

**In honor of Black History Month**, our Black Lives Matter flag will be flying from the Pioneer House.

**Adopt-a-Senior** During the Annual Day of Service, we pack care packages for 140 low-income seniors sponsored by Humanitarian Service Project. This year, we need a little extra help. For \$15, you can sponsor a care package with necessities like shampoo, soap, and toothpaste, plus a few "extras" that the seniors greatly appreciate. Please drop cash in the basket, labeled "HSP Seniors" and make checks out to "UUSG" and put "HSP Seniors" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Nominating Committee** is looking for a few good people. This is the time of year when we do the work of finding Board members for the upcoming fiscal year. If you're interested in getting involved in the Board of Directors, or if you know someone you'd like to nominate, please send an email to [nominating@uusg.org](mailto:nominating@uusg.org).

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

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

### **Sunday, February 9**

- 10:45 am Pledge Drive Training Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm New UUs

### **Monday, February 10**

- 11:30 am Women's Circle Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 11**

- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

### **Wednesday, February 12**

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 13**

**Friday, February 14** Carpet Cleaning / Building Closed

**Saturday, February 15** Carpet Cleaning / Building Closed

### **Sunday, February 16**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Pledge Drive Training Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Personnel Committee Meeting



February 9, 2020

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*February Theme: Religious Authority*

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

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Patrick Price

**Worship Associates:** Gail Tattersfield, Ivan Pynn

**Musicians:** Kerena & Paul Moeller

**Social Hour Hosts:** RE Teachers & RE Steering Team

**Counters:** The Finance Team

**Teachers** 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Laurel Rigertas; 3-5: Ro Maziarz, Shawn Thornton; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Christine Herring 3-5: Martha Malana, Parvaneh Smith; 6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Kim McDuffee-Dotson; 9-12: no class

**Nursery:** Frank Coffey, Rachel Harbold

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

### **Upcoming Services:**

**February 16:** Rev. Jennifer Innis

**February 23:** YRUU Service

**March 1:** Interweave Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**\*Song of Community** # 360 “Here We Have Gathered”

### Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Sonata in E, Scarlatti*

### Chalice Lighting

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

**\*Antiphonal Reading** # 515 We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks

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

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

### Introduction to the Offering

**Offering** *Count on Me, Bruno Mars*

### Sacred Story

**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** *O Mio Babbino Caro* from *Gianni Schicchi*, Puccini

**Reading** # 668 from the Gospel of James 2:14-18 Christian Scriptures

**\*Hymn** # 112 “Do You Hear?”

**Sermon** “Money and Religious Authority”

**\*Hymn** # 118 “This Little Light of Mine”

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

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

**\*Benediction**

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Every Little Thing She Does is Magic*, Sting

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

## Announcements

**Day of Service** Save the date! UUSG's Annual Day of Service will be held on Saturday, March 21. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Mutual Ground, Senior Gift Bags, BINGO, and Green Postcard Writing. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks. Can you think of a volunteer activity you'd like to lead? [dayofservice@uusg.org](mailto:dayofservice@uusg.org).

**New UUs Today!** Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend the New UUs session today. **Childcare is available.** Meet in the Common Room at 12:30 for a light lunch and to participate in the program.

**Wanted: Pizza Booth General Manager** UUSG risks losing \$8k+ in fundraising this year! David Zacker, last year’s Pizza Booth General Manager, will be out of the country during Swedish Days this year. With no lead organizer, Pizza Booth efforts are on life support. You (or a team of two or three!) could be the one to save the Pizza Booth. David would be happy to help with preparations. But you can take all the credit. The main responsibilities include preparation (reserving equipment and contacting our food vendors), set up, and volunteer organization (i.e., cat herding). You'll also have access to the Swedish Days Manual, a tome handed down from General Manager to General Manager, that well documents all that needs to be done. If interested, contact David at [swedishdays@uusg.org](mailto:swedishdays@uusg.org).

**February Beyond Our Walls:** Our church’s commitment to Habitat for Humanity includes support for a trip for our teens to work with a Habitat affiliate in Minnesota for a week every summer. We have been supporting this fabulous endeavor for 25+ years and want to continue. This month’s BOW will help pay for the trip and support our homeowner partners. Please continue to help support this life-changing opportunity for our high school youth. To donate, please write checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

**In January** we collected \$1,173.00 for JAMS! Thank you for your generous giving.

**Can Finance be Fun?** Join the UUSG Finance Team and find out! We are currently looking for new members to help ensure our congregation can remain a stable and growing entity for the next 175 years. View responsibilities and expectations in the Weekly Email or on the bulletin board in the Common Room, and let Tom Haslett at [finance@uusg.org](mailto:finance@uusg.org) or Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) know if you're interested.

**Food Bank Group** Join us on Saturday, February 15, 9am to noon, at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. If you would like to sign up for a volunteer shift please visit [uusg.org/food-bank-signup](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup). And bring a friend! Show someone who has never volunteered before the impact that sacrificing 3 hours can make on the lives of literally thousands of people. [foodbankleader@uusg.org](mailto:foodbankleader@uusg.org).

**Women's Circle** “The Active and Contemplative Life: Finding a New Rhythm for Our Modern Lives.” As we experience unpredictable change and challenges of modern life, we seek new coping methods and fresh perspectives that can lead to spiritual growth and physical well-being. We’re looking forward to our guest speaker, Sister Glenna Czachor from the Tau Center in Wheaton, providing guidance in ways to integrate the many elements of our lives with grace, beauty and rhythm. Join us Saturday, February 22, 1-4pm. RSVP at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**For UUs who simply want to learn** more about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet February 17, 7-8:30pm. We'll be discussing “How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee,” by Bart Ehrman. [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**Friday Flick. Join us, Friday, February 28, 7pm** for a free pre-screening of the new documentary *TransGeek*. The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by the director/producer Kevin McCarthy. *TransGeek* is a documentary exploring the intersection of gender identity and geek culture. We explore how people express their authentic selves through geek culture. Kevin McCarthy will also be the guest-in-the-pulpit for the March 1, Interweave Service.

**The carpet** in the Sanctuary, Common Room, and Heritage Room will be cleaned (and the building will be closed) February 14-15.