

**Did you know?** The Aurora Soup Kitchen Needs Us Now More than Ever! Four people are needed to provide cookies or water on **June 22**. Recently, the number of people being served by the “Sandwich Board” – the Aurora Soup Kitchen – has grown exponentially. Six times a year members and friends from UUSG provide water bottles, cookies, and snack bars for lunches distributed at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E. Benton Street, Aurora. Food can either be left at UUSG before June 22, or taken directly to the Sandwich Board on June 22. Contact Sherry Wilson at [wilsonesca@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonesca@gmail.com) if you have questions, if you would prefer to donate money, or if you would you would like to be reimbursed for your donation. Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**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.

**UUSG Food Ministry: June 10, 9-12:** Help the Hungry by packing food at Northern Illinois Food Bank [uusg.org/food-bank](http://uusg.org/food-bank) **June 22 and July 27:** Feed the Hungry by providing food at the Soup Kitchen. [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**A Celebration of Life Service for Joani Foster** will be held in our Sanctuary & Zoom on Saturday, June 10 at 10am.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

- Sunday, June 4**
- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
  - 12:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Presentation & Discussion
  - 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, June 5**
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
  - 2:00 PM Worship Meeting
  - 2:30 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
  - 7:00 PM Technology Team Meeting
- Tuesday, June 6**
- Wednesday, June 7**
- 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Planning Meeting
  - 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting Meeting
  - 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group *online*
- Thursday, June 8**
- Friday, June 9**
- 6:30 PM RE Cougars Night *off-site*
- Saturday, June 10**
- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank Group
  - 10:00 AM Joani Foster Celebration of Life
  - 2:00 PM Geneva Pride Family Picnic at Wheeler Park Pavillion
- Sunday, June 11**
- 10:00 AM Community Worship at New England Cong. Church, Aurora
  - 12:00 PM Marching in Aurora Pride Parade
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**June 4, 2023**

Soul Matters Theme: Delight

### Today's Worship Team

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

**Worship Associate:** Pat Vary

**Musicians:** UUSG Band: Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, Will Sapet, Geoff Pynn, John Rosenkrans, Tom Zimmerman, Cynthia Spiegel

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, June 11:** Pride Parade & Service! 10 AM  
New England Congregational Church  
406 W Galena Blvd, Aurora  
Pride Parade immediately following

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

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

**Introit** "I'm Tired," Chris Youldon (Savoy Brown)

### Welcoming Words

**Special Recognition** Llona Steele for Jean Pierce

**Opening Hymn** #108 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

### Chalice Lighting

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Passing the Peace

### Reading

**Responsive** "Give a Little Bit," Rodger Hodgson  
(Supertramp)

**Sermon** "Pride, for Love and Spite"

**Hymn** "One Foot, Lead with Love," (call and response)

### Joys and Sorrows

**Hymn of Comfort** #123 "Spirit of Life"

**Offertory** "Freedom," George Michael

### Chalice Extinguishing

**Sending Music** "Born This Way," Lady Gaga

### Benediction

## Announcements

**Mental Health Ministry Presentation: Dementia Today at 12pm** in the Common Room. In the U.S. alone, 7 million people are living with some form of dementia. We will discuss the different forms of dementia, the treatments available, caregiver challenges, and more. All are welcome.

**Oneness Drum Circle Today, 2-4pm** in the Sanctuary. June's theme is Military Medleys & Marches in honor of Memorial Day. 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 or simply learn how to let go and trust the improvisation of your heart. Come have fun with us!

**Pride Picnic** Next Saturday, June 10, 2-6pm, join us for our Second Annual Family Pride Picnic in the Park! In a time when so many of the LGBTQ community are being told that they have no rights to life, to dignity, to healthcare, we instead collectively chose to affirm and promote not only their inherent worth and dignity, but their importance, their vitality, and their liberation. And we're gonna do it with hotdogs (and other picnic offerings)! Fun and games will be enjoyed by all. Volunteers are needed. Sign up at [uusg.org/pride-picnic](https://uusg.org/pride-picnic).

**Pride Sunday & Parade** Next Sunday, June 11, UUSG will march again! We begin with a 9am Pride Pancake Breakfast, followed by a 10am community worship service led by Rev. Scot, all at the New England Congregational Church in Aurora. Immediately following the worship service, UUSG will be organizing in the NECC parking lot before heading over to the parade staging area. Even if you are not able to join us for the march, make every effort to attend the service, and help us launch our parade team! Bring your rainbows!

**Pride Fundraiser!** Our DEI Team is hosting a charity raffle during June, featuring a lovely Pride Quilt made and donated by Sherry Wilson. Proceeds support The Trevor Project, whose mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people. Look for DEI Team members selling raffle tickets in the Common Room.

**The Emergency Response Team** plans to offer CPR/AED/First Aid Classes this summer and fall, and we would like to hear from interested parties on your preferred days and times! Please take our survey, [uusg.org/ert-survey](https://uusg.org/ert-survey), by June 17. Thanks for your participation!

**Two Weeks Until Swedish Days!** Come join in the fun and meet new friends and reconnect with old ones at our annual Swedish Days Pizza Booth! This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we would love your help! We have many positions available, more information and sign up at [uusg.org/swedish-days](https://uusg.org/swedish-days).

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Class** - July 16, 12:00pm in the Common Room. Join us for a two-hour orientation class on the history of Unitarian Universalism and of UUSG! We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. Sign up at [uusg.org/explore](https://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

**Exploring Membership Class** July 30, 12:00pm in the Common Room. A two-hour class on exploring membership will be offered in the Common Room for those who are interested in becoming members of UUSG. Sign up at [uusg.org/explore](https://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

**June Beyond Our Walls: Youth Outlook** Youth Outlook is solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ+ youth. Working in 6 counties, they offer drop-in centers, providing a safe space for youth, to meet other LGBTQ+ young people, as well as a support group for people who are parenting LGBTQ teens.

**Make a Friend – Make a Difference:** We need 8 More People to Pack Food at the Food Bank **June 10**. Join other members and friends from UUSG to sort and pack food for our hungry neighbors 9-12 on June 10. This is a great way to meet other people who are making a difference in our community. Children between 8 and 16 are welcome to come with a parent. Please wear close-toed shoes. Location: 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva. Questions? Ask Kevin Beyer at [foodbankleader@uusg.org](mailto:foodbankleader@uusg.org). [uusg.org/food-bank](https://uusg.org/food-bank).