

**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.

**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. The Venerable Bhante Sujatha, Abbot of the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple, will lead us 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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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 8:30 AM	RE Steering Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	K-12 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
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Window Contractor Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Wellspring Article II Class <i>online</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Study Group <i>online</i>
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	Facilities Team Meeting
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	
• 11:30 AM	FEMA Grant Committee <i>online</i>
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	
• 12:00 PM	Geezer's Group <i>off-site</i>
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	
• 1:00 PM	Women's Circle
• 7:00 PM	UUSG Variety Show
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
• 12:00 PM	Exploring Membership Class
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## **Welcome to This House!**



## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**February 18, 2024**

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

**Worship Associate:** Steve Clark

**Musicians:** Mark Johnson, pianist; UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel: Julie Riffle, Kelly Herz, Emily Clark, Rachel Harbold, Melanie Abercrombie, Megan Spencer, Pat Vary, Colleen Cushing, Linda O'Neill, Teal Cyko, Lara Ward, Ash Peterson, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams, Mike Bollero, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Aaron Miller

3-5: Vickie Kilgore, Joyce Senters

6-12: Kerry Sapet, Jenny Montgomery

**RE Contact:** Snoop Dagg, AKA Jason Sapet

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

### **Upcoming Services**

**February 25:** Rev. Scot Hull, Pledge Drive Kick-Off!

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

## Order of Worship

### Ring the Bell

### Call to Worship

**Introit** "O Ye Who Taste That Love is Sweet," Christina Georgina Rossetti

### Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #346 "Come, Sing a Song with Me"

### Covenant

**Story for All Ages** "Cupig," by Claire Tattersfield

**Testimonial** "Change for a Change"

*Children and adult leaders leave for religious education*

### Passing the Peace

### Invitation to Generosity

### Offertory

### Words of Thanks

### Antiphonal Reading

**Responsive** "Until Love is Spoken," Karen Marrol

**Sermon** "Love, Lovingkindness, and a Great Commandment"

**Closing Hymn** #10 "Immortal Love"

### Benediction

**Sending Music** "Show Us How to Love," words Lindy Thompson, music Mark Miller

## Announcements

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Sunday, Today**, 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 will be provided.

**Exploring Article II:** This class will introduce and explore the proposed changes to UUA Principles and Sources coming this summer. Three more Mondays in the series: **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).

**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. You may still 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.

**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 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).

**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).

**One Book One UUSG** Join us on **Thursday, March 28, at 7pm**, in the Common Room, where we will discuss "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).

**"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.

### Help for Hungry Neighbors:

Trinity Soup Kitchen and Sandwich Board: We need a few more people to provide water, chips, cookies/snack bars, or cash donations toward sack lunches. [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

Lazarus House: March 2, is our next date to provide dinner and sack lunches for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. We're very short on volunteers this month! To sign up: [uusg.org/lazarus-house](https://uusg.org/lazarus-house).

Food Bank Day of Service: Save the date! On May 4, 9am to noon, we have 50 spots reserved for volunteers at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. Join your fellow UUSG friends in a fun and fulfilling morning helping hungry neighbors in our communities! [uusg.org/food-bank-signup](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup).