

## 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 [uusg.org/food-bank-signup](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup).

**September 22, 9-10 AM:** Take lunch items to the Soup Kitchen in Aurora. Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

## Election News: \*Request a Vote by Mail Ballot in Kane County

[kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Vote-by-Mail.aspx](https://kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Vote-by-Mail.aspx)

\*Ballots will not be sent until Thursday, September 29, 2022. You may request a vote by mail ballot to be mailed to you. **The last day Kane County Elections can mail you a ballot is 5 days prior to the election.** The ballot needs to be postmarked by election day and must be in the Kane County Elections office within two weeks after the election.

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

**Registration for Nursery and K-12 Now Open** All children and youth who may attend the nursery (ages 6 months-6 years) or class (K-12), must register at [uusg.org/registration](https://uusg.org/registration). Please register today! Questions? Contact Becky Hruby, [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar)

**Sunday, September 4**      Worship Service 10 AM  
• 9:00 AM      Styrofoam Sunday  
• 6:00 PM      Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Monday, September 5**  
• Labor Day – Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 6**  
• 7:00 PM      Council Meeting -online

**Wednesday, September 7**  
• 4:00 PM      Heritage Team Meeting  
• 7:00 PM      UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group -online

**Thursday, September 8**

**Friday, September 9**

**Saturday, September 10**

**Sunday, September 11**      Worship Service 10:30 AM  
• 12:30 PM      UUSG Homecoming Picnic  
• 6:00 PM      Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Social Hour!** As the new church year begins, so does our chance to host Social Hour for our congregation. Families, friends, teams, or groups—Anyone is welcome to host! Please limit food to something simple, cookies, small donuts, cheese sticks, maybe a small apple or orange. If anyone needs a refresher on how to operate the coffee machine, just ask Jamie Carroll. It's super easy! We'll still use our disposable plates and cups so clean up should be a breeze too. Sign up at [uusg.org/hosting](https://uusg.org/hosting).

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**September 4, 2022**

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rabbi Alana Suskin

**Musicians:** Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, September 11:** Rev. Scot Hull "Homecoming" UUSG Homecoming Picnic at Wheeler Park

**Sunday, September 18:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Balancing Acts: All Things Are Not Equal"

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “The Promise,” R. Spielberg

**Bell Ringing**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn** #315 “Building a New Way”

**Welcoming Words**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Song of Praise**

**Our Covenant (written in 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**

**Offertory** “One Request,” V. Bollero

**Reading**

**Responsive Music** “JHVH (Yahowa) to Me,” L. Keesecker

**Sermon**

**Hymn** #1017 “Building a New Way”

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Benediction**

**Sending Music** “Hymn,” Vangelis

## Announcements

**Guest in the Pulpit:** Rabbi Alana Suskin is an educator, activist, and writer. In addition to ordination as a Conservative rabbi (2003) and an Orthodox rabbi (2020), she holds BAs in Philosophy and Russian, an MA in Philosophy, a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies, and an MA in rabbinic studies and ordination from the Ziegler School in California. She is senior editor of the progressive blog Jewschool.com. She has served on the boards of T’ruah, Jews United for Justice, and Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and is a founding fellow of CLAL’s project, Rabbis Without Borders. Rabbi Alana is co-founder and co-director of The Pomegranate Initiative, a non-profit fighting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia through education and relationship-building.

**September BOW Food Ministry:** Lazarus House & Soup Kitchen.

This month’s Beyond Our Walls will ensure that UUSG can meet its commitments to feed our neighbors, particularly at times of the year such as holidays when our dedicated volunteers have family commitments. The first Saturday of each month volunteers from UUSG provide lunches or dinners, and stay overnight to assist the 300 men, women, and children served by Lazarus House homeless shelter.

Another 180 people are fed at the “Sandwich Board,” Aurora’s Soup Kitchen located in the Trinity Episcopal Church. UUSG has a standing commitment to provide water, cookies, and snackbars for lunches.

**Please sign up to deliver meals to Lazarus House using [uusg.org/Lazarus-house](https://uusg.org/Lazarus-house).**

**Please sign up to provide food for the Sandwich Board Soup Kitchen using [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).**

**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 [uusg.org/picnic](https://uusg.org/picnic) by September 4. Questions? Contact Jamie Carroll at [picnic@uusg.org](mailto:picnic@uusg.org).

## Women's Circle: How to Use Nature to Nurture Your Soul

Saturday, September 24, 1-4 PM at Healing Gardens, 37W219 Dean St. in St. Charles. Our event will explore how nature “speaks” to us and how we can receive its message to restore and transform our daily lives. Carpooling is encouraged and an early arrival of ten minutes is suggested. Light refreshments and water will be provided. For more information and to sign up, please visit [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle). Space is limited, sign up to reserve your spot!

**Thanks!** The Social Justice team appreciates the following volunteers who provided food for Lazarus House this month: Sherri Casterline, Jenny Montgomery, Holly Orcutt, Barbara Ovesen, Page Poris, and Gail Tattersfield.

**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 [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org) to inquire.

**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 [auction@uusg.org](mailto:auction@uusg.org) to add your fun event to our auction items!

**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](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva" as the charity.

**Inclusion Book Club.** Join Lisa Gades & Kimberly Harrison and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm, and the next date is September 20. On September 20 and October 18, we will discuss The Undocumented Americans, by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio. [More details and Zoom link at uusg.org](https://uusg.org).