

**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.

**A Note of Thanks!** Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the winter clothes drive for Aurora Soup Kitchen. Your contributions were well received & appreciated. Your food contributions, along with those from other community churches, provided almost 9,000 sack lunches for the needy in 2022! Let's keep it up in 2023...

**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.

**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.

**Inclusion Book Club** Tuesday, February 28, at 7 PM, via Zoom. "So, You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo. Details in Weekly Email.

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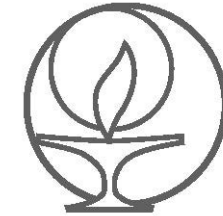
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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Social Justice Sunday
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 11:45 AM	ERT Team Meeting
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• 12:00 PM	Pledge Drive Training
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
<b>Monday, February 27</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
• 1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
• 2:00 PM	Weekly Worship Meeting
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b>	
• 7:00 PM	Pledge Drive Training
• 7:00 PM	The Inclusion Book Club <b>online</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b>	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group <b>online</b>
<b>Thursday, March 2</b>	
<b>Friday, March 3</b>	Lazarus House Food Ministry
<b>Saturday, March 4</b>	Lazarus House Food Ministry
• 9:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
• 4:30 PM	Pledge Drive Training
<b>Sunday, March 5</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 9:30 AM	CommUnity Connections
• 9:30 AM	Religious Education
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 11:45 AM	Stewardship Kick-Off Potluck
• 2:00 PM	Oneness Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**February 26, 2023**

Soul Matters Theme: Love

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull  
**Worship Associate:** Ashley Peterson  
**Musicians:** Tom Zimmerman, John Rosenkrans, Cynthia Spiegel, Calvin Hruby  
**RE:** Aaron Miller, Ro Maziarz, Rachel Harbold, Jennifer Klein  
**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby  
**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, March 5:** Rev. Scot Hull "Stewardship Season"

**Sunday, March 12:** Rev. Scot Hull

Many Paths • One Church

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Introit** “La Paloma Tango,” Sebastian Iradier

**Welcoming Words**

**Opening Hymn** #42 “Morning, So Fair to See”

**Chalice Lighting**

**Song of Praise**

**Covenant**

**Doxology**

**Passing the Peace**

**For All Ages** “The Invisible Web,” Patrice Karst  
presented by the Clark Family

**Offertory** “Sing of Living, Sing of Dying,” W. Frederick  
Wooden

**Reading**

**Responsive** “Older Today,” Robben Ford

**Sermon** “The Gift of Mortality”

**Closing Hymn** #324 “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads”

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Benediction**

**Sending Music** “Can’t Walk Away from It Now,” Michael  
Landau

## Announcements

**Friend-raise with the Pledge Team!** Our upcoming pledge drive is about to begin and we are looking for a few additional members to join us this Stewardship Season. You'll be helping with calling on members and friends of UUSG, encouraging them to pledge for the upcoming year--each team member has a small list of contacts of their choosing, making these "warm calls" easy and a great opportunity to connect with friends or those who you might not have talked with in awhile! We have upcoming pledge drive training sessions, open to new members, and past members who will be refining their lists and getting helpful tips along with you. Training sessions will be held in the Common Room **today, at 12pm**, and **Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7pm** and **March 4, at 4:30pm**. Sign up at [uusg.org/pledge-training](https://uusg.org/pledge-training). Refreshments will be served.

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. For more information and to sign up visit [uusg.org/week-of-service](https://uusg.org/week-of-service).

**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.

**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](mailto:dgallen123@gmail.com).

**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](https://uusg.org/membership-class).

## Worship Advisory Committee - Feedback Welcome!

The newly formed WAC needs your feedback regarding our Worship Services. Do you have ideas for sermon topics, guest speakers, or themes? Is there something new you'd like us to consider adding to our worship service or something we should consider omitting? Email [wac@uusg.org](mailto:wac@uusg.org), or feel free to speak with anyone on the committee: Rhonda Robinson, Julia Friesen, Deb Brod, Linda Dorr, and Kathy McFadden. More details in the weekly email.

**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](https://uusg.org/potluck).

**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](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org) if you can help. We will be starting a bit early to accommodate families.

**“We Don’t Have a Garage” Sale** will take place **April 27-29!** 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](mailto:jenny@andymontgomery.com) or Molly [molly.zacker@mackayco.com](mailto:molly.zacker@mackayco.com).

**Next Pub Theology** March 16, at 7 PM, Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! [uusg.org/pub-theology](https://uusg.org/pub-theology).

**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](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org)).