

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

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Today & This Week at UUSG

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Sunday, December 24 Office Closed

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

Monday, December 25 Office Closed

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
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Tuesday, December 26

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 27

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31 Office Closed

- 10:00 am Worship & Potluck Brunch
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group

Welcome to This House!



December 24, 2017

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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Today's Worship Team

Readers: Deb & Don Brod, William Elbert,
Gail & George Tattersfield
Musicians: Paul Moeller, Kerena Moeller
Counters: Patricia Ward, George Tattersfield

Upcoming Services

December 31: Intergenerational Fire Ritual Service
January 7: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ring of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 235 “Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

Rin Gong, Chalice-Lighting & Prelude

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

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

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

Antiphonal Reading # 621 “Why Not a Star”

Our Covenant (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Doxology (see words inside front of gray hymnal)

Intro to the Offering

Offering

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music

Introduction to the Special Readings

First Carol

First Story: The Baker’s Dozen

Second Carol

Second Story: The Legend of Old Befana by Tomie dePaola

Third Carol

Third Story: The Stone – A Persian Legend of the Magi, by Dianne Hofmeyr

Closing Hymn # 388 “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Unison Closing # 691 (May Sarton)

Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction

Postlude, Closing Words & Benediction

Announcements

Today we enjoy the rare treat of the music of Paul Moeller and his wife, Kerena Moeller. Paul studied at Peabody, NIU, Eastman, and Peabody. He is currently a Visiting Associate Professor of Guitar at NIU and on faculty at ECC. Joining Paul is his wife, cellist Kerena Moeller. She is a graduate of Eastman, the Royal College of Music in London, & Peabody, and you may recognize her as a member of our own Elgin Symphony. They have recorded 2 CDs together and they have concertized throughout the United States and England.

We will resume our Social Hour on Sunday, January 7, with thanks to our MOM & Heritage Teams for hosting.

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: 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! Overflow seating will be available in the Common Room.

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

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Shop New2U. Good for the environment; good for UUSG. Find New2U at uusg.org/New2U.

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

“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.

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 January 21, at 12:30pm. We will also be planning for our February and March LGBTQ church activities leading up to the annual LGBTQ service scheduled for March 4. For information please contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org.

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 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.

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.

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.