

Opportunity to provide clothing for Asylum Seekers

As you know, a number of Asylum Seekers are arriving in Chicago. Many of them come from warm climates and are not prepared for our colder temperatures. If you would like to provide clothing and other essential items for them, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants has a wishlist on Amazon. The link is below.

[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Social Justice Calendar

December 1 Deadline: Treats for young men at IYC

December 3: Help the Homeless by preparing a casserole and salad for 12. Sign up in email

December 4: Commit to Knit resumes

December 10: Illinois Youth Center Holiday Party

Please join us Sundays, 6-7 PM, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with leaders from the Blue Lotus Temple. Please register prior to 4 PM each Sunday, so we have an idea of how many individuals will be present at each meditation session. There is no cost to attend, but donations are graciously appreciated. The link to register is in the weekly email and on our website.

Commit to Knit Resumes Sunday, December 4, Before Church. Join Emily Clark and other crafty UUs to knit or crochet scarves, hats, and shawls for immigrants coming to Illinois from warmer climates. Emily will help with finding patterns and teaching knitting. Meet in the Common Room.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 27

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 11:30 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, November 28

- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

Wednesday, November 30

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

- 4:00 PM Cookie Walk Set-up

Friday, December 2

- 4:30 PM Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 3

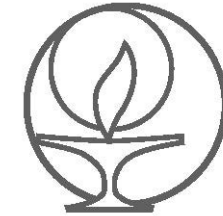
Sunday, December 4

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM CommUUnity Connections
- 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry
- 2:00 PM Steeple Walk
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Next week, Before the Service: CommUUnity

Connections! The first Sunday of each month, while the kids are in RE, join us for a cup of coffee as we try to answer bizarre and entertaining questions in a heartfelt and probably misguided attempt to get to know each other!

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

November 27, 2022

Soul Matters Theme: Change

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. R. Ken Turner

Worship Associate: Ashley Peterson

Musicians: Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano

Sunday Coordinator: Brian Doyle

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, December 4: Rev. Scot Hull, Advent

Sunday, December 11: Guest-in-the-Pulpit, Anne Clough
"Be Still"

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Prelude "Deck the Halls," Chip Davis

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit "Fairytale," Harry Williams & John Powell

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #368 "Now Let Us Sing"

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

For All Ages "The Creature of Habit," Jennifer E. Smith,
illustrated by Leo Espinosa

Passing Peace

Offertory "Standing On the Side of Love", Jason Shelton

Reading

Responsive Music "Gagliarda," Chip Davis

Sermon "Release to Expand"

Hymn #1014 "Standing on the Side of Love"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music "Flight," John Powell

Community Announcements

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Our Guest in the Pulpit today is Rev. R. Ken Turner. Rev.

Ken is always insightful and we appreciate his words of wisdom. "We have the divine gift of being able to see life's possibilities and events in a divine way. It is not so much seeing it good as it is understanding the all goodness."

Our November BOW offering will again go to **Veterans Path to Hope**. Veterans from WWII up to our present conflicts

have successfully participated in Veterans Path to Hope services and have found employment, reconnected with their communities, and rejoined their families. Their programs are staffed by veterans and veteran-friendly individuals who have knowledge of the challenges that face veterans and demonstrate an individualized approach to each concern. This organization has transformed lives through its work with veterans in our part of Illinois.

The Mental Health Ministry will be giving a presentation on death by suicide and suicide prevention on Sunday, December 4, at 12 PM in the Common Room. Roxanne Willis will give a short presentation on the statistics related to suicide, the specific groups at risk, how to tell if someone needs immediate help, and what we can do as individuals and communities both to understand and to prevent death by suicide. After the presentation, we will open the floor for discussion of this difficult but important topic.

The Aurora Soup Kitchen (aka The Sandwich Board)

serves mostly homeless and indigent persons in Aurora and surrounding communities. Due to Covid, sack lunches replaced a hot meal prepared in their kitchen. The need has grown from approximately 30 lunches to 220 lunches per week. UUSG is one of many surrounding churches who pitch in to meet this growing need and we are very grateful to those of you who provide bottled water, cookies, snack bars, and fruit. There is also a growing need for winter clothing: coats, jackets, sweaters, socks, mittens, hats, and scarves. All sizes are needed. If you have any of these items - new or gently used please, you may drop them off at UUSG in the volunteer room. **Deadline is December 15.**

NIFB Please join the fun and volunteer at the Northern IL Food Bank! Pack food and enjoy your Saturday morning with the group! **December 10, all 9 AM-noon.** They can even arrange your transportation! Sign up online. Contact foodbankleader@uusg.org for more info.

The UUSG Marketing Committee is trying to get the good word about our church out to potential new members. But we need your help to make sure we're reaching the right people via the right media. Please take a minute to tell us where you get information about local news and events. Print or online newspapers? Facebook? Email lists? Other? We'll use your insights to better target our public relations stories. Take this two-question survey in the weekly email. **Deadline 11/30.**

UUSG Circle Suppers 2023! Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, which are held in January, February, March, & April. Details and sign up at uusg.org/circle-suppers. Contact Mary Swanson at circlesuppers@uusg.org with questions. Deadline to sign up is **November 30.**

Inclusion Book Club Join Lisa Gades & Kimberly Harrison and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. On December 20, we will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Change for a Change Jar Recipient for 22-23: Lazarus House Children Religious Education students voted for the 2022-23 recipient of money collected in the Change for a Change jar in the front of the sanctuary. The funds will be donated to Lazarus House homeless shelter to use in support of children who are housed there.

Cookie Walk this Friday, Dec. 2! It's not too late to sign up to bake cookies, help set up, or work the event! **The more cookies we have the more we can sell! Sign up at uusg.org/cookie-walk.** Questions? cookiewalk@uusg.org