

## Social Justice

**Jan. 6:** Participate in a demonstration celebrating our democracy January 6. Find one near you here:

[https://www.mobilize.us/dfadcoalition/?org\\_ids=7229](https://www.mobilize.us/dfadcoalition/?org_ids=7229)

**Jan. 27, 9-10am:** Aurora Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please sign up to provide 75 bottles of water, cookies, or snack bars.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-trinity>

**First weekend of February:** Meals for Lazarus House Homeless Shelter

**Feb. 4:** any time, 20 sack lunches

**Feb. 5:** 6-7pm, casserole and salad for 12

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus>

**The Inclusion Bookclub** Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the next one is **January 18**. Zoom info available in the calendar.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### All meetings will be held online

- Sunday, January 2**      **Online Worship Service 11 am**
- 10:00 am      Virtual Game Hour
  - 12:30 pm      Big Ideas Covenant Group
- Monday, January 3**
- 7:30 pm      Technology Team Meeting
- Tuesday, January 4**
- 7:00 pm      Council Meeting
- Wednesday, January 5**
- 10:30 am      Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 pm      UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- Thursday, January 6**
- Friday, January 7**      Lazarus House Food Ministry Owl
- 7:00 pm      Folk Music Concert (online)
- Saturday, January 8**      Owl
- Sunday, January 9**
- 10:00 am      RE Classes K-12
  - 12:30 pm      Big Ideas Covenant Group

**Need a little more information?** Check out our website at [uusg.org](https://uusg.org) and our calendar at [uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar).

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# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**January 2, 2022**

January Theme: Intention

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Julie Taylor

**Worship Associate:** Gail Tattersfield

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll,  
Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, January 9:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Hidden Lights"

**Sunday, January 16:** Rev. R. Ken Turner

## Order of Worship

### Ring the Bell

### Call to Worship

**Introit** "Jubilato," Dennis Alexander

### Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #128 "For All That is Our Life"

### Chalice Lighting

### Song of Praise

### Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,  
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious  
improvement,

We have associated ourselves together -

Not as agreeing in opinion,

Not as having attained universal truth in belief

Or perfection in character -

But as seekers after truth and goodness

### Doxology

### Passing the Peace

### Joys and Sorrows

**Hymn** #123 "Spirit of Life"

**Offertory** "What Gift Can We Bring," Jane Marshall

**Reading** "Turn! Turn! Turn! To Everything There is a  
Season" Pete Seeger, adapted from Ecclesiastes

**Hymn** #391 "Voice Still & Small"

**Responsive** "Reflexions," Alexandre Tansman

**Sermon** "Blessing of a New Year"

**Closing Hymn** #404 "What Gift Can We Bring"

**Chalice Extinguishing** #434

### Benediction

**Postlude** "Mazurka Op. 24 No. 3," Frederic Chopin

## Announcements

**Rev. Julie Taylor, "Blessing of a New Year"** Past and future seem to collide in many ways this time of year. As we look to ring in the year 2022, let's take time to also reflect on this year that is ending. Rev. Julie Taylor is a Unitarian Universalist community minister specializing in critical incident response, community crisis and pastoral care. Rev. Taylor is the Senior Director of Contextual Ministry and an affiliate professor at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Agitating, preaching, and working towards dismantling systems of White Supremacy are key in Rev. Taylor's theology and work.

**January's "Beyond Our Walls"** cause is the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. JAMS is a secondary school that is "good enough for the richest but open to the poorest." It is empowering girls to become women who participate fully in the life of the nation. UUSG has fully-funded a 4-year scholarship for Wendy Amondi, (class of '23) who plans to become a doctor. Her family of 7 depends on the wages of her father who works in a factory and can only afford to pay for food and clothes. The money raised this month will go towards a scholarship for a student who will be admitted this spring in the class of '25. For \$800 a year, we are providing room and board, tuition, clothing, and basic supplies.

**What the Eyes Don't See** Join members of Green Sanctuary, Social Justice, and the DEI Team for an online viewing of guest speaker Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, hosted by the UIC School of Public Health. <https://emails.uofi.uic.edu/newsletter/1108660473.html>. Dr. Hanna-Attisha was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World and recognized as one of USA Today's Women of the Century for her role in uncovering the Flint water crisis and leading recovery efforts. Author of "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in An American City" (<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/550935/what-the-eyes-dont-see-by-mona-hanna-attisha/>), she continues to grapple with our nation's history of environmental injustice.

**Sacred Texts Study Group** This class will try to unravel things, at least a bit. No experience necessary! Meetings are on the 2nd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **January 10**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

**Save the Date! Mon. Jan 24 at 7pm** This month we will have a speaker and a short video followed by discussion. No movie. Our guest presenter, Kathy Kelly, will be speaking about the "Ban Killer Drones" campaign. Kathy served three months in prison in 2015 for attempting to deliver a loaf of bread and a set of questions to the commander of Whiteman AFB, which operated weaponized drones over Afghanistan. She has also been arrested for protesting drone warfare at Beale AFB, in California, Volk Field AFB in Wisconsin, and Hancock AFB in NY. Kathy co-founded 'Voices in the Wilderness,' which organized 70 delegations to defy economic sanctions against Iraq. [bankillerdrones.org](http://bankillerdrones.org)

**Difficult Conversations** UUSG and the UU Church of Bloomington-Normal are cosponsoring this seminar. A great opportunity if you missed out on our spring course! Sign up today. Difficult Conversations: The art and science of working together is an engaging, interactive workshop exploring a powerful set of principles and strategies that will allow you to approach difficult conversations in a radically new way - one that can heal divides and change hearts and minds. Plan on attending the complete three-part series which will be held on Zoom. The series will take place on the following dates:

**Thursday January 27, 6:00-8:30pm**

**Tuesday February 1, 6:00-8:30pm**

**Thursday February 3, 6:00-8:30pm**

[signupgenius.com/go/508084fa9ae29a0fa7-difficult](http://signupgenius.com/go/508084fa9ae29a0fa7-difficult)

**DEI News** You must set aside 15 minutes to watch this stunning graphic TED presentation by Aaron Huey. Huey is a masthead photographer for National Geographic Adventure and National Geographic Traveler magazines. His effort to photograph poverty in America led him to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the struggle of the native Lakota people -- appalling, and largely ignored -- compelled him to refocus. Five years of work later, his haunting photos intertwine with a shocking history lesson.

[ted.com/talks/aaron\\_huey\\_america\\_s\\_native\\_prisoners\\_of\\_war](http://ted.com/talks/aaron_huey_america_s_native_prisoners_of_war)