

Cookie Walk! Do you love seeing happy faces? Hearing murmurs of delight? Holiday music? Yes?! Then Cookie Walk Is for You! Please sign up for a shift or two to help us have a successful sale! 'Cookie Elves' help create boxes, fill boxes with selected cookies, fill tables with cookies, tape boxes shut, collect monies, and generally keep things moving. Seated positions available. **Thursday, Dec. 5**, between 4-8 p.m: set up, collect donations, organize, fold boxes to fill. **Friday, Dec. 6:** 1st shift 3:45-5:30pm, sale opens at 4:30, 2nd shift, 5:15-7pm + clean up help. We have over 1500 cookies pledged to date, but need more bakers and helpers to sign up! **We have sold out in past years with people still in line so every cookie counts!** Sign up at uusg.org/cookie-walk or in the Common Room. Questions? Rhonda Robinson and Diane Peters, cookiewalk@uusg.org.

Contact Information

Rev. Jennifer Innis, Interim Co-Minister
interim.coministers@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 103
Rev. Patrick Price, Interim Co-Minister
interim.coministers@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 102
Christine Imielski, Congregational Administrator
office@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 100
Lisa Rittenberry, Administrative Assistant
admin.assistant@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 101
Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education
DRE@uusg.org; 630-232-2350, ext. 104
Brian Doyle, Board President
boardpresident@uusg.org
Tracy Dullea, Music Director
music@uusg.org
Jeff Stibal, Technical Director
techdirector@uusg.org
Cynthia Spiegel, Song Leader
choir@uusg.org

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva
PO Box 107, 102-112 S. 2nd St.
Geneva, IL 60134, 630-232-2350
www.uusg.org
www.facebook.com/uusg1

Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, November 24

Monday, November 25

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 26

Wednesday, November 27

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

- 11:00 am Thanksgiving with UUSG

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

- Styrofoam Sunday
- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting

Thanksgiving with UUSG Thursday, Nov. 28 is the 7th Annual UUSG Thanksgiving Celebration. Join fellow UUs for feasting and fellowship. Bring family, friends, and food to share. We provide the turkey and tableware. Please let us know what you plan to bring (made or purchased) and how many will be coming. Common Room doors open at 1:15. Nibbles and beverages will be available. Dinner served at 2:00. Questions? Contact Vohny Moehling or Jeanne Neltnor at thanksgiving@uusg.org. Sign up at uusg.org/thanksgiving or in the Common Room.



November 24, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

November's Theme: Covenant

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Jennifer Innis

Worship Associates: Trish Beckjord, Melissa Auer

Musician: Tom Zimmerman

Social Hour Hosts: UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Counters: Tom Haslett, Jamie Carroll

Teachers: 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Todd Rigertas; 3-5: Shawn Thornton, Ro Maziarz; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Ilene Smit; 3-5: Parvaneh Smith, Shawn Thornton; 6-8: Anthony Mistretta, Jenny Montgomery; 9-12: Bill Pokorny, Scott Dotson; Nursery: Sean Hruby, Frank Coffey

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services

December 1: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

December 8: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

December 15: Intergenerational Holiday Pageant

Come as you are.

Order of Worship

Ingathering Music

Ringling of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

***Song of Community** # 67 “We Sing Now Together”

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Search Team Update

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** “No One is Outside the Circle of Love” (see insert)

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

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

Introduction to the Offering

Offering *Heart of Gold*, Neal Young

Sacred Story “Muddy Children,” Janeen Grohsmeyer

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

Reading from "A Chosen Faith"

***Hymn** # 108 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Sermon “Hosea Ballou: A Universalism for Yesterday and Today”

***Hymn** # 1018 “Come and Go with Me”

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

***Sending Our Light into the World**

*Benediction

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude

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

Announcements

November “Beyond Our Walls” (Nov. 17 & 24) **UUSG Holiday Party for Incarcerated Youth** For over 20 years, UUSG has provided support for the young men at the Illinois Youth Center by holding a holiday party for some of the youth who do not receive visitation. Traditionally we have purchased an item for their Rec Center or needed items for the young men, such as socks or body wash. Without these things life for these young men would be pretty bleak, especially at the holidays. The party will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 1:00 to 3:00. 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. For more information contact Melissa Auer at lyc@uusg.org or call 630-338-2519.

Game Day for December 1 Classes The children and youth program will be an all ages Game Day at both services. All are welcome to join us. Bring a favorite to share! See Rev. Jennifer for information.

We will once again be offering the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program to 7th, 8th and 9th grade youth. This program integrates comprehensive relationship and sexuality education with values from our Unitarian Universalist community. All parents of new OWL participants should attend a parent orientation meeting on **Sunday, December 8, at 12:30**, at UUSG. OWL leaders will provide an overview of the program and answer any questions. Please contact Jenny Montgomery or Becky Hruby (DRE@uusg.org) to RSVP and/or enroll your child.

Steeple Walk Sunday, December 8, at 2pm UUSG will once again host one of the four musical presentations being held at four Geneva churches. Rev. Linda Slabon and Dr. Toni Tollerad will offer a unique program including crystal tone bowls at our church. The past few years we have sold out! If you wish to purchase tickets at \$15 each, please see Gail Tattersfield.

NIFB Sign up today to sort food at the Food Bank this fall. Children ages 8 to 16 may volunteer with an adult. Our next date is Saturday, December 21, 9am-12pm. Details and sign up at uusg.org/food-bank.

We replaced the US flag on Pioneer House with the Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) flag in our continuing recognition of military service men and women during the month of November.

UUSG would like to thank the following members of Adopt-a-Plot Weeding Ministry for their hard work this season: Jan Miller, Kathy Meier, Judy Medina, Melissa Auer, Linda O’Neill, Carol Myers, Sean Hruby, Glenda Peck, Renee Tomell, Marilyn Hebda, Llona Steele, Steve Klein, Tom Zimmerman, Diane Gallentine, Sherri Casterline, Nate Thomas, Shawn Thornton, Bill Koehl, Ro Maziarz and Karen Laukaitis.

Thanks to the Facilities Team for contributing to such a productive Work Day! Big thanks to Ron Craig, Dave Hansen, DJ Jensen, Pat McGleam, Hal Schulman, and Jim Swick. If you would like to join the work day task force and be a part of helping to keep this historic church running, please contact Kevin O’Neill. The November 16, accomplishments are listed in the weekly email.

UUSG Circle Suppers 2020! Circle Suppers involve revolving groupings of participants who take turns hosting or providing a part of the meal for each of four monthly suppers. Participating pairs or singles will be grouped with different participants for each of the four suppers, which are held in **February, March, April, and May**. This is a great opportunity to meet UUSG Members & Friends that you may not know! Sign up online at uusg.org/circle-suppers or in the Common Room. Questions? Contact Mary Swanson at circlesuppers@uusg.org. **Deadline to sign up is Friday, December 20.**

Seeking Pageant Players! December 15, our Intergenerational Holiday Pageant will be led by Rev. Jennifer Innis and a Cast of Thousands. We need helpers at both services. If you would like to secure a role or otherwise assist, see Rev. Jennifer.