

**Christmas Eve Offering:** We collected \$988.00 for our Christmas Eve Offering which will benefit UUSG's "Make A Difference" Fund and the Humanitarian Service Project for Seniors Program. Thank you for your generous giving!

**Get Involved With Interweave.** Interweave is a local group of LGBTQ members, friends and allies who meet once a month to have time together for discussions and special events. We will meet Sunday January 20, 2019 after second service about 12:30 PM to discuss current events and share stories about lives and interests. We will share news and concerns of our community. And we will discuss plans for our 2019 LGBTQ church activities leading up to the annual LGBTQ service. For information please contact Lynn Steele at [interweave@uusg.org](mailto:interweave@uusg.org).

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

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

### **Sunday, December 30**

- 11:00 am Potluck Brunch

### **Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve / Office Closed**

### **Tuesday, January 1 Happy New Year! / Office Closed**

### **Wednesday, January 2**

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

### **Thursday, January 3**

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

### **Friday, January 4**

### **Saturday, January 5**

### **Sunday, January 6**

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting

**Starting in January 2019** Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski's work schedule will be Monday – Friday in order to prepare for her upcoming parental leave. Office hours will continue to be 10am – 5pm. If you need to schedule an appointment with Christine before her parental leave (expected to start January 22 or whenever baby decides!), please email [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) or call 630-232-2350. Thank you!

# **Welcome to This House!**



*December 30, 2018*

## **Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva**

*“Fire Ritual Service”*

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

In the Pulpit: Thom Thomas  
Musician: Robert Vanderschaaf  
Counters: Thomas Haslett, Jamie Carroll

### **Upcoming Services**

January 6: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price  
January 13: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music, Ringing of the Church Bell & Call to Worship

**Song of Community** # 345 “With Joy We Claim the Growing Light”

### Welcome & Congregational Greetings

### Our Community’s Announcements

### Rin Gong & Lighting of the Chalice

**Prelude** *Albumleaf, Op. 45, No.1*, Alexander Scriabin

### Chalice Words

**Song of Praise** (inside cover of grey hymnal)

**Antiphonal Reading** # 544 “New Year’s Day”

**Our Covenant** (inside cover of grey hymnal)

**Doxology** (inside cover of grey hymnal)

### Offertory Introduction

**Offering** *Tango in D*, arr. Leopold Godowsky, Issac Albeniz

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Responsive Music** *Reverie, Op. 9, No. 4*, Richard Strauss

### Readings, Part I

“The Wheel of the Year”

“The Land of Beginning Again,” Louise Fletcher

**Hymn** # 56 “Bells in the High Tower”

### Readings, Part II

“Looking for the Lock,” Rev. Robert Fulghum

**Hymn** # 57 “All Beautiful the March of Days”

### Readings, Part III

“Ancient Mother’s Lists,” Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

### On Releasing the Old, Inviting the New: The Fire Ritual

### Chant for the Fire of the Turning Year

Mystery, set me free; let me be who I’m meant to be.

**Candle Prayers** adapted from the Rev. Edward Hays

### Burning the Past, Lighting the Future

### Closing Prayer

**Unison Closing** # 498 (Howard Thurman)

**Postlude** *On Wings of Song*, (arr. Liszt), Mendelssohn

## Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

## Announcements

**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 [uusg.org/town-hall](http://uusg.org/town-hall) or contact Board President David de Coriolis at [boardpresident@uusg.org](mailto:boardpresident@uusg.org) with any questions.

**Coffee With The Ministers** On January 13, join Revs. Jennifer and Patrick for Coffee and Conversation with the Ministers at 12:30pm. The Board and the ministers recognize how Sunday morning can be a hectic time for Patrick and Jennifer. This coffee is a more relaxed way to talk with the ministers and get to know them. This coffee also is a time to ask informational questions about what will be covered at the Town Hall meeting on January 20. Please be sure to wear nametags and help the ministers get to know you.

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

**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).

**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 [uusg.org/hosting](http://uusg.org/hosting).

**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 at [uusg.org/uu-worship](http://uusg.org/uu-worship). 9am-12pm, Saturday, January 19. For more information, [Interim.Coministers@uusg.org](mailto:Interim.Coministers@uusg.org) or 972-639-7901.

**“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.

**An Evening of Folk Music** Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, January 11, 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).