

## Music Schedule

### November 2

Chris Garofalo, Piano

### November 9

Karen Brunssen, Soprano

### November 16

Celebration Singers

### November 23

Chris Garofalo, Piano

### November 30

No Live Music

## November 23

One Service Only, 10:00 AM followed by Stone Soup Potluck

*"Thanksgiving: Community and Gratitude"*

Rev. Edward Searl and Pam Fodor, RE Director

This is our traditional All Church Family Thanksgiving celebration. We'll build our service on the classic tale of cooperation and community, "Stone Soup." Be sure to stay to enjoy the soup ably prepared by Jay Fodor. And don't forget to bring a bag of prepared veggies to drop in the pot before the service begins.

## November 30

9:30 and 11:00 AM

*"Wonderful"*

Rev. Edward Searl

In this Sunday poised between Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Holiday Season, we'll offer a soothing music and reading service. In a fine paean of words, the naturalist Chet Raymo describes the beginning of the universe in accord with Joseph Hayden's Creation Oratorio. Raymo writes: "Here is a way to experience the stars as you never have before—and to come as close as you will ever get to the first moment of creation."

# Services

## November 2

9:30 and 11:00 AM

*"The Essentials"*

Rev. Edward Searl

I've been reflecting on what I've learned about the meanings and purposes of life. This sermon will offer what I'm now calling the essentials—key attitudes and perspectives, as well as strategies for a beautiful life.

## Monthly Collection For Social Justice: Pillars Community Services

*(See article on page 9 for more information.)*

## November 9

9:30 and 11:00 AM

*"What Now?"*

Rev. Edward Searl

The election is over. Who's won? This Sunday we'll have a sense of direction and new initiatives. Let's measure our concerns and hopes.

## November 16

9:30 and 11:00 AM

*"The Gospel According to Johnny Appleseed"*

Mr. Ron Solberg

Ron Solberg, long time UCH member, has a new book, Whiz Bangs of Oohs and Ahs: America's Salesmen, Their Lore, Lives and Laughs. He'll focus on the great American "salesmen" of apple trees and offer an entertaining and informative program. Ron will be available to sign books after each service.



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# Children and Youth Religious Education

## Pam Fodor, Director of Religious Education

### We Are Many, We Are One

*Preschool Ages 3-4*

#### **November**

- 2 Differences are Interesting
- 9 Both Boys and Girls Can
- 16 Native Americans Have Taught Us Many Things
- 23 All-Community Worship
- 30 Deck The Halls Party

The goals for the next two sessions are to promote self-esteem and encourage an appreciation of others. The children will explore ways they are different and celebrate those differences, and they will gain a sense of community and oneness as they celebrate how they are the same. Each child will be affirmed just because of the way s/he is! Before Thanksgiving, the children will hear stories of Thanksgiving from the perspective of both the Native Americans and the European

immigrants. The children will gain a sense of respect for everyone's traditions and will express thankfulness for everyday living.

### Haunting House

*Kindergarten & First Grade*

#### **November**

- 2 Frederick
- 9 Animal Homes
- 16 Animal Homes (cont)
- 23 All-Community Worship
- 30 Deck The Halls Party

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe that a life well-lived—one full of wonder, one in which our feelings are honored, one in which we use our imagination and creativity—is a life lived religiously. Frederick is a wonderful story that embraces that notion. As the days grow shorter and the nights grow colder, the children will no doubt be wondering about what their animal friends will do when winter comes. The children will pretend to be different animals and will snuggle into their very own homes for winter.

## Chapel Service

*Grades 2-6*

#### **November**

- 2 Stories Read from Stars
- 9 Stories Read in a Drop of Water
- 16 Stories read in Rocks and Bones
- 23 All-Community Worship
- 30 Deck The Halls Party

For the past several weeks we have been sharing stories of creation from different cultures. We will continue our exploration to include the stories that science offers us, including the "Big Bang" theory, the evolution of life on earth, and the lessons that rocks and bones offer about the age of the Earth.

