

Please join us Sundays, 6-7pm, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with Blue Lotus Temple monastics. Please note there is no meeting tonight, July 24. We will resume meeting on July 31.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 24

- 12:00 pm

YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip

Social Justice Team Retreat
-off-site

Monday, July 25

- 9:00 am
- 5:30 pm
- 7:00 pm

Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Music Studio Class

Movie Monday -online

Tuesday, July 26

- 2:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

Music Rehearsal

Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 27

- 11:30 pm

Luncheonettes -offsite

Thursday, July 28

- 7:00 pm

Third Street Property

Team Meeting

Friday, July 29

- 11:30 am

The Geezer's Group -off-site

Saturday, July 30

- 8:00 am
- 5:00 pm

Facilities Team Work Day

Music Rehearsal

Sunday, July 31

- 6:00 pm

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 24, 2022

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Kyohei Mikawa

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, piano; Ruth
Cavanaugh, flute; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, July 31: Kevin O'Neill, "Our Story"

Sunday, August 7: Tom Durkin, "Am I a UU
Because of Jesus?"

Order of Worship

Prelude “Open Roads & Wandering Down the Latitudes,”
Michael Scott

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #17 “Every Night and Every Morn”

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

Offertory “Haiku,” Michael Scott

Reading

Responsive “Haru no Umi - The Sea in Spring: Lento,”
Michio Miyagi

Sermon "How To Embrace Your Difficult Past According To Buddhism"

Hymn #88 “Calm Soul of All Things”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Haru no Umi - The Sea in Spring:
Allegro,” Michio Miyagi

Announcements

Our Guest Speaker, Kyohei Mikawa is a PhD candidate at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Focus of his study is the philosophy of a Chinese Buddhist school called Tiantai, whose interpretation of the Lotus Sutra made major impacts on the formation of subsequent schools of Buddhism in China, Japan and beyond. With his academic background, he teaches courses on the Lotus Sutra at Meadville Lombard Theological School as an affiliate faculty and facilitates his monthly Lotus Sutra seminar (online) for his local sangha of Rissho Kosei-kai Chicago.

He was born and raised in a Buddhist family in Japan and is a third-generation member of Rissho Kosei-kai. At the beginning of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, he started a YouTube channel called "The Lotus Sutra Lab" to reach out and support those who are interested in practicing Buddhism and yet geographically distanced from local Buddhist groups.

He lives in a suburb of Chicago with his wife Emily and their two children. He is one of the students of the late Gene Reeves, a former president of Meadville Lombard Theological School and is a translator of the Lotus Sutra from classical Chinese to English.

UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group will soon begin a new book entitled, “America's Racial Karma: An Invitation to Heal,” by Larry Ward. Dr. Ward is a senior teacher in the Plum Village tradition of the late Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. He also earned a PhD in Religious Studies, focused on Buddhism and the neuroscience of meditation. Dr. Ward's work focuses on non-violent social change, healing, and transformation. For more information, see the "About" section of his website: <http://www.thelotusinstitute.org/>. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm on Zoom. Lisa Gades (uubuddhism@uusg.org).

Thank you! The Social Justice team appreciates the following volunteers who packed food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on July 9: Kevin Beyer, Betty Bristol, Andy Chu, Arin Chu, Delia Connelly, Holly Orcutt, and Pat Vary.

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.

Sister Supper-time is almost here! Taking place in September, October, and November, Sister Suppers are small, lively home gatherings that help us get to know one another better over a shared meal. Hostesses open their homes to five participants, each of which brings a dish to share. Open to members and friends of UUSG who identify as women, they provide wonderful opportunities for connecting and reconnecting with other women within the UUSG community. More details and sign up at uusg.org/sister-suppers. Deadline is August 31st!

July 25 Monday Movie “Braver Angels” Please join us to view a recording made for the League of Women Voters recently by Chuck Stone, from Braver Angels Illinois, describing and demonstrating the Braver Angels approach to facilitating communication “across the aisle.” This Monday Movie might be subtitled, “How to survive a Thanksgiving Dinner without wanting to throw a turkey leg at Uncle Fred.” Zoom link on our website at uusg.org.

Social Justice: August 6, 5:30-7pm Deliver casserole and salad for 12 to Lazarus House Homeless Shelter <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cafa628a31-lazarus>