

May the 4th Be with You! Do, or do not. There is no "try" in the fight against hunger. On May 4, 9am to noon, we have 50 spots reserved for a Food Bank Day of Service at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. Sign up by April 20, for NIFB to prepare the volunteer shifts for that day. Join your fellow UUSG friends and **be "a big deal in the resistance" against hunger!** uusg.org/food-bank-signup.

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.

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**.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

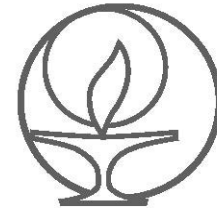
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Sunday, March 24	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Social Justice Team Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, March 25	
• 9:00 AM	Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, March 26	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	The Inclusion Book Club <i>online</i>
Wednesday, March 27	
• 11:30 AM	It's Just Lunch <i>off-site</i>
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 28	
• 7:00 PM	One Book One UUSG
Friday, March 29	
• 7:30 PM	Tenebrae Service
Saturday, March 30	
• 6:00 PM	Pledge Drive Party <i>off-site</i>
Sunday, March 31	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Rev. Scot Hull will be out of the office through March 27.

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski, will be out of the office March 24-31. Please send announcements for church publications to Lisa at ma@uusg.org.

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

March 24, 2024

In the Pulpit: Rev. R. Ken Turner

Worship Associate: Pat Vary

Musicians: Mark Johnson, piano; Samantha Gesiakowski, soloist; Cynthia Spiegel, piano and song leader

RE K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Christine Herring

3-5: Vickie Kilgore, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Jenny Montgomery, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Andersen, 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

March 29: Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

March 31: Rev. Scot Hull - Easter Sunday, "Called Out and Called Forth"

April 7: Rev. Julia Jones, "The Future is Non-Binary"

Order of Worship

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Introit

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Our Covenant

Story for All Ages “In the Neighborhood,” Rocio Bonilla presented by Linda Dorr and Laz Escalona

Children and adult leaders leave for religious education. New families are always welcome to join them.

Testimonial Tom Lichtenheld

Passing the Peace

Testimonial Tom Haslett

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Words of Thanks

Reading

Responsive “Grace,” Elizabeth Alexander

Sermon “The Strength of Commitment”

Closing Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

Benediction

Sending Music

Announcements

Our guest speaker today is Rev. R. Ken Turner: Sr. Minister & Founder “Unity of Chicago South” (UCS), Transformational Speaker, Podcast Host, Independent TV Producer, Author.

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, at 7:30pm** 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.

Pizza Lunch & Scavenger Hunt Join us for a fun scavenger hunt at (and around) UUSG on **Sunday, April 7**, after the service (11:30am-1:00pm). Scavenging is hard work - pizza will be served to fuel your body and your mind before getting started. RSVP at uusg.org/scavenger-hunt. For questions, please contact Lily at membership@uusg.org.

BINGO Night at UUSG! Saturday, **April 13**, 6-8pm. Come to UUSG for an evening of snacks, drinks, and BINGO! All ages are welcome to attend. Be prepared to have fun, laugh, and win prizes! Light refreshments, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. RSVP at uusg.org/bingo. For questions, please contact Lily at membership@uusg.org. If you are interested in helping with the set up and/or clean up, please sign up when RSVPing!

UUA General Assembly Delegates Have you ever been to General Assembly? Every year, Unitarian Universalists from all over the globe have been gathering to talk about what’s new, what’s important, and what’s coming. This year, General Assembly is entirely online. And this year, we have a big vote coming up — our new Article II proposals! We will be selecting our representatives in the coming weeks, so if you’re interested, contact Christine at office@uusg.org.

A Timely Message from the ERT With the recent tornadoes in Geneva, we are reminded that although we aren’t in the typical tornado season, which generally runs from May through November, with climate change, tornadoes are happening throughout the year, including winter. Please see the weekly email for the full message from the Emergency Response Team.

A Tribute to Trish Beckjord The Beckjord Family invites our community to a special event remembering our beloved member and celebrating the launch of her posthumously published book *Seasons: Reflections of a Native Plant Enthusiast* on **April 26**, 8-11am, at Midwest Natural Garden in St. Charles. See the Weekly Email for more details.

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.

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.

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.