## All Community Thanksgiving

### **Worship Service and Stone Soup Pot-Luck Luncheon— November 23, 10:00 A.M.**

Be sure to join us on Sunday, November 23rd at 10:00 A.M. for our fourth annual STONE SOUP SUNDAY! We encourage you to bring a cut up vegetable, pre-cooked beans, rice or small pasta to add to the soup. Just drop off your soup contribution in the kitchen before the service. In the sanctuary, all ages will gather to worship and to enjoy the smell of our soup as it cooks! After the service, all are invited to a luncheon of delicious, vegetarian soup. Please bring bread and cheese to share. For more information contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

## Deck the Halls

On Sunday, November 30th all children ages 3 and up will meet in Joshi Chapel for our annual Deck the Halls Party. They will rotate around stations where they will make a variety of holiday decorations to deck our hallways and classrooms. If you have a great holiday craft and you would like to share your time and talents with the children please contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

## Special Thank You

A special thank you is sent to Pat Miller, Cathy Zimmerman and Linda Karlen Elliott for staying over night with our fifth and sixth graders. Thanks ladies for sacrificing a good night's sleep to stay with our young people! Also worthy of mention are Cheryl Prescott, Susan Hebble and Pat Miller for their work on a special Sunday morning workshop for our 5th and 6th graders. Without their help the program would never have happened!! The preschool class thanks Nancy Holt and Karen McDowell for coming and visiting their class. It is nice to know that everyone at church is friends no matter what! Thank you to all our regular teachers for their continued effort! Our Religious Education Department is awesome because of our volunteers!!

## Youth Group Activities

### Roy Fleet,

### Youth Director

#### **For new readers:**

Activities include community service, social action, education, worship, leadership, recreation and fundraising. As always, the emphasis is on having fun while applying UU Principles and Purposes.

YG's community service and social action efforts include Crop Walk, a coat drive for Head Start, and IDOT's Adopt-a-Highway. Beginning this year, YG's education efforts will feature the Neighboring Faiths program with local visits to places of worship in addition to the usual discussion of current events vis-a-vis UU Principles and Purposes, use of curricula relevant to current events, bridging programs, and Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Program (OWL). Junior YG and Senior YG have worship during meetings and conduct a Sunday service each year. YG members have hosted weekend diversity conferences and have current opportunities to hone leadership skills. This year, YG's recreation activities will include conferences, lock-ins, and a year-end retreat to Lake Geneva. YG will also begin developing a service trip for the summer of 2010.

Fundraising supports the majority of YG activities – including a team building course for OWL, gifts to OWL and graduating members, and snacks at meetings. Our fundraising includes sales of coupon books, seasonal decorations, and a variety of plants in the spring. Each YG member has a fundraising account to support his/her participation in conferences and the retreat. As in the past, general YG funds will be prorated by level of participation, so weekly attendance counts. Stop by our table in the AWR of the church.

### OWL

Our Whole Lives–Sexuality Education for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders runs through April. The group meets in Room 6 from 9:15 to 10:45 AM. Facilitators Pam Fodor, Tony Meadors, and Roy Fleet have been trained by the UUA and have years of experience working with youth. See the calendar on page 5.

## Neighboring Faiths

The Neighboring Faiths program for Junior and Senior YG members was offered in October and will resume in March and April. After two or three facilitated sessions on Sundays at 11 A.M. , the youth then visit the place of worship being studied. The curriculum will be facilitated by the YG Advisors.

## Junior Youth Group

JYG is for youth in 7th and 8th grades. JYG will enjoy Neighboring Faiths meetings, as well as regular meetings throughout the year. Mike Ferrando and Bill Wilson are the advisors. See the calendar on page 5.

## Senior Youth Group

SYG is for high school youth and YG alumni. SYG meets on Sundays in the Room 6 at 11 AM. Luan Burton and Roy Fleet are the advisors. Please check the calendar on page 5.

