

Sundays in July & August

Two of our Summer Sunday Services will be led by Reverend Ed Searl; two will feature outside speakers. Children and youth will not meet during the summer; nor is childcare available during summer services.

July 11

10:30 A.M.

"Liberty: The Best Idea in History"

by Scott Thompson

July 25

10:30 A.M.

"Margaret Fuller"

Lynne Garner

August 8

10:30 A.M.

Rev. Ed Searl

August 22

10:30 A.M.

Rev. Ed Searl

Regular Church Services resume the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, September 12.

Inspiration Reflection Conversation

Summer 2010

From the second Sunday of June through the first Sunday after Labor Day the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale enjoys a summer holiday from formal activities.

A daily quote keeps members and friends in a thoughtful state of mind, as well as engaged in meaningful reflection. If a particular quote inspires you, please leave an appropriate comment. In this fashion, though we won't be meeting face to face, we can engage in a virtual conversation. Daily quotes can be accessed at uchquotes.blogspot.com.



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Church Events and Announcements

July Events

First Friday (Saturday!) Fun Night at the Foulser's — Saturday, July 3, 4:30 p.m.

The July FFFN is on SATURDAY, July 3 at 4:30 p.m. at Jane Foulser's home! Everyone is welcome to come, including friends and neighbors! Please bring food to share and throw a chair or two into your trunk, just in case. We will play games and perhaps even build a bonfire. Hope to see you there! To learn more about FFFN, contact Kari Freeman (hollowcastle@gmail.com). To get directions to Jane's house, contact her at jfoulser@mindspring.com.

MANNA—Orders due Sunday, July 11

There will be two MANNA orders processed this summer: Orders are due July 11 and August 8. Orders can be picked up July 25 and August 22. These are the same dates as the summer services, so please plan to participate. For more information, contact Dana White (630-910-6557).

Volunteer Greater Chicago Food Depository—Saturday, July 10, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This makes an excellent project to bond with friends, kids, grandkids; kids must be over 13. Volunteer work includes packing boxes, sorting food items and lots of fun. Plus, for every hour/person worked, \$5 in food credits is given to the Canaan Food Pantry. **Please call Jean Noble (708-485-0281) in advance if you plan to attend.**

Upcoming dates for 2010: Aug. 14, Sept. 11

Hinsdale Planning Commission Public Hearing for Sandra Price Memorial Conversation Circle—Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.

If your time and interest allow, please plan to attend this meeting. Just a few hurdles remain for the Village of Hinsdale to grant permission for UCH to build the Sandra Price Memorial Conversation Circle. A key step is for UCH to become a "Planned Development," a status that has been applied for and granted to several other churches in Hinsdale. Planned Development status will have far-reaching advantages, including these: 1) the Village will officially recognize and accept the many ways in which UCH's nearly 125 year old site plan does not comply with current Village Code; and 2) greater flexibility will be applied to interpretation of code should future changes to UCH facilities require consideration by village officials. Other churches in Hinsdale have found acquiring the status of a Planned Development to be very beneficial. The Village of Hinsdale's Planning Commission will vote on UCH's request to be a Planned Development at the July 14th meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, kitty corner to the southeast of UCH. **A show of support in the audience will help.** Contact Dave Lloyd, Hans Lonnroth, or Charlie Fischer for more information.

UCH Lunch Bunch In July

On Thursday, July 22 at 1:00 UCH Lunch bunch is meeting at The Chew Chew restaurant at 33 East Burlington Rd. in Riverside. This is a "just great food restaurant". Please join us where you can chat with old friends and get to know new ones, From the west take Ogden to 1st avenue. Go left (North), past the tracks. Turn right (East) on Forest Ave. which becomes Burlington. It is on right. (sort of across from Pain clinic). To sign up contact Cathy Goering 815-761-7322 / cathgoer@aol.com or Jackie.

Music Benefactors' Recital and Reception—Saturday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.

This year, like last year, funding for the guest musicians and the choir rehearsal accompanist is dependent on donations to the music program. To continue to offer a variety of exceptional guest musicians in the church, Chris Garofalo has once again graciously offered to present a Music Benefactors' Recital and Reception in his home on Saturday July 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Seating is limited. For information, contact Julia Beckman (630-985-4688; beckman110@comcast.net), and please see the Open Letter from Julia Beckman in "Among Ourselves" for further information. Minutes are available during office hours..

August Events

First Friday Fun Night—Friday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for ice cream and a relaxing stroll in downtown Hinsdale. Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. We will walk to the Cold Stone Creamery on Washington for their Ultimate Ice Cream Experience! Along the way we will "hunt" for things and perhaps even learn something new along the way. FFFN is a night where people of all ages--grandkids to grandparents--can get together and participate in activities. To learn more about FFFN, contact Kari Freeman (hollowcastle@gmail.com).

