

Social Justice Calendar

November 27 Deadline: HSP Holiday Food Drive
December 1 Deadline: Individually-packaged treats for young men at Illinois Youth Center
December 3: Help the Homeless by preparing a casserole and salad for 12. Sign up in email
December 4: Commit to Knit resumes
December 10: Illinois Youth Center Holiday Party

Humanitarian Service Project It's time for our 7th Annual Food Drive to support Humanitarian Service Project's holiday programs. Pick up your shopping bag today, and bring it back filled with food by **November 27!** Only non-expired food, please. Donations can be left in the volunteer office.

NIFB Please join the fun and volunteer at the Northern IL Food Bank! Pack food and enjoy your Saturday morning with the group! **December 10, all 9 AM-noon.** They can even arrange your transportation! Sign up online. Contact foodbankleader@uusg.org for more info.

Next week, Nov. 27, Before the Service: Question Box! Got Questions? Bring them early, the second Sunday of each month! (4th Sunday this month only!) Philosophy, Religion, Science, Science Fiction, The Future, Church Polity, Politics — it's all in bounds. What's on your mind? **Our guest speaker for next Sunday, Rev. R. Ken Turner, will join Rev. Scot at 9:30am for this thought-provoking question and answer session!**

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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, November 20 Worship Service 10:30 AM

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Church Chat: What Does This MEAN?
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- 6:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Fellowship

Monday, November 21

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

Wednesday, November 23

Thursday, November 24 Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25 Office Closed

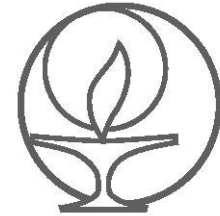
Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27 Worship Service 10:30 AM

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 11:30 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Change for a Change Jar Recipient for 22-23: Lazarus House Children. Religious Education students voted for the 2022-23 recipient of money collected in the Change for a Change jar in the front of the sanctuary. The funds will be donated to Lazarus House homeless shelter to use in support of children who are housed there.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

November 20, 2022

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Julia Jones
Worship Associate: Deb Brod
Musicians: Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano; vocal ensemble: Katie Baar, Roger Gallentine, Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel, Katie Yurkewicz, Tom Zimmerman
RE: K-2: Cindy Duckworth, Linda Dorr
3-5: Kerry Sapet, Gary Littlefield
6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold
9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jaime Andersen
Sunday Coordinator: Brian Doyle
Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, November 27: Guest-in-the-Pulpit, Rev. R. Ken Turner, "Release to Expand"

Sunday, December 4: Rev. Scot Hull, Advent

Order of Worship

Prelude “We Gather Together,” Cliff Hardin

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit “A Call to Silence; words Pamela Martin, music Craig Courtney

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #68 “Come, Ye Thankful People,”
text by UU minister Kendyl Gibbons

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

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

For All Ages “When You Have More Than Enough”

Passing Peace

Offertory “We’ll Build a Land,” Carolyn McDade

Reading Excerpt from “Braiding Sweetgrass,” Robin Wall
Kimmerer

Responsive Music “Listen to the Voices,” Holly Near

Sermon “Gratitude, Guilt, and New Construction”

Hymn #121 “We’ll Build a Land”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “In All Things Give Thanks,” Cloninger &
Barker

Community Announcements

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Thanksgiving Pie & Fellowship Rev. Scot is preaching at the Geneva Lutheran Church **tonight at 6 PM**. There will be loads of pie! Details at uusg.org.

Our November BOW offering will again go to **Veterans Path to Hope**. Veterans from WWII up to our present conflicts have successfully participated in Veterans Path to Hope services and have found employment, reconnected with their communities, and rejoined their families. Their programs are staffed by veterans and veteran-friendly individuals who have knowledge of the challenges that face veterans and demonstrate an individualized approach to each concern. This organization has transformed lives through its work with veterans in our part of Illinois.

The Mental Health Ministry will be giving a presentation on death by suicide and suicide prevention on Sunday, December 4, at 12 PM in the Common Room. Roxanne Willis will give a short presentation on the statistics related to suicide, the specific groups at risk, how to tell if someone needs immediate help, and what we can do as individuals and communities both to understand and to prevent death by suicide. After the presentation, we will open the floor for discussion of this difficult but important topic.

The Aurora Soup Kitchen (aka The Sandwich Board) serves mostly homeless and indigent persons in Aurora and surrounding communities. Due to Covid, sack lunches replaced a hot meal prepared in their kitchen. The need has grown from approximately 30 lunches to 220 lunches per week. UUSG is one of many surrounding churches who pitch in to meet this growing need and we are very grateful to those of you who provide bottled water, cookies, snack bars, and fruit. There is also a growing need for winter clothing: coats, jackets, sweaters, socks, mittens, hats, and scarves. All sizes are needed. If you have any of these items - new or gently used please, you may drop them off at UUSG in the volunteer office by December 15. Thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause.

Please join us Sundays, 6-7 PM, in the UUSG Common Room, for guided meditation and Dhamma Talk with leaders from the Blue Lotus Temple. Please register prior to 4 PM each Sunday, so we have an idea of how many individuals will be present at each meditation session. There is no cost to attend, but donations are graciously appreciated. The link to register is in the weekly email and on our website.

The UUSG Marketing Committee is trying to get the good word about our church out to potential new members. But we need your help to make sure we’re reaching the right people via the right media. Please take a minute to tell us where you get information about local news and events. Print or online newspapers? Facebook? Email lists? Other? We’ll use your insights to better target our public relations stories. **Take this two-question survey in the weekly email**. Deadline 11/30.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2023! Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, which are held in January, February, March, & April. Details and sign up at uusg.org/circle-suppers. Contact Mary Swanson at circlesuppers@uusg.org with questions. Deadline to sign up is **November 30**.

Inclusion Book Club Join Lisa Gades & Kimberly Harrison and UUSG members and friends in a monthly exploration of diversity, equity, and inclusion. On December 20 at 7pm on Zoom, we will continue our discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Spam/Phishing Email Reminders We have been alerted this week that there was a scam email being sent out via an email address pretending to be Rev. Scot Hull, asking if the recipient is available/asking for gift cards/requesting assistance. This is a phishing scam sent from a false email. If you are able to, mark the email as "spam" and delete. Also, please know that we will never ask you for money, donations, giftcards, or “favors” via email in this way. When in doubt, please feel free to call the office at 630-232-2350 and ask Christine to verify an email.