## YG Activities for November

SYG = Senior Youth Group  
JYG = Junior Youth Group  
GCFD = Greater Chicagoland  
Food Depository

2	Sunday	OWL: Session 6: Understanding Gender Roles SYG: Meeting
7 - 9	Fri – Sun	SYG @ Fall Con @ Countryside UU, Palatine
8	Saturday	YG Families GCFD @ 1:30 PM
9	Sunday	No OWL and no Youth Group Meetings
16	Sunday	OWL: Session 7: Disability and Other Diversity Issues SYG: Meeting
23	Sunday	OWL: Session 8: Sexual Orientation YG: All-Community Worship 10 AM
30	Sunday	No OWL and no Youth Group Meetings

# November Events

## First Sunday Collection – Pillars Community Services

One Sunday each month, all cash and designated checks collected during the offertory will be donated to a chosen organization or institution. The November 2nd Social Justice collection will go to Pillars. Pillars is a comprehensive community social service organization formed through the 2006 merger of Community Care Options and Pillars Community Services. It provides a wide range of services to over 10,000 individuals and families in 38 Cook County communities who are facing challenges and crisis. Their signature programs include child, adolescent and adult services, behavioral health care, crisis service 24/7, Head Start and other early childhood programming, and LaGrange Area Transitional Housing.

Please use the following guidelines:

- If you wish to write a check directly to the organization, make it out to "Pillars."
- If you prefer to make your donation via a check written to UCH, you must indicate Pillars in the memo. Save the canceled check for tax deduction purposes, as such donations through UCH will NOT be reflected on your year end statements from UCH.
- If you are placing a pledge payment or other contribution to UCH in the offertory, please indicate your intention in the memo of the check.

## Social Action Committee Meeting

**Sunday, November 2, 12:30-1:15 P.M.**

The Social Action Committee is a sub-community of shared responsibility within UCH. Participation and contributions of all UCH members and friends are most welcome. The November meeting of the Social Action Committee occurs Sunday November 2, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 P.M. in the R.E Building. See you there!

## Volunteer Greater Chicago Food Depository

**Saturday, November 8, 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.**

NO COMMITMENT - COME ONCE AND TRY US OUT. Volunteer work is not strenuous and includes packing boxes, sorting food items, and lots of fun. This makes an excellent project to bond with friends, kids, grandkids; kids must be over 13. Plus, for every hour/person worked, \$5 in food credits is given to the Canaan Food Pantry.

Meet at GCFD, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place (42nd Place), Chicago. Call Jean Noble (708-485-0281) for directions/further information.

Upcoming GCFD dates for 2008-2009: Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14

## Hurray For Holiday Harvest!

**November 8, 5:00 P.M.**

All is set for an evening of excellent food, good company, exciting bidding, door prizes, raffles, dancing to Tony Meadors' jazz band, entertainment by our own Sentimental Journey, and a few surprises. This is our best party all year, a not-to-be-missed relaxing time with our church family. Doors open at 5:00 P.M., and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20. Come one, come all, bring a friend or meet one there. Mingle, make new acquaintances, shop for something special for yourself or gifts for others. Jay and Karen thank everyone who stepped forward to help with the many, many tasks. See you there! p.s. Green Sanctuary approves of carpooling, so check with others in your town or on your way.

## Holistic Healing

**Sunday, November 9, 12.30 – 1.30pm**

### **UCH Living Room**

Sally Tamplin, new church member, holistic practitioner and educator, will talk about three homeopathic remedies that may be really useful for you to have in your home as first aid kits for acute trauma and burns. Sally suggested using one of these remedies to an aid worker in the recent earthquake in China, and the medical doctors who administered it were astounded by its beneficial results. Sally will also introduce you to the Bach Flower Essences, which help to create mental and emotional balance in our lives so we can become more healthy and productive.

Sally would also like to gauge interest for the possibility of establishing a holistic healing study group at the church in the near future. Check out Sally's monthly healing newsletter on her informative web site: [www.alternative-horizons.com](http://www.alternative-horizons.com)

## Journey Toward the Life Beautiful – Beginning Monday November 10, 7:30 P.M.

Many have come to our congregation from other religious affiliations. Some have arrived with no religious background; others are still trying to find where they belong. On the second Monday night of the month between 7:30 and 9:00 in the Alice Warren Room, you are invited to share your religious journey: remembering what you believed, noting changes in your spiritual growth, going from acceptance and obedience to a carefully considered spiritual and ethical base. It will be like visiting the old neighborhood, seeing anew the changes over time. The series begins November 10th with revisiting early childhood and exploring how you learned at your parent's knee. We will close in April, looking into how you deal with other faiths, considering religious community, and exploring personal beliefs. The sessions will begin with preliminary discussion, followed by an allocated time to write in a journal, ending with comments and sharing, if appropriate. All meetings are self-contained, but you are encouraged to participate in all six. The series is facilitated by Beth Staas, a novelist and freelance writer who has been published in some two-dozen periodicals with national circulation. Her credentials include a Bachelor's degree in psychology and a Master's in English. She has taught literature and writing at the high school and college level for some twenty-five years. A new member of UCH, she has been a Unitarian for more than fifty years. For further information, contact Beth at 630-271-1833 or [beth@staas.com](mailto:beth@staas.com).

