

A Rapid Response Team in Aurora is trying to help three migrant families who arrived a few weeks ago. They ask for money or housing. Please contact the Aurora Rapid Response team aurorairrt@gmail.com if you have any room for a family in your house, or if you are willing to donate another property you own or manage. They are also collecting funds for a down payment for housing. <https://www.aurorapidresponse.org/give>

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 October 18. We will discuss "The Undocumented Americans," by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio. [More details and Zoom link at uusg.org](#).

A Celebration of Life Service for UUSG Member **Gloria Mansfield** will be held on Saturday, October 15, at 10am. After the service the family invites attendees to a reception with light refreshments and visiting in the Common Room.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, September 25	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
• 12:00 PM	RUUU? Meeting
• 12:15 PM	Mental Health Ministry Presentation & Discussion
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation Group
Monday, September 26	
• 9:00 AM	Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00PM	Movie Monday (online)
Tuesday, September 27	
Wednesday, September 28	
• 11:30 AM	The Luncheonettes -off-site
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 29	
Friday, September 30	
• 11:30 AM	Geezer's Group -off-site
Saturday, October 1	Lazarus House off-site
Sunday, October 2	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 9:30 AM	CommUnity Connections
• 9:30 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 12:00 PM	Social Justice & BOD Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation Group

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!

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

September 25, 2022

Soul Matters Theme: Belonging

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Cindy Duckworth

YRUU Worship Associate: Ben Holish

K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Ashley Peterson

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Musicians: Ruth Cavanaugh, Susan Conant, Cynthia Spiegel

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, October 2: the Venerable Bhante Sujatha

Sunday, October 9: Rev. Scot Hull

Order of Worship

Prelude “Cantabile for two flutes,” Susan Conant;
“Hashiveinu,” traditional

Call to Worship

Introit “Who Can Say,” words adapted from Gates of Repentance, music by Max Janowski

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn #1037 “We Begin Again in Love”

Lighting the Chalice

Song of Praise

Our Covenant

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

Story for All Ages “Nerdy Birdy,” Aaron Reynolds

Passing the Peace

Offertory “Bashana,” Nurit Hirsch

Reading

Responsive “Prelude and Moderato for two flutes,” Susan Conant

Sermon

Closing Hymn #146 “Soon the Day Will Arrive”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Nigun,” traditional

Community Announcements

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Today: Mental Health Ministry: “What Happens When a Loved One Becomes Seriously Ill?” with Peter and Bev Coe at 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.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

New Adult RE Offering—CommUUnity Connections

Please join us the first Sunday of every month as we get to know each other a little bit better... We will gather in the Common Room and each person will have the chance to answer “getting to know you” questions during the RE hour (9:30-10:15). Sign up encouraged but not required at uusg.org/connections. Questions for October 2: What is your passion or a favorite hobby? What is an object you still have from your childhood and what is the story behind it?

Social Hour! 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.

Veterans Day Service At our service on November 13, we will have a rolling display of photographs of UUSG veterans and family members who served in the armed services. If you have 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. Questions? Aaron Fogleman (aaronfogleman@niu.edu).

The UUSG choir is starting up for the new church year!

Did you sing in high school and are missing the joy of group singing? Or do you love to harmonize but would love some guidance? If you love singing in good company, then give us a try! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7 (**starting Sept. 28**) in our sanctuary. We will sing in church approximately once a month. Contact Cynthia Spiegel at music@uusg.org to be put on the email list or to ask questions. We’d love to have you!