

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>

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

Meals for Lazarus House Homeless Shelter

Feb. 4: any time, 20 sack lunches

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

Feb. 24: 9-10, Aurora Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please sign up to provide 75 bottles of water, cookies, or snack bars

You can find sign-up links in the weekly email.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

All meetings will be held online

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

Monday, January 17

Tuesday, January 18
• 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
• 7:00 pm The Inclusion Book Club

Wednesday, January 19
• 10:30 am Staff Meeting
• 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
• 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, January 20
• 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

Friday, January 21

Saturday, January 22

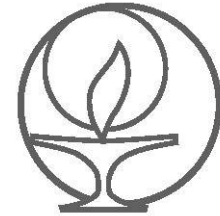
Sunday, January 23 **Online Worship Service 11 am**
• 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group
• 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting

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 16, 2022

January Theme: Intention

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. R Ken Turner

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

Musician: Sandra Anderson, piano

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

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

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, January 30: Rev. Scot Hull, "The Problem of Evil"

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Keep Your Eyes on the Prize,” arr. Sandra Anderson

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1017 Building a New Way,” Amanda Thomas, vocals; Karl Kennedy, keyboard

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” UUSG Choir

Beyond Our Walls

Offertory “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” arr. Calvin Taylor

Reading

Hymn #30 “Over My Head,” Cynthia, Elena, & Sophia Spiegel, vocals

Responsive “Jacob's Ladder,” arr. John Carte

Sermon “Faith in the Unseen”

Closing Hymn #1020 “Woyaya,” Paul Thompson, video creator, vocals, bass; Susan Thompson, vocals; Sam Welsh, keyboard

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude “Deep River,” arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements

Guest-in-the-Pulpit: 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

Sr. Minister & Founder “Unity of Chicago South” (UCS), Former Sr. Minister South Side Unity Center of Christianity (SSU), Transformational Speaker, Podcast Host, Independent TV Producer, Author

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.

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 is the 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 **February 14**, 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) Mon. Jan 24 at 7pm: Kathy Kelly This month we are featuring a follow-up presentation regarding a “Friday Flick” film, *National Bird*, shown previously. We are honored to have Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly speak via Zoom about recent drone attacks in Afghanistan. [Zoom link here.](#)

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

signupgenius.com/go/508084fa9ae29a0fa7-difficult

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.