

Thank You! The Social Justice Team appreciates the efforts of the following volunteers who provided meals for Lazarus House this month: Sherri Casterline, Cindy Duckworth, Cari and Sam Gesiakowski, Joyce Senters, Amanda Slaiher, Llona Steele.

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.

Commit to Knit Sundays at 9:30, Heritage Room
Calling all fiber folk! We are collecting blanket sections through the end of March to donate to Warm Up America! Details in Weekly Email. Emily Clark will help with selecting patterns and yarn with patterns and teaching knitting.

Second 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?

Join us Friday, March 24, when the The Friday Flick will be: "On Being Part of Nature," with Dr. David Suzuki, the revered scientist, broadcaster and activist whose 52 books and decades of TV and radio service have made him the most respected and powerful figure in Canadian environmentalism. The film is a powerful discussion on philosophy, humanity and prospects for the survival of civilization.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Styrofoam Sunday
- 9:30 AM CommUnity Connections
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 10:30 AM 5-6 OWL Class
- 11:45 AM Pledge Drive Kick-Off Potluck
- 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

- 6:30 PM The Shared Pulpit
- 7:00 PM One Book One UUSG

Friday, March 10

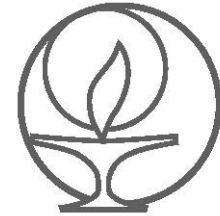
Saturday, March 11

- 1:00 PM Interfaith Discussion **offsite**

Sunday, March 12

- 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 10:30 AM 5-6 OWL Class
- 11:30 AM Second Sunday Sack Lunch
- 12:30 PM UUSG Membership Class
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- 7:00 PM YRUU Event

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 5, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Vulnerability

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: UUSG House Band: Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, Steve Nink, Geoff Pynn, John Rosenkrans, Tom Zimmerman

RE: K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Amanda Slaiher

3-5: Gary Littlefield, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jaime Andersen

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, March 12: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, March 19: Rev. Scot Hull

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Welcoming Words

Introit “Well All Right,” Buddy Holly, Jerry Allison, Norman Petty, Joe Mauldin

Testimonial Kathy Cornell

Opening Hymn #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

For All Ages “Sophia’s Guest”

Testimonial Slaiher Children

Offertory “Praise the Lord and Send Me the Money,” Hugh Moffatt

Reading

Responsive “Up Above My Head,” traditional gospel, Wood Brothers arrangement

Homily

Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending “Revival,” Dickey Betts

Announcements

Investing in a Brighter Future: Pledge Drive 2023-2024

The Pledge Drive is here! This week you'll receive your pledge drive packet in the mail--in it you'll hear from our president, Nancy, and Rev. Scot, and their thoughts on how UUSG can invest in our future and aim for sustainability. During the pledge drive you will be contacted by one of our pledge drive members who will get in touch with you to talk about UUSG in your life -- to share stories, joys and concerns, and to encourage you to consider how you will support our ongoing work of "promoting practical goodness in the world and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement." We are looking forward to a successful pledge drive, and we can't wait to talk with you! Thanks in advance for putting your caring commitment to UUSG at the top of your to-do list. Your generous, thoughtful participation is the most important ingredient for our success! Learn more at uusg.org/pledge-drive.

UUSG's Annual Week of Service will be held from Saturday, March 18 to Sunday March 26. Members and friends are invited to promote practical goodness by volunteering for opportunities like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Fox River Clean Up, The Period Collective, and putting together birthday bags and school supply kits. For more information and to sign up visit uusg.org/week-of-service.

Oneness Drum Circle Today! 2-4 PM Drums are among the earth's oldest musical instruments and seem to have had a place in every ancient culture. This Drum Circle led by Gina Grupe-Stibal is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around! See the Weekly Email for details.

One Book One UUSG March 9, at 7 PM, in the Common Room. *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead 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 lead discussion. RSVP to dgallen123@gmail.com.

UUSG Membership Class Thinking about becoming a member of UUSG? Our next Membership Class is March 12, 12:30-2:30 PM in-person & online. uusg.org/membership-class.

Game Night Friday March 17, 6-9pm. February FARKLE was a great success with so much fun, we decided we should do it again in March with MORE PEOPLE! Come one, come all... have fun while building deeper friendships. The kids are welcome to play with the adults or have their own table playing other games. BYOBeverages/Snacks of choice and remember to wear some green for St. Patrick's Day!

Worship Advisory Committee - Feedback Welcome!

The newly formed WAC needs your feedback regarding our Worship Services. Do you have ideas for sermon topics, guest speakers, or themes? Is there something new you'd like us to consider adding to our worship service or something we should consider omitting? Email wac@uusg.org, or feel free to speak with anyone on the committee: Rhonda Robinson, Julia Friesen, Deb Brod, Linda Dorr, and Kathy McFadden. More details in the weekly email.

UUSG Earth Hour - Saturday, March 25, at 7 PM. Attention musicians, poets, storytellers, magicians, astronomy buffs, drummers, and other talented people, come share your talent and help UUSG observe this year's Earth Hour. Contact the Green Sanctuary Team greensanctuary@uusg.org to help.

“We Don’t Have A Garage” Sale - April 27-29! Here's what you can do to help: 1. Start sorting and putting aside those items that you would like to donate. 2. Collect grocery bags for use during checkout 3. Contact Molly & Jenny about pickups for large items. 4. Sign up to help at the sale at uusg.org/garage-sale. Many additional details in the Weekly Email! Questions? Contact jenny@andymontgomery.com or molly.zacker@mackayco.com.

The March “Beyond Our Walls” Collection will go toward Fox Valley Hands of Hope which provides compassionate guidance and support to those in the Fox Valley area who are grieving. At no cost to clients, FVHH provides individual grief counseling for children and adults, as well as family counseling, and support groups. In addition, they work with local school groups to bring grief support groups directly to schools. They also run day-long family programs.

Pub Theology, March 16, at 7 PM, Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! uusg.org/pub-theology.