

DEI As our language has been shaped alongside a predominantly racist climate, it has absorbed some of the recollections from that period. On our journey to free our system of its prejudice, we must also purge our lexicons of the scars of the past which stoke buried hatred. Here are some phrases that you should immediately remove from your usage: <https://tinyurl.com/cr9bc4yr>.

Save the Date! UU Church of Bloomington Normal and UUSG are co-sponsoring a three-part series of Difficult Conversations: The art and science of working together. If you missed this workshop last year, now is your chance to attend! UUSG members and friends are invited to take part. Save the date for **January 27, February 1 & 3**, 6-8:30pm via Zoom. Registration and more information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

- Sunday, December 5** **Online Worship Service 11 am**
- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
 - 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group (online)
 - 2:00 pm Steeple Walk
- Monday, December 6**
- 3:00 pm Steeple Walk Meeting
 - 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting (online)
- Tuesday, December 7**
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 - 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (off-site)
- Wednesday, December 8**
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 - 12:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting
 - 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (off-site)
 - 7:00 pm DEI Team Meeting (online)

Thursday, December 9

Friday, December 10

Saturday, December 11

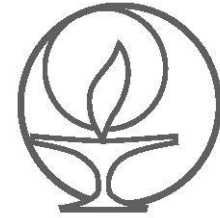
- Sunday, December 12** **Online Worship Service 11 am**
- 10:00 am Religious Education Classes K-12
 - 12:30 pm Big Ideas Covenant Group

Need a little more information? Check out our website at uusg.org and our calendar at uusg.org/calendar.

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Welcome to This House!



December 5, 2021

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Bhante Sujatha, Abbot of the Blue Lotus Temple

Worship Associate: Rev. Scot Hull

Musicians: Sandra Anderson, Calvin Hruby, Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Aaron Miller

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Scott Dotson

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Cari Gesiakowski, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday December 12: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, "Gratitude in 2021"

Sunday, December 19: Rev. Scot Hull, "Another Trip to IKEA: A Christmas Story"

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Welcoming Words

Introit “The Little Shepherd,” Claude Debussy

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant (written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement,
We have associated ourselves together -
Not as agreeing in opinion,
Not as having attained universal truth in belief
Or perfection in character -
But as seekers after truth and goodness.

Doxology

Hymn #181 “No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near”

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Offertory “No Matter If You Live Now Far or Near”

Meditation

Responsive “Larghetto,” Friedrich Kuhlau

Sermon

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Closing Hymn #1031 “Filled with Loving Kindness”

Postlude “Song of the Gondolier,” Friedrich Burgmuller

Announcements

Bhante Sujatha, a 30+ year Buddhist Monk, is singularly focused on adding more love in the world. Bhante teaches loving-kindness meditation to people around the globe for all those seeking the art of happiness and contentment. His approach to meditation is deep and simple, bringing core Buddhist teachings to everyone in a way that is practical and easy to understand. A joyful, radiant, funny and wildly energetic monk, Bhante will help you obtain peace that can only be found in deep silence. He is originally from Sri Lanka and is the head monk / abbot of the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center in Woodstock, IL. bluelotustemple.org/bhante-sujatha/.

Mutual Ground Domestic & Sexual Abuse Shelter

provides services to people throughout Kane and nearby counties:

- 24-hour crisis hotline: Domestic Violence – 630-897-0080
Sexual Violence – 630-897-8383
 - Residential services regardless of gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ability
 - Counseling services for adults, teens, and children impacted by domestic and sexual violence
 - Substance use services for individuals and families
 - Family services intended to interrupt the cycle of abuse
 - Legal advocates to help victims understand their rights and navigate the system
 - Medical advocates providing crisis intervention, emotional support, and more
 - Prevention education teaching students to recognize, refuse, and report abuse
- Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Board Chat Due to the upcoming holidays and additional commitments, Board Chats will resume on Sunday, February, 20. As always, if you would like to ask a question or have a comment to share, please reach out to board@uusg.org or to Molly MacKay Zacker at molly.zacker@mackayco.com.

Thank You! The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of the following people who prepared meals for Lazarus House this month: Page Poris, Jan Miller, Rose Moore, Carol Myers, Jean Pierce, Terry Shouba, and Gail Tattersfield.

Celebrating the Life of Al Drover: Memory Book Help us celebrate and remember the life of UUSG Member Al Drover by sending in memories, thoughts, photos and stories. Al and Ann's daughters are putting together a collection book that will be made available to all who would like a copy. If you'd like to contribute, you can email submissions to Christine Imielski at office@uusg.org, or drop off handwritten notes or photos at the church. Call (630-232-2350) or email Christine to arrange a time. The family welcomes all memories and stories, long or short, and humorous memories are especially welcome (with Al, there are probably many!). Please turn in submissions by **December 15**.

Week of Service 2022 We are looking for an individual or a team to help coordinate UUSG's annual Week of Service this spring. Coordinating the week involves planning a variety of volunteer opportunities, finding individuals to lead activities, organizing sign ups, and communicating information. Much of the planning is in place from past years, we just need a few more helping hands to keep our Week of Service tradition going. Training and administrative support are provided! If interested, contact Kerry Sapet at dayofservice@uusg.org.

Sacred Texts Study Group Whether a text is new to you or not, scripture can be challenging. This class will try to unravel things, at least a bit. No experience necessary! Meetings are on the 3rd Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is **December 13**, on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

The Inclusion Bookclub Join Lisa Gades and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the next one is **December 21**. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Zoom info available in the calendar.