MANNA—Orders due Sunday, August 8

The second summer MANNA order is due Sunday, August 8 and will be ready for pick up on Sunday, August 22. These are the same dates as the summer services, so please plan to participate. For more information, contact Dana White (630-910-6557).

Social Action Committee Summer Retreat—Saturday, August 14, Noon

The SAC's summer retreat, open to all UCH members and friends will occur at noon on Saturday, August 14th at the apartment condominium of Joan Prims. We will determine the recipients of UCH's monthly collections for Social Justice for fiscal year 2010/2011. General SAC plans for the present and future will also be discussed. Bring a sandwich. Beverages will be provided. **Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and is not a member of the SAC must call Joan Prims (630-323-5257) before June 12th.**

Volunteer Greater Chicago Food Depository—Saturday, August 14, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This makes an excellent project to bond with friends, kids, grandkids; kids must be over 13. Volunteer work includes packing boxes, sorting food items and lots of fun. Plus, for every hour/person worked, \$5 in food credits is given to the Canaan Food Pantry. **Please call Jean Noble (708-485-0281) in advance if you plan to attend.** We will also volunteer at GCFD on Saturday, September 11, 1:30 – 4:30.

The Membership Committee Invites You to Join Us this Summer –Wednesday, August 18, 7:30 p.m.

The Membership Committee will meet Wednesday August 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alice Warren Room, lower level of the church. We invite you to stop by and consider participating in this important church committee. This past church year we have had an active committee of twelve persons who worked together to accomplish a great deal. Our church thrives on the vitality of its members and their participation in the many functions of the church. We would love to have you join us. Contact Jane Foulser, chair, for more information (630-833-3028; jfoulser@mindspring.com).

UCH Lunch Bunch In August

On Thursday, August 26, at 1:00 UCH Lunch Bunch is meeting at Carlucci Restaurant & Bar, 1801 Butterfield, Downers Grove for parmigiana, pizza, paini and good conversation. Take Butterfield West past Finley Rd., or (I-355 N exit toward NW Suburbs Keep right at fork, to IL-56/Butterfield Rd. turn Left at Butterfield Rd.- 2 min.) Make a U-turn at Lacey Rd/S Lloyd Ave. - look for tall square bldg. named Carlucci's, To sign up contact Cathy Goering 815-761-7322 / cathgoer@aol.com or Jackie. We welcome suggestions for new places!

Other Announcements

Looking for Volunteers for the Adult Education Committee

The UUA website has information on a number of very interesting adult education programs. One called "Spirit of Life" deals with spirituality for Unitarian Universalists. The website also carries a request for churches to field-test a new curriculum, "Tapestry of Faith." Our church has taught the "Our Whole Lives" (human sexuality) program for adults in the past, and now may be the time to teach it again. Would you be interested in organizing some adult education classes for next year? For more information, contact Debbi Daniel-Wayman, R.E. Liaison to the Board (debbidw@comcast.net) or Jane Foulser, Membership Chair (jfoulser@mindspring.com).

Non-Fiction Book Group Sets Fall Schedule

The Non-Fiction Book Group will resume meeting in the fall at our usual time, the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alliance Room in the lower level of the church. Get a head start and take a look at these interesting selections for the fall. You are welcome to come to the lively discussion even if you have not read the book. Here are the books chosen by the group for:

September 16—*The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science*, by Richard Holmes.

October 21—*The Future of the Brain: The Promise and Perils of Tomorrow's Neuroscience*, by Steven Rose.

November 18—*Lake Views: This World and the Universe*, by Steven Weinberg. (2010) A collection of essays.

December 16—*Slavery by Another Name; The Reenslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to WWII*, by Douglas A. Blackmon, (2008). Pulitzer Prize winner for general non-fiction.

Holiday Harvest

There are two easy ways for everyone to help out for Holiday Harvest starting now: 1) take a donation form to your favorite place of business. If you have a restaurant, boutique, spa, etc., just pick up a donation form in the church basement and take it with you. Ask for a manager. Explain that our church has members from over 35 suburbs and that this is our biggest fundraiser, so their donation would provide good advertising. The manager can mail the form to us in the provided envelope. 2) You can also start considering of what you might donate, or what task you might like to help with. The summer is upon us, but it's not too early to think about Holiday Harvest!

Needed: Child care supervisor for Holiday Harvest. This angel will plan the evening's activities (advice available) and coordinate the other adult volunteers. Typically the children are of school age. They are fed, then have some age-appropriate activities, followed by videos. The service is offered from 5:00 - 9:30. If we do not have an adult supervisor, we cannot offer child care for Holiday Harvest. Please contact Karen McDowell can2dowell@sbcglobal.net.

Revised Communication Policy

To streamline communications the Board has adopted a new policy for the Back Page of the Order of Service and for the Friday e-mail blasts:

A Back Page announcement will run for no more than two weeks before the event and is limited to 45 words.

