

An Evening of Folk Music Join us for an Evening of Folk Music with February Sky on Friday, January 10, 2020 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. Cosponsored by the Geneva Park District. More details at februarysky.com.

NIFB Sign up today to sort food at the Food Bank. 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.

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.

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Today & This Week at UUSG

uusg.org/calendar

Sunday, December 1

- All Morning Styrofoam Sunday (drop off clean Styrofoam at 110 S. 2nd Street Entrance)
- 11:20 am Green Sanctuary Team Meeting

Monday, December 2

- 7:30 pm Technology Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

- 4:00 pm Steeple Walk Meeting
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group

Thursday, December 5

- 4:00 pm Cookie Walk Set-Up

Friday, December 6

- 4:30 pm Cookie Walk

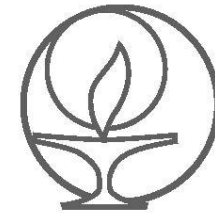
Saturday, December 7

- 9:30 am IYC Party Prep
- 1:30 pm FUUsion Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8

- 11:15 am Finance Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm OWL Parent Orientation Meeting
- 12:45 pm Welcoming Congregation Committee Meeting
- 2:00 pm Steeple Walk

Parking alert! There is a 5K Race in downtown Geneva on Sunday, December 8. Allow extra time to find parking in our area.



December 1, 2019

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Geneva**

December's Theme: God

Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Patrick Price

Worship Associates: Pat Vary

Musicians: Lynn Fisher McCanne, Corey Klein

Social Hour Hosts: Social Justice Team

Counters: Patricia Ward, Nate Thomas

Game Day will take place in lieu of RE classes today.

Coordinators are Rev. Jennifer and Jaime Andersen

Nursery: Frank Coffey, Carol Myers (9:30); Frank Coffey, Sean Hruby (11:15)

Sunday Coordinator: Becky Hruby

Upcoming Services

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** # 12 "O Life That Maketh All Things New"

Words of Welcome & Community Announcements

Congregational Greetings

Enter into Shared Silence at the sound of the Rin Gong

Prelude *Claire de Lune*, Debussy

Chalice Lighting

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

***Antiphonal Reading** # 531 The Oversoul

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

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

Introduction to the Offering/BOW – Jean Pierce & Bill Scown for Literacy Volunteers Trivia Bee

Offering *Les Pifferari (The Italian Pipers)*, Charles Gounod

Sacred Story "Grocery Bag Theology"

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, J.S. Bach/Richard Willis, arr. Jay Rouse

Reading from "Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras" by Diana Eck

***Hymn** # 15 "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Sermon "Where Is God?"

***Hymn** # 131 "Love Will Guide Us"

***Unison Closing** # 456 "Extinguishing the Chalice"

***Sending Our Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Please be seated for our Postlude

Postlude *Noel*, Louis-Claude Daquin

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

Announcements

Cookie Walk! It's Not Too Late To Sign Up! 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 3000 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.

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.

Luncheonettes. Please note date change, a week earlier due to Christmas! Great conversations, beautiful view, tasty choices on the menu...All we need is your participation to assure our fun! Join us at Andres, Batavia on Wednesday, December 18, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Please RSVP at uusg.org/luncheonettes.

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.**

Beyond Our Walls. This December, our BOW recipients are the Literacy Trivia Bee and Mutual Ground. The Trivia Bee benefits the Fox Valley Literacy Volunteers, who provide one-to-one literacy tutoring to adults in Kane County, and have partnered with us in the past by providing books that we take to the Illinois Youth Center in conjunction with our Holiday Party. Mutual Ground Shelter provides services in Kane and Kendall Counties for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. They provide shelter and services to approximately 1500 women and children each year. Their goal is to empower victims to make their own decisions when provided support, encouragement, and information. Their work has been severely hampered by deep budget cuts from the State of Illinois. You do not need to decide which of the two to support, \$400 of the funds donated will pay for our trivia bee to compete in the Literacy Volunteer's annual fundraiser, with the remaining funds being given to Mutual Ground. Please make checks out to "UUSG" and write "BOW" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous giving!

In the month of November we raised \$1,113.00 for TLS Veterans and \$1,082.00 for our IYC Holiday Party! Thank you for your generous giving!

Holiday Food Drive Success! Thank you to everyone who donated to our 6th Annual Food Drive to support Humanitarian Service Project's holiday programs. We filled 65 paper grocery bags with a variety of foods! Special thanks to Keith & Cari Gesiakowski for transporting the donations to HSP.