

A New Marketing Initiative for UUSG

You may have noticed an uptick in new content on our social media channels--and if you haven't, check it out! This is part of our new social media marketing initiative, and we would love your help. If you are at a UUSG event, meeting, or group outing, take a few photos or short videos and send them to Christine at office@uusg.org so that she can post them on our social media and/or use them in our publications.

Another way to help get UUSG's name and mission out to a wider audience is by liking and sharing the content we make online. Follow our Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel. Thinking of inviting a friend to UUSG? Sharing a video, Facebook Reel, or Instagram post are great ways for them to get an introduction to our church community!

Thanks for helping us to get the word out about what a wonderful community we have here!

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Instagram: instagram.com/uuofgeneva/

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 31

- 6:00 pm

Worship Service 10am

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, August 1

- 7:30 pm

Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 2

- 7:00 pm

Council Meeting -online

Wednesday, August 3

- 4:00 pm
- 6:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

Heritage Team Meeting

RE Steering Team Meeting

UU Buddhism Meditation &
Study Group -online

Thursday, August 4

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00 am
- 6:00 pm

Worship Service 10am

Styrofoam Sunday

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 31, 2022

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Kevin O'Neill & William Elbert

Worship Associate: Cindy Duckworth

Musicians: Ruth Cavanaugh, Michael Mackey,
Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

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

Upcoming Services:

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

Sunday, August 14: Jay Cohen and Terry Kinsey
from the Mindfulness Meditation Community at
Unity Temple

Order of Worship

Prelude “Aura Lee Polka,” Tom Zimmerman, Cynthia Spiegel & “Home, Sweet Home,” Cynthia Spiegel, Ruth Cavanaugh

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit “Battle Cry of Freedom,” Michael Mackey, Cynthia Spiegel, Linda O’Neill

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 “Shall We Gather at the River,” written in 1864

Sermon “Our Story”

Congregational Song “America (My Country Tis of Thee)”
abolitionist version adapted

Congregational Song “Home Sweet Home”

Music “Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer,” Jacques Berthier

Congregational Song “Spirit of Life”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Hard Times Come Again No More,” Michael Mackey, Linda O’Neill

Announcements

Today, UUSG members Kevin O’Neill and William Elbert will tell us about Augustus Conant and his experience during the Civil War in his sermon titled “Our Story.” Does UUSG have a story? Not just any story, but a story that grounds us and inspires us? Hear two narrators and five musicians tell our story of commitment, courage and sacrifice. Be prepared to sing, laugh, and maybe even cry. But most of all, be prepared to be grateful and proud of our story.

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).

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 14!

Social Justice August 13, 9-12: Help the Hungry by Packing Food at the Northern IL Food Bank. Children ages 8 and up are welcome to volunteer with a parent. signupgenius.com/go/9040a4cfa628a31-food

Next Month: August ‘Beyond Our Walls’ Hesed House in Aurora is a national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. The culmination of nearly three decades of strategic evolution. Their highly skilled professionals collaborate to provide the tools necessary to help individuals and families break free of the shackles binding them to homelessness. With the help of professional staff, alliances with outside agencies over a thousand people are served through Hesed House’s shelter and three housing programs annually. At their Comprehensive Homeless Resource Center, people receive support related to housing, support systems, life skills, legal issues, physical/emotional abuse, mental/physical health, and much more.

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