

In July we raised \$979.20 for Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants. Thank you for your generous giving!

UUSG at CPK is Back! Save the date for our next destination fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. On **Thursday, September 14**, 11am-9pm, if you mention UUSG at checkout a percentage of all sales will come back to the church. Last time we raised over \$300 for UUSG!

Summer Guest Speakers

August 20: Aaron Fogelman

August 27: Michael Mackey

September 3: Most Venerable Bhante Sujatha

UUSG Discussion Salon Sunday, August 27, at 11:45am in the Common Room. Join us as we revisit the topic of Artificial Intelligence and Technology. Will AI take away your job? It's estimated that 300 million jobs could be lost or diminished by this fast-growing technology. And what data is it collecting about us? Refreshments will be provided or bring your own.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, August 13 Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 11:15 AM RE Steering Team Meeting
• 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, August 14

Tuesday, August 15

• 10:00 AM Pottawatomie Park Event

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

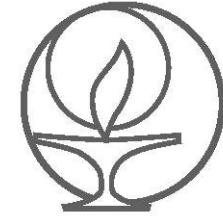
Sunday, August 20 Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 11:15 AM Veterans Group Meeting
• 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Staff Vacations

Rev. Scot will be back in the pulpit September 10, for Homecoming.

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation August 17-19.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

August 13, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Pamela Rumancik

Worship Associate: Linda Dorr

Musicians: Valerie Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Rev Karen Mooney, 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, August 20: Aaron Fogelman, "UUSG and the Politics of Slavery"

Sunday, August 27: Michael Mackey, "Ivory-Bill"

Order of Worship

Prelude "Courage Of The Wind," D. Lanz

Call to Worship

Introit "Crowded Table," by Lori McKenna, performed by Rev Karen Mooney

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

For All Ages "The Chief's Three Sons," Anonymous, Adapted

Meditation "A prayer of shelter and shadow," Pádraig Ó Tuama

Passing the Peace

Reflection Music "Change is Coming," Molly Bajgot, performed by Rev Karen Mooney

Offertory "What The World Needs Now Is Love," B. Bacharach

Reading "Hopi Prophecy"

Reading "The Misunderstood Reason Millions of Americans Stopped Going to Church," excerpt Jake Meador

Music "The Times they are A'Changing," Bob Dylan, performed by Rev Karen Mooney

Message "A Place to be Real"

Hymn #407 "Crowded Table," Lori McKenna

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction "For Nothing Is Fixed," James Baldwin

Sending Music "Ecce Novum," O. Gjeilo

Announcements

The Rev Pamela Rumancik is poet, native plant enthusiast and long-time tree-hugger. She's working as a hospice chaplain after serving 10 years in congregational ministry. Her spiritual roots reach back to Catholicism, and she is an initiate into the Ruhaniat Sufi tradition. These deep liturgical origins inform her love of the arts as a vehicle for experiencing the holy otherness of life. Pam's deepest commitments are to remembering the divine in each being and finding ways to open conversation with folks who see the world differently. Originally from Lorain, Ohio, she is the mother of three grown children and the wife of Rev Karen Mooney. Pam and Karen live in Bull Valley, IL, share their home with two goldendoodles named Parker & Ruthie, and spend a lot of time right now finding ways to share the bounty of their garden. Need any zucchini?

Our Newest Members! On July 30, we welcomed our newest members who signed "The Book": Silvana & Tom King, Vicki Deane, Cyanne Hanson, Mark Rudolph, Megan Spencer, and Lexi Birlidis. Welcome Home!

RE registration for nursery and K-12 opened TODAY!

Please visit uusg.org/registration before September 1. Questions? dre@uusg.org

Volunteers needed for religious education Classes meet during church beginning September 10. Opportunities for all age groups, 1-2 days per month. Like kids? You're qualified! On the job training provided. Please contact Becky Hruby with questions or interest. dre@uusg.org

Sister Supper-time is almost here! Taking place in September, October, and November, Sister Suppers are small, lively home gatherings that help us get to know one another better over a shared meal. Hostesses open their homes to five participants, and each brings a dish to share. Open to members and friends of UUSG who identify as women, they provide wonderful opportunities for connecting and reconnecting with other women within the UUSG community. More details and sign up at uusg.org/sister-suppers. **Deadline is August 19!**

RE Summer of Fun event Families and teachers, please join us Tuesday, August 15, 10 am - noon at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles. Each youth in our RE program will receive a round of golf compliments of UUSG. Kindly RSVP to dre@uusg.org.

WeO Annual Training Meeting Interested in helping visitors learn what a good thing we've got going? Join us for our annual Welcome Orientation Team meeting at 11:30am on **Saturday, August 26**, as we prepare for the upcoming year. Bring a salad (or side) to share and your own beverage. RSVP at uusg.org/weo.

Geezers Fundraiser at Geneva Auto Show for YRUU Habitat Fund - Sunday, Aug. 27, 10am-4pm. Our very own UUSG Geezers Group will be selling ice cream bars, water, and soft drinks on our Third Street property at the annual Geneva Concours d'Elegance premier auto show! To attract customers, the Electric Car Club that meets at our church, will assist us by displaying a unique 1930 Hupmobile on our property. Hope to see you there after service! <https://genevaconcours.net/>

UUSG Publications - Submission Deadlines

Please send announcements to office@uusg.org. If your event needs a sign-up, please contact Christine at least 2 weeks prior to the event. All submissions may be edited by staff for content and length. Announcements will be added to Facebook and Instagram as appropriate. For detailed information on publicizing: uusg.org/planning-publicity
Mini-Pioneer Weekly Bulletin: (Sunday Bulletin): Wednesdays at 9am (50 word max) **"UUSG News" Sunday Email:** Wednesdays at 9am (Text of any length) **Monthly Pioneer Newsletter:** 4th Mondays of the month at 9am

August 'Beyond Our Walls' Hessed House in Aurora is a national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. Their highly skilled professionals collaborate to provide the tools necessary to help individuals and families break free of the shackles binding them to homelessness.