

UUSG Food Ministry

UUSG's contributions to The Sandwich Board (aka Aurora Soup Kitchen) have changed. Beginning in January, UUSG will provide:

- Two cases of bottled water (ONLY)
- 400 individually packaged Cookies OR Snack Bars (not both)
- 200 individually packaged bags of Chips
- 400 pieces of Fruit (Sherry Wilson and Laz Escalona provide the fruit)

The number of those served by the Sandwich Board continues to grow. Our next commitment is January 25. If you would like to contribute to feeding the poor, please sign up through Sign-Up Genius here: uusg.org/soup-kitchen. You are also welcome to help that day at Trinity Episcopal Church in Aurora.

An Evening of Folk Music Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, **January 19, at 7PM**, in the Sanctuary. February Sky features traditional singer and Celtic guitarist Phil Cooper with songwriter and singer Susan Urban. Free & open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

Northern IL 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 January 13. Please join us! uusg.org/food-bank-signup.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

- Sunday, January 7**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
 - 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
 - 10:00 AM Religious Education
 - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
 - 11:30 AM Green Sanctuary Meeting
 - 2:00 PM Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, January 8**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
- Tuesday, January 9**
- 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
 - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 - 3:00 PM Memorial Service Meeting
 - 7:00 PM Board of Directors
- Wednesday, January 10**
- 10:00 AM Women's Circle Planning Meeting
 - 11:00 AM Gazebo Group Meeting
 - 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Circle
- Thursday, January 11**
- 7:00 PM Sacred Texts Study Group
- Friday, January 12**
- 7:00 PM One Book One UUSG
- Saturday, January 13**
- 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank
- Sunday, January 14**
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
 - 10:00 AM Religious Education
 - 11:15 AM Team & Committee Engagement Fair
 - 11:30 AM First & Second Grade OWL
 - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

January 7, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Dr. C Scot Giles

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, piano; Cynthia Spiegel

RE: K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Kimberly Harrison

3-5: Vickie Kilgore, Sean Hruby

6-8: Kerry Sapet, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Andersen, Aaron Miller

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

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 14: Rev. Scot Hull

Sunday, January 21: Rev. Scot Hull, Fire Communion

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Testimonial Laz Escalona: Preparing Thanksgiving Dinner at the Trinity Soup Kitchen

Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

Passing Peace

Offertory “Perpetual Motion no. 1,” Francis Poulenc

Reading #719, “Those Who Live Again”

Responsive Music “Allegro Barbaro,” Bela Bartok

Sermon “The Wisdom of Genghis Khan”

Closing Hymn #324 “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads”

Benediction

Sending Music “Danza del viejo boyero, Alberto Ginastera”

Announcements

Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles is the Community-Based Minister at the Countryside UU Church. He gives sermons to the congregation a few times a year and is available for counseling ministry. In addition to being a Unitarian Universalist Community Minister, he is a Board-Certified Chaplain and a Board-Certified Hypnotist. He holds officer status with the National Guild of Hypnotists, the oldest and largest hypnosis organization in the world.

Buddhist Meditation, Tonight! Start the new year off on a mindful foot with the Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple! Every Sunday at 6pm, they will 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 expected and welcome. **Special Note:** The Venerable Bhante Sujatha, Sangha Patron and Abbot at Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple, will be a guest in our pulpit, **January 28!**

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle Today, 2-4pm in the 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 if you have questions or would like more information.

One Book One UUSG Friday, **January 12**, at 7pm, in the Common Room. Your WOW Team is happy to announce another wonderful literary opportunity for members and friends of UUSG! Our next book: “Station 11,” by Emily St. John Mandel. We hope you can join us for a discussion and community time led by Melissa Auer. RSVP Glenda Peck at peckrglenda@gmail.com if you plan to join us so that we may plan accordingly. Snacks and coffee will be available.

UUSG Ministry Team Engagement Fair! Sunday, **January 14**, in the Common Room during Social Hour. Social Justice, WOW, Religious Education, Facilities, and much more--you're invited to learn more about the teams and committees that make UUSG a vibrant and engaged community. Talk with members of our teams and make connections with shared interests. See you there!

Pub Theology Thursday, **January 25, 6:30-8:30pm** at Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Open and honest conversation 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. RSVP at uusg.org/pub-theology.

Climate Talk: How to Save Money and Save the Planet Friday, **January 26, 6-8pm**, UUSG Common Room. Join us as we welcome Tom Coleman, Chair of the Chicago Climate Reality Project. Tom will discuss the key steps you and your family can take that will make the biggest impact on the environment and save you money. This presentation is sponsored by the UUSG Green Sanctuary Committee and will be moderated by Tracey McFadden. Pizza will be provided. Sign up at UUSG.org/climate.

Celebration of Life Service for Bob Brubaker We will remember the life of UUSG Member Bob Brubaker on Saturday, January 27 at 10am in the Sanctuary and online. Visiting and light refreshments to follow in our Common Room.

January BOW UUSG members and friends have had an important relationship with students at the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya for many years. In addition to donations to the BOW directed to JAMS, recently RE members have enjoyed writing a pen pal at JAMS. UUSG member Ivy Benshoof states, “Having a pen pal has been important to me because it has taught me several things. I had an eye-opening experience when I called my pen pal, Jane, I was surprised when she asked me about our last 3 presidents. It made me realize how oblivious I am to other events. Also, I realized that we both watch the same shows. Our circumstances change our ideas on the world, but there are key features between all humans. We both want to lead with kindness and make something of ourselves.” Jane has graduated JAMS and is pursuing a university degree; our January JAMS donations will support her.