

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!

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.

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, each of which 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 23!**

It's Just Lunch! Join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on Wednesday, August 23. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

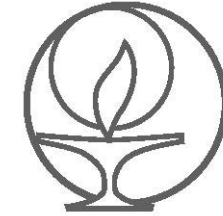
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- Sunday, August 20** Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 11:15 AM Veterans Group Meeting
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, August 21**
- 11:00 AM Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- Tuesday, August 22**
- 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
 - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, August 23**
- 11:30 AM It's Just Lunch *off-site*
- Thursday, August 24**
- Friday, August 25**
- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group *off-site*
- Saturday, August 26**
- 9:00 AM Facilities Work Day
 - 11:30 AM Welcome Orientation Team Meeting
- Sunday, August 27** Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 11:15 AM Social Justice Team Meeting
 - 11:45 AM Discussion Salon
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

August 20, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Aaron Fogleman

Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson, David de Coriolis

Musicians: Bonnie Brewster, piano; 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 27: Michael Mackey, "Ivory-Bill"

Sunday, September 3: The Venerable Bhante Sujatha

Sunday, September 10: Homecoming Sunday & Rev. Scot Hull's Affirmation of Ministry, with the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Order of Worship

Prelude “Shadows in Salt Creek and Blues on the Mississippi,” Kevin Olson

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit “Hold On!” Spiritual arr. by Calvin Taylor

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #148 “Let Freedom Span Both East and West”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

Offertory “Oh, By an' By,” Spiritual arr. by Douglas Wagner

Reading “William Falkner, Requiem for a Nun,” Act I (1951)

Responsive “Morning Meditation,” by Jeffrey David Hooven

Message “UUSG and the Politics of Slavery”

Hymn #161 “Peace! The Perfect Word”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Bless the Broken Road,” Hummon, Boyd & Hanna

Announcements

Our guest speaker today is Aaron Fogleman. Aaron and his family live in Batavia and have been attending UUSG for twelve years. He is a professor of History at Northern Illinois University, where he teaches courses on early American history and the history of the Atlantic World.

RE registration for nursery and K-12 opened August 13!

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

Welcome, Lily! Lily Geer, our new contract Membership Coordinator, will be leading a special effort this year to bring a bit more light, a bit more love, and a lot more fun to our calendar. There will be opportunities to play, to gather, and to connect, all offered up in service to the spirit of building community and friendships. Lily can be reached at membership@uusg.org. We are so happy to have Lily here!

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.

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.

Special Congregational Meeting, September 10, in the Sanctuary & online following Service. The purpose of this brief meeting is to vote on a proposed amendment to our Bylaws concerning the number of people serving on the Board. More details at uusg.org.

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/>

Pub Theology is back! September 28, 6:30-8:30pm, at Sturdy Shelter in Batavia. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie Anthony from Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for open and honest conversations about things that matter, at a table where all perspectives are welcome. We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics, and more! Bring your questions and your curiosity and respectfully engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. A good time to be had by all - RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

August ‘Beyond Our Walls’ Hosed 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.

Homecoming Sunday & Affirmation of Ministry! After a long and successful ministry, the Unitarian Universalist Association likes to mark the transition with a Service of Installation to welcome a new minister and the promise of hope, renewal, and change that they might bring. The Installation Service for our new minister, Rev. Scot, would have been held in 2020, but Life, Nature, and a global pandemic required other plans. And so it is that, on **Sunday the 10th of September, 2023**, we will finally pause and formally mark the transition with an Affirmation of Ministry. Our very own Minister Emerita, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, will be joining us to lead this very special service! There will be guests, music, and yes, a picnic! All are welcome! RSVP for picnic at uusg.org/picnic by September 3.