

UUSG at CPK is Back! Save the date for our next destination fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. On **Thursday, Sept. 14**, 11am-9pm, if you mention UUSG at checkout a % of all sales will come back to the church. Last time we raised over \$300 for UUSG!

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 Publications - Submission Deadlines

Please send announcements to office@uusg.org. If your event needs a sign-up, please contact Christine at least 2 weeks prior to the event. All submissions may be edited by staff for content and length. Announcements will be added to Facebook and Instagram as appropriate. For detailed information on publicizing: uusg.org/planning-publicity
Mini-Pioneer Weekly Bulletin: (Sunday Bulletin): Wednesdays at 9am (50 word max) "**UUSG News**" Sunday
Email: Wednesdays at 9am (Text of any length) **Monthly Pioneer Newsletter:** 4th Mondays of the month at 9am

Fundraiser Success! Last Sunday our UUSG Geezers operated a beverage and popsicle booth at the Concours d'Elegance car show to benefit our YRUU Habitat for Humanity trip. We raised \$1,284 for this cause and are proud to help our youth practice practical goodness in the world!

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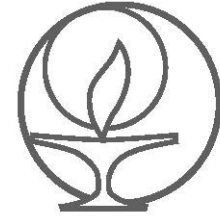
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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, September 3	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, September 4	Labor Day / Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 3:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	Council Meeting <i>online</i>
Wednesday, September 6	
• 3:00 AM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Group <i>online</i>
Thursday, September 7	
Friday, September 8	
Saturday, September 9	Lazarus House Food Ministry
• 9:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank
Sunday, September 10	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:00 AM	Special Congregational Meeting
• 12:00 PM	Homecoming Picnic
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

September 3, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Most Venerable Bhante Sujatha

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Jessica Littlefield, Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel

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

Upcoming Service:

Sunday, September 10: Homecoming Sunday & Rev. Scot Hull's Affirmation of Ministry, with the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Minister Emerita

Order of Worship

Welcoming Words

Opening Music “There Is Only Love,” Michael Gott & Karen Drucker

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Pass the Peace

Offering

Offertory Music

Meditation

Dharma Talk “Defining Your Inner Journey”

Closing Hymn #1029 “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Long Time Sun,” Old Irish Blessing, music Snatam Kauer

Announcements

Our guest speaker today is Bhante Sujatha. Bhante Sujatha, a 40+ year Buddhist Monk, is singularly focused on adding more love in the world. Bhante teaches loving-kindness meditation to people around the globe for all those seeking the art of happiness and contentment. His approach to meditation is deep and simple, bringing core Buddhist teachings to everyone in a way that is practical and easy to understand. A joyful, radiant, funny, and wildly energetic monk, Bhante will help you obtain peace that can only be found in deep silence. Bhante believes his purpose is not only to teach meditation, but also, “teaching people how to be happy.” For more information visit Bhante’s website www.bhantesujatha.org.

Homecoming Sunday & Affirmation of Ministry! After a long and successful ministry, the Unitarian Universalist Association likes to mark the transition with a Service of Installation to welcome a new minister and the promise of hope, renewal, and change that they might bring. The Installation Service for our new minister, Rev. Scot, would have been held in 2020, but Life, Nature, and a global pandemic required other plans. And so it is that, on **Sunday, September 10**, we will finally pause and formally mark the transition with an Affirmation of Ministry. Our very own Minister Emerita, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, will be joining us to lead this very special service! There will be guests, music, and yes, a picnic! All are welcome! RSVP for picnic at uusg.org/picnic by September 3.

Nursery through K-12! Please visit uusg.org/registration if you haven’t already and please let Becky Hruby know if you can be a substitute teacher. Questions? dre@uusg.org

Special Congregational Meeting, September 10, in the Sanctuary & online following Service. The purpose of this brief meeting is to vote on a proposed amendment to our Bylaws concerning the number of people serving on the Board. More details at uusg.org.

Oneness Drum Circle Our Oneness Drum Circle will not meet on September 3, but save the date for our October meeting on Sunday, **October 8 at 2pm** in the Sanctuary. Theme and more details coming soon!

Pub Theology has a new co-sponsor! Joining UUSG and Fox Valley Presbyterian will be the United Methodist Church of Geneva! **September 28, 6:30-8:30pm**, at Sturdy Shelter in Batavia. Join us for open and honest conversations about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics, and more! Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. A good time to be had by all - RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

Yard Games at UUSG! Are you looking for a fun way to meet people and make connections at UUSG? Join us for an afternoon of yard games! Try your hand at bags, ladder-ball, and more, enjoy some refreshments, and let your inner child out! **Saturday, September 16, 1pm-3pm** on the 3rd Street property. Fun for the whole family; all ages welcome! RSVP at uusg.org/yard-games. Questions? Contact Lily at membership@uusg.org.

Beverages, bites and bluegrass music!! Come mix and mingle at the UUSG Sunset Soiree! Whether you are looking to meet new people or strengthen existing connections, this event is for you! Enjoy bubbling beverages and beautiful bluegrass music performed by members of the UUSG community. The Sunset Soiree will take place on September 30, 6pm-8pm, in the UUSG Common Room. Beer and wine will be served. RSVP at uusg.org/sunset. Questions? Contact Lily at membership@uusg.org

Women's Circle Sunday, Sept. 24, 1-4pm. Our first event of the program year will take place at Healing Gardens, which features gardens to reconnect with nature. The grounds are gift to all who visit on their on path of learning, exploring and discovery, and we hope each of you will try to join us. Attendance is limited, please RSVP at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Celebration of Life Service for Betty Bristol We will celebrate the life of our beloved member Betty on Saturday, September 23, at 10am in the Sanctuary and online. Visiting and light refreshments to follow in our Common Room. To help with our reception planning, please email Christine at office@uusg.org to let us know if you will be attending.