

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. Registration link is in the weekly email.

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, September 17 Worship Service 10:00 AM

- 8:45 AM RE Steering Team Meeting
- 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 12:00 PM ERT Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
- 9:30 AM Geneva History Museum Bell Ringing
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Worship Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

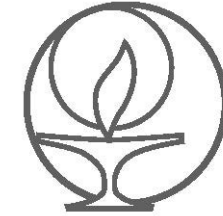
Saturday, September 23

- 10:00 AM Celebration of Life Service for Betty Bristol
- 6:00PM Youth Event

Sunday, September 24

- 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 11:15 AM Veteran's Planning Meeting
- 11:45 AM Discussion Salon
- 1:00 PM Women's Circle *off-site*
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

September 17, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Bonnie Brewster, piano; Cynthia Spiegel

K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Kimberly Harrison

6-8: Kerry Sapet, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Anderson, Barbara Ovesen

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 24: Rev. Scot Hull: "Breaking Plates and Mending Bowls"

Sunday, October 1: Rev. Scot Hull: "The Curious Case of Betty and Barney Hill"

Order of Worship

Prelude “Out of the Shadows,” Brian Dykstra

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Hymn of Welcome #346 “Come, Sing a Song with Me”

Hymn of Joy #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross this Door”

Hymn of Celebration #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Welcoming Words

Covenant

Passing the Peace

Story for All Ages “Friendshape,” Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Tom Lichtenheld

Prayers for the People #512 “We Give Thanks This Day”

Hymn of Comfort #1002 “Comfort Me”

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “September Song,” Kurt Weill & Maxwell Anderson

Words of Thanks

Reading

Hymn of Response #18 “What Wondrous Love”

Sermon “The Church I Don’t Belong To”

Closing Hymn #354 “We Laugh, We Cry”

Benediction

Announcements

UUSG Receives Federal Grant The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded UUSG a grant for \$149,984. The grant is part of a federal program to help churches enhance their security measures against potential threats and vandalism. The funds are designated for specific projects and cannot be used for any other purposes. More details in weekly email.

Celebration of Life Service for Betty Bristol We will celebrate the life of our beloved member Betty on Saturday, **September 23, at 10am** in the Sanctuary and online. Visiting and light refreshments to follow in our Common Room. To help with our reception planning, please email Christine at office@uusg.org to let us know if you will be attending.

Women's Circle Our first event of the program year will take place next **Sunday, September 24, 1-4pm**, at Healing Gardens, which features gardens to reconnect with nature. The grounds are gift to all who visit on their on path of learning, exploring and discovery, and we hope each of you will try to join us. Attendance is limited, please RSVP at uusg.org/womens-circle.

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.

Promote Practical Goodness UUSG is committed to providing a volunteer at Lazarus the first Saturday of every month. The work is easy, you sleep! (in a private room, comfortable bed, 2 or 3 times a year). Night volunteers (9pm to 7am) provide backup for on-site staff in the event of emergency. Learn more, without any commitment, by contacting Maureen McKeough at MMckeough@aol.com.

Inclusion Book Club In September and October, we will be discussing *The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate* (Second Edition) by Jeannie Gainsburg. The book takes a relaxed, positive approach in pointing out actions we can all take to signal our support to LGBTQIA+ people in our communities and create a more inclusive space wherever we go. Please join us in this important learning opportunity. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm on Zoom (**next meeting September 26**). Contact inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org for more info.

UUSG's DEI Team is seeking new members! Join us in our efforts to educate ourselves and work to create a more inclusive community both within our walls and beyond. Current efforts include providing content for worship services focusing on DEI, educational programming, and curating DEI selections in the UUSG library. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm on Zoom. Contact deileader@uusg.org for more information.

Beverages, bites and bluegrass music!! Come mix and mingle at the UUSG Sunset Soiree! Whether you are looking to meet new people or strengthen existing connections, this event is for you! Enjoy bubbling beverages and beautiful bluegrass music performed by members of the UUSG community. The Sunset Soiree will take place on **September 30, 6pm-8pm**, in the UUSG Common Room. Beer and wine will be served. RSVP at uusg.org/sunset. Questions? Contact Lily at membership@uusg.org

UU/UUSG History Class - October 15, 12-2pm. Join us for a class on the history of Unitarian Universalism and of UUSG. We recommend taking this class before taking the membership class. Lunch and childcare are provided. Sign up at uusg.org/explore or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room.

Exploring Membership Class October 29, 12-2pm. A two-hour class for those who are interested in becoming official members of UUSG. Lunch and childcare are provided. Sign up at uusg.org/explore or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room.