

### Opportunity to provide clothing for Asylum Seekers

As you know, a number of Asylum Seekers are arriving in Chicago. Many of them come from warm climates and are not prepared for our colder temperatures. If you would like to provide clothing and other essential items for them, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants has a wishlist on Amazon. The link is below.

[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**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.

### Commit to Knit Resumes Today, Before Church

Join Emily Clark and other crafty UUs to knit or crochet scarves, hats, and shawls for immigrants coming to Illinois from warmer climates. Emily will help with finding patterns and teaching knitting. She will be in the Heritage Room most Sundays.

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### Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](https://uusg.org/calendar)

#### Sunday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
- 9:30 AM CommUnity Connections
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 11:45 AM Intergenerational Band Practice
- 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Presentation & Discussion
- 2:00 PM Steeple Walk
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

#### Monday, December 5

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting
- 7:30 PM Technology Team Meeting -online

#### Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00 PM Council Meeting -online

#### Wednesday, December 7

- 12:00 PM Re-Opening Team Meeting
- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group -online

#### Thursday, December 8

#### Friday, December 9

#### Saturday, December 10

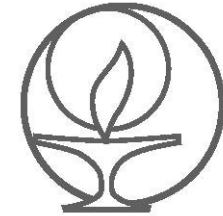
- 1:00 PM IYC Party -offsite

#### Sunday, December 11

- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Finance Team Meeting
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 11:45 AM Intergenerational Band Practice
- 11:45 AM RE Team Special Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

December 4, 2022

Soul Matters Theme: Wonder

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Pat Vary

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, piano; Linda O'Neill, violin; UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel: Kelly Herz, Rachel Harbold, Rhonda Robinson, Melanie Abercrombie, Emily Clark, Katie Baar, Linda O'Neill, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Teal Cyko, Pat Vary, Ashley Peterson, Jake Montgomery, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Aaron Miller

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Anthony Mistretta

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Linda Dorr

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, December 11:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit, Anne Clough, "Be Still"

**Sunday, December 18:** Rev. Scot Hull

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Bring That Torch!” Traditional French arr. Kevin R. Olson; “Comfort, Comfort, O My People,” Louis Bourgeois

### Call to Worship

**Introit** “O Dayspring,” Karen Marroli

### Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** # 225 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### Chalice Lighting

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Peace & Greetings

### Joys & Sorrows

### Candles of Remembrance

**Hymn of Comfort** #123 “Spirit of Life”

**Offertory** “People Look East,” Traditional French carol arr. Martin Shaw

### RUUU?

**Story for All Ages** “Are You Searching in the Wrong Place?”

**Responsive** “Come, Gentle Peace,” words Joseph M. Martin & Jonathan Martin, music Lloyd Larson

**Sermon** “From Darkness to Light”

**Hymn** # 226 “People, Look East”

### Chalice Extinguishing

### Benediction

**Sending Music** “Share the Light,” words Joseph Martin, tune “The Rocking Carol,” arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

### Community Announcements

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**Mutual Ground is our BOW cause for December.** Mutual Ground Domestic and Sexual Abuse Shelter provides many services to people throughout Kane and nearby counties: 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: Domestic Violence: 630-897-0080, Sexual Violence: 630-897-8383, Residential Services, Counseling Services, Substance use services, Family Services, Legal advocates, Medical advocates, Prevention Educators. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**The Mental Health Ministry** will be giving a presentation on death by suicide and suicide prevention **today 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.

**Decorate the Mitten Tree!** Does the tree in the sanctuary look different this year? Well, that is because it is decorated with love and generosity. This year, we are covering the tree with mittens, hats and scarfs. It will create a festive symbol of our community's generosity and provide much needed warmth for residents at Hesed House. Please consider buying these most requested items and hang them on the tree between now and Dec. 25, knowing that they will reach our neighbors in need for the winter months ahead.

**Next Week – Second Sunday of the Month: Question Box with Rev. Scot!** Got Questions? Let's talk about life, love, politics, theology, history, science, philosophy or whatever it is that sits on your heart or longs to leap from your lips. 45 minutes—from 9:30-10:15am in the Common Room. Join us!

**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](mailto:foodbankleader@uusg.org) for more info.

**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, we will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

**Save the Date** Blue Lotus New Year's Blessing Ceremony Please join us on Sunday, **January 8, at 6pm** in the Common Room for a New Year's Blessing Ceremony with our friends from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center. More information will be coming soon.

**UUSG New Year's Day Potluck** Join your UUSG Community in welcoming in the new year with food and fellowship! In lieu of service on January 1, we will be having a potluck beginning at 11am in the Common Room. Join us and RSVP at [uusg.org/potluck](http://uusg.org/potluck).

**Christmas Eve with UUSG** Please join us on Saturday, December 24, as we celebrate the holiday with carols, cocoa, and candles! Beginning at 4:30pm in our courtyard (weather permitting) our Music Director Cynthia Spiegel will lead us in singing some of our favorite carols. Hot cocoa will be served! At 5pm we will move into the Sanctuary as Rev. Scot, Cynthia, and our UUSG Choir lead us in our family friendly service that will include lessons, more beautiful music and carols, and a special candlelight carol to conclude the evening.

**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 room. **Deadline is December 15.**