#### **Social Justice**

**September 17, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by Packing Food Children ages 8 and up are welcome to volunteer with parent. Sign up at <a href="https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup"><u>uusg.org/food-bank-signup</u></a>.

**September 22, 9-10 AM:** Take lunch items to the Soup Kitchen in Aurora. Sign up at <u>uusg.org/soup-kitchen</u>.

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

**Support us while you shop!** When you do your shopping at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to UUSG! Just visit smile.amazon.com and select "Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva" as the charity.

**Sign Your Name for Posterity!** New carpeting is being installed in the Common Room on Tuesday, so this is your last chance to sign the subfloor for future generations to see. **Join us today** right after the service in the Common Room where you can sign your name, trace your hand, or otherwise make your mark for posterity. Markers will be provided.

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# **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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Sunday, A	August 21 11:30 AM	Worship Service 10am Veterans Group Meeting
•	6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, August 22		
•	9:00 AM 11:30 AM	Pioneer Newsletter Deadline Women's Circle Planning Meeting
•	7:00 PM	Monday Movie -online
Tuesday, August 23		
•	8:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
Wednesday, August 24		
•	8:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
•	11:30 AM	Luncheonettes -off-site
Thursday, August 25		
•	8:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
Friday, August 26		
•	8:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
•	11:30 AM	Geezer's Group -off-site
Saturday, August 27		
Sunday, August 28 Worship Service 10am		
•	11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
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Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

6:00 PM

# **Welcome to This House!**



# **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Ministry Team

**August 21, 2022** 

### **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: DEI Ministry Team Sherri Casterline, Larry Escalona, Lisa Gades, Kimberly Harrison, Jennifer Klein, Bill Koehl, Susan O'Neill, Jean Pierce, Kerry Sapet, Terry Shouba, Llona Steele, Lynn Steele

Special Guests: Ashley Peterson & Teal Cyko Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Cynthia Spiegel Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace, Scot Dotson

# **Upcoming Services:**

Sunday, August 28: Green Sanctuary Team Service

Sunday, September 4: Rabbi Alana Suskin

**Order of Worship** 

Prelude "Prayer of Healing" by Josie Wildgoose

**Bell Ringing** 

**Chalice Lighting** 

**Welcoming Words** 

**Opening Hymn** #148 "Let Freedom Span Both East and West"

**Call to Worship** 

**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** 

Antiphonal Reading #576 "Litany of Restoration"

The DEI Team Lisa Gades & Sherri Casterline

For All Ages Kerry Sapet

Offertory "How Could Anyone," Libby Roderick

**Testimonials** Sherri Casterline, Larry Escalona, Kimberly Harrison, Terry Shouba, Ashley Peterson, Teal Cyko

**Hymn** #1053 "How Could Anyone Ever Tell You?

**Chalice Extinguishing** 

**Benediction** 

Sending Music "We Shall Be Known," the Thrive Choir

### **Announcements**

Guests in the Pulpit: The DEI Team will present their service today! They will immerse you in songs, poetry, visuals, games, and testimonials related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Members of UUSG will share with you some of the things they have learned on their journeys toward becoming anti-white-supremacy advocates. Others will provide testimonials on what it feels like to be a marginalized person. Whether you are part of the DEI movement or just curious, you will enjoy this lively service.

**UUSG Member & Friends Directory!** You should have recently received an email with our draft directory entries. Please review your entry and let Christine (office@uusg.org) know if any updates are needed by Monday, August 29. If you'd like to be included in the upcoming directory, please send your name & contact information to Christine.

Nursery Caregivers Needed Do you like babies and children? Join our nursery staff and get paid doing what you love! Hours are 10:15-12 on Sundays. Pay is \$26 per shift. Min. age 18. Hiring 2-3 people (2 caregivers work each shift). Please spread the word and contact <a href="mailto:DRE@uusg.org">DRE@uusg.org</a> to inquire.

UUSG's Annual Homecoming Picnic! Come join your UUSG Community at Wheeler Park Pavilion on Sunday, September 11, at 12:30 PM for food, fun, music, and games. Fried chicken is provided. Sign up at <a href="mailto:uusg.org/picnic"><u>uusg.org/picnic</u></a> by September 4. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at <a href="mailto:picnic@uusg.org"><u>picnic@uusg.org</u></a>.

**UUSG Auction 2022** Please mark your calendar for an exciting and entertaining evening! Our UUSG auction is Saturday, November 5! We are in need of "experience" donations – a night at a cottage, teaching bridge or pickleball, for example. Please contact Jenny Montgomery and Molly MacKay Zacker at <a href="mailto:auction@uusg.org">auction@uusg.org</a> to add your fun event to our auction items!

**Luncheonettes!** All UUSG women are welcome to join us next Wednesday, August 24, 11:30 AM – 1 PM at Andres in Batavia for lunch, conversation, and community. RSVP at <u>uusg.org/luncheonettes</u>.

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.

The Re-opening Task Force met on Wednesday to discuss the current risk levels in our county and our congregation's policies relating to in-person worship services. It is the opinion of the Committee that while we maintain the position that vaccinations are required to attend in person services, we will no longer be checking vaccination documentation. What we wholeheartedly request is that everyone continue to care for each other by staying up-to-date on their vaccinations and we are placing our trust in our congregation to adhere to this request. However, our mask policy remains in place; those wishing to attend in-person services are required to wear a mask in the sanctuary. We will continue to look to science for guidance and meet monthly (more frequently if needed, of course) to assess our response to the everchanging landscape.

August 22, 7-8pm Monday Movie: "Can We Cool the Planet?" Join us on zoom for a discussion about research on solutions for climate change. The Monday Movie for August 22, will present segments of "Can We Cool the Planet?" a NOVA program describing research being conducted by scientists who are working on solutions: removing CO2 from the atmosphere, recycling CO2 into usable products, and investing in trees, grass, and compost. After each segment, we will discuss the promise of each approach. (Links in email)