

**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. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

**UUSG Earth Hour** Saturday, March 25, at 7 PM. Attention musicians, poets, storytellers, magicians, astronomy buffs, drummers, and other talented people, come share your talent and help UUSG observe this year's Earth Hour. Contact the Green Sanctuary Team [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org) to help.

**Next week, March 19: What does this MEAN?** Are you ready to wrestle with The Big Ideas? Ideas like: God, Revelation, Salvation, Evil, the Meaning of Life, Atonement, Love, Democracy, Virtue. The question is, what do these mean to you as a UU? Join us at 9:30.

**Friday Flick March 24 at 7pm: *On Being Part of Nature.*** This month's Friday Flick will feature an interview with Dr. David Suzuki, the most respected and powerful figure in Canadian environmentalism. This broadcaster and activist has 52 books and decades of TV and radio service to his credit. We will be part of an important discussion on philosophy, humanity, and prospects for the survival of civilization.

**Pub Theology, March 16, at 7 PM,** Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! [uusg.org/pub-theology](http://uusg.org/pub-theology).

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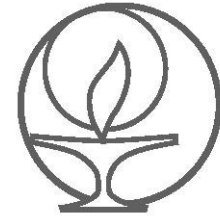
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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Question Box
• 9:30 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 11:30 AM	Second Sunday Sack Lunch
• 12:30 PM	UUSG Membership Class
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
• 7:00 PM	YRUU Event
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	
• 1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
• 1:00 PM	Finance Team Meeting
• 2:00 PM	Weekly Worship Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Sacred Text Study Group <b>online</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	
• 7:00 PM	Board Meeting <b>in-person/online</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group <b>online</b>
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	Facilities Team Meeting
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	
• 11:00 AM	Simply Sharing Circle <b>online</b>
• 7:00 PM	Pub Theology <b>off-site</b>
<b>Friday, March 17</b>	
• 6:00 PM	UUSG Game Night
• 7:00 PM	Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>UUSG Annual Week of Service</b>
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank
• 9:00 AM	Trivia Bee
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	What Does This MEAN?
• 9:30 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 10:30 AM	5-6 OWL Class
• 2:00 PM	Fox River Trail Clean Up
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 12, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Vulnerability

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Cindy Duckworth

**Musicians:** Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Dave Hanchette, percussion; the UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel: Mark Adams, John Rosenkrans, Tom Zimmerman, Andy Montgomery, Teal Cyko, Ash Peterson, Katie Baar, Colleen Cushing, Linda O'Neill, Julie Riffle, Kelly Herz, Emily Clark, Carol Farugia, Rachel Harbold

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Katie Yurkewica

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Anthony Mistretta

9-12: Jennifer Klein, Jaime Andersen

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace, Caroline Pickett

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, March 19:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Sunday, March 26:** Guest Speaker, Rev. Karen Mooney

## Order of Worship

### Welcoming Words

**Introit** "A Call for Peace," Jerry Estes

**Testimonial** Will Sapet

**Opening Hymn** #1003 "Where Do We Come From?"

### Chalice Lighting

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Passing the Peace

**Testimonial** Larry Escalona

**For All Ages** "The Girl with Big, Big Questions"  
Britney Winn Lee

**BOW** Barbara Ovesen presents 'Hands of Hope'

**Offertory** "Westminster Abbey" hymn tune, Henry Purcell,  
arr. Anne Krentz

### Reading

**Responsive** "Show Us How to Love," words Lindy  
Thompson, music Mark Miller

### Sermon

**Hymn** #295 "Sing Out Praises for the Journey"

### Chalice Extinguishing

**Sending** "Together We Are!" Brian Tate

### Benediction

## Announcements

### Investing in a Brighter Future: Pledge Drive 2023-2024

The Pledge Drive is in full swing! During the pledge drive you will be contacted by one of our pledge drive team members who will get in touch with you to talk about UUSG in your life, to share stories, joys and concerns, and to encourage you to consider how you will support our ongoing work of "promoting practical goodness in the world and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement." We are looking forward to a successful pledge drive, and we can't wait to talk with you! Thanks in advance for putting your caring commitment to UUSG at the top of your to-do list. Your generous, thoughtful participation is the most important ingredient for our success! Learn more at [uusg.org/pledge-drive](https://uusg.org/pledge-drive).

**UUSG Membership Class - Today!** Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Our next Membership Class is today, 12:30-2:30 PM in the Common Room. Join us!

**Welcoming Visitors Training** Ever wonder what to say to someone in the Common Room when you're not sure if they are visitors or visitors newer than you? Join us on Saturday, April 1, 12:30-1:30pm, as Rev. Scot offers a training session on how to improve our ability to welcome visitors.

**UUSG's Annual Week of Service is less than a week away!** Join members and friends as we go out into our community and do some good. We have a variety of activities planned from March 18th to March 26th. Volunteer opportunities include packing food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, cleaning up a river trail, sewing bags for The Period Collective, donating items for local children, women, and families in need, painting kindness rocks, observing Earth Hour & Potluck, and more. Check out [uusg.org/week-of-service](https://uusg.org/week-of-service) to learn more and to sign up today!

**"We Don't Have A Garage" Sale - April 27-29!** Here's what you can do to help: 1. Start sorting and putting aside those items that you would like to donate. 2. Collect grocery bags for use during checkout 3. Contact Molly & Jenny about pickups for large items. 4. Sign up to help at the sale at [uusg.org/garage-sale](https://uusg.org/garage-sale). Many additional details in the Weekly Email! Questions? Contact [jenny@andymontgomery.com](mailto:jenny@andymontgomery.com) or [molly.zacker@mackayco.com](mailto:molly.zacker@mackayco.com).

**It's Just Lunch!** Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation in the Common Room at 11:30am on the fourth Wednesday of each month--our next date is March 22. Bring your own lunch, beverage, and a dessert to share if you would like. We look forward to having you join in and enjoy each other's company! Please register at [uusg.org/lunch](https://uusg.org/lunch).

**Game Night** Friday March 17, 6-9 PM February FARKLE was a great success with so much fun, we decided we should do it again in March with MORE PEOPLE! Come one, come all... have fun while building deeper friendships. The kids are welcome to play with the adults or have their own table playing other games. BYOBeverages/Snacks of choice and remember to wear some green for St. Patrick's Day!

### Worship Advisory Committee - Feedback Welcome!

The newly formed WAC needs your feedback regarding our Worship Services. Do you have ideas for sermon topics, guest speakers, or themes? Is there something new you'd like us to consider adding to our worship service or something we should consider omitting? Email [wac@uusg.org](mailto:wac@uusg.org), or feel free to speak with anyone on the committee: Rhonda Robinson, Julia Friesen, Deb Brod, Linda Dorr, and Kathy McFadden.

**The March "Beyond Our Walls"** is 'Fox Valley Hands of Hope' which provides compassionate guidance and support to those in the Fox Valley area who are grieving. At no cost to clients, FVHH provides individual grief counseling for children and adults, as well as family counseling, and support groups. In addition, they work with local school groups to bring grief support groups directly to schools.

**Oneness Drum Circle April 2, 2-4 PM** Drums are among the earth's oldest musical instruments and seem to have had a place in every ancient culture. This Drum Circle led by Gina Grupe-Stibal is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around!

**Spring is here and we have ants!** Let's keep our UUSG kitchen clean--please do not leave dirty dishes in the sink. For large gatherings, dishes must be fully cleaned before running the sanitizer. Only a few dishes? Wash thoroughly, dry, and put away in cabinets. Thanks!