

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 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
Monday, April 29	
Tuesday, April 30	
• 9:00 AM	Worship Team Meeting
• 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, May 1	
• 9:30 AM	Gazebo Group Meeting <i>off-site</i>
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhist Meditation <i>online</i>
Thursday, May 2	
• 2:00 PM	Budget Planning Meeting <i>online</i>
Friday, May 3	ADS Inspection
• 2:00 PM	Christine Working Remotely
Saturday, May 4	
• 9:00 AM	Facilities Work Day
Sunday, May 5	Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:00 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 11:30 AM	OWL Meet Up
• 2:00 PM	Sacred Sounds Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

April 28, 2024

Worship Associate:

Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, piano and Cynthia Spiegel, song leader

Sunday RE Coordinator: Eleanor Hamilton

RE K-2: Kimberly Harrison, Christine Herring

3-5: Katie Yurkewicz, Ro Maziarz

6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Jenny Montgomery

9-12: Ashley Peterson

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

Upcoming Services

May 5: Rev. Scot Hull

May 12: Rev. Scot Hull, New Member Recognition & Flower Communion

Order of Worship

Prelude “Sonata in C Minor,” Manuel Blasco de Nebra

Ring the Bell

Opening Hymn #1001 “Morning Has Come”

Welcoming Words

Introit “Solfeggietto,” C.P.E. Bach

Covenant

Story for All Ages “The Night Walk,” Marie Dorleans presented by Tom Lichtenheld
Children and adult leaders leave for religious education. New families are always welcome to join them.

Passing the Peace

Testimonial Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “Tambourin,” Jean-Philippe Rameau

Words of Thanks

Reading

Responsive Music “Les Barricades Mysterieuses,” F. Couperin

Sermon “Transparent Eyeball”

Closing Hymn #79 “No Number Tallies Nature Up”

Benediction

Sending Music “Passacaglia,” Chip Davis

Announcements

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle, May 5th, 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!

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.

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.

Lazarus House May 4 is our next date to provide dinner and sack lunches for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. We're short on volunteers this month. Could you help out? To sign up: uusg.org/lazarus-house.

Chalice House, a shared project led by Countryside Church UU in Palatine, provides temporary housing for immigrants seeking asylum in the US. UUSG is partnering with Countryside to provide household goods for a new family from Ukraine moving into Chalice House. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at uusg.org/chalice-house. Donations are due to the Common Room by **May 12**.

Fermi Community Orchestra Concert Sunday, **May 5**, at 7pm, Batavia United Methodist Church. Six of our UUSG congregants play in the Fermi Orchestra--All are invited to attend this free and family friendly event featuring music inspired by literary works and fairytales.

UUSG at CPK is Back! Save the date for our next destination fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. On **Monday, May 20**, 11am-9pm, if you mention UUSG at checkout, 20% of all sales will come back to the church. Flyers are available in the Common Room.

Pledge Drive 2024-2025 - A Quick Update from Your Pledge Team:

This year, to date - 135 wonderful pledge units have responded. (A pledge unit is a household.) THANK YOU!!! Last year's final results - 144 wonderful pledge units had responded. Thank you!

This year to date, dollars pledged - \$348,643. Thank you!!! Last year, final dollars pledged - \$361,899. Thank you! Of the 135 pledge units that are in, **22 of these are new pledge families!** WOW!

However, our work isn't done yet. We're aiming to hear from **an additional 35 or so pledge families**. Each pledge plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our church--hearing from 10 families who may be able to give \$20 a month adds \$2,400.00 to our planned income--a significant increase! As we approach budgeting season, your pledges provide us with essential guidance and support. They enable us to make informed decisions that align with our collective vision for the future of UUSG.

For those of you who are church members, having a pledge on file is not only a commitment to our community but also an integral part of your membership. If you haven't already, please consider making your pledge today at uusg.org/pledge-form.

To do the Practical Goodness in the World that we all want to do, and that the world needs from us, please remember that Every Person, Every Pledge, Every Dollar makes it possible! THANK YOU!