

Pageant Appreciation We had a great pageant with wonderful music on December 16. Thank you to: Lynn Fisher McCanne on piano; 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. Thank you also to our pageant voices: Emily Plass, Maddy Glazier, Salome Fogelman, Anna Rosenkrans, Ivan Pynn, and Jack Christensen. Thank you to Doreen Christiani as Worship Associate and costume wrangler at 9:30am. Anna Rosenkrans added her presence as Worship Associate for 11:15. Thank you to Jennifer Klein as costume wrangler and general pageant co-coordinator. Thank you to Jeff Stibal and Tracy Dullea for orienting Rev. Jennifer to how so many moving pieces work together. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the pageant possible.

Thank you, Hospitality Team, for our Social Hour this morning. We will be looking forward to Teams and families signing up to host Social Hours in the new year. Our Social Hours are a valued part of our Sunday morning time together!

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, December 23

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Technical)

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve / Office Closed

- 3:00 pm Family Service
- 8:00 pm Service of Carols and Lessons
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25 Merry Christmas! / Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Thursday, December 27

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

Friday, December 28

- 11:15 am The Geezers Group (off-site)

Saturday, December 29

Sunday, December 30

“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.

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 for questions. Thank you!

Welcome to This House!



December 23, 2018

Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

“Yuletide Service For All Ages”

Today’s Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price
Musician: Geoff Pynn
Greeter: Gail Tattersfield
Social Hour Hosts: Hospitality & Fellowship
Counters: Patricia Ward, Karen Laukaitis

Upcoming Services

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

***Opening Hymn** # 1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Words of Welcome and Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

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)

***Responsive Reading** # 663 “One Small Face”

SOLSTICE

Musical Introduction “The Holly and the Ivy” Trad. (insert)

Story “The Green Man,” William Anderson

***Responsive Hymn** # 235 “Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly”

CHANUKAH

Musical Introduction # 394 “Hava Nashirah”

Story “Hanukkah Moon,” da Costa, Mosz

***Responsive Hymn** # 221 “Light One Candle”

Responsive Reading # 629 “Hanukkah Lights”

Pastoral Prayer / Communion of Names

Silence and Musical Meditation

Offertory

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Musical Introduction # 224 “Let Christmas Come”

Reflection “Myth and Miracle” from *A Small Heaven*,
Rev. Jane Rzepka

Responsive Reading # 621 “Why Not a Star”

***Responsive Hymn** # 226 “People, Look East”

***Closing Song** “Where is the Light?” Mayer (insert)

***Extinguishing the Chalice** # 456

*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

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Announcements

Town Hall: Update on Interim Ministry and RE Staffing The Board of Directors, the Transition Team, and Interim Co-Ministers Jennifer Innis and Patrick Price invite all congregational members and friends to a Town Hall meeting to take place on **Sunday, January 20, from 12:30 to 2:00pm**. This is the second in a series of conversations about life at UUSG. Attendees will receive updates on: our interim ministry process; information on the steps and a possible timeline for conducting a search for a called minister, and; findings of the Religious Education Town Hall hosted on December 2. Board recommendations and financial considerations pertaining to the hiring of paid RE staff will also be presented. This will be followed by an open Q&A session. Lunch and child care will be provided. Please RSVP to uug.org/town-hall or contact Board President David deCoriolis at boardpresident@uug.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 ubuddhism@uug.org.

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! Please sign up at uug.org/hosting.

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December Services & Celebrations

-Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services

3pm: Our “Family Friendly” service especially for young children (No childcare provided, children of all ages are welcome to join.)

8pm: “Service of Lessons and Carols”: Seating in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 people, so get here early to get a good seat! (Childcare will not be available.)

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

Rev. Patrick Explains “Why UUs Do UU Worship the Ways UUs Do?” Or “An Introduction to Unitarian Universalist Worship for All.” Whether you are new to Unitarian Universalism or raised in the UU faith, this brief three-hour workshop will help you deepen your understanding and experience of UU worship at UU Society of Geneva and elsewhere. We'll look at weekly services: what do we do and why do we do it? Yearly celebrations, and Rites of Passage, and more! Registration is desired but not necessary. Childcare is available with advance request. Sign up uug.org/uu-worship. 9am-12pm, Saturday, January 19. For more info., contact Rev. Patrick at Interim.Coministers@uug.org or 972-639-7901.