

PPG Award Thank you to Becky, Cal, and Elaina Hruby for cleaning and organizing the LRE Supply Room! Thank you for all your hard work—this was no small task!

PPG Award Thanks to Bill Koehl, Kathy & Liam Doyle, and Jeannie & Bill Scown for coming out during Thanksgiving week to prepare and serve food to the needy at the St. Charles Episcopal Soup Kitchen.

Get Involved With Interweave Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month for discussions and special events. We will meet Sunday, December 17, at 12:30pm to walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch. For info, please contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

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.

UUSG is now collaborating with St Charles Episcopal on our joint mission to feed the needy in Kane County. They help us with Lazarus House meals and we help with their Soup Kitchen. Please see [sign-up](#) for info or contact Martha Tabis with questions.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

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 Ministry on Ministries Meeting
- 2:00 pm Steeple Walk

Monday, December 4

- 1:00 pm Women's Circle Planning Meeting
- 4:00 pm Steeple Walk Wrap-Up
- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism & Meditation Study Group

Thursday, December 7

- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle
- 7:00 pm FRVI Mental Health Meeting

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 am Green Sanctuary Team Postcard Event
- 10:00 am Prep for IYC Holiday Party
- 12:00 pm Green Sanctuary Team Postcard Event

Sunday, December 10

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 pm Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 pm Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 2:00 pm Planned Giving & Estate Planning

Welcome to This House!



December 3, 2017

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Today's Worship Team

Worship Associates: Deb Brod, Roxanne Willis
Musician: Lynn Fisher McCanne
Hosts: The Green Sanctuary Team
Counters: Tom Haslett, Jamie Carroll

Upcoming Services

December 10: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
December 17: Intergenerational Holiday Pageants

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 57 “All Beautiful the March of Days”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *Chorale*, N. Della Joio

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 663 “One Small Face”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to the Offering

Offering *In Excelsis Deo*, Trad. French, arr. K.R. Olson

For All Ages Glenda Peck

Children & teachers go to religious education classes.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring/It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, J.S. Bach/R.S. Willis, arr. J. Rouse

Readings

Hymn # 224 “Let Christmas Come”

Sermon “Reclaiming the Circle,”
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Hymn # 226 “People, Look East”

Unison Closing # 706 (Kathleen McTigue)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Adeste Fideles*, Paraphrase (R. Vilbac)

Announcements

Thank you, Green Sanctuary Team, for hosting our Social Hour this morning! We are grateful to the Nominating Committee, who will host next week.

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!

End-of-year Contributions Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, to claim a charitable contribution deduction for the previous year. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in the new year will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in the previous year, even if the check is predated to the previous year or was written in the previous year. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2017 will be deductible, even if they are not received by the church until 2018.

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 at uusg.org/choir. Questions? Contact Cynthia Spiegel, at choir@uusg.org.

“Beyond Our Walls” This month, we’re collecting for our “Holiday Lights” Fund which will support the Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley Trivia Bee, and to provide gifts to the YRUU Habitat for Humanity Family. You do not need to decide which of the two to support. All will benefit from your contribution unless you target your donation to one of the causes. Write checks to “UUSG” with “BOW” in the memo line.

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. **Sign up deadline is tomorrow!** uusg.org/circle-suppers

Project Snowfall The GST will host a Post Card Campaign introduction meeting on Saturday, December 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.

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, or just show up!

Luncheonettes Are you in the holiday spirit, or feeling a bit overwhelmed? Take a break! We will meet December 13, due to upcoming holidays. Please join us to share lunch and holiday stories with a loving community! Andres, Batavia 11:30-1:00 pm. All UUSG women and friends invited! RSVP by Tuesday at noon. uusg.org/luncheonettes.

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet December 18, 7-8:30pm. We’ll be watching “Monty Python’s Life of Brian.” For more info, please contact Jim Frazier biblestudy@uusg.org.

One-stop Holiday Shopping! Remember that “Lighting the Chalice” will make a wonderful gift for your UU family and friends. To purchase, see Christine in the church office. Copies are \$10.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy! Putting together your holiday shopping list? Before you hit the stores, check out New2U where a purchase not only benefits UUSG but helps the environment by reusing/recycling. We’ve got jewelry, a bike, a guitar package, and more! Visit uusg.org/new2u.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive curriculum exploring relationships, sexuality, and decision making for grades 7-9. If you’re interested in your child attending, please contact Jenny Montgomery at Jenny@andymontgomery.com. Key Date: December 17, 12:30pm: Parent Meeting.