

**Geneva Pride** Join UUSG and other area churches on June 12, 3-9pm at Wheeler Park (south pavilion) for a picnic, entertainment, activities, and community. More details in the coming weeks.

**Thanks!** The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of the following people who volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on April 16: Kevin Beyer, Cathleen Connelly, James Carroll, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Lisa Gades, Sami Hull, Scot Hull, Zach Hull, Julia Jones, Doreen Mace, Aaron Miller, Lila Miller and her friend, Scarlett, Diane Rodi, Terry Shouba, and Jack Shouba.

**Change for a Change Jar: Collecting for Cal's Angels**

This year, the money will go to 'Cal's Angels,' a local charity serving pediatric cancer patients with a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. Money collected in the Change for a Change jar at the front of the sanctuary will provide hospital parties and comfort kits for patients.

**UUSG Spring Picnic.** Join us on Sunday, May 22 from 12:30 -2:00 pm at UUSG for a Spring Picnic celebrating our Religious Education Volunteers! Regardless of whether you have youth in K-12, our RE program shapes the future of our community. Please gather in comUUnity to show over 30 volunteers who make this program possible how much we appreciate and value them. Please sign up at [uusg.org/spring-picnic](http://uusg.org/spring-picnic) to bring something to share.

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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

**Sunday, May 1**

- 9:00 am Worship Service 9am & 11am
- 9:00 am Styrofoam Sunday
- 10:00 am RE Classes K-12
- 11:00 am RUUU? Program
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group -online
- 12:30 pm Connections Club
- 1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program
- 2:00 pm A Long Strange Trip: 2000 Years of UU History
- 6:00 pm Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Monday, May 2**

- 6:30 pm A Long Strange Trip: 2000 Years of UU History -online
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

**Tuesday, May 3**

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting -online

**Wednesday, May 4**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group -online

**Thursday, May 5**

- 11:00 am The Great Courses Series -online

**Friday, May 6**

Lazarus House Food Ministry  
Owl Overnight

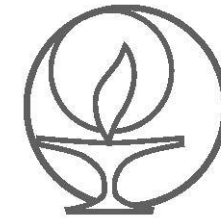
**Saturday, May 7**

- 1:00 pm Lazarus House Food Ministry  
Owl Overnight  
Women's Circle

**Sunday, May 8**

- 10:00 am Worship Service 9am & 11am
- 10:00 am RE Classes K-12
- 11:00 am RUUU? Program
- 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group -online
- 1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program
- 6:00 pm Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**May 1, 2022**

May Theme: Beauty

**Today's Worship Team**

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

**Worship Associates:** Cindy Duckworth, Rhonda Robinson

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Aaron Miller

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Ro Maziarz

6-12: Becky Hruby, Kim McDuffee

**YRUU Rep:** Hailey Pokorny

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll,  
Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, May 8:** Rev. Scot Hull, Mother's Day  
Flower Communion

**Sunday, May 15:** Rev. Scot with Guest: Deb Brod

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** "Watercolors," Lee Evans; "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden," Amanda Udis-Kessler

## Ring the Bell

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #1067 "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden"

## Chalice Lighting

## Song of Praise

## Covenant (1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,  
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement,  
We have associated ourselves together -  
Not as agreeing in opinion,  
Not as having attained universal truth in belief  
Or perfection in character -  
But as seekers after truth and goodness

## Doxology

## Reading

**Musical Interlude** "Rising Green"

## Passing the Peace

## Cleansing Fire: A Ritual

**Hymn** #362 "Rise Up, O Flame"

## Reading

**Offertory** "Bell Ringing," Edvard Grieg

**Sermon** "Bonfires & Ribbons"

**Hymn** #327 "Joy Thou Goddess"

## Chalice Extinguishing

**Sending Music** "Mazurka: Allegretto," Frederic Chopin

## Benediction

## Announcements

**Flower Communion/Mother's Day Services** Please join us in this annual UU celebration of community and of those who "mother" us all. **Please remember to bring fresh flowers to share** as an integral part of this service of remembrance and community.

**New Meditation Group** Please join us Sundays, 6-7pm, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with Blue Lotus Temple monastics.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. All members & friends are encouraged to attend. In addition to voting on the slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors, we will also vote on endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as an organization. View the slate & RSVP at [uusg.org/annual-meeting](http://uusg.org/annual-meeting).

**Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty:** Fossil Fuels are the elephant in the room and must be called out explicitly because not only is it refusing to leave the room, its presence is blocking the transition. And not just passively by hogging the space, which it does, but actively by using resources that could otherwise help and also lobbying to resist the transition. Our church can be the beacon and show the way for our larger community. More information in the weekly email.

**Connections Club Today!** Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect? Connections Club meets once a month at the church and on Zoom to learn more about UUSG and for us to learn more about you. All are welcome to join. We will meet at 12:30 in the Sanctuary.

**May BOW: The Northern Illinois Food Bank** provides food to 900 sites, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other programs. In addition, they sponsor child nutrition after school and summer programs, they operate two traveling food pantry trucks, they provide monthly boxes of food for seniors. Every dollar you donate provides \$8 worth of groceries. You can also sign up through the UUSG website to pack food at the Food Bank the mornings of May 14 or June 11. Please give generously.

**Women's Circle** Forgiveness is the topic we are going to explore at our next Women's Circle Gathering on Saturday May 7, 1-4pm. Pam Verner is the presenter and the facilitator of the workshop. We will be exploring what forgiveness is, what it isn't, what complicates it, how to do it, and the benefits of forgiveness as a spiritual practice. We hope to see you there. Please sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Save the Date:** The UUSG Auction will be November 5, 2022!

**The Inclusion Book Club** On May 17, we will discuss *A Disability History of the United States* by Kim E. Nielsen. The author casts new light on American history by sharing the experiences of people with disabilities and considering the role of ableism in shaping our democracy. On June 21, in honor of Pride Month, we will begin discussing *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus. Additional links in the weekly email.

**The Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,** Thursdays at 11am on Zoom. Join Rev. Scot online as we tour selected offerings from The Great Courses and explore Big Ideas from the leading professors in their fields for an hour, followed by a BYO lunch & discussion. Details online and in the weekly email. RSVP requested but not required: [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Zoom link in the email.

## Social Justice Calendar

**May 9:** 7pm Candidate Forum, Kane County Board Members

**May 11:** 7pm Candidate Forum, Congressional District 11

**May 14:** 9am-12pm Pack food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank (ages 8 and up). Sign up at [uusg.org/food-bank](http://uusg.org/food-bank).

**May 17:** 7pm Candidate Forum, Judges

## A Long Strange Trip: 2,000 Years of Unitarian

**Universalist History** Join Rev. Scot on a unique exploration of UU history with the video series, "A Long Strange Trip." Online, Mondays at 6:30pm. Sessions include a video presentation followed by a group discussion. Each session stands alone — attend what you can, or mix-and-match as needed! Details are online and in the weekly email.