

## This Morning in Worship

**Thanksgiving Bread Communion**, Rev. Kent Matthies with Ryan Hurd, ASD Chair Gerry Whelan, Board President Jenn Leiby, Elevator Committee Chair Bill Dowdall, Three Wonderful Workshop Leaders --- Mark Daugherty, Karen Smith, Paul Martin --- and YOU  
On this multi-generational Community Day, we celebrate with a participatory Thanksgiving bread communion, the bread kindly donated by congregants.

**We will commemorate the building of the elevator (!!!)**, celebrating the vision, hard work, dedication, and generosity of all who made a dream of installing an elevator into a reality that enables us to be a more welcoming and accessible place.

**We will also have a baby dedication** and give thanks for all the blessings in our lives, including the service, compassion & empowerment that so many folks bring to this community.

This service is preceded by workshops and followed by an all-church brunch. Please join us!

## This Sunday in Fellowship & Calls to Action

**After the service, you have opportunities to...**

- Enjoy the **All-Church Sit-Down Brunch!** Eggs, ham, vegetarian options, bread, fruit AND fellowship!
- Take time to **browse a new exhibit from the Archives Committee!** Orders of Service from years past are on display in the Sullivan Hall. Take a look! (Details on page 5)
- Sign up at the Welcome Table to **rake leaves Saturday, December 7** with Mike Rogers!
- At 12:00, attend a meeting of the **Philadelphia Unitarian Society of Humanists (PUSH)** in the Daskam Room




**Then return by 5:00pm for the next BREATHE program:**  
***The Mind and Heart of Forgiveness***, led by Meg Ryan. Together we will explore forgiveness from the head center and the heart center, and engage with forgiveness as a practice to enrich our meditation and our relationships with ourselves and others. For more information and teacher bio, please go to [usguu.org](http://usguu.org)>> Spiritual Development>> Center for Mindfulness at USG. *Fee: None required; suggested dana of \$15-20.*



## Our Text-Giving Option Via Breeze, our Church Management System

To give a pledge or contribution via text, please do the following:

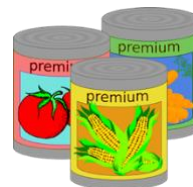
1. Send text to this 10-digit Text Giving number **215-608-2660**
2. In the message field put the **amount, a space, and the fund** you wish to donate to. (Fund = Share The Plate (STP) or **PLEDGE. Pledge is the default.**) For example: **25 pledge** (\$25 would be donated to pledge payment) or **25 STP** (\$25 would be donated to go to our Share The Plate of the month).
3. **When using Breeze, MAKE SELECTIONS** by using the up and down arrows to scroll. 
4. Press send.
5. First time givers will be prompted to provide their payment method via a secure web page.
6. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount and fund you wish to give, and it will process automatically

Our ELEVATOR is accessible from all three floors:

outside the Daskam Room on the third floor; off the Sullivan rooms on the second; and off the Committee Room on the first. From outside, park in the Courtyard and enter the Dining Room, then turn left. OR park in the lot off Johnson Street, enter the Edna Jones Assembly Room via the ramp, turn right and walk past the Daskam Room.

## Next Sunday before the service, come early so you can...

- **Meditate in the Grove or Meditation Room, 9:15 - 10:20am.** Meditation, reading, dharma and sharing are offered in Sullivan 3 on the First and Second Sundays of the month between 9:15 and 10:20am. All are welcome to join in quietly. On the other Sundays the space is open for those who choose to come and sit.
- **In this harvest season, let's remember those who need support.** Please contribute to USG's Annual Fall Food Drive this October and November to support both St Vincent de Paul's Food Cupboard and the UU House Outreach Program. Leave your donations on the carts in the kitchen. **Below, the 10 most-wanted food items:**
  1. Canned Fish and Poultry - chicken or turkey; tuna or salmon packed in water.
  2. Canned Fruit and Vegetables - packed in own juice.
  3. Canned Stew, Chili, Brown Beans
  4. Peanut Butter
  5. Whole Grain Pasta
  6. Baby Formula and Food - iron-enriched formula; baby food jars of vegetables, fruit or meat; infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice.
  7. Rice - Plain, brown, converted, or parboiled
  8. Canned Spaghetti Sauce
  9. Cereal - plain, fiber, non-sugar coated
  10. Canned Soup - vegetable, tomato, lentil, pea



## Upcoming Events

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**Saturday, December 7, 8:30am - Noon**  
**We Rake Leaves at USG**



**with that rakish fellow, Mike Rogers!**  
**We need all your mighty arms!**  
**Sign up during Fellowship Hour at the Welcome Table.**

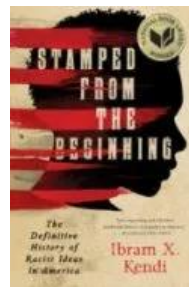
## Spiritual Development Offerings

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### Racism Book Study

**Monday, December 14, 7:30pm**

In September, we began reading *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram Kendi. For December 14, we will be reading the fourth session: "W.E.B. DuBois." All are welcome. Please do the reading before the session. Contact Treva B at [bookstudy@usguu.org](mailto:bookstudy@usguu.org).



