

Thanks! The Social Justice Team appreciates the volunteer efforts of the following people who prepared meals for Lazarus House this month: the Andersen-Lougheed family, the Clements family, the Hruby family, Jean Pierce, Kate Rodgers, and Mary Swanson.

Be Part of UUSG's Legacy of Trivia Bee Prize Winners

Calling all trivia buffs to volunteer for UUSG's Prize-Winning Team! On Saturday, March 18, 9-12, the Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley will hold their tournament at Revelry 675 in Batavia. The theme is, "The Bee Goes On." They will test your knowledge of the late 60s, early 70s, and all kinds of beats like heart beats, music beats, heart throbs, police beats, you get the idea. Email socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to volunteer for this enormously fun event.

January BOW cause is the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya

Your "Beyond Our Walls" donation this month will help pay for Rose Atieno's 4-year scholarship. Rose is a straight A student who plans to become a doctor, but her father is a farmer who can only afford to pay for food and clothing. Your donation will empower her to qualify for a university education.

Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. New to meditation? New to Buddhism? All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

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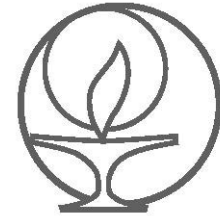
Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, January 15	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Religious Education
• 9:30 AM	What Does This MEAN?
• 10:30 AM	4-6 OWL Class
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, January 16	Office Closed – Staff Off
• 7:00 PM	ERT Meeting
Tuesday, January 17	
• 7:00 PM	The Inclusion Book Club -online
Wednesday, January 18	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 6:30 PM	Pub Theology -off-site
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group -online
• 7:00 PM	Facilities Team Meeting
Thursday, January 19	
• 11:00 AM	Simply Sharing Circle -online
• 7:00 PM	One Book One UUSG
Friday, January 20	
• 7:00 PM	Evening of Folk Music
• 7:00 PM	Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
Saturday, January 21	
• 9:00 AM	Facilities Work Day
• 10:00 AM	Board Planning Meeting
Sunday, January 22	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Social Justice Sunday
• 10:30 AM	4-6 OWL Class
• 11:30 AM	Cottage Groups
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 15, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Finding Our Center

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Steve Clark

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Cindy Duckworth

3-5: Ro Maziarz, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Vickie Kilgore

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Linda Dorr

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

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Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 22: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Katie Merrell

Sunday, January 29: Rev. Scot Hull

Order of Worship

Prelude “Wade In The Water/This Little Light Of Mine,”
Calvin Taylor

Call to Worship

Introit “We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder,” Mark Hayes

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #199 “Precious Lord”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “Perfectly Norman,” by Tom Percival

Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Remembrance

Hymn of Comfort #123 “Spirit of Life”

Offertory “We'll Build A Land,” Carolyn McDade

Reading

Responsive “I Know Where I've Been,” Marc Shaiman

Sermon “Three Evils”

Closing Hymn #153 “O, I Woke Up This Morning”

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music “Lift Every Voice & Every Time I Feel The
Spirit I'm Gonna Sing,” Hayes & Bollero

Benediction

Announcements

Next week: Katie Merrell will provide a brief overview of Humanism, of the Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago (EHS), and of her perspective of herself as a Humanist. Ms. Merrell is a Humanist Celebrant, a long-time member of EHS, and its current Treasurer.

Cottage Groups: Church Sustainability Roundtable The Board of Directors invites all UUSG members and friends to participate in our upcoming cottage groups on January 22, after service. We'll have lunch and hear some plans for UUSG's future, and then split into small groups for discussion. Please RSVP at uusg.org/cottage-groups so we can plan on numbers for lunch!

One Book One UUSG Our next book is *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris. We will meet on **Thursday, January 19, at 7pm** in the Common Room. RSVP to peckrglenda@gmail.com by Monday, 1/16.

Women's Circle "Persistence" Saturday, February 25, 1-4pm in the Common Room and Zoom. Please join us for an inspiring TED talk by a woman who answered the question: How Can I Keep Going When I Can't See the Finish Line? Attendees will be invited to discuss the topic and share their own experiences and thoughts. uusg.org/womens-circle.

Pub Theology: Beverages, Conversation, and God January 18, 6:30pm at Sturdy Shelter Brewing in Batavia. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie Anthony of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! Open and honest conversation about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics, and more! Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. A good time to be had by all! RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

An Evening of Folk Music Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, January 20, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Cosponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

Adult RE Join us, January 22, at 9:30 AM for a Social Justice activity, Project Linus. All ages are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be making simple fleece blankets which will be donated to children. Materials provided. No experience required.

The Emergency Response Team invites you to a free training opportunity by the GPD: *Best Practices for Safety and Security for Houses of Worship*. Sunday, February 19th, at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. If a dangerous person entered the Common Room in the middle of a team meeting, would you know what to do? How about the Sanctuary on Sunday Morning? How do you assess the situation? What could you use as a weapon? These questions and more the **Geneva Police Department** will be answering at a one hour free training presentation. The appropriate audience is adults and high school students. All members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend.

UUSG Membership Class New around here? Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Want to learn more about the privileges and responsibilities of becoming a voting member? You're in luck! We are planning to hold a membership class in February 2023. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please let Christine Imielski in the office know at office@uusg.org.

The Shared Pulpit: How to Give a Sermon In this workshop, you'll explore the theory and practice that is the storied art of preaching, gradually crafting your own quality sermon experience! Rev. Scot will be leading this workshop over a course of 8 sessions. Sessions will be every other Thursday, from 6:30-9pm, from January 26 to May 4. If you're interested, send a note to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Friday Flick January 27, 7 PM: *Descendant* Our next film tells stories of residents of Africatown, a community in Mobile Alabama. These people are descendants of people on the last slave ship known to arrive in America – long after the slave trade had been declared illegal. The film examines their attempt to reclaim their history while confronting issues of justice, the importance of knowing one's ancestry, and reparations. An official selection of Sundance Film Festival, this film was picked up by the Obama's Higher Ground Productions. The film will be shown in the Common Room.