

**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 **March 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.

**First weekend of March:** Meals for Lazarus House Homeless Shelter

Mar. 4, any time, 20 sack lunches

Mar. 5, 6-7pm, casserole and salad for 12

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus>

**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. Email [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) to be put on the list.

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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

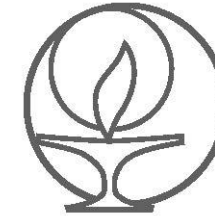
[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

- Sunday, February 20** Worship Service 9am & 11am
- 10:00 am RE Classes K-12
  - 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)
- Monday, February 21**
- 7:00 pm Sacred Texts Study Group (online)
- Tuesday, February 22**
- 12:00 pm BYO Lunch with Rev. Scot (online)
  - 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (online)
- Wednesday, February 23**
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
  - 12:00 pm Re-Opening Committee Meeting
  - 6:30 pm Band Rehearsal
- Wednesday, February 24**
- 1:00 pm Memoir Writing Group (online)
- Friday, February 25**
- Saturday, February 26**
- 1:00 pm Women's Circle
  - 4:00 pm Band Rehearsal
- Sunday, February 27** Worship Service 9am & 11am
- 10:00 am Board Chat
  - 10:00 am RE Classes K-12
  - 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)
  - 12:30 pm Social Justice Meeting (online)
  - 3:00 pm Celebration of Life Service: Bob McWilliams (online only)

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# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**February 20, 2022**

February Theme: Widening the Circle

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull, Melissa Auer  
**Worship Associate:** Jennifer Klein, Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel  
**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring  
3-5: Bill Pokorny, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Rachel Harbold  
9-12: Scott Dotson, Jennifer Klein  
Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, February 27:** Rev. Scot Hull, Pledge Drive  
Kick-Off

**Sunday, March 6:** Women's Circle Service

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” Paul Simon

## Ring the Bell

## Call to Worship

**Introit** “Child Swinging,” Jeanine Yeager

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #1000 “Morning Has Come”

## 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

## Reading

**Responsive** “First Gymnopedie,” Erik Satie

## Reading

**Hymn** #55 “Dark of Winter”

## Sermon

**Closing Hymn** #299 “Make Channels for the Streams of Love”

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Sending** “My Inspiration,” Melody Bober

## 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](https://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!

**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 at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**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 [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org) with a description of your items. A big thanks to Jan Miller & Tom Lichtenheld for this great idea.

**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>.

**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. Sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle)

**Feb. 26** - Indigenous Americans Spiritualities

**March 26** - UUSG Day of Service

**April 9** - The Power of an Apology, presented by Kathleen McFadden

**May 7** - Pam Verner on her new publication

**Beloved Conversations Spring 2022** This program encourages us to explore our often-unconscious bias toward people of color, and the unlearning and learning necessary to work towards racial justice, inclusion and equity. Online classes begin March 22, with materials available every two weeks through June 7. Study and self-reflection is done on your own, then join zoom discussions with others from nearby congregations. ~“It was very valuable for me to meet with people outside of our congregation. It was easier for me to share with people I didn’t know. I (also) found it to be manageable timewise because there is the flexibility to do things at your own pace.” Kerrily Sapet Registration ends Feb. 22. <https://www.uusg.org/news/2021/12/20/beloved-conversations-spring-2022>

**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 [jstibal@gmail.com](mailto:jstibal@gmail.com) by February 27. Contact Julia Friesen at [juliafriesen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliafriesen@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

### **Green Sanctuary News**

How "Don't Look Up" would have to go down for its core comparison to be accurate. What if Climate Change were like a Comet? <https://heated.world/p/what-if-climate-change-were-like>

In case you missed this earlier, this is an item that will come up again. Soon. [Prairie State and Carbon Capture](https://www.prairiestateandcarboncapture.com). More info in weekly email.