

Save the Dates: Upcoming Candidate Forums for Municipal Elections

February 9, 7 pm: Batavia Candidates - Batavia City Hall, 100 North Island Avenue in Batavia.

February 16, 7 pm: Geneva Candidates - Geneva Public Library, 227 South 7th Street in Geneva.

March 5, 12:15 pm St. Charles Candidates - St. Charles Public Library, 1 S. 6th Ave. in St. Charles.

All three events will be live -streamed and available for later viewing on the website of the League of Women Voters of Central Kane County at <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/central-kane-county>

Be Part of UUSG's Legacy of Trivia Bee Prize Winners

Calling all trivia buffs to volunteer for UUSG's Prize-Winning Team! On Saturday, March 18, 9-12, the Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley will hold their tournament at Revelry 675 in Batavia. The theme is, "The Bee Goes On." They will test your knowledge of the late 60s, early 70s, and all kinds of beats like heart beats, music beats, heart throbs, police beats, you get the idea. Email socialjusticeleader@uusg.org to volunteer for this enormously fun event.

Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM 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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, January 29

- Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 11:45 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, January 30

- 11:30 AM Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 12:00 PM Membership / Connections Meeting
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting
- 7:00 PM Mid-Year Teacher's Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 1

- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group **online**

Thursday, February 2

- 10:00 AM Marketing Committee Meeting

Friday, February 3

Lazarus House Food Ministry

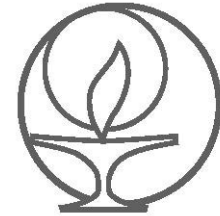
Saturday, February 4

Lazarus House Food Ministry

Sunday, February 5

- Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
- 9:30 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 9:30 AM CommUnity Connections
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 29, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Finding Our Center

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Molly MacKay Zacker

Musicians: Geoff Pynn, Kelly Herz, Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Aaron Miller, Christine Herring

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jennifer Klein

Sunday Coordinator: Brian Doyle

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson,

Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, February 5: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Beth Monhollen

Sunday, February 12: Rev. Scot Hull

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Introit

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #396 "I Know This Rose Will Open"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Story For All Ages "If I Never Forever Endeavor," Holly Meade

Passing the Peace

Joys & Sorrows

Candles of Remembrance

Hymn of Comfort #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offertory

Reading

Responsive "Rising Green," by Carolyn McDade

Sermon "Changes"

Closing Hymn #298 "Wake Now My Senses," verse 1,2,3,5

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music

Announcements

Grant Writers Needed If you have experience researching or writing grants, then UUSG needs U! We have discovered grant opportunities that could make our facility more energy-efficient, safer, and more aesthetically attractive. Contact Christine, at office@uusg.org, if you're able to help.

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? Attendees will be invited to discuss the topic and share their own experiences and thoughts. uusg.org/womens-circle.

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! Our next Membership Class is Sunday, **March 12, 12:30-2:30 PM** in the Common Room and online via Zoom. Sign up at uusg.org/membership-class.

The Emergency Response Team invites you to a training opportunity by the GPD: *Best Practices for Safety and Security for Houses of Worship*. **Sunday, February 19, at 12:15** in the Sanctuary. If a dangerous person entered the Common Room in the middle of a team meeting, would you know what to do? How do you assess the situation? The **Geneva Police Department** will be answering at a one-hour training presentation. The appropriate audience is adults and high school students. All members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mental Health Ministry: The History and Future of In-Patient Treatment for the Mentally Ill Sunday, February 5, at 12pm in the Common Room. In the 1960s, institutions were largely abandoned in favor of community health centers, which were never adequately funded. Now, the chronically mentally ill often end up in prison or on the streets. How should society care for those who need long-term support for mental illness? Peter Coe will talk about the history of institutionalization and the questions it raises for society. All are welcome to attend.

Inclusion Book Club Our next book is "So, You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo. To address systemic racism in America, we first need to talk about it. Oluo is an excellent author, recognized for guiding people through conversations about microaggressions, police brutality, systemic racism vs. personal bias, and more. For more information, e-mail inclusionbookclub@uusg.org.

Styrofoam Sunday Our next Styrofoam recycling pick-up will be February 5. **The earliest styrofoam can be dropped off at UUSG is Friday, February 3.** Please do not drop off earlier than the specified time, as this helps us keep it from blowing out into the yard and surrounding areas. A continued 'thank you' to Roger and Diane Gallentine who have offered to pick up our material and transport to the recycling facility for all of us. Please remember that Styrofoam pick-up is always the first Sunday of each month and earliest drop-off is the Friday before.

One Book One UUSG March 9, at 7 PM in the Common Room. Our next book is *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. The book continues our interest in reading about the Native American traditions and history in the United States, and is based on a true story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. Diane Gallentine and Jennifer Klein will host and lead discussion. Please RSVP to dgallen123@gmail.com.

Adult RE & Community Building Join Rev. Scot and other UUSG leaders each Sunday before service for our monthly rotation of adult RE, community building, and discussions. Next Sunday, **1st Sunday of the Month: CommUUnity Connections!** 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! Join us at 9:30am in the Common Room. All are welcome!

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.