The Friday e-mail blast will highlight events for the coming Sunday and the following week.

Announcement should be submitted by WEDNESDAY each week. Send announcements to office@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

Board Notes

June 1, 2010 Board Of Trustees Meeting

President Dave Lloyd outlined procedures relating to the Board, such as having new photos taken for the Website and organizing Sunday morning announcements. Dates of future summer services, Board meetings, and Retreats were also established. Mr. Lloyd asked that Trustees maintain a history of their particular jobs in newly distributed notebooks to better inform successors of their responsibilities. He proposed a new Program Committee to generate church events, an Adult Education Committee, a Music Committee, and perhaps a Volunteer Coordinator. These positions will be discussed during Summer Retreats.

The General Assembly of the UUA will be held in Minneapolis at the end of this month. It was moved and seconded that **David Lloyd and Suzanne Williams be UCH delegates at the General Assembly with no specific voting instruction. Motion passed.**

Hans Lonnrorth, Building and Grounds Trustee, has notified the current janitorial service that they are no longer needed. Instead, the Fodor family would be taking those responsibilities over at a reduced rate. Luan Burton, Church Administrator, requested discussion about limiting both word count and number of times the weekly announcements would run. It was moved and seconded **that the Friday e-mail blast should highlight events for the coming Sunday and the following week. Motion passed.** Regarding the Back Page of Sunday Announcements, it was moved and seconded **that the Back Page should run announcements for no more than two weeks and be limited to 45 words. Motion passed.**

An overall theme for the year 2010-11 will be *Wealth, Poverty and Class*. This is to be reflected in various aspects of church activities as well as from the pulpit and in the Religious Education program.

Note: the full minutes are kept in the office and can be read during office hours.

Landscape Garden Notes

Natural Lawn Care

UCH is reinforcing its natural lawn care methodologies by following recommendations available on the Village of Hinsdale website. In the spirit of Green Sanctuary, for the good and beauty of the earth, consider doing the same at your home grounds.

See <http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/ps/docs/SixStepNaturalLawnCarePlan.pdf>

Among Ourselves

Memorial Service Scheduled

A memorial service for Jane Heckman, long-term member of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, will be held on Saturday, July 24 in the Sanctuary of UCH. Details regarding time and luncheon potluck are still being determined. Call office for details (630-323-2885) or consult the e-mail notice on Friday, July 23.

An Open Letter Regarding the July 31 Music Benefactors' Recital and Reception *Submitted by Julia Beckman*

For the past 23 years, members of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale have been fortunate to experience a rich collection of guest musicians of the highest standard. Jonita Lattimore, Henry Pleas, Goran Ivanovic, Mark and Michele Lekas, Carolyn May, Lisa Menninger and Karen Brunssen are just some of the musicians with national and international reputations that have performed at our services. This year, like last year, funding for the guest musicians and the choir rehearsal accompanist is dependent on donations to the music program.

To continue to offer a variety of exceptional guest musicians in the church, Chris Garofalo has once again graciously offered to present a Music Benefactors' Recital and Reception in his home on Saturday July 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., providing another great evening of music, wine, homemade desserts, and conversation. Because of space constraints, attendance is limited to the first 23 soloist (or higher) sponsors.

Sponsorships range from \$250 for a soloist, \$750 for the instrumental trio, to \$1,400 for the ensemble of musicians for the Christmas Eve service. If you would like to become a Music Benefactor for a soloist (\$250), ensemble (\$750) or choir accompanist (\$50), please contact Julia Beckman or Chris Garofalo. Our goal is to raise the funding for the music program by the end of July so that guest musicians may be scheduled for the start of the 2010- 2011 church year.

Your gift is tax deductible as a donation to the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. The church board has set guidelines that restricted gifts may be given only by members whose pledge is current, with an exception to accept restricted gifts from non-members of the church.

To attend the event or simply offer a sponsorship, please make checks payable to "The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale" with "Music Benefactor 2010 - 11" clearly indicated on the memo line. Checks may be brought to the concert or mailed to Music Benefactors, Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 17 W. Maple, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Our church has been very fortunate to have a variety of exceptional music soloists thanks to Chris' dedication and skill. We need your help to continue this tradition. Thank you for your continued support. Submitted by Julia Beckman (630-985-4688; beckman110@comcast.net)

September Touchstone Submission Guidelines

The Touchstone submission deadline for the September issue is August 15; E-mail submissions to Susan Hebble (sjhebble@comcast.net) and copy Office Administrator Luan Burton (office@hinsdaleunitarian.org). Article submissions should be no more than 150 words and are subject to editing for length and/or clarification. Always include specific contact information (name, e-mail address, and/or phone number) for readers' reference.

Order of Service Announcement Deadline

The Order of Service is printed weekly on Thursday, so announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be received at the office by Wednesday. Send the text to Luan Burton at office@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

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