

Steeple Walk Join us Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, when UUSG will once again host a musical performance during the Steeple Walk program. \$12 per ticket. Contact Gail Tattersfield for info.

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good people. We're building a list of members who are "warm" to the idea of serving on the Board. If you're interested in being on that list, please send an email to Jim Frazier, at nominating@uusg.org.

UUSG Party for Incarcerated Youth It is once again time for the Holiday Party at the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. The party will be Saturday, December 16, 1-3pm. UUSG has a long history of brightening the holidays for the young men at the Center and those who have helped out in the past have found it to be both rewarding and thought provoking. To participate, please submit your date of birth and ss # to Melissa Auer before December 1, for a background check. For more information contact Melissa Auer at auermel@yahoo.com, 630-338-2519.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2018! Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers. Participants will be grouped with different folks for each of the four monthly suppers, beginning in January. uusg.org/circle-suppers

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 19

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Communications Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

Monday, November 20

Senior Minister on Vacation Through November 27

- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

Tuesday, November 21

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, November 23

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Meditation for Connection

Friday, November 24

- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Buddhist Meditation
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting

The Stewardship Team will host a discussion on Planned Giving and Estate Planning on Sunday, December 10th between 2pm-4pm. Ted Kuczek of Kuczek & Associates will speak on the subject and provide a forum for people to ask questions about charitable giving, financial planning for the future, and the tax benefits of doing so. Please plan to attend, RSVP to stewardship@uusg.org, or just show up!

Welcome to This House!



November 19, 2017

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Today's Worship Team

Worship Associates: Julie Riffle, Teal Cyko
Musicians: Geoff Pynn; Jazz Combo: Michael Townley, Tracy Rosenkrans, Paul Sargent, Geoff Pynn
Greeter: Martha Tabis
Hosts: The Communications Team
Counters: Brad Lipman, Molly MacKay Zacker

Upcoming Services

November 26: Guest in the Pulpit: Rev. Bob McWilliams
December 3: The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music, Ringing of the Church Bell, Call to Worship

Song of Community “Let Us Give Thanks”

Let us give thanks for the food that we eat.
Let us give thanks for people who care.
Food fills the body and love makes us whole.
Let us give thanks deep down in our soul.

Welcome and Congregational Greetings

Our Community’s Announcements – Rin Gong

Prelude *Autumn Leaves*, Johnny Mercer & Jacques Prevert

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Antiphonal Reading # 656 “A Harvest of Gratitude”

Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Offering Introduction

Offertory *Cold Duck Time*, Eddie Harris

In Thanksgiving – Our Community

Hymn # 67 “We Sing Now Together” verses 1 & 4

In Thanksgiving – The Little Things

Hymn # 21 “For the Beauty of the Earth” verses 1 & 4

Thanksgiving Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *What a Wonderful World*, Weiss & Thiele

In Thanksgiving – Five Kernels of Corn

Hymn # 68 “Come, Ye Thankful People”

In Thanksgiving – Sharing Together

Hymn # 1010 “We Give Thanks” *repeating*
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather’d here and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

Unison Closing

 adapted from the Rev. Vincent Silliman

We bring today our joyful thanks
for all that Life has given.
May we never be satisfied
just to enjoy our plenty
so long as any are in want.
May we express our gratitude
for Life’s gifts,
not in words alone,
but also in the purposes
for which we live
and in the kindness of our deeds.

Postlude *Wavy Gravy* by Kenny Burrell

Benediction

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates will be on vacation Nov. 20-27.

Thank you, Communications Team, for our Social Hour this morning. We are in need of hosts for the 11/25 & 12/3 Social Hours and will be grateful for all who might help. Our Social Hours are much appreciated.

Calling all “Cookie Elves!” The 35th Annual Cookie Walk is Friday, December 1. Sign up at uusg.org/cookie-walk or in the Common Room to bake cookies or work at the event. Join in on one of UUSG’s most delicious fundraisers!

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet November 20, 7-8:30pm.

Annual UUSG Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23: Join fellow UUs for turkey and ham (provided). Please bring a dish to share. Doors open at 1:15pm with snacks and beverages. Dinner is served at 2pm. We enjoy a bountiful dinner with fellowship before and after the meal. **Please note** that this year’s dinner is at 205 Fellows St. in St. Charles. uusg.org/thanksgiving-signup.

A PPG award to Carol Myers for restocking and organizing the Busy Bags in the Sanctuary! We appreciate you!

The Hospitality Team invites all UUSG members, families, and friends to join in decorating the church on Friday, November 24 from 10am to 1pm. RSVP at uusg.org/holiday-decorating.

UUSG has been invited to participate in a peace vigil that The First Congregational Church of Geneva is hosting on Sunday, December 3, at 5pm. The purpose of the vigil is to remember those who have been impacted by violence in the last year, especially the victims of the recent mass shootings.

Thanks to everyone who helped with, and attended, our celebration of the 39th anniversary of Lindsay’s ordination! We think everyone had a terrific time, including Lindsay. Please see the weekly E-Blast for a full “thank you” list.

Green Sanctuary Team: Save Your Styrofoam! Just in time for the holidays, the GST has arranged to have a Blue Recycle Container placed on the back porch, exclusively for styrofoam.

Spotlight On: The Communications Team The Com Team’s purpose is to promote UUSG philosophy and activities to the congregation and greater community. Would you like to share your talents with our team? For more info and meeting times, contact Dave Davis at communications@uusg.org. All are welcome!

The November BOW offering will go to the St. Charles organization called “Be A Hero To A Hero.” They provide up to 800 Christmas stockings filled with socks, a t-shirt, and toiletries for disabled and infirm vets at the big VA nursing home in Manteo, various nursing homes in Geneva and St. Charles, and many homebound vets in our area.

November Friday Flick: *The Pilgrims* explores the riveting true story of a small group of English Separatists whose determination to worship God as they saw fit planted the seeds of the American dream. Join us November 24, at 7pm.

Tickets for Holiday Radio Theater Celebrate the holidays with a pair of tickets to the re-enactment of the 1940s live broadcast of “It’s a Wonderful Life” on December 16, at Fermilab. See New2U for more info.