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### Summer Guest Speakers

August 13: Rev. Pam Rumancik

August 20: Aaron Fogelman

August 27: Michael Mackey

September 3: Most Venerable Bhante Sujatha

**Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM** Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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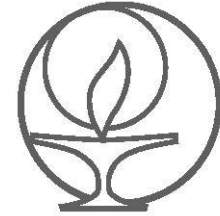
- Sunday, August 6**      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Sunday
  - 2:00 PM Oneness Drum Circle
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
- Monday, August 7**
- 1:00 PM Finance Team Meeting
  - 7:00 PM Technology Team Meeting
- Tuesday, August 8**
- 7:00 PM Board of Directors
- Wednesday, August 9**
- 1:00 PM Simply Sharing Circle
  - 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting *online*
- Thursday, August 10**
- 10:30 PM Marketing Campaign Meeting
  - 12:00 PM Congregational Administrator & Membership Training
- Friday, August 11**
- Saturday, August 12**
- 9:00 AM Facilities Team Work Day
  - 9:00 AM Northern IL Food Bank *offsite*
- Sunday, August 13**      Worship Service 10:00 AM
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

### Staff Vacations

Rev. Scot will be back in the pulpit September 10 for Homecoming.

Our Congregational Administrator, Christine, will be on vacation August 17-21.

# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**August 6, 2023**

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Zsolt Elekes

**Worship Associate:** Gail Tattersfield

**Musicians:** Angela Salvaggione, Cynthia Spiegel

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

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, August 13:** Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Sunday, August 20:** Aaron Fogelman

## Order of Worship

Prelude

Bell Ringing

Call to Worship

Introit

Welcoming Words

Opening Hymn #34 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

Passing Peace

Offertory

Reading

Responsive Music

Sermon "Lifechanging Faith: Myth or Reality"

Hymn # 124 "Be That Guide"

Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Sending Music

## Announcements

**Our guest speaker and worship leader today is Rev. Zsolt Elekes.** As a minister of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church and a school chaplain, he and his fellow volunteers helped many hundreds of people in need throughout the recent months, with housing and food, but educational and cultural activities as well. Rev Zsolt is actively involved in helping Ukrainian refugees who fled to his home country, Romania. Today, Rev. Zsolt will share with us the story of his youth and involvement in a Unitarian youth group, how it helped him to find his home, and how the church can be a practical, not just theoretical sanctuary for people who struggle, be that Ukrainian refugees, or members of any minority groups.

**Oneness Drum Circle Today!, 2-4pm,** in the Sanctuary. Music is one of the fastest ways to shift your energy and lift your mood. In our Circle, we learn how to move away from our ego-centric thoughts by getting grounded into our heart center, tapping into the natural flow of our unique heart songs through sound vibrations. We bring plenty of instruments to share and encourage for all ages and abilities, no musical background required. Please email Gina Grupe-Stibal at [drumcircle@uusg.org](mailto:drumcircle@uusg.org) if you would like more information.

**Sister Supper-time is almost here!** Taking place in September, October, and November, Sister Suppers are small, lively home gatherings that help us get to know one another better over a shared meal. Hostesses open their homes to five participants, and each brings a dish to share. Open to members and friends of UUSG who identify as women, they provide wonderful opportunities for connecting and reconnecting with other women within the UUSG community. More details and sign up at [uusg.org/sister-suppers](https://uusg.org/sister-suppers). **Deadline is August 19!**

**WeO Annual Training Meeting** Interested in helping visitors learn what a good thing we've got going? Join us for our annual Welcome Orientation Team meeting at 11:30am on **Saturday, August 26**, as we prepare for the upcoming year. Bring a salad (or side) to share and your own beverage. RSVP at [uusg.org/weo](https://uusg.org/weo).

**Our Newest Members!** On July 30, we welcomed our newest members who signed "The Book": Silvana & Tom King, Vicki Deane, Cyanne Hanson, Mark Rudolph, Megan Spencer, and Lexi Birlidis. Welcome Home!

**Simply Sharing Women's Group** Our August get-together will be on **Wednesday, 8/9, 1-3 pm**, in our Common Room. Thanks to Sandy Bottoms for a suggested topic...summer vacations--did you have a favorite one, maybe somewhere you went most summers like a camp or waterfront location? Please be ready to share some of the details. Bring your own snack or beverage if you wish. Questions? Please contact Gail Tattersfield at [simplysharing@uusg.org](mailto:simplysharing@uusg.org).

**RE Summer of Fun event** Families and teachers, please join us Tuesday, August 15, 10 am - noon at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles. Each youth in our RE program will receive a round of golf compliments of UUSG. Kindly RSVP to [dre@uusg.org](mailto:dre@uusg.org).

**August 'Beyond Our Walls' Hosed House in Aurora** is a national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. Their highly skilled professionals collaborate to provide the tools necessary to help individuals and families break free of the shackles binding them to homelessness. With the help of professional staff, alliances with outside agencies over a thousand people are served through Hosed House's shelter and three housing programs annually. At their Comprehensive Homeless Resource Center, people receive support related to housing, support systems, life skills, legal issues, physical/emotional abuse, mental/physical health, and much more.

**UUSG at CPK is Back!** Save the date for our next destination fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. On **Thursday, September 14**, 11am-9pm, if you mention UUSG at checkout a percentage of all sales will come back to the church. Last time we raised over \$300 for UUSG!