

**“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](mailto: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.

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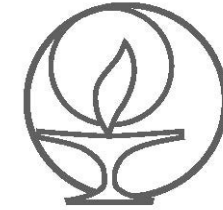
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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

- Sunday, February 11**
- 10:00 AM Religious Education
  - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, February 12**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
  - 3:00 PM Christine out of office
  - 7:00 PM Wellspring Article II Class *online*
- Tuesday, February 13**
- 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Board Meeting
- Wednesday, February 14**
- 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Circle *online*
  - 3:00 PM Budget Planning Meeting *online*
- Thursday, February 15**
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, February 16**
- 6:00 PM Game Night
  - 7:00 PM FV Electric Auto Assn. Meeting
- Saturday, February 17**
- 9:00 AM Board Retreat
  - 5:00 PM Circle Supper
- Sunday, February 18**
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
  - 8:30 AM RE Steering Team Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Religious Education
  - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
  - 11:30 AM ERT Meeting
  - 12:00 PM Exploring UU/UUSG History
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## **Welcome to This House!**



## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**February 11, 2024**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Musicians:** Geoff Pynn, piano; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

**RE: K-2:** Amanda Slaiher, Linda Dorr

**3-5:** Katie Yurkewicz, Sean Hruby

**6-8:** Anthony Mistretta, Jenny Montgomery

**9-12:** Jaime Andersen, Barbara Ovesen

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

#### **Upcoming Services**

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

**February 25:** Rev. Scot Hull, Canvass Season Kick-Off!

**March 3:** Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, “Persephone Rising”

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Ring the Bell

### Call to Worship

**Hymn of Welcome** #360 "Here We Have Gathered"

**Hymn of Community** #18 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**Hymn of Compassion** #315 "This Old World Is Full of Sorrow"

### Welcoming Words

### Chalice Lighting

### Covenant

**Story for All Ages** "Carmela Full of Wishes," Matt de la Peña

*Children and adult leaders leave for religious education*

### Passing the Peace

### Prayer of the People

**Hymn of Comfort** #108 "My Life Flows On"

### Testimonial

### Offertory

### Words of Thanks

### Reading

**Responsive Hymn** #279 "By the Waters of Babylon"

**Sermon** "How Long, Lord?"

**Closing Hymn** #298 "Wake Now My Senses," first three verses

### Benediction

## Announcements

**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, 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](https://uusg.org/article2).

**February's Beyond Our Walls is Habitat for Humanity** This month's BOW is 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 started 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](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org)) for info.

**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](https://uusg.org/game-night). Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org) for info.

**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](https://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.

**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](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**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."

**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](https://uusg.org/pub-theology).

**One Book One UUSG** Join us on **Thursday, March 28, at 7pm**, in the Common Room, where we'll be discussing "House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus III. Delve into the gripping narrative of ex-Iranian colonel Massoud Behrani and recovering addict Kathy Nicolo as they compete for a Bay Area bungalow. Light snacks will be provided, and all are welcome! RSVP at [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org).

**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](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**New Date! Mental Health Ministry: Medical Aid in Dying** Sunday, **March 10, 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](https://uusg.org).