

# UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

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## Events This Week

\*Food Bank Donations: Sunday, February 4  
\*+Congregational Conversation: Sunday, February 4  
\*Potluck: Sunday, February 4  
+\*Mindfulness and Meditation: Sunday, February 4  
\*Choir Rehearsal: Tuesday, February 6  
+Yarns From the Heart: Wednesday, February 7

\*in-person +online ^off-site in person

## Congregational Conversation

Fill your potluck plate and join us for a Congregational Conversation addressing the question, "How will we expand and strengthen our multicultural/multigenerational inclusivity and engagement?" Featuring a discussion with Rev. Nancy about Chapter 2 of her book, *Mistakes and Miracles*. Copies of the chapter are available upon request from [admin@uucg.org](mailto:admin@uucg.org) and copies of the book are available for purchase or to borrow from the UUCG library.

## UU Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## Summons

*by Aurora Levins Morales*

Last night I dreamed  
ten thousand grandmothers  
from the twelve hundred corners of the earth  
walked out into the gap  
one breath deep  
between the bullet and the flesh  
between the bomb and the family.  
They told me we cannot wait for governments.  
There are no peacekeepers boarding planes.  
There are no leaders who dare to say  
every life is precious, so it will have to be us.  
They said we will cup our hands around each heart.  
We will sing the earth's song, the song of water,  
a song so beautiful that vengeance will turn to weeping,  
the mourners will embrace, and grief replace  
every impulse toward harm.  
Ten thousand is not enough, they said,  
so, we have sent this dream, like a flock of doves  
into the sleep of the world. Wake up. Put on your shoes.  
You who are reading this, I am bringing bandages  
and a bag of scented guavas from my trees. I think  
I remember the tune. Meet me at the corner.  
Let's go.

## UU Sources

We live out our Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;

Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;

Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.