

**UUSG Circle Suppers 2024!** Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, held in January, February, March, & April. This is a great opportunity to meet UUSG Members & Friends! Details and sign up at [uusg.org/circle-suppers-signup](https://uusg.org/circle-suppers-signup). Contact Mary Swanson at [circlesuppers@uusg.org](mailto:circlesuppers@uusg.org) with questions. Deadline to sign up is **November 30**.

**Promote Practical Goodness** UUSG is committed to providing a volunteer at Lazarus the first Saturday of every month. The work is easy, you sleep! (in a private room, comfortable bed, 2 or 3 times a year). Night volunteers (9pm to 7am) provide backup for on-site staff in the event of emergency. Learn more, without any commitment, by contacting Maureen McKeough at [MMckeough@aol.com](mailto:MMckeough@aol.com).

**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. Registration link is in the weekly email, but drop-ins are always welcome.

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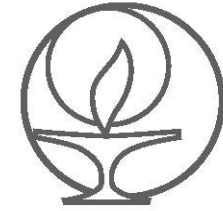
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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

- Sunday, November 12**
  - Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, November 13**
  - 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
- Tuesday, November 14**
  - 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Board Meeting
- Wednesday, November 15**
  - 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
  - 7:00 PM UU Buddhist Study Group *online*
  - 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 16**
  - Destination Fundraiser at Panera
  - 1:30 PM Memorial Garden Meeting
- Friday, November 17**
  - 12:00 PM Geezer’s Group *off-site*
  - 7:00 PM Fox Valley Electric Car Assn.
- Saturday, November 18**
  - 4:00 PM DEI Speaker & Dinner
- Sunday, November 19**
  - Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
  - 11:30 AM ERT Meeting
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
  - 6:00 PM Community Ecumenical Service

**Welcome to This House!**



**Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**November 12, 2023**

**Today’s Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** UUSG Veterans: “Coming to Terms After the War”  
**Musicians:** Brian Joosse, Tracey McFadden, Dawn Pokorny  
**K-2:** Amanda Slaiher, Bonnie Ryan  
**3-5:** Ro Maziarz, Vickie Kilgore  
**6-8:** Kerry Sapet, Rachel Harbold  
**9-12:** Ashley Peterson, Aaron Miller  
**Technical Team:** Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, November 19:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Sunday, November 26:** Guest, DJ Jensen, “The Problem of God”

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ring the Bell

**Call to Worship & Welcoming Words** Laz Escalona

### Chalice Lighting

**Song of Community Hymn** #100 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

**Introduction** Aaron Fogleman

**Story For All Ages** "Veterans Day," Leslie Caplan

**First reading** "One of the Lucky Ones," Dave Duckworth

**Offertory** Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans  
"Oh My Heart" by REM

**Second reading** "Returning Veterans Heal Through the Creative Process of Songwriting," Tracey McFadden

### Quilt Presentation

**Musical Interlude** "Welcome Home," Christine Brooks

**Third reading** "Veteran Administration Improvements since 1980," Lynn Steele

**Musical Interlude** "Angel Flight," Radney Foster

**Fourth reading** "Homeless Veterans in American History"

**Recognition** Nick Thomas, US Coast Guard

**Concluding Thoughts** Rev. Scot Hull

### Chalice Extinguishing

**Postlude** "Taps," performed by Dawn Pokorny

## Announcements

### Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20:

Please take a few minutes to read about the 25 transgender and gender non-conforming people lost to violence in 2023 and find ways to foster safer, more inclusive communities. (Human Rights Campaign at <https://www.hrc.org/news>)

### November BOW - Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

in Wheaton. MSHV provides services for seven counties in the western suburbs including: affordable & transitional housing, supportive services for veteran families, and veteran employment programs. Some of the funding comes from grants but MSHV relies heavily on private donations. Our generosity will be very helpful to the veterans they help right here in the Fox Valley area.

**Panera Destination Fundraiser.** Join your UUSG friends at Panera anytime on Thursday, **November 16**, at the **1690 S. Randall Rd** location and 20% of sales will be donated back to the church! Grab a flyer in the Common Room or use FUND4U at checkout.

**Join us on November 18 for a workshop** with Jeannie Gainsburg, author of *The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate*. She will speak (remotely) about gender fluidity, pronouns, and heterosexist language. Participants can attend in-person in the or online via Zoom. Doors open at 4:00pm, and the workshop is 5-6pm. Stay for a light dinner, desserts, and discussion. [uusg.org/savvyally](https://uusg.org/savvyally) for signup by **November 13**. For more information, contact [deileader@uusg.org](mailto:deileader@uusg.org).

**Community Thanksgiving Service & Pie Fellowship** Sun., Nov. 19, at 6pm, United Methodist Church of Geneva. Our annual ecumenical service is a meaningful gathering of our community; coming together in the spirit of thanksgiving and embracing the rich tapestry of faith traditions that make up our community. Following the service, stay for a time of connection, fellowship, and pie! Sign up to bring a pie at [uusg.org/pie](https://uusg.org/pie).

**Native American Heritage Month** is celebrated in November. We encourage you to visit our website to read our recently published Land Acknowledgement and explore our resources to learn more about Indigenous Peoples.

<https://www.uusg.org/dei-indigenous-american-resources>

**8th Annual HSP Food Drive** HSP provides more than 1,900 additional meals per month for people in need during the holidays. We can help! Pick up your shopping bag on Sunday Nov. 12, & 19, and bring it back filled with food by Sunday, Nov. 19 or 27! Only non-expired food, please. Donations can be left in the Volunteer Office.

**Inclusion Book Club** On November 28, at 7pm, we'll discuss *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong. The rise in discrimination and violence toward Asian Americans during COVID was part of a long, historical pattern. Hong uses her personal story to delve into racial consciousness in America in this critically acclaimed book. For more information, contact Lisa and Kimberly at [inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org](mailto:inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org).

**Give Thanks for Your UUSG Community!** Check out our Gratitude Tree in the Common Room all November long and add a message of appreciation for the people and programs that make our church a community. Stamped note cards are also provided--grab one and send a special note to a person or two who you are thankful for! If you're not able to attend in person, please send your message to Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org) and she will add it to our tree.

**Pub Theology Thursday, November 30, 6:30-8:30pm**, at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and local clergy for our next meeting! We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, and more. Engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. RSVP at [uusg.org/pub-theology](https://uusg.org/pub-theology).

**Calling all knitters and crocheters!** Immigrants currently being relocated to Illinois are in urgent need of winter items: blankets/afghans, scarves, gloves/mittens, hats. Please contact Sherry Wilson ([wilsonesca@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonesca@gmail.com)) or Emily Clark ([emstevac@gmail.com](mailto:emstevac@gmail.com)) for more information. Thank you!