

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

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, January 22

- 9:30 AM Social Justice Sunday
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 11:30 AM Sustainability Roundtable
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, January 23

- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch

Thursday, January 26

- 6:30 PM The Shared Pulpit: How to Give A Sermon

Friday, January 27

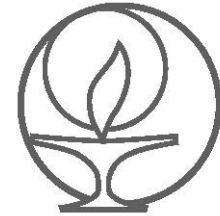
- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group -off-site
- 7:00 PM Friday Flicks

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 11:45 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 22, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Finding Our Center

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Katie Merrell

Worship Associate: Steve Clark

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher

3-5: Gary Littlefield

6-8: Vickie Kilgore

9-12: Jaime Andersen

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson,

Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 29: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, February 5: Guest-in-the-Pulpit

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Introit Sonata in G major, K. 146; D. Scarlatti

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #380 "Rejoice in Love We Know and Share"

Chalice Lighting

Covenant

Passing the Peace

Story For All Ages "The Me I Choose To Be" by Natasha Tarpley

Reading #466 "Religion"

Offertory "Dove of Peace," from The Southern Harmony

Reading

Responsive "Sonata in B minor," K. 33; D. Scarlatti

Sermon "One Chicagoan's Understanding of Humanism"

Closing Hymn #313 "O What a Piece of Work Are We"

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music "Sonata in A major, K. 74;" D. Scarlatti

Benediction

Announcements

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.

UUSG Sustainability Roundtable: Growing Into a Brighter Future The Board of Directors invites all UUSG members and friends to participate in our cottage groups **today**, after service. We'll have lunch and hear some plans for UUSG's future, and then split into small groups for discussion.

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 will be shown in the Common Room.

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.

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 Emergency Response Team invites you to a training opportunity by the GPD: *Best Practices for Safety and Security for Houses of Worship*. Sunday, February 19, 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 do you assess the situation? The **Geneva Police Department** will be answering at a one-hour training presentation. The appropriate audience is adults and high school students. All members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend.

Last Call! 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, 6:30-9pm, from January 26 to May 4. If you're interested, send a note to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Inclusion Book Club Our next book is "So, You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo. To address systemic racism in America, we first need to talk about it. Oluo is an excellent author, recognized for guiding people through conversations about microaggressions, police brutality, systemic racism vs. personal bias, and more. For more information, e-mail inclusionbookclub@uusg.org.

Styrofoam Sunday Our next Styrofoam recycling pick-up will be February 5. **The earliest styrofoam can be dropped off at UUSG is Friday, February 3.** Please do not drop off earlier than the specified time, as this helps us keep it from blowing out into the yard and surrounding areas. A continued 'thank you' to Roger and Diane Gallentine who have offered to pick up our material and transport to the recycling facility for all of us. Please remember that Styrofoam pick-up is always the first Sunday of each month and earliest drop-off is the Friday before.

UUSG Food Ministries The Social Justice Team is hoping that UUSG members and friends have made a New Year resolution to support the church's Food Ministry. We have three immediate needs:

Soup Kitchen: On January 26, we need 3 people to sign up to bring 75 bottles of water and 3 to sign up to bring 75 snack bars for the Aurora Soup Kitchen. uusg.org/soup-kitchen

Lazarus House: On February 4, we are looking for 2 people to sign up, each agreeing to bring a casserole and salad for 12. We also need two individuals or families to sign up to assemble 20 lunches each. uusg.org/lazarus-house

Northern Illinois Food Bank: On February 11, we need 11 people to sign up to pack food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank between 9 and noon. uusg.org/food-bank-sign-up