

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.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, April 21	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 8:30 AM	RE Steering Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	ERT Meeting
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, April 22	
• 9:00 AM	Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, April 23	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM	The Inclusion Book Club <i>online</i>
Wednesday, April 24	
• 11:30 AM	It's Just Lunch <i>off-site</i>
Thursday, April 25	
• 6:30 PM	Pub Theology <i>off-site</i>
Friday, April 26	
• 12:00 PM	Geezer's Group <i>off-site</i>
• 7:00 PM	Friday Features
Saturday, April 27	
• 1:00 PM	Women's Circle
• 5:00 PM	Circle Supper
Sunday, April 28	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

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

April 21, 2024

Worship Associate: Kathy McFadden

Musicians: Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Linda O'Neill, violin; Dave Hanchette, percussion; Cynthia Spiegel, soloist, song leader; Michael Mackey, guitar and vocals;

The Ad Hoc Young Singers: Harper Littlefield, Will Sapet, Helena Clark, Sarah Clark, Emily Clark, Leo Yurkewicz, Jessica Littlefield, Katie Yurkewicz;

The UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel: Lauren Foulkes, Julie Riffle, Rhonda Robinson, Kelly Herz, Emily Clark, Rachel Harbold, Melanie Abercrombie, Megan Spencer, Pat Vary, Colleen Cushing, Linda O'Neill, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Teal Cyko, Lara Ward, Kyra Ward, Ash Peterson, Roger Gallentine, Tom Zimmerman, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams, Mike Bollero, Tom Haslett, Mark Rudolph, Dave Hanchette

RE K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Christine Herring

3-5: Gary Littlefield, Vickie Kilgore

6-8: Kerry Sapet, Jim Cullom

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jaime Andersen

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

Upcoming Services

April 28: Rev. Scot Hull

May 5: Rev. Scot Hull

Order of Worship
Prelude

Ring the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

Welcoming Words

Introit “This Pretty Planet,” Tom Forster & Tom Chapin

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Story for All Ages “Black Beach,” Shaunna & John Stith
presented by the Clark Family

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

Passing of the Peace

Offertory

Words of Thanks

Meditation

Music “Singer of Life,” words, Texcoco Nahuatl poem; Native American melody

Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”

Reading “The Peace of Wild Things,” Wendell Berry

Choir “Now I Walk in Beauty,” Navajo prayer; music, Gregg Smith

Reading “Earth Day Prayer,” Vern Barnet

Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth,” words Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, music Lia Davis

Responsive Reading #552: “My Help is in the Mountains,” Nancy Wood

Music “Gentle Arms of Eden,” Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer

Reading “Earth,” Mark Belletini

Choir “Carry Me Chant,” words & melody Linda O’Neill, arr. Adam O’Dell

Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Choir “Walk on the Earth (Gently),” Brian Tate

Announcements

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 office@uusg.org, **today**. Stones will be dedicated during a service later this year.

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.

Immigrant Support: UUSG is organizing a rally in support of immigrants and refugees on **Saturday, April 27**, at the **Rte. 38 Bridge in Geneva, 12:00–1:30 p.m.** The purpose is to show our support for migrants as human beings, not as invaders. Bring your signs and American flags. Socialjusticeleader@uusg.org.

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, & May 28, at 7pm, on Zoom. inclusionbookclubleader@uusg.org.

Pub Theology Thursday, **April 25, 6:30-8:30pm**, Sturdy Shelter in Batavia. 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.

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 Life comes at you fast, and sometimes, it catches you by surprise. The UUSG **Make-A-Difference Fund** is our way of helping members in need of immediate financial relief. Because helping is what community does.

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 in-person or online, via Zoom.

Women’s Circle “Healing the Body/Mind-Simple Techniques for Taking Better Care of Yourself,” **Saturday, 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.

UUSG Food Ministry Thanks

Thank you to our **Lazarus House** Volunteers in April! Molly MacKay Zacker and the OWL Class; Rose Moore, Llona Steele, Renee & David Tomell

Thank you to our **Northern Illinois Food Bank** Volunteers in April! Melissa Auer, Kevin Beyer, Lauren Foulkes, Teri Fuller, Kat Gordon, Kimberly, Jonathon, & Cole Harrison, Taia Hollmeier, Jean Maffiola, Carol Myers, Nata-Leigh, Kevin & Lubbock Preas