

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.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, July 30

- Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 12:00 PM Exploring Membership Class
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, July 31

Tuesday, August 1

- 7:00 PM Council Meeting *online*

Wednesday, August 2

- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group *online*

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

Lazarus House Food Ministry *offsite*

Saturday, August 5

- 1:00 PM RE Event: Quarry Beach in Batavia

Sunday, August 6

- Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
- 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Staff Vacations

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

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation July 27-31 and August 2-6.

Our LRE Director, Becky Hruby, will be on vacation July 31-August 4.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

July 30, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Anne Clough

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, 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 Services:

Sunday, August 6: Rev. Zsolt Elekes

Sunday, August 13: Rev. Pam Rumancik

Order of Worship

Prelude in C Minor, Op.28 No.20, Frederic Chopin

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #1040 "Hush"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing Peace

Offertory "Open Window," Elise Witt

Meditation

Readings E.B. White, Rev. Dr. Richard S. Gilbert

Responsive Music "Return Again," Solomon Carlebach

Sermon Retreat, Connect Repeat

Hymn #1008 "When Our Hear is in a Holy Place"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music "Under Pressure," Mellow Yellow, David Bowie, Donovan, new words by this morning's music team

Announcements

Our guest speaker today is Anne Clough. Anne is in her final year of study at Meadville Lombard Theological School and served as the Student Minister at North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield. She is looking forward to congregational ministry after seminary. Anne's sermon, "Retreat, Connect Repeat" will explore the question "How do we balance our responsibility to society with our need to nourish our spirits?"

Exploring Membership Class Today! 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.

RE Summer of Fun event Families and teachers, please join us for a day at "the beach" on **Saturday, Aug. 5**, 1-4:00 pm, at Quarry Hall Beach in Batavia. Kindly RSVP to dre@uusg.org.

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.

Calling All Cooks! We need volunteers to make sack lunches or cook dinner on August 5 for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. uusg.org/lazarus-house.

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.

Simply Sharing Women's Group Our August get together will be on **Wednesday, 8/9, 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.

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

Social Justice Thank Yous!

Northern Illinois Food Bank: Linda Andres, Kevin Beyer, Jamie & Jim Carroll, Nancy Christensen, Caley Fraber, Cari, Keith, & Sam Gesiakowski, Aaron & Lila Miller, Mary Philips, Bryan Pierard.

Trinity Episcopal Sandwich Board: Sherri Casterline, Anne Wilson-Dooley, Kevin Beyer & Lisa Gades, Sharon Hansen, Carol Myers, and Terry Shouba.