

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Immigrants currently being relocated to Illinois are in urgent need of winter items: blankets/afghans, scarves, gloves/mittens, hats. Sherry Wilson (wilsonesca@gmail.com) or Emily Clark (emstevenc@gmail.com) for more information.

Help for Hungry Neighbors Please sign up for our upcoming commitments to local organizations addressing hunger: **Lazarus House:** December 2, need volunteers to provide dinner or sack lunches. **Northern Illinois Food Bank:** December 9, 9am to noon, need volunteers to pack food for distribution to area food pantries.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2024! Circle Suppers are 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. Details and sign up at uusg.org/circle-suppers-signup. Contact Mary Swanson at circlesuppers@uusg.org with questions. Deadline is **Nov. 30**.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 19 Worship Service 10:00 AM

- 10:00 AM K-12 Religious Education
- 11:30 AM ERT Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- 6:00 PM Community Ecumenical Service

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

- 7:00 PM RE Steering Team Meeting *online*

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23 **Happy Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 24 **Office Closed**

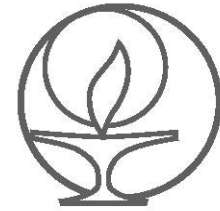
Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26 Worship Service 10:00 AM

- 11:30 AM Social Justice Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

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.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

November 19, 2023

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Ruth Cavanaugh, flute; Linda O'Neill, violin; Tom Zimmerman, guitar; Dave Hanchette, percussion; Will Sapet, percussion; UUSG choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel - Rhonda Robinson, Emily Clark, Rachel Harbold, Melanie Abercrombie, Madeleine Bolz, Megan Spencer, Colleen Cushing, Linda O'Neill, Lynn Fisher, McCanne, Teal Cyko, Lara Ward, Mary Davis, Mira Ward, Ash Peterson, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Jake Montgomery, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams, Mike Bollero, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman; RE Songsters

RE K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Aaron Miller

3-5: Vickie Kilgore, Katie Yurkewicz

6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Cindy Benschopf

9-12: Jaime Anderson

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 26: Guest, DJ Jensen, "The Problem of God"

Sunday, December 3: Rev. Scot, Braver Angels Program

Order of Worship

Ingathering

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit “When Will the Fighting Cease?” Words Nick Page, music Melchior Franck, c.1579 – 1639

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #21 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Covenant

Passing the Peace

Music “Harvest Time,” Connie Fueyo

Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

Testimonial Molly & Jenny, “Cookie Walk”

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Words of Thanks

Reading “As if to Demonstrate an Eclipse,” Billy Collins

Responsive “Rivers of Living Water,” Karen Marroli

Sermon “A Grumpy Grace”

Closing Hymn #67 “We Sing Now Together”

Benediction

Sending Music “Back to the Heart,” Timothy C. Takach

Announcements

Community Thanksgiving Service & Pie

Fellowship tonight at 6pm, at United Methodist Church of Geneva. Our annual ecumenical service is a meaningful gathering of our community; coming together in the spirit of thanksgiving and embracing the rich tapestry of faith traditions that make up our community. Following the service, stay for a time of connection, fellowship, and pie!

Give Thanks for Your UUSG Community! Check out our Gratitude Tree in the Common Room all November long and add a message of appreciation for the people and programs that make our church a community. Stamped note cards are also provided--grab one and send a special note to a person or two who you are thankful for! If you're not able to attend in person, please send your message to Lily at membership@uusg.org and she will add it to our tree.

Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20:

Please take a few minutes to read about the 25 transgender and gender non-conforming people lost to violence in 2023 and find ways to foster safer, more inclusive communities. (Human Rights Campaign at <https://www.hrc.org/news>)

Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in November. We encourage you to visit our website to read our recently published Land Acknowledgement and explore our resources to learn more about Indigenous Peoples. <https://www.uusg.org/dei-indigenous-american-resources>

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on **Wednesday, November 29**. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

Social Justice Thank-Yous! November supporters of Lazarus House: David & Renee Tomell, Page Poris, Glenda Peck, Winelle Glaser, and Jeanne Neltnor. November Food Bank Volunteers: Melissa Auer; Andrea, Darek, Kai & Logan Bartoszewicz; Kevin Beyer; Jamie & James Carroll; Vera Lind; Barbara & Erik Ovesen; Lisa & Braden Rittenberry.

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 today, and bring it back filled with food by **Sunday, Nov. 27**. Only non-expired food, please. Donations can be left in the Volunteer Office.

Braver Angels – Depolarizing Within Workshop:

Polarization can be driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the other side. Too often, we stereotype, dismiss, or ridicule our fellow citizens who support the other political party, its leaders, and its policies. This free 2 hour in-person workshop teaches participants: How to be more aware of their own inner polarizer; How to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping large swaths of the population; and how to constructively intervene in polarizing social conversations with like-minded people. Who can come? Anyone interested in examining their own inner polarization and learning strategies to disagree without condemning or ridiculing others. **Sunday, December 3**, 11:45am in the Common Room. Sign up at uusg.org/ba, all are invited, light lunch included.

Inclusion Book Club On **November 28, at 7pm**, we'll discuss *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong. 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.

Pub Theology Thursday, November 30, 6:30-8:30pm, at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and local clergy for our next meeting! We aim to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, and more. Engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. uusg.org/pub-theology.

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. Check email for registration link. Drop-ins are always welcome.