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. <u>uusg.org/lazarus-house</u>. June 10, 9-12: Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank <u>uusg.org/food-bank</u> June 22 & July 27: Feed the Hungry by providing food at the Soup Kitchen. <u>uusg.org/soup-kitchen</u>.

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 28 Worship Service 10:00 AM

11:15 AM ERT Team Meeting
 1:00 PM Discussion Salon

6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, May 29 Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 PM Third Street Property Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

Thursday, June 1

Friday, June 2 Lazarus House Food Ministry

Saturday, June 3 Lazarus House Food Ministry

• 2:00 PM Julia Jones Ordination

Sunday, June 4 Worship Service 10:00 AM

 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Presentation & Discussion

2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle

6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Calendar The office will be closed and the staff will be off Memorial Day, May 29.

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.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

May 28, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Creativity

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Cindy Duckworth

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, Cynthia Spiegel

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

Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, June 4: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, June 11: Pride Parade & Service! 10 AM

New England Congregational Church

406 W Galena Blvd, Aurora

Pride Parade immediately following

Order of Worship

Prelude "A Narnia Lullaby/Harry (Potter) in Winter," Harry Gregson-Williams, Patrick Doyle

Call to Worship

Introit "Kiss From A Rose on the Grave," Seal Samuel

Welcome

Opening Hymn #279 "By the Waters of Babylon," William Billings

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

Reading

Responsive "No One Mourns the Wicked," Stephen Schwartz

Sermon

Hymn #119 "Once to Every Soul and Nation," Thomas John Williams

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn of Comfort #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offertory "Once to Every Soul and Nation" reprise

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music "Star Wars," (Title Theme) John Williams

Benediction

Announcements

Your Pledge Drives Our Planning Our new fiscal year begins July 1. If you plan to pledge to UUSG for the next fiscal year and haven't yet submitted a pledge form, it's not too late! Having a pledge on file with the office (of any amount) is the most important factor in our budgeting process and how we allocate funds for our ministries and programs here at UUSG. Your pledge truly makes a difference in this planning, so if you plan to give, submit a pledge form at uusg.org/pledge-form today! Thank You! Questions? Please reach out to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Conversation Salon Today 1 PM in the Common Room 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 Al?

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!

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!

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.

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.

Oneness Drum Circle Sunday, June 4, 2-4pm in the Sanctuary. June's theme is Military Medleys & Marches in honor of Memorial Day. 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 or simply learn how to let go and trust the improvisation of your heart. Come have fun with us!

Circles of Life It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of our dear member and friend, Joani Foster. We will all miss Joani's smile and laugh--her vibrant spirit and zest for life was truly contagious, leaving an unforgettable mark on all who had the privilege of sharing in her company. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled here at UUSG for Saturday, June 10 at 10am. More details to follow.

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.

Exploring UU/UUSG History Class - July 16, 12:00pm 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 <u>uusg.org/explore</u> or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

Exploring Membership Class July 30, 12:00pm 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. Lunch is provided.