## **Paint for the Homeless**

### **November 10 & 11**

As part of the “No More Turning Away” initiative, the Religious Education department is hosting ceramic painting parties at The Ceramic Arts Café in La Grange (Monday November 10, 6:30-9:30 P.M.) and at The Ceramic Attic in Clarendon Hills (Tuesday, November 11, 2:00-4:00 P.M.) Members of all ages are invited to join in the fun of painting a ceramic bowl, which we will then offer for sale at the November 23rd All-Community Worship. The funds will go to local organizations that support the homeless. Contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org if you’d like to paint a bowl! For more information on “No More Turning Away,” see the article on page 12.

## **Mario Tricoci**

### **Salon Spa and Share**

#### **November 10, 11, 12**

Mario Tricoci Salons will be sending us Spa and Share vouchers (just like shop and share). They are good only for November 10, 11, 12, and the church will get 10% of your tab. Check out the poster in the Alice Warren Room, then make your appointment! Thanks!

## **Women’s Alliance**

### **Thursday, November 13**

On Thursday, November 13, our own Joan Prims will present a program on The Evolution of Homo Sapiens. Joan is well-qualified to speak on this subject as she holds a Master’s degree in anthropology from the University of Chicago. Her presentation will include a survey of the fossil evidence for human evolution. Bring a bag lunch at 12:15 or join us for the program at 1:00 P.M. in the Rutherford Room of the Church. All are welcome to attend. Hostesses for the month are Joan Prims and Velaine Carnall.

## Of Polish Experience During and After WWII

**Sunday, November 16, 1:00 P.M. UCH Sanctuary/Auditorium**

Presentation • Questions/ Answers/Discussion • Reception / Book Signing

Brought to you by the UCH Social Action Committee

This program is free and open to the general public and UCH audiences alike • Bring your acquaintances. Spread the word. Seating Capacity Limited to 175 • General Admission First Come First Serve • No seating reservations • Programming generously donated by the presenters. For adults and for middle-school and older youth.

Acclaimed chemist and author, Wesley Adamczyk, writer of the highly praised book When God Look the Other Way, (University of Chicago Press 2004), will engagingly illuminate a little known chapter of World War Two: the forced exile of thousands of Poles by the Soviet government in the opening weeks of the war. In so doing, Mr. Adamczyk, father of UCH member George Adamczyk, will tell the very personal, true story of the ten-year odyssey of a young boy (age six through fifteen) who has lost everything that is dearest to any child: his home, his country, and his father through genocide. Mr. Adamczyk continues with the story of the nomadic family, led by the boy's mother, as they move from Soviet enslavement to freedom. "In this finely wrought memoir of loss and survival, Adamczyk tells his family story against the backdrop of a little known chapter of WWII—the forced exile of thousands of Poles by the Soviet government in the opening weeks of the war." —Publishers Weekly. "Adamczyk's story is one of the most remarkable World War II sagas I have ever read. It is history with a human face." — Arnold Beichman, Washington Times.

## "Children in Exile"

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008 7:30 p.m. UCH Auditorium/Sanctuary**

A Historical Documentary Film

For adults and for older youth (recommended for 15+) This event is free and open to the general public and UCH audiences alike • Bring your acquaintances. Spread the word. Seating Capacity Limited to 125 for clear viewing of the film • General Admission First Come First Serve • No seating reservations • Programming generously donated by the presenters.

