

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women for lunch, fellowship, and conversation in the Common Room at 11:30am on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Next Date: **May 24.** Bring your own lunch, beverage, and a dessert to share if you would like. RSVP at uusg.org/lunch.

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.

UUSG Food Ministry - June 3: 20 sack lunches or dinner casserole & sale for 12. uusg.org/lazarus-house. **June 10, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank uusg.org/food-bank **June 22:** Feed the Hungry by providing food at the Soup Kitchen. uusg.org/soup-kitchen.

THANKS! The Social Justice Team appreciates the following volunteers who provided food for Lazarus House this month: Lulu Connelly, Winelle Glaser, Carol Myers, Holly Orcutt, Jean Pierce, Page Poris, Kathleen Rodgers, Gail Tattersfield.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

- Sunday, May 14**
- 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
 - 9:30 AM Social Justice Cong. Activity
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, May 15**
- 9:30 AM Geneva History Museum
 - Bell Ringing
 - 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 - 2:00 PM Worship Meeting
 - 7:00 PM Pub Theology *off-site*
- Tuesday, May 16**
- 9:10 AM Geneva History Museum
 - Bell Ringing
- Wednesday, May 17**
- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
 - 5:00 PM Fundraiser at Culver's
 - 7:00 PM UU Buddhist Meditation & Study Group *online*
 - 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Thursday, May 18**
- 11:00 AM Simply Sharing Circle
- Friday, May 19**
- 3:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
 - 7:00 PM Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
- Saturday, May 20** Congratulations to Teal & Ash!
- Sunday, May 21**
- 10:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
 - 9:15 AM Howlin' Owls Rehearsal
 - 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
 - 12:15 PM Spring Picnic
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Pub Theology May 15, 7pm at Art History Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

May 14, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Creativity

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Steve Clark

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Tom Zimmerman, guitar; UU Children's Choir, led by Emily Clark; UU Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Rachel Harbold, Tom Zimmerman, Colleen Cushing, Katie Baar, Pat Vary, Kelly Herz, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Tom Haslett, Julie Riffle, Linda O'Neill, Emily Clark, Jake Montgomery, Mark Adams, Teal Cyko, Ash Peterson, John Rosenkrans, Mike Bollero, Carol Farugia, Megan Spencer
Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, May 21: RE Teacher Recognition & Moving Up Congregational Meeting & Picnic

Sunday, May 28: Rev. Scot Hull, "Evil"

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #38 “Morning Has Broken”

Welcoming Words

Children’s Choir Song “You Made a Place for Me,” music by Johnny Nash, new words by Emily Clark

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

For All Ages “A Conversation Amongst the Flowers,” by Rev. Kate Wilkinson

Hymn #360 “Here We Have Gathered”

New Member Recognition

Responsive “I Plant You a Garden,” by Greg Gilpin

Reading

Offertory “Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers,” by Thomas Benjamin

Homily

Hymn #78 “Color and Fragrance”

Flower Ceremony

Sending Music “The Rivers Are Running Again,” by Amy F. Bernon

Benediction

Announcements

UUSG Annual Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, May 21, at 11:30am in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. Voting Members, please RSVP at uusg.org/annual-meeting so we can ensure a quorum. We will be voting on the new slate for the Board of Directors, and will hear from our Board President, Nancy Christensen, and Rev. Scot on this year’s accomplishments and plans for the new fiscal year.

Religious Education Celebration Please join us **May 21**, as we recognize over 40 volunteers who make our Religious Education (RE) program possible. Sign up for the Annual Meeting after the service and stay for the onsite **Spring Picnic** after. Food will be provided, courtesy of RE, as a token of appreciation to our entire UUSG community!

Julia Jones Ordination Service We joyfully invite you to the ordination of Julia Jones into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry on Saturday, June 3, at 2pm, in our Sanctuary and online. We look forward to celebrating Julia and are honored to have her ordination here at UUSG! All are welcome to attend. Zoom Link will be at uusg.org.

Our Next Destination Fundraiser: Culver’s May’s destination fundraiser is at Culver’s on Wednesday, **May 17!** At the Culver’s on Randall Road in St. Charles, 5-9 PM. Mention that your order should be counted towards the fundraiser, and UUSG will receive 10% of all orders!

Last Call for Garden Glitter A creative congregant has crafted a collection of GARDEN GLITTER strands that will add sparkle to your garden. You can hang 'em from a limb and then watch the reflections dance around your garden. A great Mother's Day gift! They are for sale in the Heritage Room ONLY UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 16 – so grab yours now! \$20 each, check or cash. All monies go to UUSG.

Women’s Circle Spring Celebration on **Sat, May 27 at 1pm** at Wheeler Park Pavilion in Geneva. Thank you to all who have participated in this season of WC. For our May session, please bring 3 ideas for what you’d like to see for our next church year season. We will have lots of goodies to enjoy at the park, along with the company of each other! More details and sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Friday Flicks May 26 at 7pm. *Child of Nature* is an epic global journey, filmed in 15 countries over 4 years. Narrated by a young journalist from India, the movie follows 5 connected stories of young people who against all odds are transforming their lives and the lives of those around them in third world countries.

May Beyond Our Walls: Northern Illinois Food Bank

The NIFB provides food to 900 sites, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other programs. In addition, they sponsor child nutrition after school and summer programs, they operate two traveling food pantry trucks, they provide monthly boxes of food for seniors. Every dollar which you donate provides \$8 worth of groceries.

Our Tech Team has a new email! In order to streamline communication and meet the tech needs of our congregation, we have created a new email for our Technology Team: techteam@uusg.org. If your UUSG team, committee, group, etc. has a technology need--Zoom request, slides or materials for services, computer or TV use in Common Room, please be sure to use this email for communication.

Exploring UU/UUSG History Class - July 16, 12:30pm in the Common Room. Join us for a two-hour orientation class on the history of Unitarian Universalism and of UUSG! We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. Sign up at uusg.org/explore or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room.

Exploring Membership Class July 30, 12:30pm in the Common Room. A two-hour class on exploring membership will be offered in the Common Room for those who are interested in becoming members of UUSG. Sign up at uusg.org/explore or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room.

Mental Health Ministry Presentation: Dementia. Sunday, June 4 at 12pm in the Common Room. In the U.S. alone, 7 million people are living with some form of dementia. We will discuss the different forms of dementia, the treatments available, caregiver challenges, and more. All are welcome to join us.