

Pride Sunday June 11, UUSG will march again! First, at 10am, we will once again meet at the New England Congregational Church in Aurora to join them and our friends from the Wesley United Methodist Church for worship. Immediately following a brief community worship service, UUSG will be organizing in the NECC parking lot before heading over to the parade staging area. Even if you are not able to join us for the march, make every effort to attend the service, and help us launch our parade team! Bring your rainbows!

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 & salad 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.

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 21**
- 9:15 AM OWL & Co. Rehearsal
 - 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
 - 12:15 PM Spring Picnic
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, May 22**
- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
 - 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 - 2:00 PM Worship Meeting
- Tuesday, May 23**
- 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club *online*
- Wednesday, May 24**
- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch
- Thursday, May 25**
- 3:00 PM UUSG & Belong Fox Valley Blood Drive
- Friday, May 26**
- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group *offsite*
 - 7:00 PM Friday Flicks
- Saturday, May 27**
- 1:00 PM Women's Circle *off-site*
- Sunday, May 28**
- 11:45 AM ERT Team Meeting
 - 11:45 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
 - 1:00 PM Discussion Salon
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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. We look forward to having you join in and enjoy each other's company! RSVP at uusg.org/lunch.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

May 21, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Creativity

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth

Worship Associate: Brian Doyle

Musicians: Cynthia Spiegel, Katie Yurkewicz, Owl and Co. Band, led by Jim Cullom: Genevieve Cullom, Seamus Cullom, Elaina Hruby, Will Sapet

Seniors: Calvin Hruby, Soren MacPebbles

Youth musicians: Sam Gesiakowski, Corey Klein, Will Sapet, Leo & Eric Yurkewicz

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 28: Rev. Scot Hull, "Evil"

Sunday, June 4: Rev. Scot Hull - Pride Sunday

Order of Worship

Prelude “World Rhythm Groove”

Will Sapet, Seamus, Genevieve & Jim Cullom

Welcoming Words

Introit “Summertime Blues,” William Gillock

performed by Owl & Co. Band

Opening Hymn #361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Chalice Lighting

Reading Poem written and presented by Soren MacPebbles

Song of Praise Will Sapet, Sam Gesiakowski

Covenant Will Sapet, Sam Gesiakowski

Doxology Will Sapet, Sam Gesiakowski

Musical Interlude “Etude #8,” J.B. Arban

Corey Klein, trumpet solo

Religious Education Year End Recognition

Musical Interlude “Freaks,” Jordan Clarke

Owl & Co.

Religious Education Year End Recognition (cont.)

Offertory “This Land Is Your Land,” Woody Guthrie

Leo, Erik, Katie Yurkewicz

Reading

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music Traditional, performed by Owl & Co. Band

Announcements

UUSG Annual Congregational Meeting Today at 11:30am

in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. 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. Please join us for the picnic after the meeting.

Farewell & Thank You Jean Pierce!

Join us after the service on June 4, for our social hour, which will be a sendoff and thank you for long-time member Jean Pierce. Jean’s leadership and volunteer work for UUSG has been immeasurable, we look forward to celebrating her and hope all can attend.

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.

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. Childcare available upon request.

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. Childcare available upon request.

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.

Blood Drive UUSG has partnered with Belong Fox Valley to

host a blood drive this Thursday, **May 25, 3-7:30pm** in the Common Room. Those who can, come donate blood--and sign petitions to change FDA restrictions that often prevent members of our LGBTQIA+ community from donating. See uusg.org for scheduling information. Appointments are appreciated; walk-ins welcome! Photo ID required.

Conversation Salon Announcing the first meetup of the

UUSG conversation salon. If you enjoy talking with other people, Come converse. These are not about debates but an exchange of thoughts and ideas. For our first gathering, the topic for discussion is Technology. How has technology impacted culture? Has it improved our lives or made it worse? What about all the concerns about AI? **May 28, 1 PM in the Common Room.** More details in the weekly email.