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.

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.

**Thanks!** The Social Justice Team appreciates meals provided in January for Lazarus House shelter by Katie Baar, the Clements family, Cari Gesiakowski, Rose and Craig Moore, Barbara Ovesen, Page Poris, and Gail Tattersfield.

Action Alert: Donating supplies for Afghan Refugees
Drive-by-drop-off off new items at the Islamic Circle of North
America office, 1793 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 4. The office
is open 10am-3pm, Tuesday through Thursday, & Saturday.
Donations of pots and pans, dinner sets, kitchen utensils,
area rugs, towels, bed sheets, blankets, vacuum cleaners and
small kitchen appliances are being accepted. For monetary
donations, visit icnarelief.org/refugees.

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

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#### All meetings will be held online

Sunday, February 13 Online Worship Service 11am

12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

• 1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program

### Monday, February 14

## Tuesday, February 15

12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot7:00 pm The Inclusion Book Club

### Wednesday, February 16

• 10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Re-Opening Committee Meeting
7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study

Group

• 7:00 pm ERT Meeting

• 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

## Wednesday, February 17

• 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle

## Friday, February 18

## Saturday, February 19

 10:00 am Celebration of Life Service for Joyce Whitehead (in-person)

Sunday, February 20 In-Person Worship 9am & 11am

10:00 am RE Classes for K-1212:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program

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

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## **Welcome to This House!**



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 13, 2022

February Theme: Widening the Circle

## **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson

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 20: Guest, Melissa Auer

Sunday, February 27: Rev. Scot Hull, Canvass

Kick-Off

**Order of Worship** 

**Ringing the Bell** 

**Call to Worship** 

Introit #1040 "Hush" led by Rev. J.Q. Henry

**Welcoming Words** 

**Opening Hymn** #97 "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," led by Rev. J.Q. Henry

**Chalice Lighting** 

Song of Praise Michael Mackey

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** Michael Mackey

**For All Ages** "Small is Good, Small is All", led by Lauren Wyeth

**Passing the Peace** 

**Joys and Sorrows** 

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offertory #1041 "Santo," Carlos Guillermo

**Reading** "Love Made Known," read by Rev. Byron Tyler Coles

**Anthem** #95 "There is More Love Somewhere" led by Rev. J.Q. Henry

**Sermon** "What If I Only Had 30 Days to Love?" from Rev. Ali Bell & Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

**Chalice Extinguishing** 

**Benediction** 

#### **Announcements**

Vaccination Requirements for UUSG Members and Guests: We are asking that all those who wish to attend inperson 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!

Lean on UUs is a new initiative by WOW which will consist of a list of home health care equipment owned by congregants that is available for temporary loan, such as wheelchairs, knee scooters, crutches, shower benches, etc. Should a congregant find themselves in need of such equipment, WOW will be a resource of who to borrow from. If you have clean recovery equipment in good working order that you are willing to lend out please contact the WOW leaders at <a href="www@uusg.org">www@uusg.org</a> with a description of your items. A big thanks to Jan Miller & Tom Lichtenheld for this great idea.

Women's Circle Service for Women's History Month Our WC Team is planning a Sunday Service on March 6 honoring Women's Voices. What woman has positively impacted your life? Do you have a picture that you'd be willing to share during our service? If so, please send the digital photo with a caption (your name, the woman's name and your connection) to <a href="mailto:jtstibal@gmail.com">jtstibal@gmail.com</a> by February 27. Contact Julia Friesen at <a href="mailto:juliafriesen@sbcglobal.net">juliafriesen@sbcglobal.net</a> if you have questions.

The Sacred Text Group will not meet February 14, but will meet again on February 21.

**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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5832903665</a>.

Women's Circle Spring Sessions We invite all members and friends identifying as female to join us (most likely in person!) for these events. Women's Circle events are planned to enhance and broaden our spirituality and create a stronger community. All sessions are on Saturdays, 1-4pm. Please sign up.

Feb. 26 - Indigenous Americans Spiritualities March 26 - UUSG Day of Service April 9 - The Power of an Apology, presented by Kathleen

May 7 - Pam Verner on her new publication

McFadden

Beloved Conversations Spring 2022 Black History month is a perfect time to sign up for this program that explores the often-unconscious bias toward people of color that we all as members of a white society carry with us, and encourages the self-exploration, unlearning and learning that allow us to work towards racial justice. Online classes begin March 22 and are available every two weeks through June 7. Study and self-reflection is done at your own pace, with zoom discussions of small groups of participants. ~"I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the content of each class, and the other members of my pod. We so enjoyed learning from each other that we continue to meet monthly on zoom almost a year later." Susan O'Neill~ So what are you waiting for? Registration ends Feb. 22. For more information, click here.

Women's Circle will gather on Saturday, February 26, 1-4pm in the Common Room at UUSG. Annette McNeely, Board Member of the Midwest Save Our Ancestor's Remains & Resources Indigenous Network Group (SOARRING) Foundation, will be leading an exploration of Native American culture and spirituality. Join us in learning more about regional Native American culture, experience, and lifeways. Sign up here.

Connections Club Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect or dig in? Join us March 6 at 12:30pm! 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. please follow the Zoom Link.