

March Women's Circle: This month we will use readings, poetry and music to uncover the variety of meanings in the word Sanctuary. Our March Circle will explore and discuss the need for Sanctuary, and where we each seek and find Sanctuary. Saturday, March 23, 1-4pm. uusg.org/womens-circle.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, March 3

- 10:40 am Steward Training
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group

Monday, March 4

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, March 6

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins

Saturday, March 9

- 12:30 pm Winnie Blewitt Visitation
- 1:30 pm Winnie's Celebration of Life Service
- 4:00 pm OWL overnight Ends

Sunday, March 10

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry

Welcome to this house!



March 3, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

Interweave Service Theme:
Celebrating Diversity

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Interweave Team
Worship Associates: Doreen Christiani, Lynn Steele
Greeters: Llona Steele, Ash Peterson
Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Andy Montgomery,
Irene Frederick
Counters: Tom Haslett, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services

March 10: Rev. Jennifer Innis, Rev. Patrick Price
March 17: 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** # 188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

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** # 662 “Strange and Foolish Walls”

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

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

Offering

Sacred Story “A Church for All,” Gayle Pitman
presented by Ilene Smit

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 *Androgynous*, Crash Test Dummies

Readings Doreen Christiani, Linda Marquis

***Hymn** # 1053 “How Could Anyone”

Sermon “The Rainbow Connection,” Marilyn Hebda

***Hymn** # 1012 “When I Am Frightened”

***Unison Closing** # 505 (Thich N’hat Hanh)

Postlude *A Little Bit of Me*, Melissa Etheridge

*Benediction

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

Announcements

Budget Drive Kickoff: March 10. The Annual Budget Drive begins on March 10. Rev. Jennifer Innis will lead worship while Andy Montgomery and friends will provide the music. It is a not-to-miss-Sunday. The budget drive will conclude on April 14. See Kathy Cornell for information.

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.

Winnie Blewitt's Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, March 9, at UUSG. Please note a timing change: the **visitation will be at 12:30**, with a **1:30 pm service**, followed by a reception in the Common Room.

We are deeply saddened to share that UUSG Member, Jim O'Malley, died around noon on February 27. His spouse, Pat, was with him. We send our loving condolences to Jim and Pat's family and friends. Memorial information will be announced shortly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Revs. Jennifer and Patrick at 630-232-2350 or interim.coministers@uusg.org.

New2U Offering: See today’s “UUSG News” email for information on New2U sales to benefit UUSG. There’s an oversized gold-gilded frame, rustic nesting baskets, 8’ x 10’ area rug, generator, snow blower, and more.

The March Beyond Our Walls (BOW) offering will be going to support Youth Outlook which is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ youth. They work in six counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. Our drop-in center here at UUSG has continued to meet this school year and will be joined by a number of new centers which will be added in our region in 2019. UUSG has proudly supported this work for years and Youth Outlook has grown with our help.

Town Hall, March 17: Church and Search The Transition Team invites all members and friends to the next town hall conversation, Church and Search, at 12:30pm on March 17. As the congregation begins to imagine its future, what are its strengths? What would you change? Rev. Jennifer will organize a small group conversation based on these questions. The second part of the town hall will be an update on the interim and search processes. Feel free to send in your questions ahead of time as well as ask them at the meeting. interim.coministers@uusg.org.

A Few Good People are needed to fulfill UUSG’s commitment to stay at Lazarus House the first Saturday of each month. To learn more, contact Maureen McKeough, 630.262.8449, mmckeough@aol.com. uusg.org/hope-for-the-homeless2.

Wanted: Artists for the UUSG Art Wall If you’d like to display your work on our Art Wall in the Common Room, please sign up in the Common Room. Past displays have included watercolors, photographs, poems, and knitted textiles. If you made it and can hang it on the wall, we’d be happy to display it!

Music Party Tom Zimmerman, Cynthia Spiegel, Aaron Fogleman, and Geoff Pynn are hosting a music party on Saturday, April 6, at 7pm. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to our best. A piano will be there, and you can bring any other instrument you like -- including your voice! Please see complete details in the Pioneer or weekly email.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet Monday, March 18, 7-8:30pm. Each person should plan to read and discuss at least one of their favorite passages. Ecclesiastes 3 is already spoken for. For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

Dementia is a concern for many people as they get into middle and old age. We mostly worry about Alzheimer’s, but there are several other dementing disorders which could take us or those we love. Don Clements will talk about Frontal Temporal Dementia, which took the life of his wife. He will discuss this from both her perspective as well as his as a caretaker. The meeting will be March 10, 12:30pm, in the Common Room.