

**“May Beyond Our Walls”** Northern Illinois Food Bank is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing food to those in need in northern Illinois. They ensure that more than 71,000 people are fed each week through over 900 food pantries, mobile food truck markets, and soup kitchens. Your financial gift can support food distributions, providing \$8 worth of groceries for every \$1 donated.

**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.

**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).

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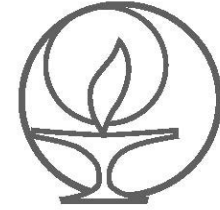
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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

- Sunday, May 12**
- 6:00 PM Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, May 13**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting *online*
- Tuesday, May 14**
- 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting
  - 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- Wednesday, May 15**
- 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
  - 3:00 PM Steeple Walk Meeting
  - 7:00 PM UU Buddhist Study Group *online*
  - 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting
- Thursday, May 16**
- 10:00 AM FEMA Contractor Meeting
  - 11:30 AM FEMA Grant Committee *online*
- Friday, May 17**
- 7:00 PM FV Electric Auto Assn.
- Saturday, May 18**
- Sunday, May 19**
- 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
  - 11:30 AM Annual Meeting
  - 12:15 PM Volunteer Appreciation Party
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

## Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

May 12, 2024

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Steve Clark

**Musicians:** Val Heinkel-Bollero, piano; Lara Ward, French horn; 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, Andy Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, John Rosenkrans, Mark Adams, Mike Bollero, Tom Haslett, Tom Zimmerman, Mark Rudolph

**Story For All Ages:** Dave Hanchette, Laz Escalona, Linda Dorr

**Nursery:** Sean Hruby, Christine Herring

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

### Upcoming Services

**May 19:** RE Moving-Up Sunday & Annual Meeting

**May 26:** Rev. Scot Hull

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## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Ring the Bell

**Hymn of Community** #317 "We Are Not Our Own"

**Hymn of Praise** #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Hymn of Celebration** #78 "Color and Fragrance"

### Welcoming Words

### Chalice Lighting

**Story for All Ages** "No Nibbling," Beth Ferry & A.N. Kang

### Passing the Peace

**Testimonial** Northern IL Food Bank

### New Member Recognition

### Covenant

**Offertory** "Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers,"  
Thomas Benjamin

### Words of Thanks

**Song of Invitation** "Come and See," Karen Marroli

### Flower Communion

### Homily

**Closing Hymn** #298 "Wake, Now, My Senses"

### Benediction

**Sending** "Blessed Be," Melanie DeMore

## Announcements

**RE Appreciation Party** Please join us Sunday, **May 19**, for a special service recognizing the volunteers who make our RE program possible, as well as the kids who are moving up from one classroom to the next. It will be a feel-good, fun celebration! Stick around for our annual meeting, followed by the 3rd Annual RE Volunteer Appreciation Party. Mini-sandwiches, chips and cupcakes will be served as an afternoon snack. Come for the company, stay for the bounce house! **RSVP by May 13**, to help us plan how much food to order! [uusg.org/spring](http://uusg.org/spring).

**UUSG Annual Congregational Meeting Next Sunday**, May 19, at 11:30am in the Sanctuary and online via Zoom. Voting Members, please RSVP at [uusg.org/annual-meeting](http://uusg.org/annual-meeting) so we can ensure a quorum. We will be voting on the new slate for the Board of Directors, and will hear from our Board President, Nancy Christensen, and Rev. Scot on this year's accomplishments and plans for the new fiscal year.

**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.

**Women's Circle** "Welcome Summer" **Saturday, May 25**, 1pm at Les Arends Forest Preserve, Batavia. Thank you to all who have participated and helped make this season of Women's Circle so meaningful. As we wrap up the season and celebrate our time together, we will discuss what the future holds for Women Circle, will we pass the torch or temporarily extinguish the flame? More details and sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](http://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Lean on UUs** is an initiative by our WOW Team which consists of a list of home health care equipment owned by congregants that is available for temporary loan (wheelchairs, knee scooters, shower benches, etc) If you are in need of such equipment you may contact [wow@uusg.org](mailto:wow@uusg.org) and we will see if we have the equipment you need.

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Class - June 2**, 11:45am - 1:45pm. A two-hour orientation class on the history of Unitarian Universalism and of UUSG will be offered at 11:45am on June 2, beginning in the Sanctuary. We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. Lunch/Brunch is provided! You can sign up at [uusg.org/explore](http://uusg.org/explore) or at the welcome center in the Common Room. Childcare (ages 0-8) is provided upon request, please list ages of children in the comment section when signing up.

**Exploring Membership Class - June 16**, 11:45am - 1:45pm. A two-hour class on exploring membership will be offered on June 16 beginning in the Sanctuary for those who are interested in becoming official members of UUSG. Lunch/Brunch is provided! Sign up at [uusg.org/explore](http://uusg.org/explore) or at the welcome center in the Common Room. Childcare (ages 0-8) is provided upon request, please list ages of children in the comment section when signing up.

**UUA Virtual General Assembly, June 20-23** General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. This year, we have a big vote coming up- our new Article II proposals! We have **4** remaining delegates to represent UUSG. If you are interested, contact Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org). Everyone is invited! Learn more at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).