This viewing will be introduced and illuminated by honored special guests Wesley Adamczyk and the film's director/producer, Christopher Swider, Professor of Filmmaking, Columbia College Chicago. According to a review for the Chicago International Documentary Festival, "Children in Exile" focuses on the children and teenagers whom the repressive Soviet Union sent to Soviet Siberia and Kazakhstan. As the review summarizes, "[t]hese abuses, part of a larger campaign of ethnic cleansing, have never been confronted. No one was put on trial, and no reparations have ever been paid. Americans need to know about these crimes against humanity because their shadow lingers over current events. Joseph Stalin infamously said that one death is a tragedy, but a million deaths are a statistic. The Soviet Secret Police deported millions, and somehow the world remains indifferent. 'Children in Exile' hopes to challenge this indifference. . . ." ([http://www.chicagodocfestival.org/children\\_exile.htm](http://www.chicagodocfestival.org/children_exile.htm).) This presentation is in collaboration with Rev. Ed Searl's monthly documentary film discussion series of 2008-2009.

## Attention New Members, Friends, Visitors – New UU Seminar Series

**Beginning Wednesday November 19, 7:30-9:00 P.M.**

If you are a new member, friend of the church, or have been visiting and you would like to:

- know more about Unitarian Universalism
- learn the history of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
- meet other interesting people
- learn how to get involved in our congregation
- have fun

Then we invite you to join us for the NEW UU SEMINAR. The fall session will meet on four Wednesdays: November 19, December 3, 10 and 17 from 7:30-9:00pm. Please join us! Childcare can be provided for a small fee. To register or for more information please contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org or 630-323-2885.

## Unitarian Lunch Bunch

**November 20, 1:00 P.M. at Bohemian Crystal**

For ALL church members—men and women who want to gather with UUs of a like mind—Women's Alliance is starting a UNITARIAN LUNCH BUNCH, which will generally meet on the 4th Thursday at 1:00, except holidays. We will go to a different local restaurant each month. Since November is a holiday month, this gathering will meet on the 3rd Thursday, Nov. 20 at 1:00 P.M. at Bohemian Crystal (639 N. Blackhawk, Westmont N. of Ogden and between Rt. 83 & Cass). Call Cathy Goering at 630-325-0310 or email Jackie Bruns at Butterfluffy@gmail.com.

## Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

**November 20, 7:30 P.M.**

The Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group meets monthly at 7:30 p.m., usually on the third Thursday in the Alliance Room in the lower level of the church. On November 20, the group will discuss The Great Arab Conquests by Hugh Kennedy. (The September 18 selection was Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon by Daniel Dennett, and the selection for October 16 was Reinventing the Sacred by S. Kauffman.) Future books will be decided by the group. Everyone is invited to attend even if you have not read the book but would like to share in the lively discussion. For more information contact Jack Uretsky at 630-325-5990 or jlu@anl.gov or Jane Foulser at 630-833-3028 or jfoulser@mindspring.com.

## All Community Thanksgiving Service and Pot Luck

**Sunday, November 23, 10:00 A.M.**

Join us on Sunday November 23rd at 10:00am for our annual All-Community Thanksgiving Service. Celebrate the caring and sharing of Thanksgiving with the story of "Stone Soup." You remember—the townspeople don't want to share the food that they have with the weary soldiers that come into town, but they are willing to give a bit to be made into soup. The end result is a feast and merriment for everyone to enjoy!

Immediately following the service, we will enjoy our very own vegetarian Stone Soup in a Fellowship lunch! Please bring to church a cut up vegetable offering to add to our soup! Also welcomed would be bread and cheese to share. Please drop off your soup contribution in the kitchen before the service. Our very own Stone Soup chef will be tending the soup during the service. For more information contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org or 630-323-2885.

# Church Messages

## Seasonal Decorations Sale Through November 11th

The Youth Group is selling natural balsam wreaths, swags, garlands, mantelpieces, fire kits, Yule logs, and candle rings this fall. Wreath prices start at \$14 for a 20" diameter wreath and scale up to \$60 for a 60" wreath. The products will be available for pick-up by December. Stop at our table in the AWR.

## New Cancer Support Chalice Circle

A new Chalice Circle is forming with a broad focus as a cancer support group. This Chalice Circle is primarily for people who have experienced cancer or who have friends or relatives with cancer. However, anyone who is interested in cancer support is invited to join the group. The first organizational meeting was between services on Sunday, October 19. The group discussed a regular meeting time and place and guidelines for the group. To learn the time and place of the next scheduled gathering, please contact Jane Foulser at 630-833-3028 or [jfoulser@mindspring.com](mailto:jfoulser@mindspring.com) or contact Cathy Blanford at 708-246-8960 or [Cathy.Blanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cathy.Blanford@sbcglobal.net) or call the church office. If you have questions or know of someone who might be interested in the Chalice Circle, please give us a call or an email.