### Small Group Ministry

Throughout the year, you are welcome to join any Small Group Ministry group with openings. Please visit the Small Group Ministry page at [USGUU.ORG](http://USGUU.ORG) for more information.

## The Spirit in Action

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**Fundraiser Dinner for FUMCOG's Sanctuary Families held at USG**

**Friday, December 20, 6:00-8:30pm**

The Thompson and Reyes families will be in Sanctuary at FUMCOG for another Christmas. USG will host a Fundraiser Dinner for them on December 20. The families will provide Jamaican and Honduran food and Christine Thompson is bringing her grandmother's Jamaican bread pudding. Please bring your family and join us for holiday cheer and song. Suggested donation is \$15.



## News and Announcements

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### Give While Gifting!

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1352566](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1352566) and Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Unitarian Society of Germantown. Just choose **USG** as your recipient.



### It's Time to Order Holiday Poinsettias!

#### Deadline for Ordering: December 7

Our annual poinsettia display in the chancel will be set up on December 13. Contact Elaine Hills ([poinsettia@usguu.org](mailto:poinsettia@usguu.org) or 215-206-6257) to tell her

how many

what color (red or white or pink)

what the brief dedication should be for the orders of service when you intend to take your plants.

Order now; pay before Christmas Eve (the first time people can take their poinsettias home). Payment is by cash or check (made out to USG with "Poinsettia" on the memo line); give to Elaine, send it to her at home, or place in her church office mailbox. The cost of each large plant is \$23. Elaine will confirm any orders she receives. Deadline for ordering: December 7th, to facilitate florist order. Thank you all!



### Greening of the Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 13, 11:00am - 12:00pm, in the Sanctuary

Fun, fast, and it adds so much to our holiday services! Come to USG for an hour of creating the swags to decorate the sanctuary with greens. No experience needed!! David Tepper will again share his experience in the craft. Please RSVP to Elaine Hills (215-206-6257 or [poinsettia@usguu.org](mailto:poinsettia@usguu.org)). The poinsettias will be delivered later that Friday - if you can help move them in, or want to see how they are assembled, contact Elaine to verify the time.

## Archives Exhibit: USG Orders of Service

Check out the new glass curio cabinet in the Sullivan Library. Displayed are USG Orders of Service from 1930, 1958, 1961, 1963 and 1995. These little introductions act as historic "ticklers" for our congregational past. Brief explanations appear on the left side of the cabinet walls. Longer expositions and full images of the Orders of Service appear on the USG website "Archives Corner" site ([usguu.org/archives-corner/](http://usguu.org/archives-corner/)).



## Interested in joining USG?

For more information, please visit the Membership page in the Home menu on our website, [usguu.org](http://usguu.org) or email [Welcoming@usguu.org](mailto:Welcoming@usguu.org)



## Villages at USG

If you have any questions about Villages at USG, please direct them to [Villages@usguu.org](mailto:Villages@usguu.org). Thanks to all the Villages who offer a friendly welcome and refreshments every Sunday.

Upcoming Fellowship Hour Hosts:

- December 1 - Village 2
- December 8 - Village 3
- December 15 - Villages 4 & 6
- December 22 - Village 5
- December 29 - Village 7



## Electronic and Texting Donations

It's a great way to make regular donations and many other USG payments. Here's how: Find detailed instructions for using our Breeze payment center at our secure website: [usguu.org/electronic-and-texting-donations/](http://usguu.org/electronic-and-texting-donations/)



## Our Wider Community

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Job Opening for Executive Director Position at Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center  
See [murraygrove.org/application-packet/](http://murraygrove.org/application-packet/)

## Connect with Others at USG

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### Use Breeze on your Computer or Smartphone

Connect with other USG visitors and members through Breeze, USG's database, which includes a Member Directory. Go to [usg.breezechms.com](http://usg.breezechms.com). Log in with our church's domain ID - usg - and then create your own user name and password. Find people's phone numbers, addresses, directions, all in one place. If you have any questions, please contact [communications@usguu.org](mailto:communications@usguu.org).



