

**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](http://uusg.org/memorial-stone)) to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) by **April 21**. Stones will be dedicated during our Sunday Worship Service on **May 26**.

**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](mailto:office@uusg.org).

**UUSG's Friday Feature** on April 26 at 7:00pm will be a presentation by Dianha Ortega-Ehreth from the Centro de Informacion in Elgin. She will speak about Recent Immigration from Central and South America. If you would like to learn more about the immigration crisis, the people involved, and how the Chicago area is affected, please attend.

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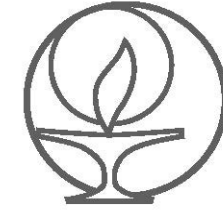
## Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:00 AM	Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Pizza Lunch & Scavenger Hunt
• 2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	
• 11:00 AM	Finance Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Board of Directors
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	
• 1:00 PM	Simply Sharing Circle
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	
• 7:00 PM	Sacred Texts Study Group
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank
• 4:00 PM	YRUU Rehearsal
• 6:00 PM	BINGO Night
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 10:00 AM	Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	Green Sanctuary Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Rev Scot Hull will be on Study Leave April 7-14.

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**April 7, 2024**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Julia Jones

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Geoff Pynn, piano; Cynthia Spiegel

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring

3-5: Ro Maziarz, Gary Littlefield

6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Jaime Anderson, Linda Dorr

**RE Sunday Coordinator:** Eleanor Hamilton

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

### Upcoming Services

**April 14:** YRUU Service

**April 21:** Cynthia Spiegel, "Music Sunday"

**April 28:** Rev. Scot Hull

## Order of Worship

### Ring the Bell

### Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn** #1001 “Breaths”

### Welcoming Words

### Song of Praise

### Our Covenant

### Doxology

**Story for All Ages** “Neither,” Airlie Anderson, presented by the Clark Family

*Children and adult leaders leave for religious education. Guests welcome, simply exit with the group. You'll be guided from there.*

### Passing the Peace

### Joys and Sorrows

### Candles of Remembrance

**Hymn of Comfort** #1009 “Meditation on Breathing”

**Invitation to Generosity** Tom Lichtenheld

**Offertory** “Seeking / Finding”

### Antiphonal Reading

**Responsive Music** “Ataraxia”

**Sermon** “The Future is Non-Binary”

**Closing Hymn** “One Foot in Front of the Other/Lead with Love,” Melanie DeMore

### Benediction

**Sending Music** “To the Horizon”

## Announcements

**Pizza Lunch & Scavenger Hunt Today!** Join us for a fun scavenger hunt at (and around) UUSG 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.

### **Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle, Today, 2-4pm!**

This Drum Circle, led by Gina Grupe-Stibal, is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around (no music experience required). Also...other instruments that you feel called to bring in harmony are welcome...shakers, maracas, flute, guitar, hand drum, wind chimes, rain sticks...you get the idea!

**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](https://uusg.org/bingo). For questions, please contact Lily at [membership@uusg.org](mailto:membership@uusg.org). If you are interested in helping with the set up and/or clean up, please sign up when RSVPing!

**Adopt-a-Plot** Have a green thumb? Find caring for outdoor landscaping relaxing? Like to garden? Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry is looking for volunteers to help maintain one of the nine plots on our church property. If interested, contact Karen Laukaitis at [weeding@uusg.org](mailto:weeding@uusg.org).

**Rally Sign Prep** In preparation for the “We Are All Immigrants” Rally, the Social Justice team is hosting a Sign-Making Party on Saturday, April 20, 6:30-9p.m. in the Common Room. All supplies for making Rally signs will be provided. Refreshments will also be served. Please RSVP at [uusg.org/sign](https://uusg.org/sign) so we know what food/supplies are needed.

**Grant Writers Needed** If you have experience researching or writing grants, then UUSG needs U! We need a few more members on the team to prepare a grant proposal to make our facility safer and secure. Contact Christine, at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org), if you're able to help.

**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.

**April Beyond Our Walls** The MAD Fund exists so that UUSG can respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance.

**Inclusion Book Club:** *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*, by Kate Moore. A riveting story of our fascination with radium in the early 20th century and of the radiation-poisoned young women who fought a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights. Join us on April 23, at 7pm, on Zoom. [inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org](mailto:inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org).

**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](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup).

**Buddhist Meditation and Dharma Talk**, in person, every Sunday at 6pm. Teachers from 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.

**Women's Circle** “Healing the Body/Mind - Simple Techniques for Taking Better Care of Yourself” Sat., April 27, 1-4pm. We're all spinning too many plates these days and can get frustrated or overwhelmed with the boundless demands and expectations we must deal with. Guest Speaker, Rev. Lindsay Bates will teach us two simple ways to be kinder to ourselves - a self-hypnotic technique and a Reiki technique that you don't need a Reiki initiation to use. Be sure to bring paper & pen for this session. [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).