

**UUSG Circle Suppers 2024!** Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers, held in January, February, March, & April. This is a great opportunity to meet UUSG Members & Friends! Details and sign up at [uusg.org/circle-suppers-signup](https://uusg.org/circle-suppers-signup). Contact Mary Swanson at [circlesuppers@uusg.org](mailto:circlesuppers@uusg.org) with questions. Deadline to sign up is **November 30**.

**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.

**FriendsGiving Dinner at UUSG! November 10, 6-8:30pm** in the Common Room. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share and let's enjoy a meal together! Turkey will be provided, as well as beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. All ages are welcome to attend, we will have crafts/coloring pages provided for our younger friends! For questions, please contact Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org).

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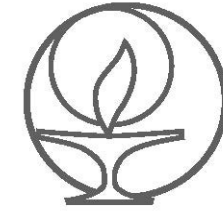
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**Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

- Sunday, November 5**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
  - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
  - 11:45 AM WeO Orientation Meeting
  - 2:00 PM Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, November 6**
- 11:00 AM Women's Circle Planning Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Technology Team Meeting
- Tuesday, November 7**
- 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Council Meeting *online*
- Wednesday, November 8**
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting *online*
  - 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Thursday, November 9**
- 11:30 AM FEMA Grant Com. Meeting *online*
  - 7:00 PM Sacred Text Study Group *online*
- Friday, November 10**
- 6:00 PM FriendsGiving at UUSG
- Saturday, November 11**
- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank
  - 1:00 PM Women's Circle
  - 7:00 PM Veteran's Service Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 12**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

**Welcome to This House!**



**Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

**November 5, 2023**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull  
**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine  
**Musicians:** Elena Spiegel, violin; Tom Zimmerman, piano  
**K-2:** Kimberly Harrison, Christine Herring  
**3-5:** Katie Yurkewicz, Gary Littlefield  
**6-8:** Jenny Montgomery, Anthony Mistretta  
**9-12:** Jennifer Klein, 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, November 12:** Veteran's Day Service

**Sunday, November 19:** Rev. Scot Hull

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ring the Bell

### Call to Worship

**Introit** “Romantic Pieces, movement 3,” Antonin Dvorak

### Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** Sacred Drums, presented by Gina Grupe-Stibal

**Story for All Ages** “The Stuff of Stars,” Marion Dane Bauer  
*Children and adult leaders leave for religious education*

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Passing the Peace

### Joys and Sorrows

### Candles of Remembrance

**Hymn of Comfort** #123 “Spirit of Life”

**Testimonial** Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans,

Lynn Steele

### Invitation to Generosity

**Offertory** “Romantic Pieces, movement 1,” Antonin Dvorak

### Words of Thanks

**Antiphonal Reading** #650 “Cherish Your Doubts”

**Responsive** “Romantic Pieces, movement 4,” Antonin Dvorak

**Sermon** “A Demon-Haunted World”

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

### Benediction

## Announcements

**Our Newest Members & Friends!** On October 29, we welcomed our newest members who signed "The Book" - Hilary Campbell, Kerry Campbell, Mark Churilla, Caroline Pickett, Mary Ann Scoggin, and Mike Sokolewicz. We also welcomed new friends Vicki Spellman, Kathy Morse & Ray Westphal, and Mike & Barb Schuster. Welcome Home!

**Sacred Sounds Meditative 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. Contact Gina Grupe-Stibal at [drumcircle@uusg.org](mailto:drumcircle@uusg.org) if you have any questions.

**November BOW - Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans** in Wheaton. MSHV provides services for seven counties in the western suburbs including: affordable & transitional housing, supportive services for veteran families, and veteran employment programs. Some of the funding comes from grants but MSHV relies heavily on private donations. Our generosity will be very helpful to the veterans they help right here in the Fox Valley area.

**Soup for the Soul** Panera Destination Fundraiser. Join your UUSG friends at Panera anytime on Thursday, **November 16**, at the **1690 S. Randall Rd** location and 20% of sales will be donated back to the church! Grab a flyer in the Common Room or use FUND4U at checkout.

**Women's Circle** Writing our Life Stories **Sat. November 11, 1-4pm**. Our stories help us to remember the good times in our lives and the challenges we've overcome. Sharing your story will connect you to the future and the past. Our very own Gail Tattersfield will guide us through the first steps of writing our Life Stories. Sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**This year at the Veterans Day service on November 12**, we will present a rolling display of photographs of veterans and/or active-duty service members and friends of UUSG (including ancestors). Please send photos with captions (name, relationship to you, your name, and date) to Jeff Stibal at [techdirector@uusg.org](mailto:techdirector@uusg.org) by **November 9**.

**Join us on November 18 for a workshop** with Jeannie Gainsburg, author of *The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate*. She will speak (remotely) about gender fluidity, pronouns, and heterosexist language. Participants can attend in-person in the Common Room or online via Zoom. The Common Room opens at 4:00pm, and the workshop is 5-6pm. Stay for a light dinner, desserts, and discussion. Sign up at [uusg.org/savvially](https://uusg.org/savvially) by **November 13**. For more information, contact [deileader@uusg.org](mailto:deileader@uusg.org). Please see Sunday email for a link to view videos and more!

**Calling all knitters and crocheters!** UUSG could use your help in supplying winter items for immigrants currently being relocated to Illinois: blankets/afghans, scarves, gloves, mittens, and hats (both adult and child sizes). There is extra yarn available for use at the church. For more information, please contact Sherry Wilson ([wilsonesca@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonesca@gmail.com)) or Emily Clark ([emstevec@gmail.com](mailto:emstevec@gmail.com)). Thank you.

**8th Annual HSP Food Drive** HSP provides more than 1,900 additional meals per month for people in need during the holidays. We can help! Pick up your shopping bag on Sunday Nov. 5, 12, & 19, and bring it back filled with food by Sunday, Nov. 19 or 27! Only non-expired food, please. Donations can be left in the Volunteer Office.

**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](mailto:MMckeough@aol.com).

**Inclusion Book Club** On November 28 at 7pm, we'll discuss *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong. The rise in discrimination and violence toward Asian Americans during COVID was part of a long, historical pattern. Hong uses her personal story to delve into racial consciousness in America in this critically acclaimed book. For more information, contact Lisa and Kimberly at [inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org](mailto:inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org).