

Social Justice

September 22, 9-10 AM: Take lunch items to the Soup Kitchen in Aurora. Sign up at uusg.org/soup-kitchen.

Trinity Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed We need volunteers to provide 105 water bottles and 180 cookies for the Sep 22 Soup Kitchen commitment. Please sign up to let us know if you can help.

September 29: Voting Begins at office of election authority

October 16: Voters are Invited to a Democracy Party Join us after the service, 11:30-2, for a light pizza lunch. Play a Democracy trivia game. Help Get Out the Vote by writing postcards (all supplies and addresses provided). Learn about issues that depend on the outcome of this fall's election, including the Constitutional Amendment which will be on the ballot. Sign up at uusg.org/party.

Inclusion Book Club Join Lisa Gades & Kimberly Harrison 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, and the next date is September 20. On September 20 and October 18, we will discuss The Undocumented Americans, by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio. [More details and Zoom link at uusg.org](#).

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, September 18	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 12:00 PM	Veterans Service Planning Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, September 19	
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, September 20	
• 7:00 PM	The Inclusion Book Club -online
Wednesday, September 21	
• 4:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group -online
• 7:00 PM	Facilities Team Meeting
Thursday, September 22	
Friday, September 23	
• 11:30 AM	Geezer's Group -off-site
Saturday, September 24	
• 1:00 PM	Women's Circle -off-site
Sunday, September 25	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 11:30 PM	Social Justice Team Meeting
• 12:15 PM	Mental Health Ministry Presentation & Discussion
• 12:30 PM	Community Clean Up Along Fox River
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation Group

Monday Movie September 26, 7 PM "Racism in Our Schools – Efforts to Increase and to Decrease It". Fifty-two percent of the students in Illinois' schools are people of color. Yet only 18% of the teachers are. What can our schools do to increase their focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion? What forces in the tri cities are fighting to keep DEI out of the schools? Join us for a thought-provoking examination of the issues. Zoom link at uusg.org.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

September 18, 2022

Soul Matters Theme: Belonging

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

YRUU Worship Associate: Corey Klein

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, piano; Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scot Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, September 25: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, October 2: the Venerable Bhante Sujatha

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Introit “Cuna,” Federico Mompou

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn #100 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Lighting the Chalice

Song of Praise

Reading the Covenant

Doxology

For All Ages “Tico and the Golden Wings,” by Leo Leonti

Passing the Peace

Water and Stone Ceremony

Offertory “Coming From the Fountain,” Enrique Granados

Reading

Responsive Music “Impromptu Op. 19 No. 1” Howard Hanson

Sermon “Balancing Acts: All Things Are Not Equal”

Closing Hymn # “1064 Blue Boat Home”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Intimate Impressions #4,” Federico Mompou

Community Announcements

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September Beyond Our Walls - Food Ministry: Lazarus House & Soup Kitchen. This month’s BOW Collection will ensure that UUSG can meet its commitments to feed our neighbors, particularly at times of the year such as holidays when our dedicated volunteers have family commitments. The first Saturday of each month volunteers from UUSG provide lunches or dinners, and stay overnight to assist the 300 men, women, and children served by Lazarus House homeless shelter. Another 180 people are fed at the “Sandwich Board,” Aurora’s Soup Kitchen located in the Trinity Episcopal Church. UUSG has a standing commitment to provide water, cookies, and snackbars for lunches. **Please sign up to deliver meals to Lazarus House using uusg.org/Lazarus-house. Please sign up to provide food for the Sandwich Board Soup Kitchen using uusg.org/soup-kitchen.**

Women's Circle: How to Use Nature to Nurture Your Soul Saturday, September 24, 1-4 PM at Healing Gardens, 37W219 Dean St. in St. Charles. Our event will explore how nature “speaks” to us and how we can receive its message to restore and transform our daily lives. Carpooling is encouraged and an early arrival of ten minutes is suggested. Light refreshments and water will be provided. For more information and to sign up, please visit uusg.org/womens-circle. Space is limited, sign up to reserve your spot!

Nursery Caregivers Needed Do you like babies and children? Join our nursery staff and get paid doing what you love! Hours are 10:15-12 on Sundays. Pay is \$26 per shift. Min. age 18. Hiring 2-3 people (2 caregivers work each shift). Please spread the word and contact DRE@uusg.org to inquire.

UUSG Auction 2022 Please mark your calendar for an exciting and entertaining evening! Our UUSG auction is Saturday, November 5! We are in need of “experience” donations – a night at a cottage, teaching bridge or pickleball, for example. Please contact Jenny Montgomery and Molly MacKay Zacker at auction@uusg.org to add your fun event to our auction items!

Support us while you shop! When you do your shopping at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to UUSG! Just visit smile.amazon.com and select “Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva” as the charity.

Social Hour! As the new church year begins, so does our chance to host Social Hour for our congregation. Families, friends, teams, or groups—Anyone is welcome to host! Please limit food to something simple, cookies, small donuts, cheese sticks, maybe a small apple or orange. If anyone needs a refresher on how to operate the coffee machine, just ask Jamie Carroll. Sign up at uusg.org/hosting.

Buddhist Meditation Group Please join us Sundays, 6-7 PM, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dharma Talk with leaders from the Blue Lotus Temple.

Veterans Day Service At our service on November 13, we will once again have a rolling display of photographs of UUSG veterans and family members who served in the armed services of any country. If you have any photos that you would like to have displayed, please send them with captions to Jeff Stibal (jtstibal@gmail.com) by November 9. Electronic submissions are preferred. Please contact Aaron Fogleman (aaronfogleman@niu.edu) if you have questions.

Mental Health Ministry: “What Happens When a Loved One Becomes Seriously Ill?” with Peter and Bev Coe. Sunday, Sept. 25, 12:15pm in the Common Room. How do you make decisions when you suddenly find yourself with a loved one in a health crisis? Bev Coe will talk about her experience when Peter was in the hospital on a ventilator, including how she made difficult life-and-death decisions and how she coped during his hospitalization and longer-term recovery. We will also open the floor to discuss the mental toll it takes to be a caregiver for loved ones—whether during a short-term crisis, a long-term illness, or both, and share ideas for coping strategies for caregivers.

Keeping Our Community Healthy As we approach cold and flu season, this is a friendly reminder to please join us online if you are feeling under the weather. Thank you for helping us keep our congregation healthy!