## Follow @uugermantown on Instagram!

### Join a USG Facebook Group!

To find out more, connect with USG groups via Facebook. You will find the following groups by searching [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) for "USG":

- ASD (Adult Spiritual Development)
- CSD (Child Spiritual Development)
- YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)
- YA (Young Adult)
- Greater Philly UUs - Social Justice & Other News for the Greater Philly Area
- P.U.S.H. (Philadelphia Unitarian Society of Humanists)
- Exploring Elderhood



## Join Ongoing Events & Groups

Please check the [usguu.org](http://usguu.org) website for more information. Also see the leaflet available at the Welcome Table and on the wall by the Name Tag boards for ALL our monthly recurring events - so many we just do not have the room here!

### • WEEKLY

- **Nature Walking at Valley Green** - April through November, every Monday and Thursday at **9:00am**, you can meet others at Valley Green in Chestnut Hill for a morning walk. Point Person is Steve Conrad, [walks@usguu.org](mailto:walks@usguu.org)
- **CAMI (Citizens Against Mass Incarceration)** - Now meets every Wednesday, 2:30 - 3:00 PM, but call 215-848-4623 ahead of time to be sure. Off-site at Janes Memorial Church, 47 East Haines St. Contact Margaret Robertson at [cami@usguu.org](mailto:cami@usguu.org). (CAMI now supports the Germantown Participatory Defense HUB from 3:00-5:00pm on Wednesdays; anyone interested in helping must have training.)
- Off-site at Janes Memorial Church, 47 East Haines St. Contact [cami@usguu.org](mailto:cami@usguu.org).

### • MONTHLY GROUPS & EVENTS OCCURING THIS NEXT WEEK OR SO

- **EarthSpirit Circle** - First Monday (except after holiday weekends) at 7:00pm. Next: December 2. At USG. Contact [earth@usguu.org](mailto:earth@usguu.org).
- **USG Handcrafters**, a Handwork Group- First Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 - 3:00pm. At USG. Contact Margaret Thompson at [handcrafters@usguu.org](mailto:handcrafters@usguu.org).
- **BLUU Box** - Usually First Sunday, 12:00 - 1:00pm. **Next session: December 8.** (*Note change of usual day*) Each BLUU (Black Lives of UU) Box contains a prayer to center us in joy, affirm us and ground us in spiritually challenging times; a reflection on contemporary issues informed by a Black UU faith perspective; information about prominent Black UUs who have shaped and informed our living faith tradition; and a brief guided meditation. Please join us....  
*...followed by...*
- **Ending Racism Committee Meeting** - 1:00-2:00pm, December 8. In Sullivan Chapel at USG. Contact [endingracism@usguu.org](mailto:endingracism@usguu.org).
- **Racism Book Study Group** - Second Monday, December 9, 7:30 - 9:00pm. Contact Treva Burger at [bookstudy@usguu.org](mailto:bookstudy@usguu.org)
- **Caregivers Support Group** - Second Friday, December 13, 11:00am - 1:00pm. USG. Contact Maura Gallagher at [caregivers@usguu.org](mailto:caregivers@usguu.org).
- **Exploring Elderhood Gathering** - Second Fridays, Next: December 13, 2:00-4:30pm. At USG's Edna Jones Assembly Room. Contact Gerry Whelan at [asd@usguu.org](mailto:asd@usguu.org).



## Our Caring Community

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**Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...**

... **Abbey Porter and her family.** Abbey's father, **Bob Porter**, died on Thursday, November 21. Abbey was beside him in Tennessee when he passed. Cards and emails to Abbey are welcome.



**We continue to send healing thoughts and prayers to...**

... **Bill Parry and his family.** Bill continues to make progress after suffering a massive heart attack on November 5. On November 20 he transferred to Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Center to begin the next phase of his recovery.

... **The Matthies family.** Rev. Kent's mother, **Mary Ellen Matthies**, underwent surgery for a detached retina, which unfortunately caused her to experience a mini-stroke during which she fell and fractured her pelvis. After a few days in rehab, she is now in the nursing wing of her retirement village and on the mend. Cards are welcome. (You can find her address in Breeze.)

### Our Caring Team

**Chair Linda Bernstein, Sarah West, Andi Bernstein and Rev. Kent Matthies**

If you are aware of any joys or concerns that should be part of our caring system, please let us know. Contact any member of the Caring Team. Send emails to [caring@usguu.org](mailto:caring@usguu.org). You also can call a member and leave a voice message. Your call will be returned ASAP.



### USG's Committee On Ministry (COM)

COM is responsible for helping to facilitate communications and resolve conflicts within USG, and for handling issues under USG's Safe Congregation Policy and Covenant of Right Relations.

To find out more, search for "COM" at [usguu.org](http://usguu.org) or contact [com@usguu.org](mailto:com@usguu.org).



### USG's Cancer Support Group

Co-chairs are Susan Zingale-Baird and Sarah West. Contact [cancersupport@usguu.org](mailto:cancersupport@usguu.org).

