

Northern IL Food Bank Group Join your UUSG friends on the 2nd Saturdays of the month to volunteer at the NIFB! Our next volunteer date is January 14, from 9am to 12pm. Sign up at uusg.org/food-bank-signup.

An Evening of Folk Music Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, January 20, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. February Sky features traditional singer and Celtic guitarist Phil Cooper with songwriter and singer Susan Urban. Free & open to the public. Cosponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

Social Hour Sign Up. Grab a few friends and promote some practical goodness by signing up to host a social hour! Reach out to Jamie Carroll with questions. Sign up at uusg.org/hosting.

January BOW cause is the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya Your "Beyond Our Walls" donation this month will help pay for Rose Atieno's 4-year scholarship. Rose is a straight A student who plans to become a doctor, but her father is a farmer who can only afford to pay for food and clothing. Your donation will empower her to qualify for a university education.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, January 8

- 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Finance Team Meeting
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 10:30 AM 5-6 OWL Orientation
- 11:30 AM Second Sunday Sack Lunch
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple
New Year's Blessing

Monday, January 9

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sacred Text Study Group -online

Tuesday, January 10

- 7:00 PM Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting -online

Thursday, January 12

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

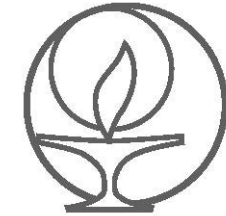
- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM What Does This Mean?
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Keeping Our Community Healthy A friendly reminder to please join us online if you are feeling under the weather. Thank you for helping us keep our congregation healthy.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 8, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Finding Our Center

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Sophia, Elena and Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Linda Dorr

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Gary Littlefield

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Jenny Montgomery

9-12: Jennifer Klein, Ashley Peterson

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 15: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, January 22: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Katie Merrell

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Prelude “Earth, Teach Me,” words by Nancy Wood, music by Sophia Spiegel

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn “In Holy and Emergent Wonder,” words by Trish Zimmerman, music by Sophia Spiegel

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans” presented by the Clark Family

BOW JAMS School, presented by Jean Pierce

Offertory “The Rose,” words by Christina Rossetti, music by Ola Gjeilo

Reading

Hymn “As the Dark Awaits the Dawn,” words by Don O’Donohue, music by Sophia Spiegel

Homily “Your Life, Part Two”

Fire Communion

Blessing

Closing Hymn “In Praise of Fire,” words by members of Tree of Life Lutheran community, music by Sophia Spiegel

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Still Unfolding,” words by Trish Zimmerman, music by Sophia Spiegel

Announcements

New Year Buddhist Blessing Ceremony Tonight! The New Year Blessing is a wonderful, centering way to begin your New Year right. Make the commitment to yourself, your health, and your future, and learn how the practice of meditation can make you a better you. Join us at 6pm in the Common Room.

Second Sunday Sack Lunch Today, you can casually lunch with your UUSG friends after the service. Just pack yourself a sack lunch and join us for unstructured conversation and fun! A great way to get better connected with your congregation! **Second Sundays, 11:30-12:30 PM.**

Cottage Groups The Board of Directors invites all UUSG members and friends to participate in our upcoming cottage groups on January 22, after service. We’ll have lunch and hear some plans for UUSG’s future, and then split into small groups for discussion.

One Book One UUSG The WOW Team is happy to announce another opportunity to read an excellent book and gather with friends for a discussion. Carol and Glenda have chosen *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris. This is an older book and should be easily accessible at the public library, however, if you choose to purchase it, please remember our independent bookstores, ‘Townhouse’ in St. Charles and ‘Harvey’s Tale’ in Geneva. We will meet on **Thursday, January 19, at 7pm** in the Common Room. RSVP to peckrglenda@gmail.com by Monday, January 16.

Women’s Circle: "Persistence" Saturday, February 25, 1-4pm in the Common Room and Zoom. Please join us for an inspiring TED talk by a woman who answered the question: How Can I Keep Going When I Can’t See the Finish Line? Our guest speaker will lead the discussion following the video, and attendees will be invited to discuss the topic and share their own experiences and thoughts. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

What Does This MEAN? Join us, January 15, at 9:30 AM as we discuss Salvation, Evil, the Meaning of Life, Atonement, Love, Democracy, Virtue. The question is, what do these mean to you as a UU?

UUSG Membership Class New around here? Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Want to learn more about the privileges and responsibilities of becoming a voting member? You’re in luck! We are planning to hold a membership class in February 2023. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please let Christine Imielski in the office know at office@uusg.org.

The Shared Pulpit: How to Give a Sermon Have you ever wondered what goes into a sermon? Or what makes a sermon different from a lecture or speech? Have you been curious how to move, comfort, inspire, or challenge an audience? Or just want to learn a new way to express yourself? In this workshop, you’ll explore the theory and practice that is the storied art of preaching, gradually crafting your own quality sermon experience! Rev. Scot will be leading this workshop over a course of 8 sessions. Sessions will be every other Thursday, from 6:30-9pm, from January 26 to May 4. Some sessions will be Zoom-only, and some will be in-person and will include time in the UUSG pulpit! Class size is limited! Course workbook, [The Shared Pulpit by Erika Hewitt](#) is strongly recommended. If you’re interested, send a note to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM Every Sunday evening in the Common Room, monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. New to meditation? New to Buddhism? All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

Friday Flick January 27, 7 PM: *Descendant* Our next film tells stories of residents of Africatown, a community in Mobile Alabama. These people are descendants of people on the last slave ship known to arrive in America – long after the slave trade had been declared illegal. The film examines their attempt to reclaim their history while confronting issues of justice, the importance of knowing ones ancestry, and reparations. An official selection of Sundance Film Festival, this film was picked up by the Obama’s Higher Ground Productions. The film will be shown in the Common Room.