

## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, January 7

- 10:30 am Commit to Knit
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Green Sanctuary Team Postcard Event
- 12:45 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting
- 2:15 pm Worship Planning Team Meeting

### Monday, January 8

- 7:00 pm Reiki Discussion Group

### Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 am Geneva Girl Scout Leader Meeting
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Program & Administrative Councils

### Wednesday, January 10

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting

### Thursday, January 11

- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook
- 7:30 pm Small Group Ministry

### Friday, January 12

- 7:00 pm February Sky Folk Music

### Saturday, January 13

- 8:00 am IYC Tutor Training (Private Event)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group

### Sunday, January 14

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 11:15 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm 175th Anniversary Committee Planning Meeting

## Welcome to This House!



January 7, 2018

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

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### Today's Worship Team

Worship Associates: Andrea Gruszecki, Gail Tattersfield  
Musicians: Geoff Pynn, Cynthia Spiegel, Tracy Rosenkrans  
Hosts: "MOM," and Heritage Team  
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Jean Pierce

### Upcoming Services

January 14: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates  
January 21: the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

*Come as you are.*

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## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

**Song of Community** # 259 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Will You Seek in Far-Off Places?*

words Walt Whitman, arr. Norman Luboff

### Chalice Lighting

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

**Antiphonal Reading** # 466 “Religion”

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

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

**For All Ages / Beyond Our Walls**

**Intro to The Offering**

### Offering

*Children & teachers go to religious education classes.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Life Has Loveliness to Sell,*

words Sara Teasdale, music Paul Carey

### Readings

**Hymn** # 22 “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design”

**Sermon** “The 13th Day of Christmas”

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

**Hymn** # 350 “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time”

**Unison Closing** # 459 (William F. Schulz)

*Please be seated for Postlude and Benediction*

**Postlude** *The Human Touch Can Light the Flame,*

words John Andrew Storey, music Lee Hastings Bristol

## Announcements

**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).

**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](mailto:interweave.leader@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).

**St Charles Episcopal** does a monthly Soup Kitchen buffet lunch every 4th Thursday/Friday for 100+ people and they need help for preparation and serving. If you would like to volunteer to help with the St Charles Episcopal Soup Kitchen please sign up [here](#).

**Please check out the Lost & Found** table in the Common Room. Anything left on January 7, will go to Good Will.

**The Board of Directors** is looking for creative visionaries who would like to help brainstorm ideas for FUNdraisers and Short term and Long term uses of the 3rd Street property. Please contact Jean Pierce at [boardpresident@uusg.org](mailto:boardpresident@uusg.org).

**Company Coming?** Have enough seating? Check out the classic maple folding chairs on [New2U](#). They fold for easy storage; new seat cushions included.

## Winter Weather Closing Policy

Because we’re a regional congregation, with many of our folks traveling a considerable distance to get to Geneva, we do have a policy for winter weather.

If the wind chill in the greater Chicago area is colder than 40 degrees below zero, or if travel advisories have been issued because of snow or wind, we cancel all church events, including any committee meetings, office hours, Sunday morning religious education, and Sunday worship services. During the week, if you’re not sure about the severity of the weather, please check with your group’s convener before heading for a winter meeting.

If Sunday activities are canceled, we’ll try to get that information onto our homepage and the Congregational Administrator’s voicemail message (call the church office at 630-232-2350 and then press 1-0-0 to hear the message). But when in doubt, please stay home!

**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.

**The Green Sanctuary Team** is rolling out Project Snowfall throughout January, scheduled to continue for the next 10 months. Meditation, contemplation, social action, poetry and art...we are creating something new. This is a story about to unfold. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, please check out [uusg.org/green-sanctuary](http://uusg.org/green-sanctuary) or Realm, or send an email to Bill Koehl at [greensanctuary@uusg.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uusg.org).

**Got Love?** We still have signs available in the volunteer office. Let’s show our support and love for our LGBTQ community and for the First Congregational Church of Geneva. As soon as the ground permits, we will add “Got Love?” signs to our 3rd Street property, as well as in front of the Sanctuary.