## All-Male Chalice Circle?

There has been some interest expressed in an all-male chalice circle, perhaps meeting on a Saturday morning over breakfast at a local restaurant. If that sounds good to you, let me know! We can make it happen! [cathy.blanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathy.blanford@sbcglobal.net)

## Manna Card Fundraiser

### Next Order due November 16

Be a good ConsUumer -- Use Manna cards for your HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Our next order will be due November 16, 2008, and cards will be returned at church starting on November 30. This will be our LAST ORDER before the Winter Holidays!

Use Manna cards for Holiday gifts, groceries and travel. Remember to plan ahead for gifts for family, friends, neighbors, teachers, postal carriers, crossing guards, bus drivers, nursing support, gardeners, or Manna card administrators (just seeing if you were paying attention!).

Will you be traveling over the holidays? You'll need gasoline, and we have cards for most major hotel chains. We also have Travelocity cards. Will you be hosting meals/parties? We have cards for grocery stores and gourmet specialty stores like Fanny May and Harry & David. Will you be very busy and needing to dine out a lot? We've got all kinds of restaurant cards! And, of course, you'll need caffeine to keep you going through the busy season, so stock up on Starbucks and Caribou coffee cards.

For our November order we will be conducting another raffle to win a Border's gift card! Every order (regardless of the size) will get a chance to win, and if you are a NEW participant, OR if you refer a new participant, you will get a DOUBLE chance to win (i.e. your name will be tossed in the hat twice).

Order forms will be available during the services starting November 2, and due back to church November 16. Contact Sara Teppema at 630-430-3493 or [sarateps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarateps@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

## **“No More Turning Away” – A Multi-Church Collaboration**

Each year, area UU religious educators recognize and celebrate the social action projects of the various religious education programs. Last year, these Directors of Religious Education enthusiastically decided to collaborate on one social action project for this church year. This multi-church project has been titled “No More Turning Away,” and its focus is to create awareness, education, and action to end homelessness.

In early 2007, the National Alliance to End Homelessness reported that every year, 600,000 families, with 1.35 million children, experience homelessness in the United States. Many UU congregations work within their communities to provide support and resources locally, but “No More Turning Away” is designed so that many UU congregations can simultaneously understand and work to end homelessness. Check out our website at [www.nomoreturningaway.org](http://www.nomoreturningaway.org) for details on this Chicago area effort!

Here at UCH, Pam Fodor and the Religious Education Committee are coordinating opportunities for worship, curricula, and activities for children and youth. Also scheduled are monthly all-community social action activities, such as movie viewings and hands-on projects so that we can learn and work together as a church. Our efforts will service Bridge Communities ([www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org)) and Sharing Connections ([www.sharingconnections.org](http://www.sharingconnections.org)), two local organizations that provide services for the homeless and those in transitional housing.

We celebrated our first “No More Turning Away” initiative on October 26 with an all-community effort to make fleece blankets, which were then given to families moving into transitional housing. Tentative plans for November include a fundraiser; in December we will focus on the Third Annual Care and Share Project, which provides holiday gifts for the needy families of our Head Start community, and in December we will also offer an all-community movie night.

The RE Committee invites and encourages all church members to participate in this important collaborative project! For a schedule of these monthly activities, check the church calendar or contact Pam Fodor at [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org) or 630-795-0295.

## **More Adult Options for “No More Turning Away”**

To join with our children and youth in the R.E. program in understanding and combating homelessness, the adult R.E. committee invites you to join us in a personal care item collection. If you travel for business or pleasure and bring home small sample size soaps, shampoos, and other toiletries, please bring them to the box near the adult R.E. or social action bulletin boards in the basement. These supplies will be passed on to P.A.D.S. for distribution to homeless folks in need over the course of the year. Questions? Contact Debbi Daniel-Wayman at [debbidw@comcast.net](mailto:debbidw@comcast.net).

