

## Opportunity to provide clothing for Asylum Seekers

As you know, a number of Asylum Seekers are arriving in Chicago. Many of them come from warm climates and are not prepared for our colder temperatures. If you would like to provide clothing and other essential items for them, the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants has a wishlist on Amazon. The link is below.

[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2FQU4YLB8338/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

## Mutual Ground is our BOW cause for December.

Mutual Ground Domestic and Sexual Abuse Shelter provides many services to people throughout Kane and nearby counties: 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: Domestic Violence: 630-897-0080, Sexual Violence: 630-897-8383, Residential Services, Counseling Services, Substance use services, Family Services, Legal advocates, medical advocates, Prevention Educators. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

## The Aurora Soup Kitchen (aka The Sandwich Board)

Serves mostly homeless and indigent persons in Aurora and surrounding communities. There is a growing need for winter clothing: coats, jackets, sweaters, socks, mittens, hats, and scarves. All sizes are needed. If you have any of these items - new or gently used please, you may drop them off at UUSG in the volunteer room. **Deadline is December 15.**

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, December 11

- 9:30 AM Religious Education
- 9:30 AM Finance Team Meeting
- 9:30 AM Question Box
- 11:45 AM Intergenerational Band Practice
- 11:45 AM RE Team Special Meeting
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Worship Service 10:30 AM

### Monday, December 12

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Weekly Worship Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sacred Text Study Group -online

### Tuesday, December 13

- 7:00 PM Board of Directors

### Wednesday, December 14

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM DEI Team Meeting -online
- 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting

### Thursday, December 15

- 11:00 AM Simply Sharing Circle -online

### Friday, December 16

- 12:00 PM Geezer's Group -off-site

### Saturday, December 17

- 3:00 PM IYC Party -offsite

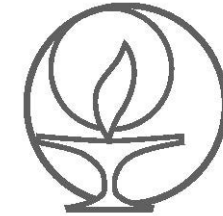
### Sunday, December 18

- 9:30 AM RE Social Justice Activity
- 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

Worship Service 10:30 AM

**The new year is upon us!** Eek! Who's ready for it? Anyway, the new signup is available for **social hours**. Please think about signing up for a Sunday or 2 and remember we only need a few nibbles with the coffee. For info: [Jamie Carroll](mailto:Jamie.Carroll). Sign up at [uusg.org/hosting](https://uusg.org/hosting).

# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**December 11, 2022**

Soul Matters Theme: Wonder

### Today's Worship Team

**In the Pulpit:** Anne Clough

**Worship Associate:** Diane Gallentine

**Musicians:** Renee Wilson, harpist; Cynthia Spiegel

**RE:** K-2: Amanda Slaiher, Cindy Duckworth

3-5: Katie Yurkewicz, Gary Littlefield

6-8: Vickie Kilgore, Rachel Harbold

9-12: Ashley Peterson, Jennifer Klein

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scot Dotson,

Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace

### Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, December 18:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Thursday, December 22:** Julia Jones "Blue Christmas"

**Saturday, December 24:** 4:30 PM "Carols & Cocoa"

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, January 1:** 11 AM Potluck

Many Paths • One Church

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** “The First Noel,” arr. Whitney Dobyns

**Ringing the Bell**

**Call to Worship**

**Introit** “The Holly and the Ivy,” arr. Daniel Burton

**Welcoming Words**

**Opening Hymn** #352 “Find a Stillness”

**Chalice Lighting**

**Song of Praise**

**Covenant**

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world,  
And of aiding each other in our moral and religious  
improvement,

We have associated ourselves together -

Not as agreeing in opinion,

Not as having attained universal truth in belief

Or perfection in character -

But as seekers after truth and goodness

**Doxology**

**Passing the Peace**

**Offertory** “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming,” arr.  
McDonald/Wood

**Quieting**

**Reading** “The Pulse of Life,” Jennifer Johnson

**Responsive** “Entre le Boeuf et L’ane Gris,” arr. Gary  
Schocker

**Sermon** “Be Still”

**Closing Hymn** #1031 “Filled with Loving Kindness”

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Benediction**

**Sending Music** #123 “Spirit of Life”

**Community Announcements**

## Announcements

**Our Guest Speaker today is Anne Clough** Anne is in her fourth year of study at Meadville Lombard Theological School and served as the Student Minister at North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield. “All around us, our fellow beings are settling in for a long winter’s nap. What could resting and going within look like for us humans?” “Be Still” and learn.

**Keeping Our Community Healthy** A friendly reminder to please join us online if you are feeling under the weather. Thank you for helping us keep our congregation healthy.

**Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM** Every Sunday evening in the Common Room, monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. New to meditation? New to Buddhism? All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated. The link to register is in the weekly email and on the UUSG website, but drop-ins are expected!

**Blue Christmas** The joy of the holiday season is not always so straightforward. Sometimes we know the reasons — losses, grief, despair — and sometimes it’s less clear why the sparkle of the season eludes us. If this resonates, you are not alone — and you need not carry that burden, whatever it may be, by yourself. Join UUSG members on Thursday, December 22, at 7 PM on Zoom, when our guest, Julia Jones, Minister at the UU Fellowship of DeKalb, hosts a service of song and prayer marking the grief that can coexist with the ‘most wonderful’ time of the year. You can find the link, and more information, at [uusg.org/upcoming-services](https://uusg.org/upcoming-services).

**Christmas Eve with UUSG** Please join us on Saturday, December 24, as we celebrate the holiday with carols, cocoa, and candles! Beginning at 4:30pm in our courtyard (weather permitting) our Music Director Cynthia Spiegel will lead us in singing some of our favorite carols. Hot cocoa will be served! At 5pm we will move into the Sanctuary as Rev. Scot, Cynthia, and our UUSG Choir lead us in our family friendly service that will include lessons, more beautiful music and carols, and a special candlelight carol concludes the evening.

**Christmas Eve BOW: Make a Difference Fund (MAD).** The fund was established in 1996 to respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance. We have been able to help many members since then.

**UUSG New Year’s Day Potluck** Join your UUSG Community in welcoming in the new year with food and fellowship! In lieu of service on January 1, we will be having a potluck beginning at 11 AM, in the Common Room. Join us and RSVP at [uusg.org/potluck](https://uusg.org/potluck).

**Decorate the Mitten Tree!** Does the tree in the sanctuary look different this year? Well, that is because it is decorated with love and generosity. This year, we are covering the tree with mittens, hats and scarfs. It will create a festive symbol of our community’s generosity and provide much needed warmth for residents at Hesed House. Please purchase these most requested items for the tree before Dec. 25.

**Thank you!** The Social Justice team thanks the following people who prepared and delivered food to Lazarus House in December: Jaime Andersen, Katie Baar, Cindy, Ivy, & Tim Benshoof; Sherri Casterline, Vicki Kilgore, Devin Lougheed, Jenny Montgomery, Page Poris, Gail Tattersfield, David & Renee Tomell.

**New Year Buddhist Blessing Ceremony** January 8, at 6 PM in the Common Room — Save the Date! Bring a friend! More information will be coming soon.

**And the Survey Says... Thank You!** A big thank you to everyone who responded to the Marketing Committee’s recent survey about UUSG members’ and friends’ local media preferences. We had an impressive response rate and gained some valuable insights into how to best reach people with news about UUSG — and ultimately grow our membership. The results will help us fine-tune our public relations targeting while also validating much of what we’re already doing, which is good to know. Thanks again!