

Beloved Conversations Spring 2022 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 with lessons available every two weeks through June 7. Study and self-reflection are done at your own pace, with zoom discussions of small groups of participants from other congregations in your time zone.

~"I really enjoyed meeting with my small group and getting to know others outside the congregation. The incredible variety of resources provided items that spoke to each person in my group... And the music was incredible! I still have many of the songs on my YouTube playlist, "Joyful Songs."~ Kimberly M. Harrison, Ph.D. Registration runs through Feb. 22. For more information, [click here](#).

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, February 6 Online Worship Service 11 am

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

Monday, February 7

- 11:00 am Finance Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 8

- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 9

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Re-Opening Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm DEI Team Meeting

Thursday, February 10

Friday, February 11

Saturday, February 12

Sunday, February 13 Online Worship Service 11 am

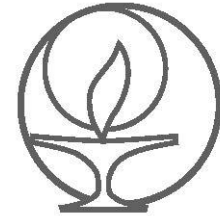
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program

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Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 6, 2022

February Theme: Widening the Circle

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scott Aaseng

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, piano; members of UUSG Choir: Rachel Harbold, Lynn Fisher, McCanne, Linda O'Neill, Pat Vary, Clair Ryan; Sophia Spiegel, guitar and vocals; Cynthia Spiegel, vocals; Tom Zimmerman, vocals; the Littlefield Family: Jessica, Gary, Maissy & Harper

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 13: Rev. Scot Hull with UUA program: Side with Love Sunday

Sunday, February 20: Guest, Melissa Auer

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit "Singing River," Jeanine Yeager

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1007 "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

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

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offertory "Oh, I Woke Up This Morning"

Reading

Responsive "Draw the Circle Wide," words Gordon Light,
music Mark Miller

Sermon "From I To We"

Closing Hymn #155 "Circle 'round for Freedom"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Postlude #318 "We Would Be One" Jean Sibelius
arr. Sandra Anderson

Announcements

Today's 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. You can sign up for [UUANI Actions of the Week](#), here.

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.

February's Beyond our Walls recipient, selected by YRUU, is **Habitat for Humanity** of the Northern Fox Valley. Your donations help families achieve the dream of owning a home. Habitat homeowners build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With the organization's help, homeowners achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Please give generously to H4H!

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.

Thanks! The Social Justice Team appreciates donations in January for the Aurora Soup Kitchen from, Larry Escalona, Kimberly Harrison, Tracey McFadden, Carol Myers, Terry Shouba, Sherry Wilson, and Ann Wilson-Dooley.

Connections Club Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect or dig in? **Join us Today!** Our 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 12:30pm. Looking forward to being with you. If you are interested, please follow the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508860615>

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.](#)

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>.

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.

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.

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