

Food Bank Day of Service: Save the date! On **May 4**, 9am to noon, we have 50 spots reserved for volunteers at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. Join your fellow UUSG friends in a fun and fulfilling morning helping hungry neighbors in our communities! uusg.org/food-bank-signup.

Exploring Article II: This class will introduce and explore the proposed changes to UUA Principles and Sources coming this summer. Two more Mondays in the series: **March 4, March 11, 7-9pm**. Co-facilitated by Rev Scot of UUSG and Rev Denise of Countryside UU. More information and signup info online at uusg.org/article2.

Buddhist Meditation Every Sunday at 6pm. The Venerable Bhante Sujatha, Abbot of the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple, will lead us through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion in our Common Room. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated. Drop-ins are expected and welcome.

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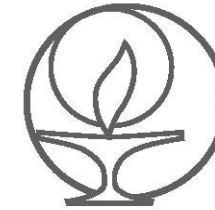
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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 3	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 11:30 AM	Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
• 12:30 PM	Pledge Drive Lunch Party
• 2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, March 4	
• 7:00 PM	Technology Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Article II Class <i>online</i>
Tuesday, March 5	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Council Meeting <i>online</i>
Wednesday, March 6	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhist Meditation <i>online</i>
Thursday, March 7	
Friday, March 8	
Saturday, March 9	
• 9:00 AM	Facilities Team Work Day
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank Group
• 6:30 PM	Pledge Drive Party
Sunday, March 10	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 12:00 PM	Mental Health Presentation
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 3, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Worship Associate: Melissa Auer

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, Kelly Herz, Cynthia Spiegel

RE K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Joyce Senters

3-5: Ro Maziarz, Vickie Kilgore

6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Hilary Campbell

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

March 10: Rev. Scot Hull, "A Most Peculiar Book"

March 17: Rev. Scot Hull, "A History of the World in 6 Glasses"

Order of Worship

Prelude “Bamboo, Lord of the Dance,” Traditional Chinese Melody and Shaker Melody

Welcome

Opening Hymn #51 “Lady of the Seasons’ Laughter”

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

For All Ages “In Every Life,” by Marla Frazee presented by Tom Lichtenheld
Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

Testimonial Tom Zimmerman

Passing Peace

Testimonial Cindy Duckworth

Offertory “Opus 22,” Dustin O’Halloran

Pastoral Prayer

Shared Silence

Responsive Music “Rising Green,” words and music by Carolyn McDade

Readings

Sermon “Persephone Rising”

Closing Hymn #42 “Morning, So Fair to See”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music “Vangelis”

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates was our minister for forty years, from 1978 to 2018, getting us through capital campaigns, building programs, staff growth and changes, and the many other changes to UUSG as our congregation grew and changed. She retired from active ministry, but shows up now and again for special occasions. A Reiki Master Teacher since 2000, she now has a part-time Reiki practice, doing private sessions, teaching, and volunteer Reiki clinics for cancer patients. In her spare time, she plays around with needle felting, reading, and learning to use social media. Rev. Lindsay is married to the Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles (our pulpit guest back on Jan. 7). They share their Wheaton home with three very demanding indoor cats and a small outdoor clowder of strays.

WOW, What a Night! We raised a net total of \$2,397.78 for UUSG at our first-ever variety show! Thank you again to our talented performers, as well as everyone who helped with set-up, clean-up, logistics and production. A very special thanks to our emcees and organizers Molly MacKay Zacker and Jenny Montgomery. And last, but never least, thanks to everyone who attended--a fun night was had by all!

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 any questions.

Pagan Spirit Gathering UUSG Member Mike Sokolewicz plans to attend the upcoming Pagan Spirit Gathering (circlesanctuary.org/psg) this June in southern Missouri and is looking for other UUSGers who may be interested/attending. Send an email to him at fototrip9999@gmail.com for more info.

Our Newest Members! On February 25, we welcomed our newest members who signed "The Book" - Jessie Affelder, Lauren Foulkes, Kat Gordon, Pat Gordon, and Anne Heavey. **Welcome Home!**

Pledge Drive 2024-2025 Strengthening our UUSG Community for today and tomorrow requires a generous, ongoing financial commitment from every member and friend of UUSG. Every person, every pledge, every dollar makes a difference. Learn more and submit your pledge at uusg.org/pledge-drive.

Beyond Our Walls During March, your BOW donations will go to the Social Justice team whose priority is to complete the four-year scholarship for a student at the Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. Along with your donations to JAMS in January, they hope to cover the complete cost of the scholarship.

Next Week! Mental Health Ministry: Medical Aid in Dying Sunday, **March 10, at 12pm**. Join us in the Common Room for a presentation led by Colin Campbell who will cover the information that people need to know about medical aid in dying and the current legislation that is being proposed in IL. More details at uusg.org.

One Book One UUSG Join us on **Thursday, March 28, at 7pm**, in the Common Room, where we will discuss "House of Sand and Fog," by Andre Dubus III. Delve into the gripping narrative of ex-Iranian colonel Massoud Behrani and recovering addict Kathy Nicolo as they compete for a Bay Area bungalow. Light snacks will be provided, and all are welcome! RSVP at wow@uusg.org.

“Change for a Change” Jar ICDI is a Chicago-based nonprofit working to uphold the dignity and human rights of immigrants. Our programs provide direct services and housing with care to asylum seekers, and advocates for justice for immigrants at the local, state, and national levels.