

May the 4th Be with You! Do, or do not. There is no "try" in the fight against hunger. On May 4, 9am to noon, we have 50 spots reserved for a Food Bank Day of Service at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. Sign up by April 20, for NIFB to prepare the volunteer shifts for that day. Join your fellow UUSG friends and **be "a big deal in the resistance" against hunger!** uusg.org/food-bank-signup.

Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation *No Meeting on Sunday, March 17* Guided meditation will resume in the Common Room the following Sunday, March 24 from 6-7pm.

Thank you to everyone who provided lunch and dinner for Lazarus House in February and March! Sherry Wilson & Laz Escalona; Gail Tattersfield; Llona Steele; Page Poris; Carol Myers; Rose Moore; Jan Miller; Linda Marquis; Larissa Garcia; Sherri Casterline. **Thank you to everyone who provided meal supplies to Trinity Soup Kitchen and Sandwich Board in February!** Sharon Hansen; Carol Myers; Kevin & Linda O'Neill; Mary Swanson; Sherry Wilson and Laz Escalona. **Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Northern Illinois Food Bank in February and March!** Barbara & Michael Schuster; Kerry, Jason, & Will Sapet; Vera Lind, Aaron, Lucas, and Noah Fogleman; Taia Hollmeier; Kimberly, Jonathon, & Cole Harrison; Cari, Keith, & Samantha Gesiakowski; Jamie & Jim Carroll; Hilary, Kerry, Anna, and Morgan Campbell; and Kevin Beyer

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 17	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	ERT Team Meeting
Monday, March 18	
Tuesday, March 19	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	RE Steering Team Meeting <i>online</i>
• 7:00 PM	Worship Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 20	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhist Study Group <i>online</i>
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 21	
• 11:30 AM	FEMA Grant Committee <i>online</i>
• 6:30 PM	Pub Theology <i>off-site</i>
Friday, March 22	
• 12:00 PM	Geezer's Group <i>off-site</i>
• 7:00 PM	Friday Features
Saturday, March 23	
• 1:00 PM	Women's Circle
• 6:00 PM	Pledge Drive Party <i>off-site</i>
Sunday, March 24	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Rev. Scot Hull will be out of the office March 21-27.

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski, will be out of the office March 24-31. Please send announcements for church publications to Lisa at ma@uusg.org.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 17, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Steve Clark

Musicians: James Street Ceili Band: Sarah & Helenna Clark (vocals), Ruth Cavanaugh (whistle/flute/vocals), Val Heinkel-Bollero (piano/vocals), Michael Mackey (guitar/vocals), Linda O'Neill (fiddle/vocals), Cynthia Spiegel (piano/drum/vocals)

RE K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Kimberly Harrison

3-5: Katie Yurkewicz, Gary Littlefield

6-8: Kerry Sapet, Joyce Senters

9-12: Jennifer Klein, Jaime Andersen

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

Upcoming Services

March 24: Guest Speaker, Rev. R. Ken Turner, "The Strength of Commitment"

March 29: Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

March 31: Rev. Scot Hull: Easter Sunday

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Si Bheag Si Mhor,” Turlough O’Carolan, words, S. Conant

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #299, “Make Channels for the Streams of Love”

Covenant

Story for All Ages “The Ring of Truth,” Teresa Bateman
Presented by Melissa Auer and Ali Lanthrum

Testimonial Mike Schuster

Passing the Peace

Testimonial Michael Mackey

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “Banish Misfortune” traditional

Words of Thanks

Reading

Responsive “The Soaring Kestrel,” Johnny McCarthy

Sermon “A History of the World in 6 Glasses”

Closing Hymn #324, “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads”

Benediction

Sending Music “The Parting Glass” & “The Blarney Pilgrim”
both traditional

Announcements

Pledge Drive 2024-2025 Strengthening our UUSG Community for today and tomorrow requires a generous, ongoing financial commitment from every member and friend of UUSG. Every person, every pledge, every dollar makes a difference. Learn more and submit your pledge at uusg.org/pledge-drive.

Tenebrae Service On the evening of Good Friday, **March 29**, you are invited to celebrate a special, candlelit, "Service of the Shadows," or Tenebrae. Tenebrae is offered as a contemplative complement to the Easter story of joy, new life, and new hope, and seeks to remind and reassure us that life's challenges are a natural part of any faithful life lived in love and community. Special guest musicians include Elena Spiegel, Cynthia Spiegel and Tom Zimmerman.

UUA General Assembly Delegates Have you ever been to General Assembly? Every year, Unitarian Universalists from all over the globe have been gathering to talk about what's new, what's important, and what's coming. This year, General Assembly is entirely online. And this year, we have a big vote coming up — our new Article II proposals! We will be selecting our representatives in the coming weeks, so if you're interested, contact Christine at office@uusg.org.

Pub Theology Thursday, **March 21, 6:30-8:30pm**, at Art History Brewery in Geneva. Open and honest conversation 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. uusg.org/pub-theology to RSVP.

Friday Features: The Fox River Ecosystem & the Dams For over 30 years Friends of the Fox River (FOTFR) has been a leader in watershed education and river restoration through dam removal. Join us on **Friday, March 22, at 7pm**, in the Common Room to learn more about FOTFR's mission and work in our local area. Hosted by the Green Sanctuary Team.

Women's Circle “The Art of Letting Go with Gina Grupe.” **Saturday, March 23, 1-4pm**, in the Common Room. Looking for connection and renewed energy? We'll learn drum circle and other techniques to build our awareness of body and spirit and our capacity for healing and self-love. Instruments and guidance provided. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

A Tribute to Trish Beckjord The Beckjord Family invites our community to a special event remembering our beloved member and celebrating the launch of her posthumously published book *Seasons: Reflections of a Native Plant Enthusiast* on **April 26**, 8-11am, at Midwest Natural Garden in St. Charles. See the Weekly Email for more details.

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, **March 27**. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

One Book One UUSG Join us on **Thursday, March 28, at 7pm**, in the Common Room, where we will discuss *House of Sand and Fog*, by Andre Dubus III. Delve into the gripping narrative of ex-Iranian colonel Massoud Behrani and recovering addict Kathy Nicolo as they compete for a Bay Area bungalow. Light snacks will be provided, and all are welcome! RSVP at wow@uusg.org.

Memorial Stones Remember a loved one or reserve a stone for yourself or family with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden. Please email or drop off a completed order form (uusg.org/memorial-stone) to Christine at office@uusg.org by **April 21**. Stones will be dedicated during our Sunday Worship Service on **May 26**.

Beyond Our Walls During March, your BOW donations will go to the Social Justice team whose priority is to complete the four-year scholarship for a student at the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. Along with your donations to JAMS in January, they hope to cover the complete cost of the scholarship.

Lost & Found Please check our Lost & Found bin located at the Heritage Room entrance. Items will be donated after 3/24.