Thank you, DEI Team, for hosting our Social Hour last week! We are grateful to our WOW Team for hosting today and the next two weeks. During the summer, our social hour takes a more "relaxed" approach, but all are welcomed and encouraged to sign up in advance so that we can acknowledge you! See uusg.org/hosting for upcoming dates.

### 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.

Connections Club June 5 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.

# 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." We have one more session on May 16 at 6:30pm on Zoom. More info in weekly email.

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# Today & This Week at UUSG uusq.org/calendar

- Sunday, May 8 10:00 am
  - 11:00 am **RUUU?** Program
    - Big Ideas Covenant Group -online 12:30 pm

RE Classes K-12

- K-3 OWL Program 1:00 pm
- 6:00 pm Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Board of Directors -online

Worship Service 9am & 11am

### Monday, May 9

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- 11:00 am Finance Team Meeting -online
- Sacred Text Study Group -online 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, May 10

7:00 pm ٠

Wednesday, May 11 •

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm •
  - **DEI Team Meeting -online** 7:00 pm

### Thursday, May 12

- 11:00 am ٠
- The Great Courses Series -online Third Street Property Meeting

Northern IL Food Bank -off-site

# Friday, May 13

#### Saturday, May 14

9:00 am ٠ 9:00 am

#### Sunday, May 15

Worship Service 9am & 11am 10:00 am RE Classes K-12 • 11:00 am **RUUU?** Program 12:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting Big Ideas Covenant Group -online 12:30 pm 1:00 pm K-3 OWL Program

Facilities Work Day

6:00 pm Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

# Welcome to This House!



# **Unitarian Universalist** Society of Geneva

# Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

# May Theme: Beauty

# **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Melissa Auer Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; AnDrea James, mezzo soprano; and Cynthia Spiegel RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Cindy Duckworth 3-5: Kerry Sapet, Dave Duckworth 6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Rachel Harbold 9-12: Ashley Peterson, Scott Dotson Sunday Coordinator: Brian Doyle Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

# **Upcoming Services:**

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

Sunday, May 22: Teacher Appreciation Service Moving Up Ceremony

- 7:00 pm

### **Call to Worship**

**Introit** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth," words Jean Wiebe Janzen, based on the writings of Julian of Norwich; music Janet Peachy

### **Welcoming Words**

Opening Hymn #78 "Color and Fragrance"

**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

# Passing the Peace

Video "The Lanyard," Billy Collins

**Musical Interlude** "Sous le dôme épais" (Flower Duet); Leo Delibes

# **Flower Communion**

Offertory "St. Columba," Irish melody

Sermon "Cream of Mushroom Soup"

Hymn #91 "Mother of All"

Chalice Extinguishing

**Benediction** 

Recessional "Joie!," Jules Massenet

# Announcements

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

**One Worship Service schedule begins May 22.** We are doing things a bit differently this year! Our Moving Up (celebrating youth moving from one class grouping to the next) & RE Teacher/Volunteer Recognition Service will take place in **one service at 11am** this year. There is no 9am worship service on May 22. Please join us after the service for the congregation wide Teacher Appreciation/Spring Picnic. All are welcome! Beginning May 29, we move to our regular summer schedule of **one worship service at 10am**.

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 and 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. RSVP at <u>uusg.org/annual-meeting</u>

**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.

**UUSG Spring Picnic** Join us on Sunday, May 22, 12:30-2pm 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. RSVP at <u>uusg.org/spring-picnic</u>.

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

**Luncheonettes:** It's Just Lunch! All those identifying as female are invited to join our lunch group. We meet once a month, the 4th Wednesday of the month, 11:30-1:00. May 25, we hope to meet on the outdoor deck at Andres' in Batavia, weather permitting. Please mark your calendars to join us! RSVP at <u>uusg.org/luncheonettes</u>.

**Thanks!** The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of the following people who provided meals for Lazarus House Homeless Shelter this month: Lizzie, Mike, and Mickey Clements, Jan Miller, Carol Myers, Barbara Ovesen, Page Poris, Gail Tattersfield, and Dave Tomell

**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.

**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. Zoom link in the email.

# Social Justice Calendar – More info in Weekly Email

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 <u>uusg.org/food-bank</u>. May 17: 7pm Candidate Forum, Judges June 3: Prepare Lazarus House lunches June 4: Prepare Lazarus House dinners