#### UUSG Variety Show! February 24, 7-9pm

We are planning a fun-filled evening showcasing the talents of our own congregation and our friends.

Tickets will go on sale the week of February 4, make sure to reserve your spot! Donations for beverages will be accepted. Sweet and salty snack plates can be ordered in advance.

#### Here is your to-do list:

- SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, February 24, 7-9 p.m.
- Sign up to share your talent: singing, playing music, reading poetry, juggling...
- email jenny@andymontgomery.com or molly.zacker@mackayco.com to sign up
- Buy a ticket when they go on sale
- Fill your head with great expectations of fun and camaraderie!

**Buddhist Meditation** Every Sunday at 6pm, Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple will lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion in our Common Room. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated. Drop-ins are expected and welcome.

## **Contact Information**

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### **Today & This Week at UUSG**

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, January	28	Worship Service 10:00 AM
•	10:00 AM	Religious Education
•	11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
•	11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
•	6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

#### Monday, January 29

# Tuesday, January 30

9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting

#### 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, January 31

3:00 PM Budget Planning Meeting *online* 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, February 1

Friday, February 2		Lazarus House Food Ministry
•	6:30 PM	OWL Overnight Begins
Saturday, February 3		Lazarus House Food Ministry
•	4:00 PM	OWL Overnight Ends
Sunday, February 4		Worship Service 10:00 AM
•	9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
•	10:00 AM	Religious Education
•	11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
•	11:30 AM	Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
•	2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
•	6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

# **Welcome to This House!**



# **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

January 28, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull Worship Associate: Steve Clark

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring

3-5: Gary Littlefield, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jennifer Klein, Linda Dorr

Musicians: Geoff Pynn, piano; 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:**

February 4: Rev. Scot Hull, "Love at the Center"

February 11: Rev. Scot Hull, "How long, Lord?"

Order of Worship

Ringing the Bell

**Call to Worship** 

Introit

**Welcoming Words** 

Opening Hymn #89 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

**Song of Praise** 

Covenant

Doxology

**Passing the Peace** 

Story for All Ages "The Pink Refrigerator" by Tim Egan

Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

**Testimonial** Commit to Knit for Immigrants, Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants

**Invitation to Generosity** 

Offertory

**Words of Thanks** 

**Antiphonal Reading** 

Responsive

Sermon "Salvation by Character"

**Closing Hymn** #351 "A Long, Long Way the Sea-Winds Blow"

Benediction

#### **Announcements**

**Lazarus House: February 3** is our next date to provide dinner and sack lunches for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. We're very short on volunteers this month! To sign up: <a href="mailto:uusg.org/lazarus-house">uusg.org/lazarus-house</a>

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle February 4, 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. Contact Gina Grupe-Stibal, <a href="mailto:drumcircle@uusg.org">drumcircle@uusg.org</a>, if you have questions or would like more information.

New Book for Buddhists On February 7, UUSG's Buddhist Meditation and Study Group start a great book for beginners: Happiness Is an Inside Job: Practicing for a Joyful Life, by Sylvia Boorstein. Please join us at 7pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, on Zoom. Contact Lisa Gades (uubuddhism@uusg.org) for info.

Game Night at UUSG Join us for an evening of board games and laughter. Friday, February 16, 6:00pm-7:30pm. Games will be provided but feel free to bring a favorite game to share if you would like! Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome! RSVP at <a href="mailto:uusg.org/game-night">uusg.org/game-night</a>. Please contact Lily at <a href="mailto:membership@uusg.org">membership@uusg.org</a> with questions.

Have you missed Reiki at UUSG? Jeff Stibal and Roger Tilbrook are considering re-introducing Reiki to those who used to practice and would like to again. Those who are new to Reiki or want to learn more are also welcome. Contact Lisa at <a href="mailto:m

Women's Circle "Introverts & Extroverts Our Styles and Strengths", with Guest Speaker Jerre Hendriksen. Sat., Feb. 24, 1-4pm in the Common Room. How do we create spaces where different personalities can thrive? Being able to appreciate the strengths of both introverts and extroverts leads to a more well-rounded and representative experience. More details and sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

Exploring UU/UUSG History Sunday, February 18, 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary. The first class of our two-part series designed to orient visitors to what it means to be a UU and learn about membership at UUSG. We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. You can sign up online at <a href="https://www.uusg.org/explore">uusg.org/explore</a> or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch

Exploring Membership Class Sunday, February 25, 12-2pm, in the Sanctuary. Learn about the opportunities and responsibilities that come with membership at UUSG. You can sign up online at <a href="mailto:uusg.org/explore"><u>uusg.org/explore</u></a> or by talking to one of the greeters wearing a blue name tag. Lunch and childcare, (ages 0-8) will be provided.

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**Pub Theology** Thursday, **February 29, 6:30-8:30pm** at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Open and honest conversation about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. <a href="https://www.usg.org/pub-theology">uusg.org/pub-theology</a>.

January BOW: Jane Adeny Memorial School Your generous donations to JAMS helps UUSG member lvy's pen pal Jane continue her education. Member Maissy Littlefield says her pen pal Felicity is "such a sweet, smart person.... (who) shared her school and life experiences... about the sports she participated in, her dog, classes and hobbies. It was really cool to find out that we have quite a lot in common and to read her perspective of high school life."

Mental Health Ministry: Medical Aid in Dying Sunday, March 3, at 12pm. Join us in the Common Room for a presentation led by Colin Campbell who will cover the information that people need to know about medical aid in dying and the current legislation that is being proposed in IL. More details at uusg.org.

**Keeping Our Community Healthy** A friendly reminder to please join us online if you are feeling under the weather. Masks are available at the Sanctuary entrance and in the common room for your convenience.