

**UUSG Party for Incarcerated Youth** It is once again time for the Holiday Party at the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. The party will be held on Saturday, December 15, 1-3pm. You must be at the Center by 12:30. UUSG has a long history of brightening the holidays for the young men at the Center and those who have helped out in the past have found it to be both rewarding and thought provoking. **In order to participate, you must submit your date of birth and social security number to Melissa Auer before December 1, as the Center will do a background check.** We will be having a pre-party get-together on Sat., Dec. 1, 10-11am at UUSG. Attending will allow you to meet members of your “team” and review the party plan. For more information contact Melissa Auer at 630.338.2519, [melissa.auer@illinois.gov](mailto:melissa.auer@illinois.gov), [auermel@yahoo.com](mailto:auermel@yahoo.com).

**The Hospitality Team** invites all UUSG members, families, and friends to join in decorating the church on Saturday, November 24, 1-3pm. RSVP at [uusg.org/holiday-decorating](http://uusg.org/holiday-decorating).

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## **Today & This Week at UUSG**

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

### **Sunday, November 18**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Monday, November 19**

- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group
- 7:00 pm Youth Outlook Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 20**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 21**

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

### **Thursday, November 22 Happy Thanksgiving**

- 2:00 pm Thanksgiving with UUSG (off-site)
- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)
- 6:00 pm Youth Outlook

### **Friday, November 23**

- 11:30 am Geezers Group
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

### **Saturday, November 24**

### **Sunday, November 25**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group

**November Beyond Our Walls:** The Illinois Youth Center is home to about 100 teenage boys who are involved in the juvenile justice system. For over 20 years, UUSG has provided a holiday party in December and has purchased items ranging from things like toothpaste and shampoo to a popcorn machine or computers for the library. Please consider making a donation so that we may continue to show these young men that they are not forgotten. Please make checks to “UUSG” and put “BOW” in the memo.

# **Welcome to This House!**



*November 18, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*November Theme: Forgiveness*

### **Today's Worship Team**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price  
Worship Associates: Pat Vary, Rhonda Robinson  
Greeters: Glenda Peck, Gail Tattersfield, Cari & Sam Gesiakowski, Dan & Sandy Bottoms  
Musicians: Jazz Combo: Geoff Pynn, Michael Townley, Tracey Dullea, Michael Bazan  
Social Hour Hosts: The Finance Team  
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Diane Thornton

### **Upcoming Services**

November 25: Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service  
December 2: Rev. Jennifer Innis and Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 347 “Gather the Spirit”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *The Way You Look Tonight*, Kern, Fields

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** #637 “A Litany of Atonement”

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

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

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *Autumn Leaves*, Kosma, Mercer, Prevert

### Sacred Story

*Children & teachers leave for religious education classes.*

**Children’s Departing Song:** *As You Go*, Nancy Belt

“As you go, may love surround you, may truth be your guide, may peace be in your heart.”

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *Don’t Explain*, Billie Holiday, Arthur Herzog, Jr.

**Reading**, from NPR’s “Fresh Air” interview of Tyler Perry

\***Hymn** # 86 “Blessed Spirit of My Life”

**Sermon** “Forgiveness and a More Abundant Life”

\***Hymn** # 209 “O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls”

\***Unison Closing** #456

\***Sending Our Light into the World**

\***Benediction**

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Boplicity*, Cleo Henry

*In body or in spirit, please stand as you are willing and able \**

## Announcements

**Thank you, Finance Team** for our Social Hour this morning. If you are able to host Social Hour on Thanksgiving weekend, your help will be much appreciated. We have many upcoming Sundays available for Social Hour sign-up. If you can help, we will be grateful! **Sign up at [uusg.org/hosting](https://uusg.org/hosting).**

**Soup Kitchen volunteers** needed for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E Benton, Aurora, 10:30am-2pm. Come when you can, leave when you must. Sign up at [uusg.org/soup-kitchen](https://uusg.org/soup-kitchen).

**Holiday Food Drive** It’s time for our 5th Annual Food Drive to support Humanitarian Service Project’s holiday programs! Pick up a brown paper bag in the Common Room today and bring it back filled with non-perishable food on December 2 & 9. **Only non-expired food, please!**

**Annual UUSG Thanksgiving Dinner** November 22, at [205 Fellows St.](https://uusg.org/fellows-st) in St. Charles. Join fellow UUs for the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Family and friends are welcome. Turkey and ham will be provided; please bring a dish to share. Doors open at 1:15 with snacks and beverages, dinner served at 2pm. We enjoy a bountiful dinner with fellowship before and after the meal. Sign up at [uusg.org/thanksgiving-signup](https://uusg.org/thanksgiving-signup).

**Get Involved With Interweave** We are 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 discuss current events and share stories about lives and interests. For info contact Lynn Steele at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).

**Stewardship Team Hosts Planned Giving Discussion** Ted Kuczek of Kuczek & Associates will be giving a presentation on: will & living trust planning, charitable giving strategies, tax efficient charitable planning, and more. Please join us on Sunday, December 9, at 1pm in the Common Room. All are welcome.

**Don’t miss out!** Circle Supper sign up is happening now. Everyone is invited to participate in our small group dinners, once a month January through April. Your schedule won’t allow you to commit to 4 dinners? Sign up as an alternate! More information and sign up at [uusg.org/circle-suppers](https://uusg.org/circle-suppers).

**Steeple Walk.** Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2pm. UUSG and three other Geneva churches will host Steeple Walk. The program includes music at each venue with a guided stroll between the churches. Please contact Gail Tattersfield for tickets (\$15/each). Cynthia Spiegel, soprano, Elena Spiegel, violin, and Angela Salvaggione, piano, will perform at UUSG.

**Letters for our JAMS Student:** Varon Amonbi. We are collecting letters to send to our sponsored student at Jane Adeny Memorial School in Kenya. If you or your child can take a few minutes to put pen to paper or make a drawing or send a photo, it would mean a lot to Varon. She loves hearing about life in Illinois and our hobbies, and would love to share her interests with you. Please give letters to Jean Pierce before December 1.

**Luncheonettes** meet Nov. 28, at Andres in Batavia, 11:30am-1:00pm. This month is a special event! For more details, contact Rhonda Robinson at [luncheonettes@uusg.org](mailto:luncheonettes@uusg.org).

**Registration for the 6th Annual Women’s Retreat** is open at [uusg.org/womens-retreat](https://uusg.org/womens-retreat). “Awakening Joy by Embracing Change,” will be February 1-3, 2019. Contact Rachel Harbold at [womensretreat@uusg.org](mailto:womensretreat@uusg.org) if you would like more info.

**Friday Flick: Rise of the Superstorms** In just one devastating month, Houston, Florida, and the Caribbean were changed forever. Are these superstorms the new normal? How well can we predict them and does the U.S. need to prepare for the reality of climate refugees? This documentary takes you inside the 2017 superstorms and the cutting-edge research that determines how well equipped we are to deal with future hurricanes. Join us Nov. 23, at 7pm in the Common Room.

**Cookie Walk 2018!** This year’s Cookie Walk is Friday, December 7, and as always, we need bakers and helpers. The Cookie Walk is a long-held and cherished fundraising tradition at UUSG, and it is part of the Geneva celebration that welcomes in the holiday season with light, food, and festivities. It’s also a lot of fun—in one evening, we sell over 6,000 beautiful holiday cookies! Learn more and sign up at [uusg.org/cookie-walk](https://uusg.org/cookie-walk) or in the Common Room.