

**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](mailto:thanksgiving@uusg.org). Sign up at [uusg.org/thanksgiving](http://uusg.org/thanksgiving) or in the Common Room.

**Cookie Walk 2019!** This year's Cookie Walk is Friday, December 6, and as always, we need bakers and helpers. The Cookie Walk is a long-held and cherished fundraising tradition at UUSG, and it is part of the Geneva celebration that welcomes in the holiday season with light, food, and festivities. It's also a lot of fun—in one evening, we sell over 6,000 beautiful holiday cookies! Sign up at [uusg.org/cookie-walk](http://uusg.org/cookie-walk) or in the Common Room.

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

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

### **Sunday, November 17**

- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting
- 12:45 pm Interweave Meeting
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Presentation
- 4:00 pm Search Team Meeting

### **Monday, November 18**

- 7:00 pm "Bible Study for UUs" Group

### **Tuesday, November 19**

### **Wednesday, November 20**

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am The Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:00 pm Transition Team Meeting

### **Thursday, November 21**

- 11:00 am Simply Sharing Circle
- 4:30 pm ERT Core Meeting
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle (off-site)

### **Friday, November 22**

- 11:30 am The Geezers Group (off-site)
- 7:00 pm Friday Flicks

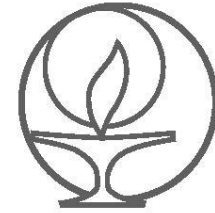
### **Saturday, November 23**

### **Sunday, November 24**

#### **Upcoming Services**

November 24: Rev. Jennifer Innis & Rev. Patrick Price

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



November 17, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

November's Theme: Covenant

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

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher

**Worship Associates:** Gail Tattersfield, Deb Brod

**Musicians:** Sandra Anderson, Dave Hanchette; UUSG Choir led by Cynthia Spiegel: Julie Riffle, Kelly Herz, Rhonda Robinson, Mary Davis, Jane Willard, Rachel Harbold, Katie Yurkewicz, Linda O'Neill, Colleen Cushing, Kate Rodgers, Marian Whittet, Lynn Fisher McCanne, Andy Montgomery, Jake Montgomery, Roger Gallentine, Tom Haslett, Mark Adams, Tom Zimmerman

**Social Hour Hosts:** The "WOW" Team

**Greeters:** Trish Beckjord, Glenda Peck, Chris Schulman

**Counters:** Doreen Christiani, Jamie Carroll

**Teachers:** Teachers 9:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Laurel Rigertas; 3-5: Keith Gesiakowski, Shawn Thornton; 11:30 K-2: Chung Liang, Ilene Smit; 3-5: Martha Malana, Wendy Mosier; 6-8: Kim McDuffee-Dotson, Anthony Mistretta; 9-12: Jennifer Klein, Bill Pokorny; Nursery: Meredith Vandre, Frank Coffey

**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

### Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

\***Song of Community** # 318 “We Would Be One”

### Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

### Search Team Update

### Congregational Greetings

*Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong*

**Prelude** *E Ala E (Arise)*; Hawaiian chant, music Ruth Morris Gray

### 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)

### Introduction to the Offering / Beyond Our Walls

Party for Illinois Youth Center; Melissa Auer

**Offering** *Gratitude*, Edvard Grieg

### Sacred Story

**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** *Walk In Light*, Karen Marrolli

**Reading** by Robin Wall Kimmerer

\***Hymn** # 16 “’Tis a Gift to Be Simple”

**Sermon** “Walking with Epicurus to Paradiso”

\***Hymn** # 203 “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

\***Unison Closing** # 678 (adapted, see insert)

\***Sending Our Light into the World**

\***Benediction**

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Gently Walk On the Earth*, Brian Tate

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

## Announcements

**The Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher** was ordained in 1989 by the First UU Church of Detroit which she had served as Director of Religious Education for 6 years while studying for the ministry. She has since served the UU Congregation of Grand Traverse MI, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship N.J., DuPage UU Church in Naperville, IL, and the Joliet UU Church in IL. The DuPage church named her *Minister Emerita* when she retired five years ago. She now lives in Chicago near her son and his family. Emmy Lou now works with the UU Prison Ministry in Cook County Jail as well as doing pulpit supply and officiating at weddings.

**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 [iyc@uusg.org](mailto:iyc@uusg.org) or call 630-338-2519.

**Mental Health Ministry Today at 1pm.** Schizophrenia is a very serious mental disorder with wide social and legal repercussions. Peter Coe, with help from the rest of the MHM group, will review the nature of the illness, efforts in the past to improve treatment which resulted in poorer outcomes, and other salient issues. Please join the discussion which is at the heart of mental health and social justice.

**Lost & Found** Leftover items will disappear this week.

**Interweave Meeting Today** at 12:45pm. We are planning a lively discussion of the 11/3 Town Hall meeting and the 11/10 subcommittee meeting of the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Program. If you are interested in helping move the church to be more welcoming AND inclusive, come share your ideas and concerns.

**The “Luncheonettes”** Please note the date changes as we will meet a week earlier due to Thanksgiving! Great conversations, beautiful view, tasty choices on the menu...All we need is your participation to assure our fun! 3rd Wednesday of this month! Join us at Andres, Batavia, Wed., November 20, 11:30-1:00.

**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](mailto: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](http://uusg.org/food-bank).

**It’s time for our 6th Annual Food Drive** to support Humanitarian Service Project’s holiday programs! Pick up a brown paper bag in the Common Room today, and bring it back filled with non-perishable food on November 24. Only non-expired food, please!