

Pledge Drive Kick-Off Potluck Come celebrate with your UUSG friends after service on March 5, as we kick-off the 23-24 Pledge Drive! Food, Fun, Friends, and yes, there will be cupcakes! Sign up at uusg.org/potluck.

Grant Writers Needed If you have experience researching or writing grants, then UUSG needs U! We have discovered grant opportunities that could make our facility more energy-efficient, safer, and more aesthetically attractive. Contact Christine, at office@uusg.org, if you're able to help.

Women's Circle "Persistence" Saturday, February 25, 1-4 PM, in the Common Room and via Zoom. Please join us for an inspiring TED talk to answer the question: How Can I Keep Going When I Can't See the Finish Line? Please sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle. WC encourages each of you to bring a friend, invite a member you've not seen lately, or a neighbor who might be interested.

Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. New to meditation? New to Buddhism? All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

Social Justice Calendar

February 23: Help Feed the Hungry by providing Food for the Soup Kitchen. uusg.org/soup-kitchen.
March 4 Help the Homeless by preparing casserole and salad for 12. uusg.org/Lazarus-house.

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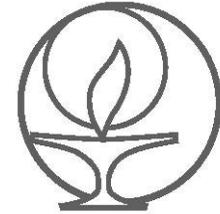
Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

- Sunday, February 12**
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
 - 9:30 AM Question Box
 - 10:30 AM 5-6 OWL Class
 - 11:30 AM Engagement Fair
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, February 13**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting **online**
 - 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 - 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting
 - 7:00 PM Sacred Text Study Group **online**
- Tuesday, February 14**
- Wednesday, February 15**
- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
 - 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group **online**
 - 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Thursday, February 16**
- 11:00 AM Simply Sharing Circle **online**
- Friday, February 17**
- 6:00 PM UUSG Pizza & Game Night
 - 7:00 PM Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
- Saturday, February 18**
- Sunday, February 19**
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
 - 10:30 AM 5-6 OWL Class
 - 12:00 PM Green Sanctuary Meeting
 - 12:15 PM Safety & Security Presentation
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Thanks! The Social Justice team appreciates the contributions of the following people who donated food for Lazarus House in February: Cynthia Benshoof, Lizzie, Mike, & Mikey Clements; Cindy Duckworth, Jan Miller, Page Poris, David & Renee Tomell; Llona Steele.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 12, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Love

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull
Worship Associate: Page Poris
Musicians: Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Lara Ward, Horn; Ruth Cavanaugh, flute; Linda O'Neill, violin; Cynthia Spiegel
RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring
3-5: Kerry Sapet, Katie Yurkewicz
6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold
9-12: Jaime Andersen, Linda Dorr
Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby
Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, February 19: Guest Rev. Pamela Rumancik, "Trekking Home"

Sunday, February 26: Rev. Scot Hull

Order of Worship

Prelude “Polovetsian Dance,” Alexander Borodin

Call to Worship

Introit “Partita for Solo Horn,” Movement 2, Walz; David Lyon

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #10 “Immortal Love”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “Hello Goodbye Dog”

Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Remembrance

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

BOW Habitat for Humanity, presented by Nancy Christensen

Offertory “St. Columbia Tune,” arr. Val Heinkel-Bollero

Reading

Responsive “Prelude No. 2,” Gershwin, arr. Ridenours

Sermon “A Higher Love”

Closing Hymn # 1048 “Ubi Caritas”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music "Bouree from Orchestra Suite No. 3," J.S. Bach, trans. & arr. Ronald Dishinger

Announcements

UUSG Engagement Fair Today after service. There are so many great things you can do here at UUSG! Spiritual growth. Justice. Stewardship. Facilities. Religious Education. Music. Membership. Welcoming. Join us!

UUSG Pizza & Game Night! Friday, Feb 17, 6-9pm

Game Night is a new event at UUSG designed to get to know each other, build friendships and have some great fun in the process. Our February game... FARKLE! Never played it before? No worries, Gina Grupe-Stibal will teach you. We will eat pizza from 6-6:30 and then the FARKLE frenzy of dice rolling begins! If you are ready to laugh and have fun then please reserve your spot at uusg.org/game-night by Feb 15. BYOB-Bring your own beverages of choice and be ready to lighten up and laugh. All ages welcome!

Oneness Drum Circle First Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM

Drums are among the earth's oldest musical instruments and seem to have had a place in every ancient culture. This Drum Circle led by Gina Grupe-Stibal is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around! See the Weekly Email for details.

UUSG Membership Class New around here? Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Want to learn more about the privileges and responsibilities of becoming a voting member? You're in luck! Our next Membership Class is Sunday, **March 12, 12:30-2:30 PM** in the Common Room and online via Zoom. Sign up at uusg.org/membership-class.

The Emergency Response Team invites you to: *Best Practices for Safety and Security for Houses of Worship* next Sunday, February 19, at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. The **Geneva PD** will answer questions at a one-hour training presentation. The appropriate audience is adults & high school students. All members & friends are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting will also be available via Zoom. Details in email.

Friday Flick Feb 24, 7pm. *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution*. Fifty years ago, a summer camp run by hippies gave disabled teens an opportunity to experience full inclusion as human beings. Many of them found their voices at Camp Jened. More details in Weekly Email.

Inclusion Book Club Tuesday, February 28, at 7 PM, via Zoom. Our next book is “So, You Want to Talk About Race,” by Ijeoma Oluo. To address systemic racism in America, we first need to talk about it. Oluo is an excellent author, recognized for guiding people through conversations about microaggressions, police brutality, systemic racism vs. personal bias, and more. To be added to our email list, please reach out to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Next Pub Theology February 20, at 7 PM, Art History Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics, and more. Bring your questions & your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

Beyond Our Walls for February: YRUU H4H This month's BOW collection will help fund the YRUU trip to build a Habitat for Humanity house this summer in Redwing, MN. Your donation will help our youth assist a family in achieving the dream of owning a home. With your help, homeowners will achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

UUSG Earth Hour - Saturday, March 25, at 7 PM. Attention musicians, poets, storytellers, magicians, astronomy buffs, drummers, and other talented people, come share your talent and help UUSG observe this year's Earth Hour. No electricity allowed. Please contact the Green Sanctuary Team at greensanctuary@uusg.org if you can help. We will be starting a bit early to accommodate families with kids.

One Book One UUSG March 9, at 7 PM in the Common Room. Our next book is *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. The book continues our interest in reading about the Native American traditions and history in the United States, and is based on a true story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. Diane Gallentine & Jennifer Klein will host and lead discussion. Please RSVP to dgallen123@gmail.com.