

Rolling Out Realm! UUSG has a new private social network for church communication. If you have not yet received an invite, please email office@uusg.org. Need help getting started? Sign up for a one-on-one lesson with our Congregational Administrator, Christine, on the board in the Common Room.

Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, January 12, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. February Sky features traditional singer and Celtic guitarist Phil Cooper with songwriter and singer Susan Urban. Sponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

WANTED: Grisham Books A congregant is putting together a Christmas present for a Grisham fan. If you've read the book(s) and you can part with them, a donation will be made to UUSG. More info in "Free and Wanted" at uusg.org/new2u-shop.

November's Beyond Our Walls Donations collected \$1,449 for "Be a Hero to a Hero."

Remember to check the "New Nametag Bin" in the vestibule for all the recently requested nametags (and some older ones too).

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 13

- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Facilities Team Meeting

Thursday, December 14

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Small Group Ministry

Friday, December 15

- 7:00pm Pageant Music Rehearsal

Saturday, December 16

- 9:00 am Pageant Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm IYC Holiday Party (off-site)

Sunday, December 17

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Meeting
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave (off-site)
- 12:30 pm OWL Parent Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Christmas Morning Service Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

Welcome to This House!



December 10, 2017

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Today's Worship Team

Worship Associates: Christine Schulman, Diane Gallentine
Musicians: Tom Zimmerman, Andy Montgomery
Hosts: The Nominating Committee
Counters: The Finance Team

Upcoming Services

December 17: Intergenerational Holiday Pageants
December 24: The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 415 “Hevenu Shalom Aleychem”

Words of Welcome

Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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

Prelude *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 629 “Hanukkah Lights”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to the Offering

Offering *Wish You Were Here*, David Gilmore, Roger Waters

For All Ages Ilene Smit

Children & teachers go to religious education classes.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *Power of the Gospel*, Ben Harper

Readings

Hymn # 161 “Peace! The Perfect Word”

Sermon “Hanukkah,”
the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Hymn # 221 “Light One Candle”

Unison Closing # 636 “Bless Us with Peace”

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude *Asturias* (excerpt), Isaac Albeniz

Announcements

Thank you, Nominating Team, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful that our Hospitality Team will host next week. We appreciate you!

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 2017. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2018, will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2017, even if the check is predated to 2017, or was written in 2017. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2017 will be deductible, even if they are not received by the church until 2018.

The Stewardship Team will host a discussion on Planned Giving and Estate Planning today, 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. All are welcome!

Staff Time Off The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates will be on vacation December 26-30, and Christine Imielski will be on vacation January 2-4. Office hours December 26-30, will be by appointment only.

“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.

Cookie Walk We had a very fast paced and exciting cookie walk this year - we opened the doors to the cookie room at 4:25 and were sold out by 5:40 — filling around 175 boxes of cookies! The rough cookie count was 5,244 cookies (about 437 dozen). William Elbert set a cookie baking record - he made 96 dozen cookies! Thank you to all the bakers, to the folks who signed up to set up, and those who spontaneously volunteered to help set up as they dropped off cookies that evening - we folded over 200 boxes! Thanks to all the cookie elves, the very energetic first shift, the super elves who stayed beyond first shift end until the last box was sold and packed, and those who stayed to clean up too! An extra thank you to Christine for handling the sign ups, the health dept. paper work, organizing our supplies, and providing the table rentals. Love cookies? Diane Peters is looking for a co-chair for next year to join the fun!

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.

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

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.

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.

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.