

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. There is one more Monday in the series: **March 11, 7-9pm**. Co-facilitated by Rev Scot of UUSG and Rev Denise of Countryside UU.

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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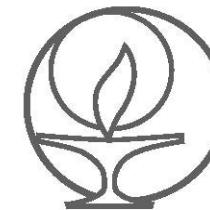
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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, March 10	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	First & Second Grade OWL
• 11:30 AM	Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
• 12:00 PM	Mental Health Presentation
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, March 11	
• 1:00 PM	Finance Team Meeting <i>online</i>
• 7:00 PM	UU Article II Class <i>online</i>
Tuesday, March 12	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Board of Directors online only
Wednesday, March 13	
• 10:00 AM	Women's Circle Planning
• 1:00 PM	Simply Sharing Circle <i>online</i>
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	Facilities Team Meeting
Thursday, March 14	
• 7:00 PM	Sacred Texts Study Group
Friday, March 15	
• 7:00 PM	Fox Valley Electric Auto Assn.
Saturday, March 16	
• 5:00 PM	Pledge Drive Party
Sunday, March 17	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	ERT Team Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 10, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull

Worship Associate: Diane Gallentine

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, piano; Sophia Spiegel, & 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 17: Rev. Scot Hull, "A History of the World in 6 Glasses"

March 24: Guest Speaker, Rev. R. Ken Turner

Order of Worship

Prelude

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Hymn of Welcome #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are"

Hymn of Joy #368 "Now Let us Sing"

Hymn of Reflection #1003 "Where Do We Come From?"

Welcoming Words

Chalice Lighting

Testimonial Corey Klein

Covenant

Testimonial "Fast or Slow," by Sophia Spiegel

Story for All Ages "Ada Twist, Scientist," Andrea Beaty presented by the Slaiher Family

Children and adult leaders leave for religious education

Passing the Peace

Testimonial Jamie Carroll, Northern IL Food Bank

Offertory

Words of Thanks

Reading "Ozymandias," by Percy Shelley

Responsive Hymn #120 "Turn Back"

Sermon "A Most Peculiar Book"

Closing Hymn #293 "O Star of Truth"

Benediction

Announcements

Mental Health Ministry: Medical Aid in Dying Today, 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. All are welcome.

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.

Tenebrae Service On the evening of Good Friday, March 29, you are invited to celebrate a special, candlelit, "Service of the Shadows," or Tenebrae. Tenebrae is offered as a contemplative complement to the Easter story of joy, new life, and new hope, and seeks to remind and reassure us that life's challenges are a natural part of any faithful life lived in love and community. Special guest musicians include Elena Spiegel, Cynthia Spiegel and Tom Zimmerman.

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.

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.

Lost & Found Please check our Lost & Found bin located at the Heritage Room entrance -- items will be donated after March 24. Thank you!

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.

Memorial Stones Remember a loved one or reserve a stone for yourself or family with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden. Please email or drop off a completed order form (uusg.org/memorial-stone) to Christine at office@uusg.org by April 21. Stones will be dedicated during our Sunday Worship Service on May 26.

Women's Circle "The Art of Letting Go with Gina Grupe." **Saturday, March 23, 1-4pm**, in the Common Room. Looking for connection and renewed energy? We'll learn drum circle and other techniques to build our awareness of body and spirit and our capacity for healing and self-love. Instruments and guidance provided. Sign up at uusg.org/womens-circle.

"Change for a Change" Jar The UUSG Youth chose the Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants for 2024. ICDI is a Chicago-based nonprofit working to uphold the dignity and human rights of immigrants. Their programs provide direct services and housing with care to asylum seekers, and advocates for justice for immigrants at the local, state, and national levels. You will find the change jar in the Sanctuary.

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, March 27. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

Pub Theology Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8:30pm, location TBD! 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.