

**Greeting in the New Year!** Thank you to those who have stepped up at the last minute to Greet/Usher for a Sunday service in 2019. This simple volunteer job is essential; if each of you signed up for two services a year...that would be a wonderful commitment to this ministry. Family groups and young people are encouraged to participate. Sign up at [uusg.org/greeting](http://uusg.org/greeting) or in the Common Room. Contact Pat Ward or Gail Tattersfield with questions. Also, keep an eye open for the rainbow scarves that will be available for Greeters to wear. This is just a small sign of our commitment to being a welcoming church community.

**Save the Date: June 14, 2020** Interweave (LGBTQ & Allies) is excited to invite the entire congregation to join us in Aurora's Annual Pride Parade. Many more details will follow in the coming weeks.

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

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

### **Sunday, January 12**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm ERT: ICS Training

**Monday, January 13** Congregational Administrator on Vacation

### **Tuesday, January 14**

- 9:30 am Geneva Girl Scout Leaders
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

### **Wednesday, January 15**

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

### **Thursday, January 16**

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle (off-site)

### **Friday, January 17**

### **Saturday, January 18**

- 9:00 am Facilities Work Day
- 10:30 am Fox Valley Women's March

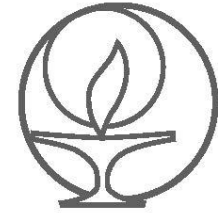
### **Sunday, January 19**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 1:00 pm Covenant Town Hall

**In December 2019** we raised \$400.00 for the Literacy Trivia Bee and \$744.50 for Mutual Ground. Thank you for your generous giving!

### **Mental Health Ministry Presentation, Sunday, January 26, at**

**1pm:** Personality disorders, with emphasis on Borderline Personality Disorder and Narcissistic Personality Disorder, will be the topic of this month's MHM. Roxanne Willis and Peter Coe will lead the discussion of this important and troubling area of mental health.



January 12, 2020

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

*January Theme: Creation*

#### **Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Patrick Price

**Worship Associates:** Melissa Auer, Diane Gallentine

**Greeter:** Don Clements

**Musicians:** Irene Frederick, Jim Nies

**Social Hour Hosts:** Jaime and Jim Carroll

**Counters:** The Finance Team

**Teachers:** 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Laurel Rigertas 3-5: Shawn

Thornton, Ro Maziarz 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Jennifer Gerard

3-5: Parvaneh Smith, Aaron Miller 6-8: Anthony Mistretta,

Jenny Montgomery 9-12: Scott Dotson, Jaime Andersen

**Nursery:** Frank Coffey, Rachel Harbold

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

#### **Upcoming Services:**

**January 19:** Rev. Jennifer Innis

**January 26:** Rev. Jennifer Innis

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ring of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

\***Song of Community** # 361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

### Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

*Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong*

**Prelude** *Morning Has Broken*, Eleanor Farjeon

### Chalice Lighting

\***Song of Praise** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 544 “New Year’s Day”

\***Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

\***Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

### Introduction to the Offering

**Offering** *Arioso in C*, J.S. Bach

### Sacred Story

**Children’s Departing Song** “As You Go,” Nancy Belt  
“As you go, may love surround you, may truth be your guide,  
may peace be in your heart.”

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *Fur Elise*, Ludwig van Beethoven

### Reading

\***Hymn** # 205 “Amazing Grace”

**Sermon** “In the Beginning...”

\***Hymn** # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

\***Unison Closing** # 456 “Extinguishing the Chalice”

\***Sending Our Light into the World**

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *If We Only Have Love*, Jacques Brel

**\*Please stand as you are willing and able**

## Announcements

**Our Congregational Administrator** will be on vacation Monday, January 13.

**Our musician for this morning’s service is Jim Nies.** Jim and his wife, Sue, are past members of this congregation. They were active members and raised their two children in the church. Sue and Jim moved away about 15 years ago and currently reside in Whitewater, WI. We are delighted to have him rejoin us this morning, and share his musicianship with us. He is accompanied by Irene Frederick.

**Covenant Town Hall** The Transition Team invites everyone to the next town hall meeting at 1pm on January 19. Board President Brian Doyle and the Transition Team will introduce a Covenant on Diversity and Inclusion for the congregation’s consideration. This covenant is part of the next phase of study around welcoming and becoming aware of bias. A pizza lunch will be provided. See the Transition Team, Revs. Jennifer and Patrick, or Brian Doyle for questions. RSVP at [uusg.org/town-hall](http://uusg.org/town-hall) or in the Common Room.

**Beyond Our Walls** This month, we will collect funds for room, board, clothing, essentials, and tuition for a new student at the Jane Adeny Memorial secondary school (JAMS) for girls in rural Kenya. For the past 4 years, UUSG sponsored Varon Amondi who has graduated and is well on her way to reaching her goal of becoming a surveyor. This month someone new will be taking her place at the school. Please contact [jeanpierce@aol.com](mailto:jeanpierce@aol.com) if you would like to get to know our student. More details in weekly email.

**Volunteers needed for Soup Kitchen** Wednesday evening, January 22, and Thursday daytime, January 23. More info and sign-up: [martha.tabis@gmail.com](mailto:martha.tabis@gmail.com) or [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**For UUs who simply want to learn more** about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet January 20, 7-8:30pm. We’ll be discussing the prophetic books Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah which are frequently referred to in “Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography” by Bruce Chilton. Need info? Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**Friday Flick: RBG Friday**, January 24, at 7pm, in the Common Room. At the age of 85, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. But the unique personal journey of her rise to the nation’s highest court has been largely unknown, even to some of her biggest fans – until now. RBG explores Ginsburg’s life and career. From Betsy West and Julie Cohen, co-produced by Storyville Films and CNN Films.

**Women’s Retreat 2020: Registration Now Open!** Are you a woman-identifying member or friend of UUSG? Would you like to deepen your connections within our community in a space created for relaxation, meditation, and fun? Please join us at the 7th Annual Women’s Retreat, January 31- February 2, 2020. This year’s theme is “Sourcing Our Strength: Our Selves, Our Sisters, Our Society.” The retreat will once again take place at the Nazareth Spirituality Center in Batavia. Both overnight and non-overnight spots are available. Visit [uusg.org/womens-retreat](http://uusg.org/womens-retreat). Questions? [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org).

**New UUs** Are you new around here? Have you been wondering what UUSG is all about? Are you looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Would you like a free lunch? The UUSG Welcoming Team invites interested newcomers to attend our next New UUs session on Sunday, February 9. RSVP at [uusg.org/new-uus](http://uusg.org/new-uus). Questions? Please stop by the Welcome Center during Social Hour or contact Jim Frazier or Deb Brod at [welcoming@uusg.org](mailto:welcoming@uusg.org). Full details in weekly email.

**The second annual Fox Valley Women’s March** will be Saturday, January 18, gathering at 11am and speakers/march at noon at the courthouse parking lot at the corner of Third Street and James. UUSG members and friends participated last year, and this year we will make people aware of our presence by carrying a UUSG banner and signs. Marchers are invited to make signs at 10:30 that day in the Alcott Room. Please bring poster board. We will provide markers, ideas for wording, and string (so you can wear your sign around your neck). The sponsoring group’s mission is to engage in current political events, raise voices to our elected officials, and hold our elected officials accountable. So, grab your family, friends and neighbors; bundle up; and get out the pink!