

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 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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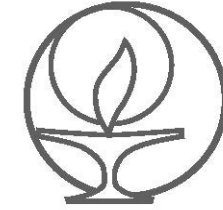
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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

- Sunday, February 25** 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
- Monday, February 26**
- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- Tuesday, February 27**
- 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
 - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 - 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club *online*
- Wednesday, February 28**
- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch *off-site*
- Thursday, February 29**
- 6:30 PM Pub Theology
- Friday, March 1**
- 6:30 PM Lazarus House Food Ministry
OWL Overnight Begins
- Saturday, March 2**
- 4:00 PM Lazarus House Food Ministry
OWL Overnight Ends
- Sunday, March 3**
- 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
Styrofoam Sunday
 - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
 - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
 - 11:30 AM Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
 - 12:30 PM Pledge Drive Lunch
 - 2:00 PM Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum
Circle
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

February 25, 2024

Pledge Drive Kick-Off

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Laz Escalona

Musicians: The UUSG House Band: Michael Mackey, Andy Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Tom Zimmerman

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

Upcoming Services

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

March 10: Rev. Scot Hull, "A Most Peculiar Book"

Order of Worship

Prelude

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit "Feeling Good," Anthony Newly & Leslie Bricusse

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1010 "We Give Thanks"

Chalice Lighting

Our Covenant

Stewardship Testimonial Nancy Christensen

First Story for All Ages "A Little Spot of Giving," Diane Alber, presented by the Clark Family

Passing the Peace

Stewardship Testimonial Kathy Cornell

Responsive "With My Own Two Hands," Jack Johnson

Second Story for All Ages "Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Day," Emily Pearson, presented by Dave Hanchette

Stewardship Testimonial Will Sapet

Offertory

Third Story for All Ages "Stone Soup," Folktale, presented by Molly MacKay Zacker

Closing Hymn #168 "One More Step"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music "Find Your People," Drew Holcomb

Announcements

Exploring Membership Class Today, 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary and Common Room. Learn about the opportunities and responsibilities that come with membership at UUSG. You can sign up at uusg.org/explore or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch is provided.

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

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."

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at **11:30am on Wednesday, February 28**. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

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.

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle Sunday, **March 3, 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. Contact Gina Grupe-Stibal at drumcircle@uusg.org if you have any questions.

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.

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.

"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.

Pagan Spirit Gathering UUSG Member Mike Sokolewicz plans to attend the upcoming Pagan Spirit Gathering (circlesanctuary.org/psg) this June in southern Missouri and is looking for other UUSGers who may be interested/attending. Send an email to him at fototrip9999@gmail.com for more info.

Help for Hungry Neighbors:

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.

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.