

**Inclusion Book Club** In October, we will discuss *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. Please join us as we meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm on Zoom. More info? [inclusionbookclub@uusg.org](mailto:inclusionbookclub@uusg.org).

**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, but drop-ins are always welcome.

**Honorary Tech Team for a Day** Be our Tech Guest and see first-hand how we pull everything together for our live/hybrid integrated services. We have a special seat reserved just for YOU! Due to space limitations, we can only have 1 person sign-up per service. Sign-up for your chosen Sunday at [uusg.org/tech-team](https://uusg.org/tech-team).

**BOW Total:** We raised \$1,459.47 for our UUSG Food Ministry Fund and \$918.00 for the UUA Living Tradition Fund in the month of September! Thank you for your generous giving.

**UUSG 2023-2024 Member and Friends Directory!** Please let Christine know if you need any updates to the directory by **October 13** at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

**Sunday, October 8**      Worship Service 10:00 AM

- 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 11:30 AM UUSG Scavenger Hunt
- 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Monday, October 9**

- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*

**Tuesday, October 10**

- 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday, October 11**

- 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Circle
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting *online*
- 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting

**Thursday, October 12**

**Friday, October 13**

**Saturday, October 14**

- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank

**Sunday, October 15**      Worship Service 10:00 AM

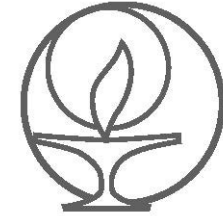
- 8:30 AM RE Steering Team Meeting
- 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 11:30 AM ERT Meeting
- 12:00 PM Exploring UU/UUSG History Class
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Our Congregational Administrator**, Christine, will be on vacation through Friday, October 13.

#### Change for a Change Jar: Collecting for Cal's Angels

A local charity serving pediatric cancer patients with a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. Money collected in the Change for a Change jar in the sanctuary will provide hospital parties and comfort kits for patients.

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**October 8, 2023**

#### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. R. Ken Turner

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Musicians:** Lynn Fisher McCanne, piano; Linda O'Neill, Violin; Cynthia Spiegel

**K-2:** Amanda Slaiher, Aaron Miller

**3-5:** Ro Maziarz, Gary Littlefield

**6-8:** Kerry Sapet, Rachel Harbold

**9-12:** Jennifer Klein, the Montgomerys

**Technical Team:** Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

#### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, October 15:** Rev. Scot Hull, "Six Feet Over"

**Sunday, October 22:** Guest: Kathy McFadden & Family

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** Simple Gifts, traditional Shaker hymn, arr. Liz Story; "The Swan," Saint-Saens

## Ringling the Bell

## Call to Worship

**Hymn of Welcome** #128 "For All That Is Our Life"

**Hymn of Celebration** #73 "Chant for the Seasons"

**Hymn of Joy** #395 "Sing and Rejoice"

## Welcoming Words

## Covenant

## Passing the Peace

## Prayer of the People

**Hymn of Comfort** #95 "There Is More Love Somewhere"

## Invitation to Generosity

**Offertory** "Now Thank We All Our God," Johann Cruger, arr. Michael Larkin, excerpt

## Words of Thanks

**Reading** Kahlil Gibran

**Responsive Hymn** #1043 "Szekely Blessing"

**Sermon** "Inside Out"

**Closing Hymn** #331 "Life Is the Greatest Gift of All"

## Benediction

## Announcements

**Our guest speaker today is Rev. R. Ken Turner:** Sr. Minister & Founder "Unity of Chicago South" (UCS), Transformational Speaker, Podcast Host, Independent TV Producer, Author.

**Sacred Sounds Free Drum Circle** Today, 2-4pm in Sanctuary. Open to all ages interested in playing with a variety of musical instruments to find those meditative rhythms of personal connection and peace. Bring your own drums or try out ours. No musical experience necessary.

**UUSG Scavenger Hunt** Join us for a fun scavenger hunt at (and around) UUSG **today, 11:30am-1pm**. We will start all together in the Common Room before heading out on our mission. Scavenging is hard work - lunch will be served!

**Northern Illinois Food Bank Group** UUSG provides a lively group of volunteers to NIFB on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to noon. Our next date is **October 14**. Sign up at [uusg.org/food-bank-signup](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup)

**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](https://uusg.org/explore) or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room.

**Our Next Destination Fundraiser - McAllister's Deli Monday, October 16, 10:30am-9pm.** Our next event is on Augustus Conant's birthday, at McAllister's Deli in Geneva (1492 S Randall Rd). Dine in, carryout for lunch or dinner...proceeds will benefit our church. \*Note you have to put your RECEIPT in the jar at the checkout in order to get your meal to count towards UUSG!

**Women's Circle - Saturday, Oct. 21, 12:30-3:30pm.** Join us on the quest for enlightenment as we field trip to the **Theosophical Society** in Wheaton! We will enjoy a guided tour of the building and grounds. Tap into your mystical roots with stories of the women who pioneered the theosophical movement. More details & sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Join us October 22, for a pumpkin decorating party,** 11:30-12:30 in the Common Room. Bring a pumpkin or decorate a provided pumpkin to donate. Local senior living residents will be given festive pumpkins for the social justice portion of this event. Kids in K-12 may decorate two pumpkins...one to give and one to keep.

**Halloween movie night:** Youth in grades K-8 are invited to join us for a movie, popcorn, candy and fun in the sanctuary on **Friday, October 27, 6:30-8 pm**. Bring something cozy to settle in and make yourself comfy!

**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 & provided. Sign up at [uusg.org/explore](https://uusg.org/explore) or in the Common Room.

**CPR at UUSG** The ERT Team invites us to attend a free CPR course sponsored by the Kane County Health Dept. on Saturday, **November 4, 1-5pm**, in the Common Room. This course covers Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, AED use, Choking, and the use of Narcan. Attendees MUST register at [uusg.org/cpr](https://uusg.org/cpr), the Dept. does not take unregistered walk-ins. Questions? Contact Jason Sapet at [ertleader@uusg.org](mailto:ertleader@uusg.org).

**Veterans Day Service** If you would like photographs of veterans in your family (including ancestors) presented before & after the November 12 Veterans Day service, please **send photos with captions to Jeff Stibal by November 9**. Let Jeff know if you would like to make changes to past displays.

**October BOW - Humanitarian Service Project** HSP's Senior Citizen Project helps ensure that basic needs are met for low-income seniors, while HSP's Children's Project provides food, school supplies, and birthday party kits to children and low-income families. Funds will be used to purchase products for kits assembled during the Week of Service.

**Trinity Soup Kitchen & Sandwich Board:** UUSG supports the Sandwich Board by donating snack bars, cookies, and bottled water six times a year. For our **October 26**, commitment, we need a few volunteers to shop for needed items and drop them off at either UUSG or Trinity Episcopal Church in Aurora. Cash donations are also welcome. To sign up: [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).