

**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 is Looking for a New Hedge Trimmer!** UUSG Member Pat McGleam will be retiring from trimming the UUSG hedges after many, many years of incredible service. We are so appreciative of his time! We are looking to fill this volunteer role, if interested, please contact Christine Imielski at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Here is Pat's description of what would need to be done: Yews and Boxwood Hedges should be trimmed in Mid-May and again at the end of June. UUSG has a trimmer and extension cord. Estimated time for each complete trim: 2 hours.

**RE Summer Event! Sunset Pool in Geneva** Wednesday, July 5, 1-4pm. Come join us for an afternoon of splashing, swimming, water slides, and fun! UUSG will cover the cost of admission for all youth in our RE program. Contact Becky at [DRE@uusg.org](mailto:DRE@uusg.org) to RSVP or more information.

**Hang Time** Our youth in K-8 are invited to socialize & play games with peers in the common room during the service on July 9. Two adults will lead and supervise the games. If you're a kid at heart and want to join our volunteer base, please contact Becky Hruby at [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org). Future dates will be announced as they are staffed.

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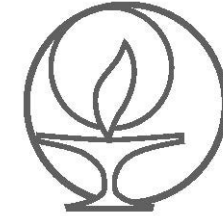
## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

- Sunday, July 2**                      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
  - 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, July 3**
- 7:00 PM Technology Team Meeting
- Tuesday, July 4**                      Office Closed / Staff Off
- Wednesday, July 5**
- 1:00 PM RE Event: Sunset Pool - Geneva
  - 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
  - 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group *online*
- Thursday, July 6**
- Friday, July 7**                      Lazarus House Food Ministry
- Saturday, July 8**
- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank
  - 2:00 PM Memorial Service
- Sunday, July 9**                      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Rev. Scot will be out of the office July 1 through August 6.

# **Welcome to This House!**



## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**July 2, 2023**

### **Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Steve Clark

**Worship Associate:** Gail Tattersfield

**Musicians:** Angela Salvaggione, Emily Clark

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

### **Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday, July 9:** Rev. R Ken Turner

**Sunday, July 16:** Dave Becker

**Sunday, July 23:** William Elbert's Poetry Service

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “Valse Orientale,” Wadia Sabra

## Bell Ringing

## Call to Worship

**Introit** “Prelude 3,” Houtaf Khoury

## Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #112 “Do You Hear?”

## Chalice Lighting

## Song of Praise

## Covenant

## Doxology

## Passing Peace

**Offertory** “Impromptu,” Georges Baz

## Reading

**Responsive Music** “Invention,” Georges Sawan

**Sermon** “Wait, what happened?”

**Hymn** #170 “We Are a Gentle Angry People”

## Chalice Extinguishing

## Benediction

**Sending Music** “El Helwa Di,” arr. Wajdi Abou Diab

## Announcements

**Our guest in the pulpit today is Steve Clark.** Here is a little bit about Steve: “I’m a former public school teacher who also spent years working in higher education. I currently lead a multinational team of trainers and technical writers in support of clinical trial software solutions. I’m a proud father of twin girls, famous for their readings, and a totally average husband just trying to not leave my socks lying around the house.”

**Next week, July 9, Rev R Ken Turner** will return to UUSG to talk about “The Masters God.” “Don’t shoot the messenger,” a phrase most have heard. The phrase implies that the message being delivered will not be of a positive nature. A similar phrase that could be attached to some of the founders of several of the world religions is, “Don’t worship the messenger.” It’s a phrase that could be an indication of how they perceived their mission. The Masters God is an exploration of possible perceptions.

**The July BOW** cause is the **Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.** ICDI provides a number of essential services for immigrants and asylum-seekers, including:  
+Offering housing, financial assistance, and case management to people who would otherwise have been detained in traumatizing conditions  
+Providing support to immigrants being held in ICE detention in county jails  
+Accompanying immigrants in court and serve as observers to hold the Immigration Court system accountable  
+Visiting migrant children apprehended by the US Government for crossing the border who are awaiting reunification with a family member.

**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](http://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

**UUSG Food Ministry July 8, 9-12:** Pack food at Northern Illinois Food Bank [uusg.org/food-bank](http://uusg.org/food-bank). **July 27:** Provide lunch items for the Aurora Sandwich Board. [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](http://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**Help Us Keep Our Building Looking Great!** A gentle reminder to please refrain from bringing food and coffee into the Sanctuary. Coffee stains have become a problem for the carpet and we appreciate your help in keeping our building looking its best. In the case of spills, please use the spill kit (club soda and rags) located in the kitchen, and reach out to the office so that we can take appropriate follow-up. We also have a dustbuster in the kitchen, and vacuum in our custodian's closet. Thank you!

**Every Picture Tells a UUSG Story** It’s almost impossible to capture everything that makes UUSG what it is, but the new photo wall in our Common Room gives a visual overview of our many social justice and fellowship activities. The UUSG photo libraries were scoured for shots that tell a story while depicting the many ways we promote “practical goodness in the world.” The display is changeable, and information will be provided in the future about when and how the photos will evolve to share everything that makes us UUSG. Enjoy!

**Oneness Drum Circle Today 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. July’s theme is Patriotic Freedom with Fife and Drum. 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.

**Simply Sharing** Our UUSG conversation group is recommittting to meeting in person once a month. Our next meeting is Wed, July 12, 1-3pm in the Common Room. A permanent meeting day each month will be considered and settled shortly. If you’re interested in joining or if you need info, contact Gail Tattersfield at [simplysharing@uusg.org](mailto:simplysharing@uusg.org).

**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](http://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.