

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.

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation in The Common Room at 11:30am on April 19, (a week early due to garage sale!). 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 sign up at uusg.org/lunch.

Food Ministry

May 6 Provide Lazarus House Meals: 20 sack lunches OR dinner casserole and salad for 12. Sign-up at uusg.org/lazarus-house.

May 13, 9-12: Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank uusg.org/food-bank

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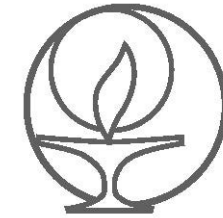
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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, April 16	Worship Service 10:30 AM
•	10:30 AM Religious Education
•	6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, April 17	
•	1:00 PM Staff Meeting
•	2:00 PM Worship Meeting
Tuesday, April 18	
•	7:00 PM Worship Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 19	
•	11:30 AM It's Just Lunch
•	3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
•	7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group (online)
•	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
•	7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
Thursday, April 20	
•	11:00 AM Simply Sharing Circle
•	6:30 PM The Shared Pulpit: How to Give A Sermon
Friday, April 21	
•	7:00 PM Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
•	7:00 PM Friday Flicks
Saturday, April 22	
•	1:00 PM Women's Circle
Sunday, April 23	Worship Service 10:30 AM
•	10:30 AM Religious Education
•	11:45 AM ERT Team Meeting
•	11:45 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
•	6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

April 16, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Resistance

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: David deCoriolis

Musicians: Ellie Montgomery, Andy Montgomery, Tom Zimmerman

Teachers: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Linda Dorr

3-5: Katie Yurkewicz, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Jenny Montgomery

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Sean Hruby

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, April 23: Rev. Scot Hull, Earth Day

Sunday, April 30: Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Pam Rumancik

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Introit "Cactus Tree," Joni Mitchell

Opening Hymn #1029 "Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

For All Ages "The Smart Cookie," Jory John and Pete Oswald

Children Leave for Religious Education

Offertory An original song by Ellie Montgomery

Reading

Responsive "Skylight," Evan Stephens Hall

Sermon "Practice, Acceptance, and the Parable of the Bricklayer"

Closing Hymn #1007 "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music "Change," Adrienne Lenker

Benediction

Announcements

Save the Dates! We have lots coming up at UUSG, save the dates for these special events, details to come!

May 14: New Member Recognition during Service

May 21: Annual Congregational Meeting & Spring Picnic Celebrating RE Volunteers

June 3: Julia Jones' Ordination & Celebration

June 11: UUSG Marching in Aurora Pride Parade

Thanks! The Social Justice Team appreciates the time and efforts of everyone who participated in this year's Week of Service. Together, we benefited the following worthy causes: Fox River Trail Clean Up, Fox Valley Literacy Volunteers, Humanitarian Service Project, Mutual Ground's Clothing Closet, Northern Illinois Food Bank, The Period Collective.

Friday Flick – *American Factory* Join us on April 21, at 7pm in the Common Room for this Oscar winning documentary. *American Factory* tells the stories of workers affected when a General Motors Plant closed and was replaced by a non-union Chinese automotive glass plant. According to Barack Obama, the film is "a complex, moving story about the very human consequences of wrenching economic change."

Women's Circle "A Road to Ina Makha (Mother Earth)" with guest Mary Dorrell. Join us on **April 22, 1-4pm** for an experiential discussion of one person's journey in Lakota traditional ceremonies. Although not native, Mary had the honor of joining in the old observances for many years. More details and sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

The Inclusion Book Club Our next book will be "The End of Bias: A Beginning," by Jessica Nordell. Jessica is a science journalist who delves into the science and psychology of unintentional bias and discrimination. We'll begin discussing the book on **April 25** and conclude on **May 23**, 7:00pm on Zoom. More detail in the weekly email.

Join the Mental Health Ministry on Sunday, **April 30** at 12pm in the Common Room to examine how our currently divided America takes its toll on our individual and collective mental health. To do this, we will engage in a thought experiment: "What if America Reinstated the Draft for Military or National Service?" More details in the Weekly Email.

The Period Collective Hygiene products and handmade drawstring bags for our donation to the Period Collective continue through **April 23**. Monetary donations can be made via cash, checks, and Tithely. Please make checks out to "UUSG" and write "Period Collective" in the memo line; select "Period Collective" in the Tithely dropdown menu; note "Period Collective" for cash on the offering envelope.

Oneness Drum Circle Sunday, **May 7**, 2-4pm in the Sanctuary. Each month we will be honoring a different type of musical rhythmic exploration as we come together playing various instruments in joyful celebration. May's rhythmic exploration theme is Sea Shanties. Our drum circle is designed for ALL ages and we bring plenty of instruments to share for those who are curious to try something new.

UUSG Art Wall Resumes! Share your artistic talents with us by signing up for an exhibition slot for our UUSG Art Wall in the Common Room. Photography, paintings, drawings, textiles, mixed media--we'd love to see it! Interested? Send an email to Christine at office@uusg.org.

"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. Many additional details in the Weekly Email! Questions? Contact jenny@andymontgomery.com or molly.zacker@mackayco.com.

April Beyond Our Walls The April BOW is the UUSG "Make a Difference" (MAD) fund. The fund was established in 1996 to respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance. We have been able to help many members since then. Thank you for your generous giving!

Mental Health Ministry Support Group The MHM wants to hear from folks if there is an interest in a monthly support group meeting for members and friends of UUSG, led by a trained group facilitator (social worker/therapist/etc). We are also looking for members who have the experience and willingness to be a facilitator on a rotating basis. If interested please email roxwillis@gmail.com.