerational village. We have fun swimming, hiking the trails and labyrinth, canoeing, doing archery, having popcorn popped over an open fire, and of course, s'mores and camp songs. Check out the website of our non-profit organization run by Unitarian Universalist religious educators, ministers and lay persons from all over the Midwest: [chalicesparx.org](http://chalicesparx.org). [facebook.com/chalicesparx/](https://www.facebook.com/chalicesparx/).

**Thank you** to Carol Davis and all of Winnie Blewitt's family for the lovely pink flower arrangements in the Common Room. The flowers came from Winnie's visitation. Winnie's Celebration of Life will take place at UUSG on Sat., March 9. Time TBA.

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

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

### **Sunday, February 17**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Monday, February 18**

- 10:00 am Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

### **Tuesday, February 19**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 20**

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

### **Thursday, February 21**

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm The Case for a Graduated State Income Tax in Illinois

### **Friday, February 22**

- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks: "13th"

### **Saturday, February 23**

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle
- 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (off-site)

### **Sunday, February 24**

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

*Welcome to this house!*



February 17, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

Theme for February:  
*Justice*

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

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associate: Pat Vary, Deb Brod  
Musicians: The UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel;  
Sandra Anderson  
Social Hour Hosts: Jamie Carroll, Kim McDuffee-Dotson  
Counters: William Scown, Jamie Carroll

#### **Upcoming Services**

February 24: YRUU Annual Service  
March 3: Interweave Annual Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 354 “We Laugh, We Cry”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *O Ye Who Taste That Love Is Sweet*, words by Rosetti

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 437 “Let Us Worship”

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

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

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *Andante cantabile*, Stephen Heller

**Sacred Story** Middle School Class: “Hug O’ War,” “The Little Boy and the Old Man,” Shel Silverstein

*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** *What Wondrous Love Is This*, adapted, Hart

### Readings

\***Hymn** # 1021 “Lean on Me”

**Sermon** “Perfection and Excellence”

\***Hymn** # 368 “Now Let Us Sing”

\***Unison Closing**

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

\***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

**Postlude** *How Can I Keep From Singing*, Gilpin; words adapted from Quaker song

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

## Announcements

**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. Sign up in the Common Room or at [uusg.org./day-of-service](http://uusg.org./day-of-service).

**Welcome Home!** We welcome two new members to UUSG! Jim Swick and Marian Whittet signed the Book on February 10. Please be sure to greet them!

**A Few Good People** are needed to fulfill UUSG’s commitment to stay at Lazarus House the first Saturday of each month. The work is easy and rewarding; it is usually only two nights a year for each volunteer. You even get to sleep on the job! To learn more and decide if this might be your way of “promoting practical goodness in the world,” contact Maureen McKeough, 630.262.8449, [mmckeough@aol.com](mailto:mmckeough@aol.com). [uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless2](http://uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless2)

**February “Beyond Our Walls”** will support our church’s active involvement with Habitat for Humanity. Our YRUU and young adult groups will be traveling this summer to work on Habitat houses. Your donation will be used to support the trips and as contributions to the local chapters with which we work. Thank you for your support!

**Today: The Mental Health Ministry** will present a discussion titled “Adaptation to Disability,” 1-2:30pm, in the Common Room. Bev Coe is facilitating this discussion. Bev became suddenly and profoundly deaf 10 years ago. She will describe her journey from deafness to the return to hearing with the implantation of cochlear implants. Factors facilitating recovery from this disability and other disabilities will be highlighted.

**Women’s Circle** returns to the UUSG calendar on Saturday, February 23, 1-4pm, with the topic of self-compassion, facilitated by Julia Friesen. We will explore this important idea in a variety of formats that will give everyone tangible ways to practice self-compassion in daily life and resources for further exploration. Please see full details in the weekly email.

**February Friday Flick: 13th** The title of Ava DuVernay’s extraordinary and galvanizing documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads, “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States.” The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the sprawling American prison industry is laid out by DuVernay with bracing lucidity. Please join us in the UUSG Common Room on Friday, February 22, at 7:00pm, as we present this insightful and provocative look at the role race continues to play in our criminal justice system.

**Get Involved with Interweave** We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month to have discussions and special events. We will meet Sunday February 24, at 12:30pm to finalize plans for our annual LGBTQ service scheduled for March 3. For information please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).

**The Social Justice Ministry** is sponsoring a program titled “The Case for a Fair, Graduated Rate Income Tax in Illinois,” February 21, 7-8:30pm, in the Common Room. Jean Pierce is facilitating this discussion. Jean is Issues and Advocacy chair for the Illinois League of Women Voters, which has advocated for a Graduated Rate since the 1970s because it will grow the economy while bringing in revenue for the state.

**Lost & Found** Please check out the table in the Common Room. Anything left after today will be taken to a donation center.