

Climate Talk: How to Save Money and Save the Planet
Friday, **January 26, 6-8pm**, UUSG Common Room. Join us as we welcome Tom Coleman, Chair of the Chicago Climate Reality Project. Tom will discuss the key steps you and your family can take that will make the biggest impact on the environment and save you money. This presentation is sponsored by the UUSG Green Sanctuary Committee and will be moderated by Tracey McFadden. Pizza will be provided. Sign up at [UUSG.org/climate](https://uusg.org/climate).

An Evening of Folk Music Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, **January 19, at 7PM**, in the Sanctuary. February Sky features traditional singer and Celtic guitarist Phil Cooper with songwriter and singer Susan Urban. Free & open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

Buddhist Meditation, RETURNING JAN 7th Start the new year off on a mindful foot with the Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple! Every Sunday at 6pm, they will lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

Your Help is Needed at Lazarus House Can you give just two nights a year to provide practical goodness in our community? Consider sleeping at Lazarus House (private room, comfortable bed) from 9pm to 7am as part of a team fulfilling UUSG's once-a-month commitment. Learn more, without any obligation, MMckeough@aol.com; 630-262-8449.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, December 17 Worship Service 10:00 AM
• 8:30 AM Steering Team Meeting
• 11:30 AM ERT Meeting

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19
• 9:00 AM Worship Meeting
• 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
• 7:00 PM Blue Christmas *online*

Wednesday, December 20
• 3:00 PM Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation *online*
• 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

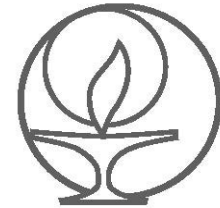
Thursday, December 21
• 6:00 PM Yule Dinner

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24 Worship Service 5:00 PM
• 4:30 PM Doors Open for Cocoa
• 5:00 PM 'Lessons & Carols' Service

Welcome to This House!



Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

December 17, 2023

A Child of Hope Pageant

Narrators: Rev. Scot Hull, Melissa Auer, Deb Brod

Readers: Lucas King, Jazzie Lingo Searcy, Sam Gesiakowski, Will Sapet

Musicians: Renee Wilson, Elaina Hruby, Cynthia Spiegel, Chime Choir led by Meredith Vandre

Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

Upcoming Services:

Tuesday, December 19: Rev. Julia Jones, "Blue Christmas"

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5pm, Doors open for cocoa at 4:30pm

Order of Worship

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Introit "Starry Night," Carol Matz, performed by Elaina Hruby

Words of Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Song of Praise

Our Covenant

Doxology

Intro to the Offering

Offering Children's Chime Choir

Introducing the Christmas Story by Rev. Quinn Caldwell

Musical Response

Pageant Part I – The Baby is Born

Carol "Away in a Manger"

Pageant Part II – The Angels Appear

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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

Hymn # 245 "Joy to the World" verses 1, 2, & 3

Unison Closing # 456 "Extinguishing the Candle"

Benediction

Walk Like a Penguin Jason Sapet

Announcements

Our Newest Members On December 12th we welcomed our newest members who signed "The Book," Barb and Mike Schuster. Welcome Home!

BOW Giving Total We raised \$1,926.38 for Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in November. Thank you for your generous giving!

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.

Mark your calendars for the Yule Dinner at UUSG!

Thursday, **December 21, 6-8:30pm**. Bring your favorite dish to share and let's enjoy a meal together! Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. All ages are welcome to attend. Please contact Lily at membership@uusg.org with questions. RSVP at uusg.org/yule. Please indicate what dish you will be bringing to share. We are also looking for 4-5 people to help set up and clean up the event. Let us know if you are interested in helping, in the sign-up.

Help for Homeless People January 6, is our next date to provide dinner and sack lunches for guests of Lazarus House homeless shelter in St. Charles. Share your culinary talents to brighten someone's day! To sign up: uusg.org/lazarus-house.

Sacred Sounds Meditative Drum Circle Sunday, **January 7, 2-4pm** in the Sanctuary. Open to all ages interested in playing with a variety of musical instruments to find those meditative rhythms of personal connection and peace. Bring your own drums or try out ours. No musical experience necessary. Contact Gina Grupe-Stibal at drumcircle@uusg.org if you have questions or would like more information.

One Book One UUSG Friday, **January 12**, at 7pm, in the Common Room. Your WOW Team is happy to announce another wonderful literary opportunity for members and friends of UUSG! Our next book: "Station 11," by Emily St. John Mandel. We hope you can join us for a discussion and community time led by Melissa Auer and supported by Carol Myers and Glenda Peck. RSVP to peckrglenda@gmail.com if you plan to join us so that we may plan accordingly. Snacks and coffee will be available.

Food Drive Success! Thank you to everyone who donated groceries for our 8th Annual Food Drive to support Humanitarian Service Project! We delivered 30 BAGS OF GROCERIES to help with HSP's holiday programs, supporting 151 senior citizens, plus 700 children and their families.

It's Just Lunch! Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on **Wednesday, December 27**. Please sign up at uusg.org/lunch so we know how many spots to reserve.

Upcoming Services

Tuesday, December 19: Join us on Zoom, when our guest, Rev. 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. Zoom link at uusg.org/upcoming-services.

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5pm Beginning at 4:30pm in our Common Room join us for fellowship and hot cocoa. At 5pm we will move into the Sanctuary as Rev. Scot, Cynthia, and our UUSG Choir lead us in our family friendly service of 'Lessons and Carols.' Special guest musicians include a string quartet as well as our own Lara Ward on French Horn.

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve Potluck, 11am. Join your UUSG Community in welcoming in the new year with food and fellowship! In lieu of service this morning, we will be having a potluck. Please rsvp at uusg.org/nyepotluck.