

**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).

**Fire Drill: Mission Success.** Kudos to all who participated in the Nov 18, semi-annual fire drill, we achieved a stellar result. Our evacuation times and the call from our monitoring company to Tri-Com were both within acceptable limits. More details in Weekly Email. Thank you!

**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.

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

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

### **Sunday, November 25**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

### **Monday, November 26**

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### **Tuesday, November 27**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 28**

- 11:30 am Luncheonettes (off-site)

### **Thursday, November 29**

- 6:00 pm Dungeons & Dragons Group (off-site)

### **Friday, November 30**

### **Saturday, December 1**

- 10:00 am IYC Holiday Party Prep

### **Sunday, December 2**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Religious Education Town Hall

**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.

# **Welcome to This House!**



*November 25, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*“Thanksgiving for All Ages”*

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

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis  
Worship Associates: Melissa Auer, Gail Tattersfield  
Greeters: Cari & Sam Gesiakowski, Doreen Christiani & Jim Swick  
Musician: Robert Vanderschaff  
Counters: Patricia Ward, Karen Laukaitis

### **Upcoming Services**

December 2: Rev. Jennifer Innis and Rev. Patrick Price  
December 9: Rev. Jennifer Innis and Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Consolation No. 2*, Franz Liszt

### Chalice Lighting

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

\***Antiphonal Reading** # 489 (Max A. Coats)

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

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

### Intro to the Offering

**Offertory** *Prelude in G-sharp minor, Op. 32, No. 12*, Sergei Rachmaninoff

**Story, Part I** “Mullah Nasruddin Feeds His Coat”

*Children & youth remain for worship. The nursery is available for children through age 6.*

**Hymn of Reflection** # 123 “Spirit of Life”

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *Rhapsody in B-minor, Op. 79, No. 1*, (Excerpt), Johannes Brahms

**Story, Part II** “Mullah Nasruddin Feeds His Coat”

\***Hymn** # 349 “We Gather Together”

**Sacred Action** Preparing the Welcome Table

\***Hymn** # 407 “We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”

\***Unison Closing** # 456 “Extinguishing the Chalice”

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

\***Benediction**

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Little Indian*, (1916), John Alden Carpenter

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

## Announcements

**Volunteers Wanted in the New Year!** Starting Jan. 6, 2019, UUSG will be hosting two social hours! The First Social hour, between services, will be hosted by our wonderful teams and committees. The Second Social Hour, will follow second service and we’ll need everyone’s help: families can sign up together, grab a few friends and host as a group, or just bring your favorite snack! Thanks for helping us test this new “relaxed” second Social Hour experience. Please sign up at [uusg.org/hosting](http://uusg.org/hosting).

**Religious Education Town Hall, Sunday, December 2** What do you love about children and youth education at UUSG? What could grow or change? Join us for the first in a series of conversations about life at UUSG. For children and youth programs, the Board needs your input as they put together a plan to add paid staff as quickly and as thoughtfully as possible. The Town Hall will run from 12:30-2pm. Lunch is provided. A plan for children’s activity is in process. Please RSVP to [uusg.org/town-hall](http://uusg.org/town-hall) or on the sign-up sheet in the Common Room. See Rev. Jennifer for questions or if you want to contribute, but cannot attend.

**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](http://uusg.org/cookie-walk) or in the Common Room.

**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!**

**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.

**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” with “BOW” in the memo.

**Get Involved With Interweave** We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month to have discussions and special events. We will meet Sunday, December 16, about 12:30 pm, to begin planning for the annual LGBTQ service scheduled for March 3, 2019. We will also have a holiday potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share. Chili and drinks will be provided. For information please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).

**Registration for the 6th Annual Women’s Retreat** is now open at [uusg.org/womens-retreat](http://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 info.

**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).

**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. More information and sign up at [uusg.org/circle-suppers](http://uusg.org/circle-suppers).