

“Change for a Change” Jar ICDI is a Chicago-based nonprofit working to uphold the dignity and human rights of immigrants. Our programs provide direct services and housing with care to asylum seekers, and advocates for justice for immigrants at the local, state, and national levels.

Spread the LOVE February is the month of LOVE. You can spread love to others at UUSG by adding a heart with a message to the bulletin board in the common room. It will be up all month long so drop by anytime to add a little note and share the love and appreciation for all! If you are unable to add a message yourself, please feel free to send your message to Lily at membership@uusg.org and she will add it.

Buddhist Meditation Every Sunday at 6pm, Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple will lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion in our Common Room. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated. Drop-ins are expected and welcome.

Mental Health Ministry: Medical Aid in Dying Sunday, March 3, at 12pm. Join us in the Common Room for a presentation led by Colin Campbell who will cover the information that people need to know about medical aid in dying and the current legislation that is being proposed in IL. More details at uusg.org.

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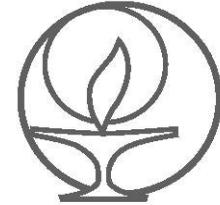
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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, February 4	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:00 AM	Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 11:30 AM	Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
• 2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, February 5	
• 2:30 PM	Memorial Service Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Technology Team Meeting
Tuesday, February 6	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Women’s Circle Planning Mtg.
• 7:00 PM	Council Meeting <i>online</i>
Wednesday, February 7	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Group <i>online</i>
Thursday, February 8	
• 7:00 PM	Sacred Texts Study Group
Friday, February 9	
Saturday, February 10	
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank
• 11:00 AM	Visitation & Celebration of Life: Eleanor Kaage
• 5:00 PM	Circle Supper
Sunday, February 11	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 4, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Linda Dorr

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Linda O’Neill, violin; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

RE: K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Amanda Slaiher

3-5: Ro Maziarz, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Kerry Sapet

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Aaron Miller

Musicians: Cynthia Spiegel

Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

February 11: Rev. Scot Hull, “How long, Lord?”

February 18: Rev. Scot Hull, “The Best of All Possible Worlds”

Order of Worship

Prelude "Blackbird/I Will," arr. V Bollero, Lennon & McCartney

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn "Love, Love, Love"

Welcoming Words

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Story for All Ages "Love," by Matt de la Peña
Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Candles of Remembrance

Hymn of Comfort #1048 "Ubi Caritas"

Testimonial

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Per La Gloria D'Adorarvi," G Bononcini

Reading

Responsive "Glory of Love," D Foster & P Cetera

Sermon "Love at the Center"

Closing Hymn #34 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

Benediction

Sending Music "Heart to Heart, John Denver"

Announcements

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle Today! 2-4pm, in the Sanctuary. Open to all ages interested in playing with a variety of musical instruments to find those meditative rhythms of personal connection and peace. Bring your own drums or try out ours. No musical experience necessary.

Exploring Article II: This class will introduce and explore the proposed changes to UUA Principles and Sources coming this summer. Four parts over four Mondays: Feb 12 Feb 19 March 4 March 11, from 7-9pm. Co-facilitated by Rev Scot of UUSG and Rev Denise of Countryside UU. More information and signup info online at uusg.org/article2.

February's Beyond Our Walls is Habitat for Humanity. We will help fund the YRUU trip to build a house this summer in Redwing, Minnesota. Your donation will help our youth assist a family in achieving the dream of owning a home so they will achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Please give generously.

New Book for Buddhists On **February 7**, UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group start a great book for beginners: *Happiness Is an Inside Job: Practicing for a Joyful Life*, by Sylvia Boorstein. Please join us at 7pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, on Zoom. Contact Lisa Gades (uubuddhism@uusg.org) for info.

Celebration of Life Service Join us on **Saturday, February 10**, as we remember and celebrate the life of UUSG Friend Ellie Kaage. The Common Room will be open at 11am for visiting and light refreshments, the service will begin at 1pm in our Sanctuary and online.

Game Night at UUSG Join us for an evening of board games and laughter. **Friday, February 16**, 6-7:30pm. Games will be provided but feel free to bring a favorite game to share! Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome! RSVP at uusg.org/game-night. Lily at membership@uusg.org for info.

Women's Circle "Introverts & Extroverts Our Styles and Strengths", with Guest Speaker Jerre Hendriksen. Sat., Feb. 24, 1-4pm in the Common Room. How do we create spaces where different personalities can thrive? Being able to appreciate the strengths of both introverts and extroverts leads to a more well-rounded and representative experience. More details and sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Exploring UU/UUSG History Sunday, February 18, 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary. The first class of our two-part series designed to orient visitors to what it means to be a UU and learn about membership at UUSG. We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. Lunch and childcare, (ages 0 – 8) will be provided. **Exploring Membership Class Sunday, February 25**, 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary. Learn about the opportunities and responsibilities that come with membership at UUSG. You can sign up online for either/both at uusg.org/explore or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch and childcare, (ages 0-8) will be provided.

Pub Theology Thursday, **February 29, 6:30-8:30pm** at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Open and honest conversation about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, and philosophical perspectives. uusg.org/pub-theology.

Inclusion Book Club February 27 We'll discuss *You'll Never Believe What Happened To Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism*, by Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar. The two sisters team up to tell "entertainingly horrifying" stories of modern-day racism. The book is widely acclaimed for striking the perfect balance of "levity and gravity."

Help for Hungry Neighbors In conjunction with St. Charles Episcopal Church, UUSG provided 1,673 sack lunches to the Trinity Soup Kitchen in Aurora in 2023! Thanks to all of you who so generously gave to help feed the poor in our community! To sign up for February: uusg.org/soup-kitchen.