

**UUSG Food Ministry July 27:** Provide lunch items for the Trinity Episcopal Sandwich Board: [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).  
**August 5:** Provide Lazarus House 20 sack lunches or a dinner entree & salad for 12: [uusg.org/lazarus-house](https://uusg.org/lazarus-house)

**Short Version of Board Minutes - July 11, 2023**

- Tom Haslett reported on the [UUSG FY 2022-2023 Financial Summary](#). Overall, our Net Increase in Reserves for 22-23 was \$29,642.00.

- Rev. Scot has been in discussions to engage a temporary Membership Coordinator. The Board and our Human Resources liaison Roger Gallentine will review the drafted contract.

- The Board has accepted a proposed distribution of \$10,000.00 from a former member's Living Trust.

- The Board is looking to create a Legacy Giving Team. Tom Zimmerman and John Rosenkrans have volunteered to move the process forward by reviewing previously researched information on legacy giving.

- Congregational Meeting for September 10<sup>th</sup> to amend the By-Laws. A notice to the congregation will be sent no later than August 13<sup>th</sup> to call a special meeting to propose changing the required number of board members from nine to seven. This would go into effect FY 24-25 if passed.

UUSG Minutes (which include the full version) and Reports are available to UUSG Members & Friends at [uusg.org/minutes-and-reports](https://uusg.org/minutes-and-reports). Contact [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) for the password to view them.

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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

**Sunday, July 16**

Worship Service 10:00 AM

- 12:00 PM Exploring UU History Class
- 12:00 PM ERT Meeting *online*
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Monday, July 17**

**Tuesday, July 18**

**Wednesday, July 19**

- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group *online*
- 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting

**Thursday, July 20**

**Friday, July 21**

- 6:30 PM Pride Progress
- 7:00 PM Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.

**Saturday, July 22**

- 11:00 AM RE Event: Wheeler Park

**Sunday, July 23**

Worship Service 10:00 AM

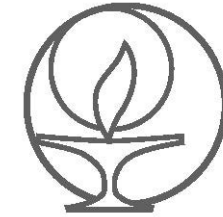
- 11:15 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation July 20-23 and July 27-July 31.

**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.

# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**July 16, 2023**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** David Becker

**Worship Associate:** Page Poris

**Musician:** Geoff Pynn

**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 23:** William Elbert's Annual Poetry Service

**Sunday, July 30:** Anne Clough, "Retreat, Connect, Repeat"

## Order of Worship

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #182 "O, the Beauty in a Life"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing Peace

Offertory

Reading

Responsive Music

Sermon "The Transformational Lives and Lessons of Fannie Barrier Williams and Celia Parker Wooley"

Hymn #287 "Faith of the Larger Liberty"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music

## Announcements

**Our guest speaker today is Dave Becker.** Dave is a UU minister, interfaith chaplain, educator, and activist. He is actively involved in issues of environmental justice, racial justice, immigration, child advocacy, and the intersection of those issues with faith formation and community building. As an educator, he has focused on learning in outside of school settings, cultural organizations, neighborhoods, and families through hands-on interactive learning and play. He lives with his family in DeKalb, and works in the Chicagoland area. He is a graduate of Meadville-Lombard Theological School with a dual M.Div. and M.A. of Leadership Studies, along with an M. Ed in Learning and Human Development from University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC).

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Class Today!** 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. Lunch is provided.

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

**July 22 (Saturday) RE Outing** 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Wheeler Park in Geneva. Join us on the playground! If you've outgrown that, you can play pickleball or disc golf (equipment needed for these activities will be provided). Or, simply enjoy walking the paths or sitting under the shade of a tree and visiting. Mini-golf is also available, as well as ice cream/concessions. Each youth in our RE program will receive a round of golf compliments of UUSG.

**It's Just Lunch!** Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on Wednesday, July 26. We hope to be outside on the patio/balcony! Please sign up at [uusg.org/lunch](https://uusg.org/lunch) so we know how many spots to reserve.

**Oneness Drum Circle** Sunday, August 6, 2-4pm, in the Sanctuary. In our Circle, we learn how to move away from our ego-centric thoughts by getting grounded into our heart center, tapping into the natural flow of our unique heart songs through sound vibrations. We bring plenty of instruments to share and encourage for all ages and abilities, no musical background required. Please email Gina Grupe-Stibal at [drumcircle@uusg.org](mailto:drumcircle@uusg.org) if you would like more information.

**Pride Progress** has arrived at UUSG! We are a group of queer and ally alike focused on providing social outlets and learning opportunities for UUSG and the local/wider community. Please join us in the common room on July 21, at 6:30 for our first meet and greet event. We will spend the evening getting to know each other, making future plans, and discussing the 3 pillars & the concept of gender fluidity. Please contact group facilitator Caroline Pickett at [progress@uusg.org](mailto:progress@uusg.org) for questions and more information.

### July Guest Speakers

**July 23,** Guest Speaker, UUSG Member William Elbert with Deb Brod, Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Colleen Cushing Celebrate Poetry! William Elbert will treat us with the Annual Poetry Service as only he can! Join us for exquisite poetry and beautiful music as we enjoy a little vacation for our ears.

**July 30,** Guest Speaker, Anne Clough Anne Clough will share her message "Retreat, Connect, Repeat." How do we balance our responsibility to society with our need to nourish our spirits?