## **UCH Members Volunteer for Cool Cities**

The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale hosted Lonnie Morris, Cool Cities Chair for the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, at both services on October 12. Cool Cities encourages municipal governments to reduce energy use and carbon emissions. This program involves both improving energy efficiency in municipal buildings and vehicles and encouraging citizens to reduce energy use through voluntary campaigns and building modifications. Lonnie brought a video about the progress made in a number of towns in Illinois, and a lot of passion about fighting global warming.

Because UCH has members from over 30 different towns and villages, we are uniquely suited to support Cool Cities. The Green Sanctuary Committee is asking all members of the church to work in their own towns to help get Cool Cities adopted. The Sierra Club already has campaigns started in many of our communities; so most likely, if you decide to help, there is a coalition already working on the issue in your town.

A key component of our Green Sanctuary plan is the social justice component—working with a program like Cool Cities to help solve an environmental problem that impacts everyone, but especially those least able to cope with it. We need to pitch in to meet this goal and get ourselves certified as a Green Sanctuary congregation.

For more information about Cool Cities, go to <http://coolcities.us/>. To find out what's going on in your town, or to join the effort, contact Dave Lloyd of the Green Sanctuary Committee, at 708-485-2296, or [davelloyd@mindspring.com](mailto:davelloyd@mindspring.com).

## **Social Action Tables**

Share your societal concern(s) with the congregation by producing and staffing a Social Action Table. As often as every church service Sunday, one or more Social Action Tables can be centrally located in the Alice Warren Room. Contact Charlie Fischer, Social Action Table Coordinator, to schedule your display, borrow a display “tri-fold”, and learn parameters. Recent examples: 1) Hope in the Fight Against Cancer, 2) Matènwa Community Learning Center, Haiti.

## **Entertainment Books Available at the YG Corner in the AWR**

The Youth Group is selling “E” books covering Chicagoland’s West/Central, North/Northwest, and South/Southwest areas. The 2-for-1 coupon books offer great savings on dining, movies, attractions, travel, and shopping.

## **Coat Drive**

The Youth Group will be collecting coats and other warm clothing for Head Start families all year long. You can help by donating clean items. Look for the collection bin in the RE building and by our table in the AWR.

## Interested In Joining A Food Cooperative?

Liberal Pantry has called UCH its home for over 11 years and draws its membership from the congregation and surrounding communities. The coop buys organic and environmentally friendly produced products in case lots from United Natural Foods ([www.unfi.com](http://www.unfi.com)) and repackages the products according to advance orders. Deliveries are received and processed in the Alice Warren Room every 4 weeks on a Monday. Contact Roy Fleet at [FRFINC@gmail.com](mailto:FRFINC@gmail.com) for membership information.

## Board Notes

Your Board of Trustees is here to serve the congregation. If you have comments, questions, or concerns, you may speak to any member of the Board. Visitors are welcome to meetings, which normally is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30. (Due to the National election, the November session will meet on October 28th.) Complete minutes are on file in the church office.

## 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](mailto:office@hinsdaleunitarian.org).

## A SMALL Way to Make A BIG Difference

The families that attend the Head Start program here at church need our help. Far too often, these parents have a difficult time making ends meet from week to week, usually at the end of the month before they receive their food stamps. In order to help, we are setting up an Emergency Food Pantry here at the church so that the Head Start Director will have food to send home to the family when needed. We would like to stock canned and boxed goods:

canned soup	rice
jarred or canned pasta sauce	jelly
	pasta
canned vegetables	boxed mashed potatoes
instant oatmeal	boxed dinners (macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
canned fruit	
peanut butter	

Please consider adding these items to your shopping list to help us keep this cabinet well stocked. Bring your donations before, in between, or after services to Room 3, lower level of the RE Building, and put them in the gray cabinet just inside the room. For more information please contact Pam Fodor re@[hinsdaleunitarian.org](http://hinsdaleunitarian.org) or 630-323-2885.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

## Membership Matters — A Phrase and a Clause

If you like something, you want to share it, right? If you enjoy the worship, fellowship, and involvement of membership in UCH, then the more, the better! The Membership Committee is working to fine-tune our efforts to attract more guests, welcome visitors, make the joining process more memorable, and make our fellowship richer. Whether you're a UCH veteran, a new member, or a visitor, you have ideas about membership that we want to hear. Our November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 in the evening. Check the Order of Service for the location, or just show up at church that night and follow the sounds of joy. To share your ideas without going to a meeting, contact Larry Price, committee chair, at [lprice@anl.gov](mailto:lprice@anl.gov).

