

**Buddhist Meditation and Dharma Talk**, in person, every Sunday at 6pm. Teachers from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple will lead us 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.

**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](https://uusg.org/memorial-stone)) to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) by **April 21**. Stones will be dedicated during our Sunday Worship Service on **May 26**.

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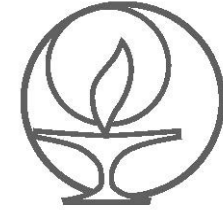
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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
<b>Monday, April 1</b>	
• 7:00 PM	Technology Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Council Meeting <i>online</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	
• 10:45 AM	Geneva History Museum Bell Ringing
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhist Meditation <i>online</i>
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	
<b>Friday, April 5</b>	Lazarus House Food Ministry
• 6:30 PM	OWL Overnight Begins
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	Lazarus House Food Ministry
• 4:00 PM	OWL Overnight Ends
• 6:00 PM	Pledge Drive Party <i>off-site</i>
<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:00 AM	Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Pizza Lunch & Scavenger Hunt
• 2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**March 31, 2024**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Page Poris

**Musicians:** Val Heinkel Bollero, piano; Corey Klein, trumpet; John Rosenkrans, string bass; UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel: Lauren Foulkes, Julie Riffle, Rhonda Robinson, Kelly Herz, Rachel Harbold, Melanie Abercrombie, Megan Spencer, Pat Vary, Colleen Cushing, Teal Cyko, Kyra Ward, Ash Peterson, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mike Bollero, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman

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

#### Upcoming Services

**April 7:** Rev. Julia Jones, "The Future is Non-Binary"

**April 14:** Annual YRUU Service

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “The Promise,” R. Spielberg

**Bell Ringing**

**Call to Worship**

**Introit** “Alleluia! I Will Sing,” David Waggoner

**Welcoming Words**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Opening Hymn** #269 “Lo, the Day of Days Is Here”

**Stewardship Testimonial** Tom Durkin

**Song of Praise**

**Our Covenant**

**Doxology**

**Story for All Ages** "Wish," Chris Saunders

*Children & youth exit for games, crafts & Easter gift*

**Stewardship Testimonial** Tom Haslett

**Passing the Peace**

**Stewardship Testimonial** Kathy Cornell

**Offertory** “I Plant You a Garden,” G. Gilpin

**Reading**

**Responsive Music** Exsultate, traditional text, music by John Leavitt

**Sermon** “Called Out and Called Forth”

**Closing Hymn** #270 “O Day of Light and Gladness”

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Benediction**

## Announcements

“**The “Pledge Season”** is drawing to a close and we gratefully thank everyone who has submitted a pledge form!! If you haven’t already done so, please complete your form this week, if at all possible. (We still welcome your pledges after March 31.) Please keep in mind that budget planning begins right away, so the more we know about what funding will be available, the better our team can plan for the coming fiscal year. Thank you! [uusg.org/pledge-drive](https://uusg.org/pledge-drive).

**Lazarus House** **We need help, please! April 6,** 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: [uusg.org/lazarus-house](https://uusg.org/lazarus-house).

**Pizza Lunch & Scavenger Hunt** Join us for a fun scavenger hunt at (and around) UUSG on **Sunday, April 7,** after the service (11:30am-1:00pm). Scavenging is hard work - pizza will be served to fuel your body and your mind before getting started. RSVP at [uusg.org/scavenger-hunt](https://uusg.org/scavenger-hunt). For questions, please contact Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org).

**BINGO Night at UUSG!** Saturday, **April 13,** 6-8pm. Come to UUSG for an evening of snacks, drinks, and BINGO! All ages are welcome to attend. Be prepared to have fun, laugh, and win prizes! Light refreshments, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. RSVP at [uusg.org/bingo](https://uusg.org/bingo). For questions, please contact Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org). If you are interested in helping with the set up and/or clean up, please sign up when RSVPing!

**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](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**A Timely Message from the ERT** With the recent tornadoes in Geneva, we are reminded that although we aren’t in the typical tornado season, which generally runs from May through November, with climate change, tornadoes are happening throughout the year, including winter. Please see the weekly email for the full message from the Emergency Response Team.

**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.

**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.

**Inclusion Book Club:** “The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women,” by Kate Moore. A riveting story of our fascination with radium in the early 20th century and of the radiation-poisoned young women who fought a groundbreaking battle for workers’ rights. Join us on **April 23, at 7pm,** on Zoom. [inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org](mailto:inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org).

**May the 4th Be With You!** Food Bank Day of Service 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](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup).