

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

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

Feb. 28: 7-8:30pm Monday Movie: Richard Rothstein, “The Color of Law” Join us to view and discuss a recording of a presentation Rothstein gave recently regarding laws which have perpetuated housing discrimination.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

All meetings will be held online

Sunday, January 30 Online Worship Service 11 am

- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

Monday, January 31

Tuesday, February 1

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 6:00 pm Difficult Conversations Class
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 2

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, February 3

- 6:00 pm Difficult Conversations Class

Friday, February 4

Lazarus House Ministry

Saturday, February 5

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Sunday, February 6

Online Worship Service 11 am

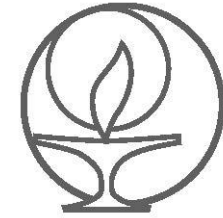
- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am RE Games & Social Hour
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Connections Club
- 1:00 pm Youth Social (off-site)

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 30, 2022

January Theme: Intention

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Ellie Montgomery, guitar and vocals;

Andy Montgomery, quartet; Linda O'Neill,

quartet; Cynthia Spiegel, quartet; Tom

Zimmerman, piano, guitar, vocals, quartet

RE Alternative: [10am games and social hour for K-12](#)

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll,

Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, February 13: Rev. Scot Hull, “The Sin of Empathy”

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Nocturne,” F. Chopin

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1025 “When Will the Fighting Cease?”

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 “I Am Human,” Susan Verde & Peter H. Reynolds

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Offertory “Sleepless,” Ola Gjeilo

Reading

Responsive “Allegro Barbaro,” Bela Bartok

Sermon “How good do we have to be?”

Closing Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude “Prelude, op. 28 no. 22,” F. Chopin

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.

February 6, Guest: Rev. Scott Aaseng (he/him) serves as Executive Co-Director of the Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI), our statewide UU network strengthening the movement for justice, beloved community and a healthy planet. Scott has served congregations around the state in various capacities over the last 30 years. He lives on Chicago’s West Side.

Connections Club Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect or dig in? Join us February 6! Beginning on Sunday Feb. 6, your Welcoming Team is planning a series of 6 once a month opportunities to gather on Zoom or live, depending on circumstances, to learn more about UUSG and for us to learn more about you. While the sessions are geared to newcomers, all are welcome to join in and get acquainted with each other. We expect to meet about 12:30 PM after the 11 AM service and chat time. Watch for information from UUSG with added details. Looking forward to being with you. If you are interested, please send an email to office@uusg.org and we will add you to the list!

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](#).

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. Dr. Hanna-Attisha is the author of “What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in An American City.” Detail and links in the weekly 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>.

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 here](#).

Action Alert Our friends at the Northern Illinois Food Bank are requesting that we advocate for more food to be sent from farms to food banks. To help food banks meet the current increase in demand for food, Congress must provide additional funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) food purchases, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must quickly make these purchases. More info and link available in the weekly email.