

UUSG T-Shirts Now Available! Come get a t-shirt! We are asking \$20 per shirt as a donation to UUSG. Cost should not be an obstacle, if you're unable to donate please come pick up one as well! We have a range of sizes including youth, unisex and women's. Call or email Christine at office@uusg.org to arrange a time to stop by the office.

Do you want a safe church? Then please volunteer for the Emergency Response Team (ERT). A brief training, which includes situational awareness, prepares you to assist during emergencies. The more people who are trained observers, the safer we all will be. Please consider volunteering. Contact Diane Gallentine at dgallen123@gmail.com.

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

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 3	Worship Service 10am
• 9:00 am	Styrofoam Sunday
• 6:00 pm	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, July 4	Independence Day Office Closed / Staff Off
Tuesday, July 5	
Wednesday, July 6	Heritage Team Meeting
• 4:00 pm	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study
• 7:00 pm	Group -online
Thursday, July 7	Youth Outlook Tour
• 6:00 pm	
Friday, July 8	RUUU Event
• 6:30 pm	
Saturday, July 9	Northern IL Food Bank
• 9:00 am	
Sunday, July 10	Mental Health Ministry
• 11:30 am	Presentation & Discussion
• 6:00 pm	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 3, 2022

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Zsolt Elekes

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, pianist; Cynthia Spiegel, hymn leader

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, July 10: Dave Hanchette, "Nurtured by a Fireant: Getting to Know and Love Myself"

Sunday, July 17: Rev. R. Ken Turner, "Understanding Spirit"

Order of Worship

Prelude “Reverie,” Aleksandr Borodin, “Peace of the Woods,” Edvard Grieg

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

Welcoming Words

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

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 Peace Worship Associate

Offertory “This Is My Song,” Jean Sibelius (arranged)

Reading

Responsive Music “Megrajzalom a csillagokat naked (I Wish You Dawn),” sung by Mariia Skalska

Sermon

Hymn #159 “This Is My Song”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending “Music Dirty Paws,” sung by Mariia Skalska

Announcements

Rev. Zsolt Elekes is actively involved in helping Ukrainian refugees who fled to his home country, Romania. As a minister of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church and a school chaplain, he and his fellow volunteers helped many hundreds of people in need throughout the recent months, with housing and food, but educational and cultural activities as well. He will share with us stories from the evenings at the city train station, from the many conversations he had with Ukrainian guests around the dinner table and from his perspective of helping unconditionally, the purest form of love, in his opinion.

On July 10, congregation member Dave Hanchette will tell us about his journey into self-love with his sermon titled: “Nurtured by a Fireant: Getting to Know and Love Myself.” The sermon tells his personal story of his need to get to know and love himself, how he came to do so, and its effect on his life. It suggests that knowing and loving oneself is likely important for everyone. Please join us.

The July BOW cause is the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants ICDI provides a number of essential services for immigrants and asylum-seekers, including:

+Offering housing, financial assistance, and case management to people who would otherwise have been detained in traumatizing conditions

+Providing support to immigrants being held in ICE detention in county jails

+Accompanying immigrants in court and serve as observers to hold the Immigration Court system accountable

+Visiting migrant children apprehended by the US Government for crossing the border who are awaiting reunification with a family member.

Please help UUSG meet its obligation to our Food Ministry. The needs are growing. The number of people served by the Soup Kitchen increased recently from 150 to 185. Our neighbors are counting on us. Sign up at uusg.org/Lazarus-house.

Inclusion Book Club Our next book is “Hood Feminism” by Mikki Kendall. We will discuss the first half of the book on Tuesday, 7/19, 7pm, on Zoom. Especially as we join in the uprising by women and their allies regarding reproductive rights, this is a perfect time to listen anew to the perspectives of BIPOC women who have historically felt left out of the feminist movement. **From Goodreads:** “Mainstream feminists rarely talk about meeting basic needs as a feminist issue, argues Mikki Kendall, but food insecurity, access to quality education, safe neighborhoods, a living wage, and medical care are all feminist issues.”

Women's Circle We need your help! The Women's Circle Planning Team has met and would like your input on next season's sessions. We've discussed our increased concern regarding social issues affecting women and families in the news today, but all of your ideas are welcome. Email womenscircle@uusg.org. New season starting Sept 24!

Join the Mental Health Ministry, July 10, at 11:30am, in the Common Room for a short presentation and roundtable discussion regarding the mental health effects of COVID on individuals, families, and society over the past two years. Roxanne Willis will share a short introduction about the statistics related to COVID and mental health struggles—especially for children, elders, and other vulnerable populations. Then we will open the floor for people to share their stories, concerns, and ideas for regaining our mental strength—both as individuals and as a community. Join us!

Adopt-a-Plot Have a green thumb? UUSG's Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry is looking for volunteers to help maintain our beautiful grounds. This commitment involves adopting one of our nine plots and helping to maintain it with a few others. If you'd like more information or are interested in volunteering, contact Karen Laukaitis at weeding@uusg.org.

UUSG Member Don Clements invites all to participate in the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's taking place September 24, in St. Charles. All funds raised through the Walk further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association and help those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Registration link in Sunday Email. A team has been set up for UUSG as “UUSG”. You do not have to attend to donate! Questions? Don Clements at donald.clements@yahoo.com.