

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

The **2022-2023 UUSG Annual Report** is now available at uusg.org/annual-report. The report includes information about the previous year's activities from our Ministry Teams, Committees, and staff; an EOY 22-23 Financial Summary, the FY 23-24 Budget and more! A hard copy is also available in the Common Room.

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 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

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

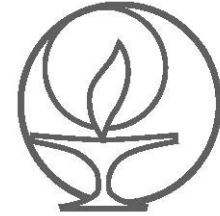
- Sunday, August 27**
- 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
Geneva Concours d'Elegance
Geezer's Pop-Up Fundraiser
 - 11:45 AM Discussion Salon
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, August 28**
- 9:00 AM Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
 - 7:00 PM Fall Teacher Meeting
- Tuesday, August 29**
- 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
 - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, August 30**
- Thursday, August 31**
- Friday, September 1**
- 7:00 PM Lazarus House Food Ministry
Pride Progress
- Saturday, September 2**
- 9:00 AM Lazarus House Food Ministry
Facilities Team Work Day
- Sunday, September 3**
- 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
 - 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Geezers Fundraiser at Geneva Auto Show for YRUU

Habitat Fund – Today! 10am-4pm. Our very own UUSG Geezers Group will have popsicles, water, and soft drinks on our Third Street property at the annual Geneva Concours d'Elegance premier auto show! To attract donations, 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 the service!**

Oneness Drum Circle Our Oneness Drum Circle will not meet on September 3, but save the date for our October meeting on Sunday, October 8 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Theme and more details coming soon!

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

August 27, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Michael Mackey
Worship Associate: Rhonda Robinson, David de Coriolis
Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Conor & Michael Mackey, Linda O'Neill, Cynthia Spiegel, Tom Zimmerman
Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

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 “Racing the Light,” Conor Mackey

Call to Worship

Introit “Open the Window,” Elise Whitt, inspired by Georgia Sea Islands Spirituals

Welcoming Words

Opening Music #35 “Morning Has Broken”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing the Peace

Reading “Indra’s Net,” adapted by Grian A Cutanda, & edited for today

Offertory “Hummingbird,” Seals & Croft

Reading “Blackbird Reading,” Louise Erdrich

Responsive “Soaring Kestrel,” Johnny McCartny

Message “Ivory-Bill”

Music “Lord God Bird,” Sufjan Stevens

Chalice Extinguishing

Sending Music “Blackbird,” Lennon & McCartney

Benediction

Announcements

Our guest speaker today is Michael Mackey. Along with his family, Michael has been a part of the UUSG community since the early 1990s. He earned degrees in Anthropology (BA) and Architecture (MArch) and spent his professional career designing public buildings—schools, village halls, and primarily libraries. In retirement he enjoys writing on a variety of subjects, drawing, and painting.

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

UUSG Discussion Salon Today, 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.

Calling All Cooks! We need volunteers to make sack lunches or cook dinner on September 2 for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. uusg.org/lazarus-house

Pride Progress 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 September 1st at 7pm for a Social Hour fueled with content to spark conversation and friendly connection.

Pub Theology has a new co-sponsor! Joining UUSG and Fox Valley Presbyterian will be the United Methodist Church of Geneva! September 28, 6:30-8:30pm, at Sturdy Shelter in Batavia. Join us 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.

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.

Social Justice Thank You! Lazarus House, August 5: Linda Mari, Jenny Montgomery, Barbara Ovesen, and Molly MacKay Zacker. Northern Illinois Food Bank, August 12th: Andrea, Darek, Kai & Logan Bartoszewicz; Olivia Carr; Andy & Arin Chu; Lucinda Connelly; Caley Fraber; Keith, Cari, Sam Gesiakowski; Jean Maffiola; Holly Orcutt; Dennis & Lara Ward.

August ‘Beyond Our Walls’ Hesus 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.