

**January BOW** UUSGers, your great generosity has recently paid in full the scholarship for Wendy who has taken her National Graduation Exams, and the one for Rose, class of 2025. Your continuing generosity will help recent JAMS graduate Jane, Ivy Benshoof's penpal, pay for university fees. These young women are "the future of Africa."

### Help for Hungry Neighbors

**Lazarus House: February 3** is our next date to provide dinner and sack lunches for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. We're very short on volunteers this month! To sign up: [uusg.org/lazarus-house](https://uusg.org/lazarus-house)  
**Trinity Soup Kitchen and Sandwich Board:** UUSG donates fruit, cookies/snack bars, chips, and bottled water six times a year. For our **January 25** commitment, we're doing great! We only **need two more volunteers to bring 100 bags of chips** to UUSG or Trinity Episcopal Church in Aurora. Cash donations are also welcome. [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen)

**Northern Illinois Food Bank:** Thank You to our January volunteers who braved the storm to pack more than 15,000 pounds of food into 1,000+ backpacks for hungry kids! Kudos to Melissa Auer; Kevin Beyer; Jamie & James Carroll; Kimberly, Jonathon & Cole Harrison; Karen Laukaitis; Barbara & Michael Schuster; Molly & David Zacker.

**It's Just Lunch!** Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on Wednesday, **January, 24**. RSVP [uusg.org/lunch](https://uusg.org/lunch).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

- Sunday, January 21**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 11:00 AM Team/Committee Engagement Fair
  - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
  - 11:30 AM ERT Meeting
  - 12:00 PM Mental Health Presentation: "New Year, Continued Responsibility for Caregivers"
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, January 22**
- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
  - 11:00 AM Gazebo Group Meeting
- Tuesday, January 23**
- 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club *online*
- Wednesday, January 24**
- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch *off-site*
- Thursday, January 25**
- 11:30 AM FEMA Grant Committee *online*
  - 1:30-4 PM Christine in Training Webinar
  - 6:30 PM Pub Theology *off-site*
- Friday, January 26**
- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group *off-site*
  - 6:00 PM Climate Talk
- Saturday, January 27**
- 10:00 AM Bob Brubaker Celebration of Life
  - 5:00 PM Reserved for Circle Supper
- Sunday, January 28**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 10:00 AM Religious Education
  - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
  - 11:30 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**January 21, 2024**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Kathy McFadden

**Musicians:** Andy Montgomery, Ellie Montgomery, John Rosenkrans, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

**Technical Team:** Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

### Upcoming Services:

**January 28:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Salvation by Character"

**February 4:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Love at the Center"

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Bell Ringing

### Call to Worship

**Introit** “Change,” Pat Humphries

### Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #347 “Gather the Spirit”

### Chalice Lighting

### Our Covenant

### Passing the Peace

**First Story for All Ages** “The Very Impatient Caterpillar,”  
Ross Burach

**RE Testimonial** “Change for a Change,” Steve Clark

**Offertory** “Ryland,” Julian Lage

**Second Story for All Ages** “Melena's Jubilee: the Story of a  
Fresh Start,” Zetta Elliott

**Responsive Music** “Unwritten,” Natasha Bedingfield

### Fire Communion

**Closing Hymn** #1028 “Fire of Commitment”

### Chalice Extinguishing

### Benediction

**Sending Music** “Happy Ways,” Joe Walsh

## Announcements

**Engagement Fair Today!** Join us in the Common Room during Social Hour. Social Justice, WOW, Religious Education, Facilities, and much more--you're invited to learn more about the teams and committees that make UUSG a vibrant and engaged community. Talk with members of our teams and make connections with shared interests.

**Mental Health Ministry** Join us **today, 12-1:30pm** in the Common Room. As Baby Boomers age, the number of caregivers is rapidly growing. Skilled nursing facilities are overcrowded and underfunded. Caregiving relationships can be difficult for both individuals. Bev and Peter Coe will discuss their personal experiences related to their caregiving relationship. Open discussion will follow.

**Save the Date for the UUSG Variety Show!** Saturday, February 24. Do you have a talent to share? Email Jenny or Molly with interest or questions. More details coming soon! ([molly.zacker@mackayco.com](mailto:molly.zacker@mackayco.com)) ([jenny@andymontgomery.com](mailto:jenny@andymontgomery.com))

**Buddhist Meditation Tonight!** Start the new year off on a mindful foot with the Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple! Every Sunday at 6pm, they will lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated. Drop-ins are expected and welcome.

**Pub Theology** Thursday, **January 25, 6:30-8:30pm** at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Open and honest conversation about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. [uusg.org/pub-theology](http://uusg.org/pub-theology).

**Climate Talk: How to Save Money and Save the Planet** Friday, **January 26, 6-8pm**, UUSG Common Room. Join us as we welcome Tom Coleman, Chair of the Chicago Climate Reality Project. Tom will discuss the key steps you and your family can take that will make the biggest impact on the environment and save you money. Pizza will be provided. Sign up at [UUSG.org/climate](http://UUSG.org/climate).

**Keeping Our Community Healthy** A friendly reminder to please join us online if you are feeling under the weather. Masks are available at the Sanctuary entrance and in the common room for your convenience.

**Celebration of Life Service for Bob Brubaker** We will remember the life of UUSG Member Bob Brubaker on **Saturday, January 27, at 10am**, in the Sanctuary and online. Visiting and light refreshments to follow in our Common Room. The service will also be available on Zoom.

**New Book for Buddhists** On **February 7**, UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group start a great book for beginners: *Happiness Is an Inside Job: Practicing for a Joyful Life*, by Sylvia Boorstein. Please join us at 7pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, on Zoom. Contact Lisa Gades ([uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org)) for info.

**Women's Circle** "Introverts & Extroverts Our Styles and Strengths", with Guest Speaker Jerre Hendriksen. **Sat., Feb. 24, 1-4pm** in the Common Room. How do we create spaces where different personalities can thrive? Being able to appreciate the strengths of both introverts and extroverts leads to a more well-rounded and representative experience. More details and sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Have you missed Reiki at UUSG?** Jeff Stibal and Roger Tilbrook are considering re-introducing Reiki to those who used to practice and would like to again. Those who are new to Reiki or want to learn more are also welcome. Contact Lisa at [ma@uusg.org](mailto:ma@uusg.org) if you are interested in a monthly discussion group and practice.

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Sunday, February 18**, 12-2pm in the Sanctuary. The first class of our two-part series designed to orient visitors to what it means to be a UU and learn about membership at UUSG. We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. You can sign up online at [uusg.org/explore](http://uusg.org/explore) or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch and childcare, (ages 0 – 8) will be provided.

**Exploring Membership Class Sunday, February 25**, 12-2pm in the Sanctuary. Learn about the opportunities and responsibilities that come with membership at UUSG. You can sign up online at [uusg.org/explore](http://uusg.org/explore) or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch and childcare, (ages 0 – 8) will be provided.