

## December Services & Celebrations

### -Sunday, December 23: 9:30 & 11:15am

Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price, "Yuletide Service For All Ages"

### -Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services

**3pm:** Our "Family Friendly" service especially for young children (please note time change this year from 4pm to 3pm)

**8pm:** "Service of Lessons and Carols": Seating in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 people, so get here early to get a good seat!

**11pm:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service: Need to get away from the hustle and bustle of kids, presents, noise, glorious choirs, and our material world for just a few minutes? We offer this new service to those who want to experience the holiness and quiet of the late evening in community. Please come join us for some quiet hymns led by Classical Guitarist, Paul Sargent, along with a short selection of meditations and readings. No child care will be provided, but children are welcome if they can indeed be a part of this quiet service. Come to be at peace.

### -Sunday, December 30, 10am

Guest in the Pulpit, Thom Thomas: Intergenerational Fire Ritual Service at 10am; potluck brunch at 11am

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, December 16

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Interweave
- 12:30 pm Pageant Party
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation
- 1:00 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share

### Monday, December 17

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

### Tuesday, December 18

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 19

- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Citizens Climate Lobby (off-site)

### Thursday, December 20

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

### Friday, December 21

### Saturday, December 22

### Sunday, December 23

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Technical)

## Welcome to This House!



December 16, 2018

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

*Intergenerational Holiday Pageant:  
"A Child of Hope"*

### Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associate: Doreen Christiani

Pageant Cast: UUSG Youth and a Cast of Thousands

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne; UUSG Pageant Band:

Tracey McFadden, Tracy Dullea, & Geoff Pynn; Ellie

Montgomery & David Montgomery, Jarvis MacPebbles,

violin; Salome Fogleman, oboe; Ben Budke, clarinet; Anna

Rosenkrans, horn; Erin Rosenkrans, horn; Cameron Klein, tuba

Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Patrick McGleam

### Upcoming Services

December 23: Intergenerational Yuletide Service

December 24: 3pm: Family Christmas Eve Service

8pm: Service of Lessons & Carols

11pm: Candlelight Service

December 30: 10am: Fire Ritual Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 253 “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful” verses 1 & 4

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Chorale*, N. Dello Joio

### 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** *The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)*, Torme, Wells

### Introducing the Christmas Story

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *I Hope*, Maguire, Maines, Robison, Moore

### Pageant Part I – The Baby is Born

**Carol** “Away in a Manger” (see insert)

### Pageant Part II – The Angels Appear

**Carol** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (see insert)

### Pageant Part III – The Shepherds Arrive

**Carol** # 237 “The First Noel” verses 1 & 2

### Pageant Part IV – The Wise People Journey

**Carol** # 259 “We Three Kings” verses 1 & 4

### Sharing the Light

**Carol** # 251 “Silent Night” verses 1, 2, & 3

### Pageant

\***Hymn** # 245 “Joy to the World” verses 1, 2, & 3

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

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

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Run Run Rudolph*, Marks, Brodie

*Please stand as you are willing and able at the \**

## Announcements

**Staff Time Off** Rev. Jennifer & Rev. Patrick will be on vacation December 25 - January 4. Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski, will be out of the office December 23 - 25 & December 31 - January 1. Office hours December 26 - January 4, are by appointment only. Please email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) for questions. Thank you!

**Thank you, Green Sanctuary Team**, for our Social Hour this morning. We are grateful our Hospitality Team will host our Sunday before Christmas Social Hour! We appreciate all who help make our Sunday mornings at UUSG feel welcoming.

**Promoting Practical Goodness** A PPG Award to Nancy Christensen! Every month Nancy organizes, shops, delegates, and facilitates the cooking of a dinner for Lazarus House. And she makes it look so easy. UUSG is so incredibly lucky to have Nancy!

**More Promoting Practical Goodness** A PPG Award to Kevin O'Neill, who replaced and adjusted the fixed felt padding on the pew bottoms so that they do not scratch the Sanctuary Floor. We also thank Jan Miller and Tom Lichtenheld, who installed additional coat hooks in the hallway behind the kitchen. Thank you, Kevin, Jan, and Tom for all your hard work!

**Mental Health Ministry Presentation** Today at 1pm, Colleen Cushing and the Mental Health Ministry will present on the topic of recently approved and experimental treatments for depression and anxiety.

**Get Involved With Interweave** We are a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies. We will meet today, at 12:30pm, to begin planning for the annual LGBTQ service scheduled for March 3, 2019.

**“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.

**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).

**End-of-year Contributions** Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2018. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2019 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in the previous year, even if the check is predated to 2018 or was written in 2018. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2018 will be deductible, even if they are not received by the church until 2019.

**The UUSG Buddhist Meditation and Study Group** will be starting a new book on Wednesday, January 2, at 7pm, entitled, *The Engaged Spiritual Life: a Buddhist Approach to Transforming Ourselves and the World* by Donald Rothberg. Please join us for an important discussion on living our values in a world that needs us. For more info, contact Lisa or Eric at [uubuddhism@uusg.org](mailto:uubuddhism@uusg.org).

**Gratitude for Religious Education Town Hall** Thank you to everyone who participated in the RE Town Hall on December 2. About 36 people participated. Thank you to everyone who made lunch happen. Thank you to those who took care of the children, including Meredith Vandre, Teal Cyko, and Ash Peterson. The results of the Town Hall will be shared next week.