

New Book! Please join us for meditation and book discussion of “Standing at the Edge: Finding Freedom Where Fear and Courage Meet,” by Roshi Joan Halifax. Halifax shares her understanding of how our greatest challenges can become a valuable source of wisdom. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00pm on Zoom. For more info, please contact Lisa Gades (uubuddhism@uusg.org).

Social Justice March 4: Help the Homeless by preparing casserole and salad for 12. uusg.org/Lazarus-house.

Commit to Knit – Sundays at 9:30, Heritage Room
Calling all fiber folk! We are collecting blanket sections through the end of March to donate to Warm Up America! Details in Weekly Email. Emily Clark will help with selecting patterns and yarn with patterns and teaching knitting.

Women's Circle "Persistence" Saturday, February 25, 1-4 PM, in the Common Room and via Zoom. Please join us for an inspiring TED talk to answer the question: How Can I Keep Going When I Can't See the Finish Line? Please sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Inclusion Book Club Tuesday, February 28, at 7 PM, via Zoom. Our next book is “So, You Want to Talk About Race,” by Ijeoma Oluo. Oluo is an excellent author, recognized for guiding people through conversations about police brutality, microaggressions, systemic racism vs. personal bias, and more. Questions? office@uusg.org.

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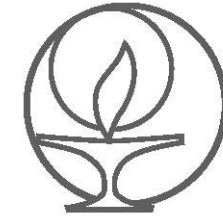
Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, February 19	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Religious Education
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Meeting
• 12:15 PM	Safety & Security Presentation
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, February 20	
• 1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
• 2:00 PM	Weekly Worship Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Pub Theology off-site
Tuesday, February 21	
• 7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22	
• 11:30 AM	It's Just Lunch
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 23	
• 6:30 PM	The Shared Pulpit online
Friday, February 24	
• 12:00 PM	Geezer's Group off-site
• 7:00 PM	Friday Flicks
Saturday, February 25	
• 10:00 PM	Pledge Drive Training
• 1:00 PM	Women's Circle
Sunday, February 26	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Social Justice Sunday
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 11:45 AM	ERT Team Meeting
• 11:45 AM	Pledge Drive Training
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Next Pub Theology	February 20, at 7 PM, Art History Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! uusg.org/pub-theology .

Many Paths • One Church

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 19, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Love

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Pamela Rumancik
Worship Associate: Linda Dorr
Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano, and the UUSG Choir directed by Cynthia Spiegel: Kelly Herz, Rhonda Robinson, Emily Clark, Jane Willard, Rachel Harbold, Teal Cyko, Linda O'Neill, Jake Montgomery, Andy Montgomery, Ashley Peterson, Roger Gallentine, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams
RE: K-2: Christine Herring, Cindy Duckworth
3-5: Katie Yurkewicz, Gary Littlefield
6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Anthony Mistretta
9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jennifer Klein
Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby
Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, February 26: Rev. Scot Hull
Sunday, March 5: Rev. Scot Hull “Stewardship Season”

Order of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship "The Longing for Home," Starhawk

Introit "Love Is the Spirit of this Church," text Rev. James Vila Blake, music Adam O'Del

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #360 Here We Have Gathered

Chalice Lighting "Universe," Thomas Berry

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

For All Ages "The Family," Todd Parr

Meditation "In Sweet Company," Margaret Wolff

Passing the Peace

Offertory "We Walk in Love," Deanna Witkowski

Reading "Star-Breath," Joyce Rupp

Reading "A Closed and Common Orbit," Becky Chambers

Message "Trekking Home – Welcoming Ourselves"

Music "I Can Only Be Like Me," Rev. Karen Mooney

Closing Words "All Anyone Can Do," Becky Chambers;
"The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet" excerpt

Closing Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home

Chalice Extinguishing "We Extinguish This Flame,"
Elizabeth Selle Jones

Benediction

Sending Music "Draw the Circle Wide," text Gordon Light,
music Mark Miller

Announcements

The Rev. Pamela Rumancik is a poet, native plant enthusiast and spiritual director. She recently retired after eight years serving the Unitarian Church in Hinsdale. Her spiritual roots reach back to Catholicism, and she is an initiate into the Sufi tradition. These deep liturgical origins inform her love of the arts as a vehicle for experiencing the Holy. Pam's deepest commitments are to remembering the divine in each being and finding ways to open conversation with folks who see the world differently.

Save the date! UUSG's Annual Week of Service will be held from **Saturday, March 18 to Sunday March 26**. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Fox River Clean Up, The Period Collective, and putting together birthday bags and school supply kits. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks. How are you planning to participate?

Oneness Drum Circle First Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM
Drums are among the earth's oldest musical instruments and seem to have had a place in every ancient culture. This Drum Circle led by Gina Grupe-Stibal is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around! See the Weekly Email for details.

Friday Flick Feb 24, 7pm. *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution*. Fifty years ago, a summer camp run by hippies gave disabled teens an opportunity to experience full inclusion as human beings. Many of them found their voices at Camp Jened. More details in Weekly Email.

One Book One UUSG March 9, at 7 PM, in the Common Room. Our next book is *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead is based on a true story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. Diane Gallentine & Jennifer Klein will host and lead discussion. Please RSVP to dgallen123@gmail.com.

Pledge Drive Kick-Off Potluck Come celebrate with your UUSG friends after service on March 5, as we kick-off the 23-24 Pledge Drive! Food, Fun, Friends, and yes, there will be cupcakes! Sign up at uusg.org/potluck.

Beyond Our Walls for February: YRUU H4H This month's BOW collection will help fund the YRUU trip to build a Habitat for Humanity house this summer in Redwing, MN. Your donation will help our youth assist a family in achieving the dream of owning a home. With your help, homeowners will achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

UUSG Earth Hour - Saturday, March 25, at 7 PM. Attention musicians, poets, storytellers, magicians, astronomy buffs, drummers, and other talented people, come share your talent and help UUSG observe this year's Earth Hour. Contact the Green Sanctuary Team greensanctuary@uusg.org if you can help. We will be starting a bit early to accommodate families.

Social Justice Sunday and Furry Friends Please join us Sunday, Feb. 26 while we craft DIY toys for dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes at Anderson Humane. Materials provided, no experience necessary. We will walk you through knotting old t-shirts that have been turned into "yarn" to make tug toys for dogs. We will craft "candy" out of t-shirts for the cats and create a few feather cat toys as well.

UUSG Membership Class New around here? Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Our next Membership Class is **March 12, 12:30-2:30 PM** in-person & online. uusg.org/membership-class.

"We Don't Have a Garage" Sale is just a few short months away! Here's what you can do to help NOW: 1. Put aside items that you would like to contribute to the sale, keeping in mind that they need to be in decent shape, not broken, no electronics/technology 2. Collect bags from the grocery or from other stores for us to use during "checkout". 3. Look for the signup (beginning of March) to help and SIGN UP! Questions? Contact Jenny jenny@andymontgomery.com or Molly molly.zacker@mackayco.com.

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.