

Beloved Conversations Spring 2022 The recent celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King reminds us there is still much work to be done toward realizing his vision of a Beloved Community. Gaining a fuller understanding of our history and individual self-exploration are important first steps toward realizing the ideals of diversity, inclusion and equity and are the goals of the Beloved Conversations classes. The online classes begin March 22 and run through June 7. Lessons are available every 2 weeks for study and self-reflection, with zoom meetings set by your “pod” of 4 or 5 participants from other congregations matched by time zone. *“I enjoyed the multi-media resources and the freedom to move at my own pace as I reviewed them. I also looked forward to the pod gatherings.”* – Jean Pierce. Registration runs through Feb. 22. More detail is available in the weekly email.

Social Justice – Sign Up and Info Links in Weekly Email

Jan. 27: 9-10am, Aurora Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please sign up to provide 75 bottles of water, cookies, or snack bars.

Jan. 29: 10-2, Unity in Our Community Day of giving

Feb. 5: 6-7pm, casserole and salad for 12 for Lazarus House

Feb. 24: 9-10, Aurora Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please sign up to provide 75 bottles of water, cookies, or snack bars

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

All meetings will be held online

Sunday, January 23 Online Worship Service 11 am

- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting

Monday, January 24

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Movie Monday

Tuesday, January 25

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 26

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 27

- 1:00 pm Memoir Writing Group
- 6:00 pm Difficult Conversations Class

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30 Online Worship Service 11 am

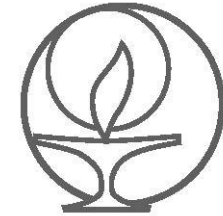
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

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Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 23, 2022

January Theme: Intention

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate:

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, piano; Dan Anderson, tuba; Cynthia Spiegel

RE Alternate: 10am games and social hour for K-12 in January: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646765370>

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 30: Rev. Scot Hull, “The Problem of Evil”

Sunday, February 6: Guest-in-the-Pulpit, Rev. Scott Aaseng

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Sonata 3: Adagio; Allegro,” Benedetto Marcello

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1029 “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious
improvement,

We have associated ourselves together -

Not as agreeing in opinion,

Not as having attained universal truth in belief

Or perfection in character -

But as seekers after truth and goodness

Doxology

For All Ages “Kid President’s 25 Reasons to be Thankful”

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Offertory “O World, Thou Chooseth Not the Better Part,”
Orlando Gibbons; harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Reading

Hymn

Responsive “Six Studies in English Folksong: No. 1,” Ralph
Vaughan Williams

Sermon “Does God answer when an atheist prays?”

Closing Hymn #341 O World, Thou Chooseth Not the Better
Part”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude “Sonata 3: Largo; Allegro,” Benedetto Marcello

Announcements

Vaccination Requirements for UUSG Members and

Guests. We are asking that all those who wish to attend in-person services be fully vaccinated AND boosted (if you are eligible). We respectfully request proof of vaccination be shared either at the door or in advance. Please visit uusg.org/guidelines-for-gathering for more information.

January’s “Beyond Our Walls” cause is the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. JAMS is a secondary school that is “good enough for the richest but open to the poorest.” It is empowering girls to become women who participate fully in the life of the nation. UUSG has fully-funded a 4-year scholarship for Wendy Amondi, (class of ’23) who plans to become a doctor. The money raised this month will go towards a scholarship for a student who will be admitted this spring in the class of ’25. For \$800 a year, we are providing room and board, tuition, clothing, and basic supplies.

Connections Club Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect or dig in? Join us February 6! Details are forthcoming, but if you are interested, please send an email to office@uusg.org and we will add you to the list!

What the Eyes Don't See Join members of Green Sanctuary, Social Justice, and the DEI Team, **February 9, 5-6pm**, for an online viewing of guest speaker Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, hosted by the UIC School of Public Health. <https://emails.uofi.uic.edu/newsletter/1108660473.html>. Dr. Hanna-Attisha is the author of “What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in An American City.” <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/550935/what-the-eyes-dont-see-by-mona-hanna-attisha/>.

Order Free COVID Test Kits Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests at covidtests.gov/ so you have them when you need them.

Welcoming the Unwelcome UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group has chosen a book most appropriate for difficult times. Join us on Feb 2, 7pm on Zoom, to begin discussing “Welcoming the Unwelcome: Wholehearted Living in a Brokenhearted World,” by Pema Chödrön. Please see the weekly email for more details.

Inclusion Book Club Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends as they explore diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm, and the next date is **February 15**. We will discuss a new book: “Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth,” by Sarah Smarsh. More details in the weekly email.

You are Welcome to Participate: 30 Days of Love 2022

Thirty Days of Love is sponsored by the UUA as an annual opportunity to reflect and take action from mid-January through mid-February. Each week of 30 Days of Love there is a ‘playlist’ or ‘menu’ of activities for a multigenerational audience in the categories of Read, Watch, Act, Listen, and Worship. The link is in the email.

BYOL (Lunch) with Rev. Scot: Tuesdays at Noon, Rev. Scot will be hosting an open meeting on Zoom each Tuesday at noon. No agenda. No requirements. Come if you can, when you can. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665>.

Starting This Week! Difficult Conversations UUSG and the UU Church of Bloomington-Normal are cosponsoring this seminar. Difficult ‘Conversations: The art and science of working together’ is an engaging, interactive workshop exploring a powerful set of principles and strategies that will allow you to approach difficult conversations in a radically new way. The three-part series which will be held on Zoom on the following dates: Thursday January 27, Tuesday February 1, Thursday February 3: All classes are 6-8:30pm. signupgenius.com/go/508084fa9ae29a0fa7-difficult

This month we are featuring a follow-up presentation regarding a “Friday Flick” film, National Bird, shown previously. On **Jan. 24, Monday night, at 7pm**, we are honored to have Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly speak via zoom about recent drone attacks in Afghanistan. SocialJusticeLeader@uusg.org. To join us January 24, check out the link in the weekly email.

DEI Drop - Can a picture be worth 1000 words? The artist iO Tillett Wright thinks so. Fifty Shades of Gay is an 18-minute TEDTalk that encourages all of us to think about both the humanity and diversity of the LGBTQ+ community through the use of photographs: https://www.ted.com/talks/io_tillett_wright_fifty_shades_of_gay