

## December Services & Celebrations:

Sunday, **December 22**, 9:30 & 11:15am  
Rev. Jennifer Innis - "Yuletide"

Tuesday, **December 24**: Christmas Eve Services  
**3pm**: Our "Family Friendly" service especially for young children

**8pm**: Candlelight/Choir Service: Seating in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 people, so get here early to get a good seat!

**11pm**: Candlelight Service: A contemplative, peaceful service for adults and quiet youth. Worship led by Geoff Pynn with classical guitarist Paul Sargent.

Sunday, **December 29**, 10am  
Intergenerational Fire Ritual Service led by the Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher at 10am; potluck brunch at 11am

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

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

### Sunday, December 15

- 12:30 pm LRE Steering Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Welcoming Team Meeting

### Monday, December 16

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Bible Study for UUs Group

### Tuesday, December 17

### Wednesday, December 18

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

### Thursday, December 19

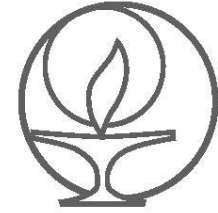
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Foxfire Pan Pagan Earth Circle (off-site)

### Friday, December 20

### Saturday, December 21

- 9:00 am Northern IL Food Bank (off-site)

### Sunday, December 22



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## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

A Child of Hope Pageant

### Today's Worship Team

**Worship Associates:** Spencer Fogleman, Ivan Pynn  
**Greeters:** Glenda Peck, Trish Beckjord, Don Clements  
**Readers:** Jocilyn Damian, Liam Doyle, Madelyn Glazier, Anna Dullea Rosenkrans, Calvin Hruby, Collin Klein  
**Musicians:** The UUSG Grinch Band: Geoff Pynn, Andy Montgomery, Tracey McFadden, Tracy Dullea  
**Soloists:** Madelyn Glazier, Ben Budke, Jarvis MacPebbles, Anna & Erin Dullea Rosenkrans, Cameron Klein, Lydia Pynn, Simon, Leo, & Chung Liang  
**Social Hour Hosts:** The Hospitality Team  
**Counters:** Judy Medina, Jamie Carroll  
**Nursery:** Frank Coffey, Jake Montgomery  
**Sunday Coordinator:** Becky Hruby

### Upcoming Services

December 22: Rev. Jennifer Innis  
December 24: **3pm** Family Friendly Service, **8pm** Candlelight/Choir, **11pm** Candlelight Service

*Come as you are.*

## Order of Worship

### Ingathering Music

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

\***Song of Community** # 253 “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful” verses 1 & 3

### Words of Welcome

### Community Announcements

### Search Team Update

### Congregational Greetings

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

**Prelude** *Mele Kalikimaka*, Robert Anderson

### 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)

### Intro to the Offering

**Offering** *Hey Santa Claus*, Al Lance

**Introducing the Christmas Story** by Rev. Quinn Caldwell

### Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

**Musical Response** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*, Willis & Mier

#### Pageant Part I – The Baby is Born

**Carol** “Away in a Manger” (see insert)

#### Pageant Part II – The Angels Appear

**Carol** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (see insert)

#### 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

### The Third Candle: Joy

\***Hymn** # 245 “Joy to the World” verses 1, 2, & 3

\***Unison Closing** # 456 “Extinguishing the Candle”

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

### \*Benediction

*Please be seated for our Postlude*

**Postlude** *Joy to the World*, Hoyt Axton

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

## Announcements

**Staff Time Off** Rev. Jennifer & Rev. Patrick will be on vacation December 25 - January 2. Our Congregational Administrator, Christine Imielski, will be out of the office December 24 - 25 & December 31 - January 1. Office hours December 23 - January 3, are by appointment only. Please email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) for questions. Thank you!

**Next Sunday, December 22**, there is no formal host for Social Hour, everyone is invited to bring something to share!

**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, 11:30am-1:00pm. Please RSVP at [uusg.org/luncheonettes](https://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](https://uusg.org/circle-suppers) or in the Common Room. Questions? Contact Mary Swanson at [circlesuppers@uusg.org](mailto:circlesuppers@uusg.org). **Deadline to sign up is Friday, December 20.**

**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](https://februarysky.com).

**Final Chance of the Year for NIFB!** Sign up today to sort food at the Food Bank for our final 2019 Food Bank Event. Children ages 8 to 16 may volunteer with an adult. Our next date is Saturday, December 21, 9am-12pm. Sign up at [uusg.org/food-bank](https://uusg.org/food-bank).

**For UUs who simply want to learn more** about the history of the Bible as literature, as well as early Christianity, “Bible Study for UUs” will meet January 20, 7-8:30pm. We’ll be discussing the prophetic books Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah which are frequently referred to in “Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography” by Bruce Chilton. Need info? Jim Frazier [biblestudy@uusg.org](mailto:biblestudy@uusg.org).

**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!

**End-of-year Contributions** Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2020 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in the previous year, even if the check is predated to 2019 or was written in 2019. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2019 will be deductible, even if they are not received by the church until 2020.