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**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. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

### Food Ministry

**May 6** Provide Lazarus House Meals: 20 sack lunches OR dinner casserole and salad for 12. Sign-up at [uusg.org/lazarus-house](http://uusg.org/lazarus-house).

**May 13, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank [uusg.org/food-bank](http://uusg.org/food-bank)

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

**Sunday, April 23**

- 10:30 AM Religious Education
- 11:45 AM ERT Team Meeting
- 11:45 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:00 PM Howlin' Owls Music Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Monday, April 24**

- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Worship Meeting

**Tuesday, April 25**

- 7:00 PM The Inclusion Book Club -online

**Wednesday, April 26**

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 27**

- 6:00 PM Sip & Shop

**Friday, April 28**

- 8:00 AM UUSG Spring Sale!
- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group -off-site

**Saturday, April 29**

- 8:00 AM UUSG Spring Sale!

**Sunday, April 30**

- 10:30 AM Religious Education
- 12:00 PM Howlin' Owls Music Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Discussion
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Spring Sale!** "Spring Sale Set-Up" will take place April 23-27, using the classrooms, Common Room, and any extra space within UUSG. The sale is April 28 & 29. Please plan any impromptu meetings or events outside of UUSG. Thank you!

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**April 23, 2023**

Soul Matters Theme: Resistance

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Becky Hruby

**Worship Associate:** Rhonda Robinson

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, Linda O'Neill, Michael Mackey, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman

**Teachers:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Linda Dorr

3-5: Kerry Sapet, Gary Littlefield

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Jenny Montgomery

9-12: Jennifer Klein, Ashley Peterson

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

**Technical Team:** Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, April 30:** Guest-in-the-Pulpit: Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Sunday, May 7:** Rev. Scot Hull, "The Size of God"

Many Paths • One Church

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

**Introit** “This We Know,” words by Ted Perry, inspired by Chief Seattle; music by Sarah Quartel

### Chalice Lighting

**Chant** “For the Beauty of the Earth,” music Lia Davis

**Presentation** *Green Tips & Tricks*

**For All Ages** *How To Help The Earth By The Lorax*, by Tish Rabe

### Children Leave for Religious Education

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Reading Offertory

**Reading**  
**Hymn** #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”

**Reading**  
**Music** “Carry Me Chant,” by Linda O’Neill, arr. Adam O’Dell

**Reading**  
**Music** “Roll to the River,” by Cindy Kallet

**Reading**  
**Hymn** # 1064 “Blue Boat Home”

### Chalice Extinguishing

**Sending Music** “May You Walk This Land,” by Elat Ophidia Alekner

### Benediction

## Announcements

**Save the Dates!** We have lots coming up at UUSG, save the dates for these special events, details to come!

**May 14:** New Member Recognition during Service

**May 21:** Annual Congregational Meeting & Spring Picnic Celebrating RE Volunteers

**June 3:** Julia Jones' Ordination & Celebration

**June 11:** UUSG Marching in Aurora Pride Parade

### "We Don't Have a Garage" Sale - April 28 & 29, 8am-4pm

We have your items, now it's time to sell them! If you're able to sign up to help us organize, price, and sort this week, please sign up today at [uusg.org/garage-sale](http://uusg.org/garage-sale). We also have available slots during the sale itself--let us know today if you can help!

**And don't forget to attend the Sip and Shop on Thursday, April 27, 6-9pm** when UUSG Members & Friends are given the opportunity to shop (and have a beverage) before the public. Please contact Molly [molly.zacker@mackayco.com](mailto:molly.zacker@mackayco.com) & Jenny [jenny@andymontgomery.com](mailto:jenny@andymontgomery.com), with questions, and thanks to all who have donated!! We are expecting a huge turnout from the public!

**April 30 Guest Speaker** Pamela Rumancik, "There is a Field" The world continues turning and many things which were previously hidden have become visible to anyone willing to open their eyes and see. What comes next? How can we reimagine our relationship with the world in ways that offer love, kindness and equality to every person. What is ours to do in a new landscape?

**Celebration of Life Service** for UUSG Member Steve Zrebiec. Please join us as we gather on Saturday, May 13, at 11am in the Sanctuary to celebrate the life of our dear member, Steve Zrebiec. Calvin invites the UUSG Community to join us after the service for a catered lunch and visiting. To help us with planning, please let Christine know if you'll be attending by Thursday, May 4.

**Fundraiser Success!** Thank you to all who joined us this month at our first ever restaurant fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen--our dining and carry-out orders raised \$311.02 for UUSG!

**The Inclusion Book Club** Our next book will be “The End of Bias: A Beginning,” by Jessica Nordell. Jessica is a science journalist who delves into the science and psychology of unintentional bias and discrimination. We'll begin discussing the book on **April 25** and conclude on **May 23**, 7:00pm on Zoom. More detail in the weekly email.

**Join the Mental Health Ministry** on Sunday, **April 30** at 12pm in the Common Room to examine how our currently divided America takes its toll on our individual and collective mental health. To do this, we will engage in a thought experiment: "What if America Reinstated the Draft for Military or National Service?" More details in the Weekly Email.

**Oneness Drum Circle** Sunday, **May 7**, 2-4pm in the Sanctuary. Each month we will be honoring a different type of musical rhythmic exploration as we come together playing various instruments in joyful celebration. May's rhythmic exploration theme is Sea Shanties. Our drum circle is designed for ALL ages and we bring plenty of instruments to share for those who are curious to try something new.

**UUSG Art Wall Resumes!** Share your artistic talents with us by signing up for an exhibition slot for our UUSG Art Wall in the Common Room. Photography, paintings, drawings, textiles, mixed media--we'd love to see it! Interested? Send an email to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**April Beyond Our Walls** The April BOW is the UUSG “Make a Difference” (MAD) fund. The fund was established in 1996 to respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance. We have been able to help many members since then. Thank you for your generous giving!

**Mental Health Ministry Support Group** The MHM wants to hear from folks if there is an interest in a monthly support group meeting for members and friends of UUSG, led by a trained group facilitator (social worker/therapist/etc). We are also looking for members who have the experience and willingness to be a facilitator on a rotating basis. If interested please email Roxanne Willis at [roxwillis@gmail.com](mailto:roxwillis@gmail.com).