

All UUSG Women - Our January Luncheonettes convention was enlightening, brought us together, and helped us learn more about our many BOW activities. Join us in February and continue these Great conversations. We have a beautiful view, tasty choices on the menu...All we need is your participation to ensure our fun! 4th Wednesday of the month! Join us at Andres, Batavia, Wednesday, February 26, 11:30-1:00pm. uusg.org/luncheonettes to RSVP, by Tuesday 2/25 at noon to make sure the restaurant has reserved seats for us. Questions? Contact Rhonda Robinson at luncheonettes@uusg.org.

A Tornado Drill is Fast Approaching and we want all persons to be safe! It will be conducted at the end of each Service on March 8. A megaphone announcement will start and end the drill. Please proceed to our primary sheltering location which is the YRUU room in the basement. ERT members will help guide everyone and be able to answer questions. If useful, please contact Hal Schulman, ertleader@uusg.org ahead of time.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, February 16

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Pledge Drive Training Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Personnel Committee Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation

Monday, February 17

- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs"

Tuesday, February 18

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

- 3:00 pm Search Team Meeting
- 6:30 pm OWL Overnight Begins

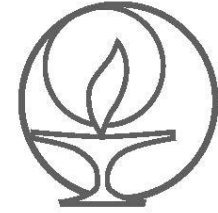
Saturday, February 22

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle
- 4:00 pm OWL Overnight Ends

Sunday, February 23

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Habitat for Humanity
- 12:45 pm Volunteer Info Meeting
- 12:45 pm Tornado Drill Training

Friday Flick. Join us, Friday, February 28, 7pm, for a free pre-screening of the new documentary *TransGeek*. The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by the director/producer Kevin McCarthy.



February 16, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February Theme: Religious Authority

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associates: Pat Vary, Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Sandra Anderson; The UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel: Mark Adams, Dave Hanchette, Tom Haslett, Robert Savage, Tom Zimmerman, Jake Montgomery, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Pat Vary, Marian Whittet, Mary Davis, Linda O'Neill, Colleen Cushing, Zelpha Jones, Rachel Harbold, Jane Willard, Trish Beckjord, Melanie Abercrombie, Katie Baar

Social Hour Hosts: Interweave Group

Counters: Kate Rodgers, Karen Laukaitis

Teachers 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Todd Rigertas; 3-5: Keith Gesiakowski, Shawn Thornton; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Christine Herring 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Wendy Mosier; 6-8: Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Anthony Mistretta

Nursery: Frank Coffey, Jake Montgomery

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services:

February 23: YRUU Service

March 1: Interweave Service

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ring of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Love One Another*, Jason Shelton

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** "The Home That Love Made" (insert)

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

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

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *Spanish Dance No. 1*, Enrique Granados

Sacred Story "Building Our Church," adapted from Kathy Smith

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 *O Love*, Elaine Hagenberg

Reading "Kindness," Naomi Shihab Nye

***Hymn** "We Shall Be Known," MaMuse (insert)

Sermon "Let Love Speak"

***Hymn** # 368 "Now Let Us Sing"

***Unison Closing** # 456 "Extinguishing the Chalice"

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Roll Down Justice*, Mark Miller

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

Announcements

Day of Service Save the date! UUSG's Annual Day of Service will be held on Saturday, March 21. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Mutual Ground, Senior Gift Bags, BINGO, and Green Postcard Writing. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks. Can you think of a volunteer activity you'd like to lead? dayofservice@uusg.org.

We welcome our newest members who signed The Book on February 9: Jean Maffiola, Barbara Ovesen, and Kimberly Harrison. **Welcome Home!**

Mental Health Ministry Today: Colin Campbell will discuss end of life issues that are covered by Compassion and Choices. He will go over new forms of directives that convey your wishes even if you develop dementia. The purpose would be to make the final months and days compatible with your wishes. Please join the Mental Health Ministry **today**, 1-2:30pm.

Wanted: Pizza Booth General Manager UUSG risks losing \$8k+ in fundraising this year! David Zacker, last year's Pizza Booth General Manager, will be out of the country during Swedish Days this year. With no lead organizer, Pizza Booth efforts are on life support. You (or a team of two or three!) could be the one to save the Pizza Booth. David would be happy to help with preparations. But you can take all the credit. The main responsibilities include preparation (reserving equipment and contacting our food vendors), set up, and volunteer organization. You'll also have access to the Swedish Days Manual, a tome handed down from General Manager to General Manager, that documents everything. Interested? swedishdays@uusg.org.

February Beyond Our Walls: Our church's commitment to Habitat for Humanity includes support for a trip for our teens to work with a Habitat affiliate in Minnesota for a week every summer. We have been supporting this fabulous endeavor for 25+ years and want to continue. This month's BOW will help pay for the trip and support our homeowner partners. Please continue to help support this life-changing opportunity for our high school youth by writing checks with "BOW" in the memo line.

Adopt-a-Senior During the Annual Day of Service, we pack care packages for 140 low-income seniors sponsored by Humanitarian Service Project. This year, we need a little extra help. For \$15, you can sponsor a care package with necessities like shampoo, soap, and toothpaste, plus a few "extras" that the seniors greatly appreciate. Please drop cash in the basket, labeled "HSP Seniors" and make checks out to "UUSG" and put "HSP Seniors" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

The carpet in the Sanctuary, Common Room, and Heritage Room were cleaned last week. While we understand the stains can no longer be removed from the Common Room carpet, we need to protect the new Sanctuary carpet from the same fate. Most of these stains were coffee/drink stains on the chancel. Please, please do not bring drinks or food into the Sanctuary.

Can Finance be Fun? Join the UUSG Finance Team and find out! We are currently looking for new members to help ensure our congregation can remain a stable and growing entity for the next 175 years. View responsibilities and expectations in the Weekly Email or on the bulletin board in the Common Room. Contact finance@uusg.org or office@uusg.org if interested.

Women's Circle Saturday, February 22, 1-4pm. Women's Circle returns to the schedule this month with a fresh look at our search for balance and finding a new rhythm in the face of hectic schedules and unpredictable changes of daily life. Our guest speaker, Glenna Czachor from the Tau Center, will help us consider how different energy levels may be required at different times of our life, and what resources we might draw on to help us navigate the ebb and flow of our individual journeys. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle and bring note paper or your journal. We need help with clean-up, and snacks are always welcome.

Save the Date! Geneva, Elgin, & DuPage UUs marching together at the Aurora Pride Parade, June 14, 2020. UUSG has invited neighboring UU churches to march together under one UU banner at the upcoming Aurora Pride Parade (aurorapride.org). Please note that this year's parade is conveniently before the UU summer camp, MUUSA. More details will follow in the coming months. Questions? Email Interweave Leaders Ash Petersen and Irene Frederick at interweave.leader@uusg.org.