

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

**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](http://februarysky.com).

**Holiday Shopping?** It's not too late to reduce/reuse/recycle by shopping at New2U. We've got new listings, including a great assortment of carrying bags for the traveler on your list. Oh, and don't forget to donate your John Grisham books. See [New2U](#) for photos and more info.

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

**The efficiency of our heating system** at UUSG relies heavily on the free flow of air from area to area. Please leave all doors open, including hallway and kitchen doors.

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, December 17

- 10:30 am Hospitality & Fellowship Team 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 Eve 4pm Service Rehearsal Read-Through
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### Monday, December 18

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve 10am Service Read-Through
- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

### Tuesday, December 19

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 20

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

### Thursday, December 21

- 7:00 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle

### Friday, December 22

- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)

### Saturday, December 23

### Sunday, December 24

- 10:00 am Worship & Potluck Brunch
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Buddhist Meditation
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 4:00 pm Family Service
- 8:00 pm Candlelight Choir Service

## Welcome to This House!



### UUSG Pageant Service

*December 17, 2017*

### Today's Worship Team

Pageant Team: Eric Peterson, Becky Hruby, Chung Liang, Tom Russo, Meredith Vandre, Tracy Rosenkrans  
Worship Associates: Christine Schulman, Doreen Christiani  
Musician: Geoff Pynn  
Hosts: The Hospitality Team  
Counters: Bill Scown, Karen Laukaitis

### Upcoming Services

December 24: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
-10am: Intergenerational Service  
-4pm: Family Service  
-8pm: Candlelight Choir Service  
December 31: Intergenerational Fire Ritual Service

## Order of Worship

**Ingathering Music** presented by Geoff Pynn,  
Quinn Welsh, Alexander Cordogan, & Stephan Cordogan

## Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 235 “Deck the Halls”  
Skiaya MacPebbles, violin

## Words of Welcome

## Community Announcements & Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *My Two Friends* by Beethoven  
Quinn Welsh, Alexander & Stephan Cordogan

**The First Celebrations: The Rebirth of Light**  
(adapted from Kenneth L. Patton)

## Chalice Lighting

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

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

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

## Intro to the Offering

**Offering** Calvin Hruby, piano  
*Carol of the Bells/Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy/Jingle Bell Boogie*  
by Leontovich/Tchaikovsky/Pierpont

**The Story of Hanukkah: The Rebirth of Freedom**  
(adapted from Rabbi Michael Feshbach)

**Hymn** # 222 “Mi Y'Malel” Max Montgomery, bells

**Responsive** *Winter Song* by Heart and Head  
Ellie, David, & Jake Montgomery

**The First Christmas: The Rebirth of Hope**  
(adapted from Jory Agate)

**Hymn** # 246 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Hymn** # 243 “Jesus, Our Brother” Ivan Pynn, trombone

**Hymn** # 231 “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
Ivan Pynn, Anna & Erin Rosenkrans

**Hymn** # 239 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”  
Erin Rosenkrans, trumpet

**Hymn** # 251 “Silent Night, Holy Night”  
Anna Rosenkrans, horn

**Postlude** *Jingle Bells*, by Pierpont/Bare-Naked Ladies  
Tracey McFadden, Andy Montgomery, Tracy Rosenkrans

## Closing Words & Benediction

## Announcements

**We are grateful to our Hospitality Team** for our Social Hour this morning. We welcome you all to our Christmas Eve services next week. Thank you to all who have helped and will help provide Social Hours!

**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.

**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!

**The Christmas Eve Offering** will support UUSG’s “Make a Difference”/MAD Fund and The Humanitarian Service Project (HSP) Senior’s Project.

**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.

**Promoting Practical Goodness** A PPG award to Kevin O’Neill, for serving as Finance Team Leader for the past 18 years! Kevin, thank you for your financial expertise and leadership over the years. UUSG is extremely grateful for all that you have done! We now welcome Tom Haslett, who will be the new Team Leader of Finance beginning in January 2018. Thank you to Kevin and Tom!

**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 attend the Parent Meeting, today, at 12:30pm.

**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 today, at 12:30pm, to walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch. For info, please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave.leader@uusg.org](mailto:interweave.leader@uusg.org).

**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](mailto:biblestudy@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.

**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.