

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.

Beloved Conversations - Spring 2022 Racial justice, and the work of self-understanding that is essential to it, is the work of a lifetime. *Beloved Conversations*, designed by UUs and for UUs, is a seminar program designed to help us take the ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion from the classroom out into our larger world. Note: there is a cost associated with this course. If that cost is a stumbling block, please reach out to the UUSG office; we can help. Registration runs through February 22. <https://www.uusg.org/news/2021/12/20/beloved-conversations-spring-2022>

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

All meetings will be held online

Sunday, January 9 **Online Worship Service 11 am**
• 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

Monday, January 10
• 1:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
• 7:00 pm Sacred Text Study Group

Tuesday, January 11
• 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
• 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 12
• 10:30 am Staff Meeting
• 7:00 pm DEI Team Meeting

Thursday, January 13

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

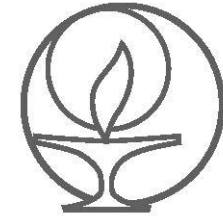
Sunday, January 16 **Online Worship Service 11 am**
• 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

Donate via Tithely with the QR code below:



Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 9, 2022

January Theme: Intention

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson

Musicians: Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel

RE: 10am Games & Social Hour

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 16: Rev. R. Ken Turner, "Faith in the Unseen"

"Faith is taking the first step when you don't see the whole staircase," ~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

Sunday, January 23: Rev. Scot Hull, "Does God answer when an atheist prays?"

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Dawned,” by Geoff Pynn

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #89 “Come, My Way, My Truth, My 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

Time For All Ages “Simon’s Cat: Guide to Resolutions”

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Offertory “Dorian Temple,” by Geoff Pynn

Reading “New Day’s Lyric,” by Amanda Gorman

Hymn #83 “Winds Be Still”

Responsive “In The Country,” by Geoff Pynn

Sermon “Hidden Lights”

Closing Hymn #1042 “Rivers of Babylon”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude “One Step,” by Geoff Pynn,
words by Thich Nhat Hanh

Announcements

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.

RE Alternate: 10am games and social hour for K-12 during January: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646765370>

Connections Club Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect or dig in? Join us February 6! Details are forthcoming, but if you are interested, please send an email to office@uusg.org and we will add you to the list!

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.

BYOL (Lunch) with Rev. Scot: Tuesdays at Noon Rev. Scot will be hosting an open meeting on Zoom each Tuesday at noon. No agenda. No requirements. Come if you can, when you can. Just bring yourself, your concerns, your questions, your stories, your jokes—and your lunch—and join him (and your congregational friends!) in our virtual courtyard for an hour of conversation, connection, and community. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>.

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

Monday Night Movie (Formerly Friday Flicks) - 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

Difficult Conversations UUSG and the UU Church of Bloomington-Normal are cosponsoring this seminar. 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. The three-part series which will be held on Zoom 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

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