

During the summer, our social hour takes a more relaxed approach, but all are welcomed and encouraged to sign up in advance so that we can acknowledge you! See uusg.org/hosting for upcoming dates.

At our Annual Meeting, our congregation voted to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative. We now happily look forward to Rev. Scott signing on our behalf. I'm not calling for cake here, but we should celebrate when we can.

Please join us Sundays, 6-7pm, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with Blue Lotus Temple monastics.

Connections Club June 5 Are you new to UUSG or just looking to connect? Connections Club meets once a month at the church and on Zoom to learn more about UUSG and for us to learn more about you. All are welcome to join. We will meet at 11:30am in the Sanctuary.

The Inclusion Book Club On June 21, in honor of Pride Month, we will begin discussing *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them* by Junauda Petrus. Additional links in the weekly email.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, May 29

- 11:30 am
- 12:30 pm

- 6:00 pm

Worship Service 10am
Memorial Stone Dedication
Big Ideas Covenant Group
-online
Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, May 30

Tuesday, May 31

Wednesday, June 1

- 10:00 am
- 12:00 pm
- 4:00 pm
- 7:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

Staff Meeting
Re-opening Meeting -online
Heritage Team Meeting
Choir Rehearsal
UU Buddhism Meditation & Study
Group -online

Thursday, June 2

- 11:00 am

The Great Courses Series -online

Friday, June 3

- 7:00 pm

Lazarus House Food Ministry
RUUU? Graduation & Celebration

Saturday, June 4

Lazarus House Food Ministry

Sunday, June 5

- 9:00 am
- 11:30 am
- 12:30 pm

- 6:00 pm

Worship Service 10am
Styrofoam Sunday
Connections Club
Big Ideas Covenant Group
-online
Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

May 29, 2022

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Deb Brod

Musicians: Jessica Littlefield, Cynthia Spiegel,
Tom Zimmerman

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, June 5: Rev. Scot Hull, "Pentecost"

Sunday, June 12: Pride Sunday, (offsite) 10am
New England Congregational Church, 406
W Galena Blvd, Aurora

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” traditional spiritual,
arr. John Carter

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #357 “Bright Morning Stars Are Rising”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Our 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

Passing the Peace

Offertory

Reading

Joys & Sorrows, Candle Lighting

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

Blessing of the Memorial Stones

Responsive “In Memoriam (Remember Me),” words Christina
Rossetti, music Michael John Trotta

Sermon “What Cost, Freedom?”

Closing Hymn #411 “Part in Peace”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Recessional “Largo,” from “Dvorak’s New World Symphony
no. 9 (Going Home)”

Announcements

This year, UUSG is partnering with the New England Congregational Church and the Wesley United Methodist Church of Aurora to give our faith feet and show our solidarity with our local LGBTQIA+ community! We are invited to munch, celebrate, and march with our community in this year’s annual Aurora PRIDE parade! More, there is a whole day of fun PRIDE activities for the whole family to share as we gather to celebrate in love, inclusion, and welcome! We will have a combined Community Worship Service at the New England Congregational Church at 10am, and the parade will begin at noon. Bring your energy! Bring your family! Bring your friends! The more, the merrier! As we march down the streets, we will carry our UUSG banner, call out chants, and play kazoos! We will also have Rainbow Peace necklaces to distribute to the kids and teens watching the parade. Sign up at uusg.org/parade to let us know you can attend. Final details regarding when and where to meet will be available soon! Questions? Contact Kimberly Harrison at kharrison436@gmail.com. Please see the weekly email and our website for more details.

The Mystical Tradition: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Thursdays at 11am on Zoom. Join Rev. Scot online as we tour selected offerings from The Great Courses and explore Big Ideas from the leading professors in their fields for an hour, followed by a BYO lunch & discussion. Details online and in the weekly email.

Change for a Change Jar: Collecting for Cal’s Angels

This year, the money will go to ‘Cal’s Angels,’ a local charity serving pediatric cancer patients with a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. Money collected in the Change for a Change jar at the front of the sanctuary will provide hospital parties and comfort kits for patients.

UUSG Women’s Circle: The WC team has enjoyed our 6 sessions this church year and appreciate all who participated, helped, or organized and provided a session. The Planning Team has decided to cancel the June 4, WC gathering. We will take a hiatus this summer and use our time to reimagine our mission and activities. And we will be seeking ideas for next year’s meetings. Please stay tuned for news of our Revised Version of WC, coming in the fall!

Do you want a safe church? Then please volunteer for the Emergency Response Team (ERT). A brief training, which includes situational awareness, prepares you to assist during emergencies. The more people who are trained observers, the safer we all will be. Please consider volunteering. Contact Diane Gallentine at dgallen123@gmail.com.

Social Justice Calendar

June 11, 9-12: Pack food at Northern Illinois Food Bank (ages 8 and up) Sign up in email

June 23, 9-10: Take lunch items to the Soup Kitchen in Aurora, Sign up in email

June 27, 7pm: Monday movie: Who, Me? Biased? Zoom Details in email

June 28 Last Day of Primary Election
More Social Justice Info in the weekly email.

Join the Mental Health Ministry, July 10, at 11:30am, in the Common Room for a short presentation and roundtable discussion regarding the mental health effects of COVID on individuals, families, and society over the past two years. Roxanne Willis will share a short introduction about the statistics related to COVID and mental health struggles—especially for children, elders, and other vulnerable populations. Then we will open the floor for people to share their stories, concerns, and ideas for regaining our mental strength—both as individuals and as a community. Please join us for this important conversation!

Save the Date: The UUSG Auction will be November 5, 2022!

May Beyond Our Walls: Northern Illinois Food Bank
The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food to 900 sites, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other programs. In addition, they sponsor child nutrition after school and summer programs, they operate two traveling food pantry trucks, they provide monthly boxes of food for seniors. Every dollar which you donate provides \$8 worth of groceries. You can also sign up through the UUSG website to pack food at the Food Bank on June 11. Sign up in the weekly email.