And speaking of members and visitors: If you're a member of the congregation, please make a special effort to welcome our guests. Every Sunday we have at least two or three people who have never been to our church before. After the service, find someone you haven't met before and introduce yourself—especially if you spy someone with a "Guest" name tag. And if you're a visitor, don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Some of us may be shy, but we're all friendly.

And a final note to visitors: All UCH activities are open to visitors as well as members. Whatever you're interested in, we probably have an event, a gathering, a program, or a committee that you'll enjoy. If you have any questions about any aspect of the church, ask anyone, including membership trustee Dave Lloyd, [davelloyd@mindspring.com](mailto:davelloyd@mindspring.com) or 708-485-2296.

# Among Ourselves

## A Message from Sandy Price

Dear Church Family,

First, thank you for all the emails, calls, cards, visits, gifts, suggestions, invitations and excursions. We feel cocooned by your love and support and armed for the future as we learn to live with this pancreatic cancer.

Following suggestions from friends to use the web to help people stay in touch, I have set up a website so that you can check on our situation at your convenience. The site is at Caring Bridge. To go to my individual page, type [caringbridge.org/visit/sprice](http://caringbridge.org/visit/sprice). The first section of my page includes the history of my diagnosis. The second is a journal section where I plan to write, or have written, at least weekly updates, probably on Sunday. The final section is a guest book where you can leave a message although you have to sign in with an e-mail to do so. Since you have my e-mail address, feel free to write to me directly. I will confess that some days I don't have the emotional energy to respond to everyone, so please don't take it personally if I don't get back to you. But I do appreciate hearing from everyone.

I have just finished the first session of chemo (two weeks on and one week off) and go today for my weekly infusion of gemcitabine. My side effects, knock on wood, have been quite manageable so far and are mostly associated with the Xeloda pill I take twice a day and include tingling of the hands and feet and a tender mouth. A lot of my time has been spent getting the house back to order. Our goods from France arrived on the 29th of September (thanks, Rhea) and I've been busy getting those items sorted and put away as well as coordinating furnace and duct and carpet cleaning and landscaping. Fortunately I still have the energy to do that and have even found that so far weeding eases side effects. I'm hoping the pattern continues.

Again, thank you for all your kindness.  
Love, Sandy

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## In Recognition of Years of Service

John Halbeck has been a member of UCH since 1961. Among the positions he's held throughout the years is Treasurer. Most recently he's been serving as Assistant Treasurer, writing checks for bills and payroll. He's also watched over postings with the IRS, including end of year W-2s and such. This has required diligence, thoroughness, and many hours. He has earned our thanks and recognition. Thanks, John, for such dedication and service.

## Meadville Lombard Prospective Student Conference

### November 12 and 13

Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Unitarian Universalist seminary based in Chicago, Illinois, is holding a Prospective Student Conference, November 12 and 13, 2008. Visit and learn about our degree programs (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, and Doctor of Ministry) as well as our new Community Partnership Program for first-year students, a practicum that engages students in both community and classroom from the start of their seminary life. Learn, too, how you may attend Meadville Lombard even if you cannot move to Chicago. Visit our website for details about our degree programs, the Community Partnership Program, our world-class faculty, and how you may register for the conference. Or contact Erika Chavez ([echavez@meadville.edu](mailto:echavez@meadville.edu) or 773.256.3000 x250), Director of Admissions, for more information.

## **New Touchstone Submission Guidelines**

Have some information to share with the congregation? Then please submit your article for publication in The Touchstone. Submissions should be sent to Susan Hebble at [sjhebble@comcast.net](mailto:sjhebble@comcast.net) with a copy to the church office at [office@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:office@hinsdaleunitarian.org). Susan will collect all submissions and send them to Dan Speziale for formatting. Because our goal is to make the Touchstone available in a timely manner, all submissions must be received by the 15th of the month.