

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.

May 13, 9-12: Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank uusg.org/food-bank

June 22: Feed the Hungry by providing food at the Soup Kitchen. uusg.org/soup-kitchen.

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.

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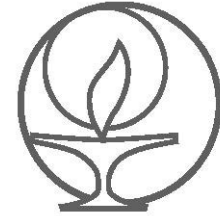
Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, April 30	Worship Service 10:30 AM
•	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
Monday, May 1	
•	1:00 PM Staff Meeting
•	2:00 PM Worship Meeting
•	7:00 PM Technology Team Meeting
Tuesday, May 2	
•	7:00 PM Council Meeting (online)
Wednesday, May 3	
•	3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
•	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
•	7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group (online)
Thursday, May 4	
•	6:30 PM The Shared Pulpit: How to Give a Sermon
Friday, May 5	
•	6:00 PM Youth Event: Flashlight Tag
Saturday, May 6	
Sunday, May 7	Worship Service 10:30 AM
•	10:30 AM Religious Education
•	12:00 PM Howlin' Owls Music Rehearsal
•	2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
•	6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Christine will be out of the office on Wednesday, May 3.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

April 30, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Resistance

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Pam Rumancik

Worship Associate: Kathy McFadden

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, piano; Karen Mooney

Teachers: K-2: Aaron Miller, Amanda Slaiher

3-5: Gary Littlefield, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Anthony Mistretta

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jaime Andersen

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

Sunday, May 14: Rev. Scot Hull, Flower Ceremony & New Member Recognition

Many Paths • One Church

Order of Worship

Prelude "To an Old White Pine," Edward MacDowell & "Turn the World Around," Harry Belafonte & Robert Freedman, arr. Jason Shelton

Call to Worship "Trees," Joyce Kilmer

Introit "Poem," Zdenek Fibich, rev. Karel Solc

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #298 "Wake Now My Senses"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

For All Ages "The Great Kapok Tree," Lynn Cherry

Children Leave for Religious Education

Meditation "This Day," Jimmy Santiago Baca

Passing the Peace

Reflection Music "Trees Grow Slow," Lawrence Cole

Offertory "The Leaf Unfurling," John Corrado

Reading excerpt from "The Hidden Life of Trees," Tim Flannery

Reading "Trees," Howard Nemerov

Message "There is a Field"

Music

Closing Words Book of Job in the Hebrew scripture 7-9

Closing Hymn #7 "The Leaf Unfurling"

Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude Jaro a Mladi (Printemps et la Jeunesse), Zdenek Fibich, Rev. Karel Solc

Announcements

Our Guest Speaker today is Rev. Pamela Rumancik.

"There is a Field" Each of us live within the world we were taught exists - but could there be more? As we learn about our planet and the other beings which share it with us, we might be surprised. Maybe we can reconnect with the wonder of childhood and begin to see the amazing and beautiful place that we call home. We'll start with the trees...

Join the Mental Health Ministry today 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?"

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.

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 will attend by Thursday, May 4. Email office@uusg.org.

UUSG Annual Congregational Meeting This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11:30am in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. All Members and Friends are encouraged to attend. Voting Members, please RSVP at uusg.org/annual-meeting so we can ensure a quorum. We will be voting on the new slate for the Board of Directors, and will hear from our Board President, Nancy Christensen, and Rev. Scot on this year's accomplishments and plans for the new fiscal year. The meeting will be followed by our spring picnic!

Pub Theology May 15, 7pm at Art History Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

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 conclude the discussion on **May 23**, 7:00pm on Zoom. More detail in the weekly email.

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

Our Next Destination Fundraiser: Culver's After a VERY successful fundraiser at CPK (We made \$300+ for UUSG!) we have planned a second event. May's destination fundraiser is at Culver's on Wednesday, May 17th! At the Culver's on Randall Road in St. Charles between 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. if you mention that your order should be counted towards the fundraiser, UUSG will receive 10% of all orders! Cheese curd, yummy frozen custard, great root beer....not to mention their burgers and chicken tenders....YUM!!

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 roxwillis@gmail.com.