

Upcoming Candidate Forums for Municipal Elections:

February 9, 7 pm: Batavia Candidates - Batavia City Hall

February 16, 7 pm: Geneva Candidates - Geneva Public Library

March 2, 7pm: Campton Hills Candidates - Campton Hills Village Hall

March 5, 12:15 pm St. Charles Candidates - St. Charles Public Library

Events will be streamed and available for later viewing here:

<https://my.lwv.org/illinois/central-kane-county>

Thanks! The Social Justice team appreciates the contributions of the following people who donated food for the Soup Kitchen in January: Larry Escalona, Kimberly Harrison, Carol Myers, Linda O'Neill, and Sherry Wilson.

Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. New to meditation? New to Buddhism? All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

Grant Writers Needed If you have experience researching or writing grants, then UUSG needs U! We have discovered grant opportunities that could make our facility more energy-efficient, safer, and more aesthetically attractive. Contact Christine, at office@uusg.org, if you're able to help.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, February 5

- 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Styrofoam Sunday
- 9:30 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 9:30 AM CommUnity Connections
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00 PM Council Meeting **online**

Wednesday, February 8

- 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting **online**

Thursday, February 9

- 6:30 PM The Shared Pulpit **online**

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

- 9:00 PM Northern IL Food Bank

Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 10:30 AM 4-6 OWL Class
- 11:30 AM Engagement Fair
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Adult RE & Community Building Join Rev. Scot and other UUSG leaders each Sunday before service for our monthly rotation of adult RE, community building, and discussions. Next Sunday, **2nd Sunday of the Month: Question Box!** Got Questions? Bring them early, the second Sunday of each month! Philosophy, Religion, Science, Science Fiction, The Future, Church Polity, Politics — it's all in bounds. What's on your mind?

Many Paths • One Church

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

February 5, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Love

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Beth Monhollen

Worship Associate: Cindy Duckworth

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, piano; Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Amanda Slaiher

3-5: Gary Littlefield, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Anthony Mistretta

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Ashley Peterson

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Technical Directors: Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson,

Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, February 12: Rev. Scot Hull, "Love is All You Need"

Sunday, February 19: Guest Pamela Rumancik, "Trekking Home"

Order of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Introit "Romantic Waltz," Enrique Granados

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #34 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

Chalice Lighting "Let us Look First to the Response of Love," by Maureen Killoran

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Meditation

Passing the Peace

Offertory "What Wondrous Love Is This," arr. Phillip Keveren

Reading Adapted from "Letting Go," Jay Wolin

Responsive "Mazurka," from "Romantic Scenes," Granados

Sermon "Waiting for Jesus and Superman"

Closing Hymn #354 "We Laugh, We Cry"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music "Sacro-Monte," Joaquin Turina

Announcements

Guest Speaker, Beth Monhollen Beth has been a UU at heart for over 25 years, although officially, she joined her home church in Milwaukee, WI a decade ago. It was there that she discerned a call to ministry and after several years as a lay leader, she answered that call, enrolling in the Master of Divinity program at Meadville Lombard Theological School in the fall of 2020. She will graduate in May, at which point she will be officially welcomed into Preliminary Fellowship as a UU minister. She is currently serving as the ministerial intern at WellSprings UU near Philadelphia and is thrilled to share that WellSprings will ordain her in June.

Mental Health Ministry: The History and Future of In-Patient Treatment for the Mentally Ill Today at 12pm in the Common Room. How should society care for those who need long-term support for mental illness? Peter Coe will talk about the history of institutionalization and the questions it raises for society. All are welcome to attend.

Women's Circle "Persistence" Saturday, February 25, 1-4pm in the Common Room & Zoom. Please join us for an inspiring TED talk to answer the question: How Can I Keep Going When I Can't See the Finish Line? Attendees are invited to discuss the topic and share their own experiences and thoughts. RSVP uusg.org/womens-circle. Bring a friend, invite a member you've not seen lately, or a neighbor who might be interested. Hope to see you there!

UUSG Membership Class New around here? Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Want to learn more about the privileges and responsibilities of becoming a voting member? You're in luck! Our next Membership Class is Sunday, **March 12, 12:30-2:30 PM** in the Common Room and online via Zoom. Sign up at uusg.org/membership-class.

UUSG Engagement Fair February 12, after service. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! There will be food and fun and showing off. Bring your ideas. Bring your enthusiasm. There are so many great things you can do here at UUSG! Spiritual growth. Justice. Stewardship. Facilities. Religious Education. Music. Membership. Welcoming. More! Interesting things, fun things, with great people. You'll get to see the life and times of a venerable and vital organization. Your organization. A place you get to call home. See you there!

The Emergency Response Team invites you to a training opportunity by the GPD: *Best Practices for Safety and Security for Houses of Worship*. **Sunday, February 19**, at **12:15** in the Sanctuary. The **Geneva Police Department** will be answering at a one-hour training presentation. The appropriate audience is adults and high school students. All members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting will also be available via Zoom. Details in email.

Inclusion Book Club Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm on Zoom. Our next book is "So, You Want to Talk About Race," by Ijeoma Oluo. To address systemic racism in America, we first need to talk about it. Oluo is an excellent author, recognized for guiding people through conversations about microaggressions, police brutality, systemic racism vs. personal bias, and more. To be added to our email list, please reach out to Christine at office@uusg.org.

Pub Theology February 20 at 7pm, Art History Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics, and more. Bring your questions & your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

Beyond Our Walls for February: YRUU H4H This month's BOW collection will help fund the YRUU trip to build a Habitat for Humanity house this summer in Redwing, MN. Your donation will help our youth assist a family in achieving the dream of owning a home. With your help, homeowners will achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Please give generously to help members of UUSG make a huge difference in a family's life.

One Book One UUSG March 9, at 7 PM in the Common Room. Our next book is *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. The book continues our interest in reading about the Native American traditions and history in the United States, and is based on a true story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida. Diane Gallentine & Jennifer Klein will host and lead discussion. Please RSVP to dgallen123@gmail.com.