

**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 is Looking for a New Hedge Trimmer!** UUSG Member Pat McGleam will be retiring from trimming the UUSG hedges after many, many years of incredible service. We are so appreciative of his time! We are looking to fill this volunteer role, if interested, please contact Christine Imielski at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Here is Pat's description of what would need to be done: Yews and Boxwood Hedges should be trimmed in mid-May and again at the end of June. UUSG has a trimmer and extension cord. Estimated time for each complete trim: 2 hours.

**Social Justice Thank Yous! Trinity Episcopal Sandwich Board:** Anne Wilson-Dooley, Lisa Gades & Kevin Beyer, Sharon Hansen, Tracey & Kathy McFadden, Kevin O'Neill, and Terry Shouba. **Lazarus House Cooks:** Sherri Casterline, Cindy Duckworth, Barbara Ovesen, Page Poris, and Gail Tattersfield.

**UUSG Food Ministry July 27:** Provide lunch items for the Trinity Episcopal Sandwich Board: [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**August 5:** Provide Lazarus House 20 sack lunches or a dinner entree & salad for 12: [uusg.org/lazarus-house](http://uusg.org/lazarus-house)

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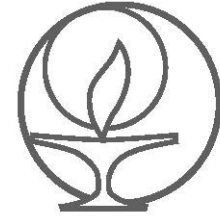
## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

- Sunday, July 9**
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, July 10**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
- Tuesday, July 11**
- 7:00 PM Board of Directors
- Wednesday, July 12**
- 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Circle
  - 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting *online*
- Thursday, July 13**
- Friday, July 14**
- Saturday, July 15**
- Sunday, July 16**
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
  - 12:00 PM Exploring UU History Class
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Rev. Scot will be out of the office through August 6.

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 9, 2023

#### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. R Ken Turner

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Geoff Pynn, 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, July 16:** Dave Becker

**Sunday, July 23:** William Elbert's Poetry Service

**Sunday, July 30:** Anne Clough

## Order of Worship

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn # 145 "As Tranquil Streams"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing Peace

Offertory

Reading "Blasphemer's Lament," NG Rippel

Responsive Music

Sermon The Masters God

Hymn # 295 "Sing Out Praises for the Journey"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music

## Announcements

**Guest Speaker, Rev. R Ken Turner** returns to UUSG to talk about "The Masters God." "Don't shoot the messenger," a phrase most have heard. The phrase implies that the message being delivered will not be of a positive nature. A similar phrase that could be attached to some of the founders of several of the world religions is, "Don't worship the messenger." It's a phrase that could be an indication of how they perceived their mission. The Masters God is an exploration of possible perceptions.

**Hang Time** Our youth in K-8 are invited to socialize & play games with peers in the Common Room during the service on July 16. Two adults will lead and supervise the games. If you're a kid at heart and want to join our volunteer base, please contact Becky Hruby at [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org). Future dates will be announced as they are staffed.

**The July BOW** cause is the **Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants**. ICDI provides a number of essential services for immigrants and asylum-seekers, including:  
+Offering housing, financial assistance, and case management to people who would otherwise have been detained in traumatizing conditions.  
+Providing support to immigrants being held in ICE detention in county jails.  
+Accompanying immigrants in court and serve as observers to hold the Immigration Court system accountable.  
+Visiting migrant children apprehended by the US Government for crossing the border who are awaiting reunification with a family member.

**July 22 (Saturday) RE Outing** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Wheeler Park in Geneva. Join us on the playground! If you've outgrown that, you can play pickleball or disc golf (equipment needed for these activities will be provided). Or, simply enjoy walking the paths or sitting under the shade of a tree and visiting. Mini-golf is also available, as well as ice cream/concessions. Each youth in our RE program will receive a round of golf compliments of UUSG.

**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 [uusg.org/explore](https://uusg.org/explore) 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](https://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

**Help Us Keep Our Building Looking Great!** A gentle reminder to please refrain from bringing food and coffee into the Sanctuary. Coffee stains have become a problem for the carpet and we appreciate your help in keeping our building looking its best. In the case of spills, please use the spill kit (club soda and rags) located in the kitchen, and reach out to the office so that we can take appropriate follow-up. We also have a dustbuster in the kitchen, and vacuum in our custodian's closet. Thank you!

**Every Picture Tells a UUSG Story** It's almost impossible to capture everything that makes UUSG what it is, but the new photo wall in our Common Room gives a visual overview of our many social justice and fellowship activities. The UUSG photo libraries were scoured for shots that tell a story while depicting the many ways we promote "practical goodness in the world." The display is changeable, and information will be provided in the future about when and how the photos will evolve to share everything that makes us UUSG. Enjoy!

**Simply Sharing** Our UUSG conversation group is recommitting to meeting in person once a month. Our next meeting is Wed, July 12, 1-3pm in the Common Room. A permanent meeting day each month will be considered and settled shortly. If you're interested in joining or if you need info, contact Gail Tattersfield at [simplysharing@uusg.org](mailto:simplysharing@uusg.org).