

July 30, Guest Speaker, Anne Clough
Anne Clough will share her message "Retreat, Connect, Repeat." How do we balance our responsibility to society with our need to nourish our spirits?

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 Food Ministry July 27: Provide lunch items for the Trinity Episcopal Sandwich Board: uusg.org/soup-kitchen.
August 5: Provide Lazarus House 20 sack lunches or a dinner entree & salad for 12: uusg.org/lazarus-house

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 23 Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 11:15 PM Social Justice Team Meeting
• 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, July 24 Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, July 25
• 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club *online*

Wednesday, July 26
• 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch *off-site*

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

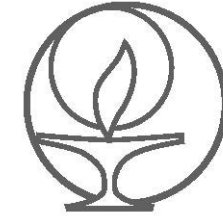
Saturday, July 29

Sunday, July 30 Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 11:15 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
• 12:00 PM Exploring Membership Class
• 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation July 27-July 31.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 23, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: William Elbert

Worship Associate: Colleen Cushing

Reader: Colleen Cushing, Kim McDuffee

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Linda O'Neill

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 30: Anne Clough, "Retreat, Connect, Repeat"

Sunday, August 6: Rev. Zsolt Elekes

Order of Worship

Bell Ringing

Poem "Riveted," Robyn Sarah

Welcome

Opening Hymn #326 "Let All the Beauty We Have Known"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Antiphonal #567 "To Be of Use," Marge Piercy

Passing the Peace

Offertory "My Inspiration," Melody Bober

Poem "Early in the Morning," Li-Young Lee

Poem "my dreams, my works, must wait till after hell,"
Gwendolyn Brooks

Music Interlude "Solitary Traveller," Edvard Grieg

Poem "Horoscopes for the Dead," Billy Collins

Poem "It was not death, for I stood up," Emily Dickinson

Poem "A Birthday Candle," Donald Justice

Poem "Instructions on Not Giving Up," Ada Limón

Poem "Dead Stars," Ada Limón

Poem "Pantoum of the Great Depression," Donald Justice

Poem "Aimless Love," Billy Collins

Poem "'Hope' is the thing with feathers," Emily Dickinson

Music Interlude "Song of the Lark," Tchaikovsky

Poem "when you have forgotten Sunday: the love story,"
Gwendolyn Brooks

Poem "From Blossoms," Li-Young Lee

Hymn #331 "Life Is the Greatest Gift of All"

Chalice Extinguishing "By a Departing Light," Emily Dickinson

Benediction "The Summer Day," Mary Oliver

Sending Music "Mazurka," Aleksandr Borodin

Announcements

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.

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.

Oneness Drum Circle Sunday, **August 6, 2-4pm**, in the Sanctuary. Do you have trouble calming your mind down from the myriad of to-do lists or simply taking some sacred time for yourself to relax? Does anxiety or sadness get a strong grip at times? Music is one of the fastest ways to shift your energy and lift your mood. In our Circle, we learn how to move away from our ego-centric thoughts by getting grounded into our heart center, tapping into the natural flow of our unique heart songs through sound vibrations. We bring plenty of instruments to share and encourage for all ages and abilities, no musical background required. Please email Gina Grupe-Stibal at drumcircle@uusg.org if you would like more information.

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on Wednesday, July 26. We hope to be outside on the patio/balcony! Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

Simply Sharing Women's Group Our August get together will be on Wednesday, 8/9, from 1-3 pm, in our Common Room. Thanks to Sandy Bottoms for a suggested topic...summer vacations--did you have a favorite one, maybe somewhere you went most summers like a camp or waterfront location? Please be ready to share some of the details. Bring your own snack or beverage if you wish. Questions? Please contact Gail Tattersfield at simplysharing@uusg.org.

A "Timely" Message from the ERT

With the recent tornado sightings in St. Charles and at O'Hare, we are reminded that we are well into the tornado season which generally runs from May through November; however, with climate change, tornadoes are happening in all months including winter. Please see the weekly email for the full message from the Emergency Response Team.

Summer Guest Speakers

August 6: Rev. Zsolt Elekes
August 13: Rev. Pam Rumancik
August 20: Aaron Fogelman
August 27: Michael Mackey
September 3: Most Venerable Bhante Sujatha

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