

**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.

**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](http://uusg.org/circle-suppers)

**One-stop Holiday Shopping!** When you’re making your holiday shopping list, remember that “Lighting the Chalice” will make a wonderful gift for your UU family and friends. To purchase, one, two, three or more copies, see Christine in the church office. Copies are \$10.

**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.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, November 26

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

### Monday, November 27

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### Tuesday, November 28

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis

### Wednesday, November 29

- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### Thursday, November 30

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 6:30 pm Cookie Walk Set-up

### Friday, December 1

- 4:30 pm Cookie Walk

### Saturday, December 2

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group

### Sunday, December 3

- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:45 pm LRE Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm MOM Meeting
- 2:00 pm Steeple Walk
- 5:00 pm Peace Vigil at First Congregational Church of Geneva

# Welcome to This House!



*November 26, 2017*

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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### Today’s Worship Team

Worship Associates: Melissa Auer, Doreen Christiani  
Musician: Dean Malambri  
Greeter: Martha Tabis  
Counters: Kevin O’Neill, Bob Prah

### Upcoming Services

December 3: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
December 10: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 126 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

*Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong.*

**Prelude** *Allemande* from *Partita No. 1*, J.S. Bach

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 660 “To Live Deliberately”

**Our Covenant** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

**Doxology** (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *The Gift*, Jim Brickman, arr. Dennis Alexander

**For All Ages** Aaron Fogleman

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Sonata in B minor, K. 87*, Scarlatti

### Readings

**Hymn** # 132 “Bright Those Jewels”

**Sermon** “Surrounded with Tender Affection,”  
the Rev. Bob McWilliams

**Hymn** # 128 “For All That Is Our Life”

**Unison Closing** # 692 (Lauralyn Bellamy)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, Miller, Jackson,  
arr. Dennis Alexander

## Announcements

**The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates** is on vacation through Nov. 27.

**Calling all “Cookie Elves!”** The 35th Annual Cookie Walk is Friday, December 1. Sign up at [uusg.org/cookie-walk](http://uusg.org/cookie-walk) or in the Common Room to bake cookies or work at the event.

**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.

**Christmas Eve at UUSG:** Join us for one service at 10am Christmas Eve morning followed by a potluck brunch. This will be a special service of stories and carols led by Rev. Lindsay and music presented by classical guitarist, Paul Moeller. Our Christmas Eve Family Service is at 4pm and is a sweet time for the whole family, especially the little ones. We begin the Candlelight Choir Service at 8pm. Come sing along to your favorite hymns with the UUSG Choir, led by Cynthia Spiegel. Seating in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 people, so arrive early!

**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.

**Project Snowfall** The GST will host a Post Card Campaign introduction meeting on Saturday, 12/9, anytime between 9-10 and 12-1 in the Common Room. The campaign is to act as a vehicle for congregational outreach and is designed to be very easy and flexible. During the campaign, we will send 1-2 individualized cards per month.

**Thank you, Technology Team, for our Social Hour** this morning. We will welcome hosts for our December 3, services. Our Social Hours are a valued part of our Sundays together. We appreciate all who help.

**Don’t forget that the last day to register** for the 5th Annual Women’s Retreat is quickly approaching. There is now a wait-list for overnight spots, but there is still room for non-overnight attendees. Registration deadline is December 1. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to “Discover Your Flow...Pause and Bond with the women of UUSG,” January 19-21. Please contact Rachel Harbold at [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org) if you would like more information. Register at [uusg.org/womens-retreat](http://uusg.org/womens-retreat).

**The Stewardship Team** will host a discussion on Planned Giving and Estate Planning on Sunday, December 10, 2-4pm. 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 RSVP to [stewardship@uusg.org](mailto:stewardship@uusg.org), or just show up!

**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](http://New2U) for more info.

**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](mailto:auermel@yahoo.com), 630-338-2519.

**Consider joining the UUSG Christmas Eve choir!** There are three weekly rehearsals starting Wednesday, Dec. 6. A special invitation goes out to our youth, 11 years or older, who must be joined by at least one parent. Sign up [here](http://here). For more info, contact our choir director, Cynthia Spiegel, at [choir@uusg.org](mailto:choir@uusg.org).

**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](mailto:nominating@uusg.org).