

Upcoming Events

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USG Arts Club: Halloween Workshop

October 17 at 2pm in the Edna Jones Assembly Room

The USG Arts Club provides a space to engage in community creativity through arts related gatherings and programming. No experience is required, and all ages and generations are encouraged to attend. Join us for our Halloween-themed workshop!

Ways of Knowing: Psychic Tools and How Witches Use Them (Feminist Theology)

October 18 at 12:15pm in Sullivan 1 and 2

Many of us who grew up in English-speaking public schools learned to “know” things by reading about them or by using the scientific method. But other cultures have other ways of knowing. This talk will cover some of those “other ways.” Included will be Tarot cards (and how to read them as a beginner), astrology (and why it’s not nonsense), meditation, and ways to shift your attention. Facilitated by Maggie Beaumont.

Foresight and Climate Crisis

October 19 from 6:30-8:30pm in Sullivan

The Climate Catastrophe is unfolding before our eyes, and the question now is, “How catastrophic?” What can be done to minimize harm? What can we do personally and collectively to cultivate resilience through the hard times ahead? Join us for a lightly facilitated conversation as we help each other process what is unfolding. More info and registration here: usguu.org/asd-catalog

Annual USG Men’s Retreat: Register Today

November 6-8 at Temenos Retreat Center

Get more information and register here: bit.ly/mensretreatUSG

Order of Service

Stories of How and Why

Tchin



Alexandra Wood, Worship Associate
Sunday, October 11, 2026



Today we welcome Tchin, an Indigenous storyteller of Blackfeet and Narragansett heritage and an Artist-Partner for Education and Cultural Programs at We Are The Seeds. A multi-award-winning artist who studied at the Institute of American Indian Arts and graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, Tchin is a musician, flutemaker, folklorist, jewelry and clothing designer, painter, educator, and author. Through stories and music full of humor and vivid detail, he offers insight into how we should live, how things came to be, and how to give thanks for our blessings.

Gathering Hymn

#389, *Gathered Here*

Welcome & Announcements

Alexandra Woods, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

Stories Part I

Tchin

Children's Recessional

#413, *Go Now in Peace*

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.*

Testimony

Alexandra Woods

Share the Plate & Offertory

Our Share the Plate this week is Philadelphia Youth Basketball.
Tchin

Stories Part II

Tchin

Questions & Answers

Tchin

Chalice Extinguishing

*We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,
As we live into the mission of this congregation:
Building Beloved Community with
Compassion, Service and Empowerment*

Benediction

Rev. Hannah Gallo

We Strive for Accessibility and Inclusivity

Please ask an Usher for assistance with listening devices, large print materials, and finding the elevator.

Others Who Minister Today

Sound: Javi Andolz-Casanova

Camera: Margaret Thompson

Ushers: Jen Bellot, Carolyn Scott, Hal Krieger, Alice Parker

Welcome Table: Susan Rizack, Jim Fryer

Newcomers are invited to fill in a
Visitor Form via this QR code.



Following the Service Today

Fellowship Hour

Join us for lunch! All are welcome. Lunch this week is sponsored by beloved Lynne Kalish. Lynne is celebrating the memory of her mother, Sari Fenyo Kalish, on the Sunday closest to her birthday-October 9, 1904. She was a member of USG from 1934 until her death in 1954.

UUJME Meeting

12:15pm in the Daskam Room

Changemakers Reading Group

12:15pm in Sullivan 3, drop-ins are welcome

LGBTQ+ Affinity Group

12:15pm in Sullivan 1

Coming Soon: The Newcomer Series

Ready to go deeper at USG? Our Newcomer Series guides you on your path to membership. Attend 3 of the 4 classes and you're invited to join us at our New Member Sunday and Ceremony! Full details coming soon.

Oct 18: Theology 101 with Rev. Hannah Gallo

Oct 25: Building Tour with Paula Behrens

Nov 1: Archives with Carolyn Cotton

Nov 8: Circle Worship with Zoë Johnston

Nov 15: New Member Sunday and Ceremony

Save the Date: Halloween Weekend at USG!

Mark your calendars for a spooky-fun weekend! Movie night with Little Shop of Horrors on Saturday, Oct 24, then our Spooktacular Trunk or Treat, Chili Cook-off and Pie Contest, and a Samhain ritual in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, Oct 25. Come to one or all! Full details coming next week.