

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

**Help for Hungry Neighbors** Please sign up for our upcoming commitments to local organizations addressing hunger: **Lazarus House:** December 2, need volunteers to provide dinner or sack lunches. **Northern Illinois Food Bank:** December 9, 9am to noon, need volunteers to pack food for distribution to area food pantries.

**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).

**UUSG Circle Suppers 2024!** Circle Suppers are 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. 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 is **Nov. 30**.

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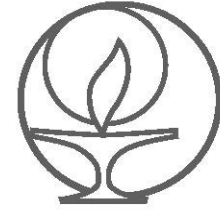
## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

- Sunday, November 26**      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 10:00 AM Youth Hang Time
  - 11:30 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, November 27**
- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- Tuesday, November 28**
- 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club *online*
- Wednesday, November 29**
- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch *off-site*
  - 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 30**
- 4:30 PM Cookie Walk Set-up
  - 6:30 PM Pub Theology *off-site*
- Friday, December 1**      Lazarus House Food Ministry
- 4:30 PM Cookie Walk!
- Saturday, December 2**      Lazarus House Food Ministry
- Sunday, December 3**      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 9:30 AM Styrofoam Sunday
  - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
  - 11:45 AM Braver Angels Workshop
  - 2:00 PM Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**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. Check email for registration link. Drop-ins are always welcome.

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**November 26, 2023**

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** DJ Jensen

**Worship Associate:** Cindy Duckworth

**Musicians:** Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Adam Yurkewicz, guitar; Katie Yurkewicz, violin; Eric Yurkewicz, cello; Leo Yurkewicz, soloist; Lynn Fisher McCanne, violin; Linda O'Neill, violin; Cynthia Spiegel & Colleen Cushing, song leaders

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, December 3:** Rev. Scot Hull, Braver Angels Program

**Sunday, December 10:** Guest, Linda Dorr

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Sonata #8 Adagio,” “This Night,” L. Beethoven, B. Joel; arr. V. Bollero

**Introit** “All Is Found,” from “Frozen II,” by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

## Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn** #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”  
arr. V. Bollero

## Chalice Lighting

## Song of Praise

## Covenant

## Doxology

## Passing Peace

**Offertory** “Crossing a Bridge,” S. Flaherty

**Reading** #574 “The Glories of Peace”

**Responsive Music** “Movin' Out,” B. Joel

**Sermon** “The Problem of God”

**Closing Hymn** “The Star of Truth,” words John Andrew Story, music Thomas Tallis

*The star of truth but dimly shines behind the veiling clouds of night,  
But every searching eye divines some partial glimmer of its light.*

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Sending** “Concerto for 2 Violins in A minor,”  
(excerpt) J.S. Bach

## Announcements

**Braver Angels – Depolarizing Within Workshop: Next week!** Polarization can be driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the other side. Too often, we stereotype, dismiss, or ridicule our fellow citizens who support the other political party, its leaders, and its policies. This free 2 hour in-person workshop teaches participants: How to be more aware of their own inner polarizer; How to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping large swaths of the population; and how to constructively intervene in polarizing social conversations with like-minded people. Who can come? Anyone interested in examining their own inner polarization and learning strategies to disagree without condemning or ridiculing others. **Sunday, December 3,** 11:45am in the Common Room. Sign up at [uusg.org/ba](https://uusg.org/ba), all are invited, light lunch included.

**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.

**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>

**Inclusion Book Club** On **November 28, at 7pm**, we'll discuss *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong. 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).

**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, November 29**. Please sign up at [uusg.org/lunch](https://uusg.org/lunch) so we know how many spots to reserve.

**Save your backs, UUSG has a new Utility Cart!** Just in time for big events with heavy things, we have a new cart for everyone at church to use! Each tray has a weight limit of 100 pounds, and the whole cart folds up for storage. The cart will be in the Common Room temporarily for folks to get used to using it, and then it will live in the Common Room closet. Thanks to Teal for seeing the need, and Reverend Scot for ordering it!

**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. [uusg.org/pub-theology](https://uusg.org/pub-theology).

**Sacred Sounds Free Drum Circle December 3**, 2-4pm in the Sanctuary. Open to all ages interested in playing with a variety of musical instruments to find those meditative rhythms of personal connection and peace. Bring your own drums or try out ours. No musical experience necessary.

**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.

**Cookie Walk 2023: Bake For Betty, Our 40<sup>th</sup> Year – This Friday, December 1!** It's not too late to sign up to help out at the event or bake cookies—**every cookie counts!** This event is widely publicized and part of the Geneva Christmas Walk and one of our yummiest fundraisers of the year! You can help by doing any of the following:

- Bake cookies (6, 12, or 18 dozen—or more!).
- Set up for the event on Thursday, November 30, 4-8pm.
- Work at the event itself on Dec. 1: 3:45-5:30pm or 5:15-7pm.

**More details and Sign up at [uusg.org/cookie-walk](https://uusg.org/cookie-walk). Thank you to all of our volunteers!**