

Services in November

All services begin at 10:30 A.M.

November 7

"The Age of Reputation"

Rev. Edward Searl

Salon Vocal Ensemble & Chris Garofalo, piano

(Music Sponsors: David May, Fred Bloss & Ray Masterson)

Some say that the Age of Information has morphed into the Age of Reputation: it's not what's true that matters, but what the masses think is true. This perspective has correlation with the Unitarian principle of character. It's been said that the Unitarian way is Salvation by Character.

We'll also celebrate new members at this service.

November 14

"Class Matters"

Rev. Edward Searl

Celebration Singers & Chris Garofalo, piano

Our theme for 2010-2011 is Class and Race. This Sunday I'll take a serious, as well as amusing look at class signifiers in our contemporary culture, based on Paul Fussell's classic book *Class*. On the more serious side of the equation, we'll remember Middletown, the famous sociological study of Muncie, IN in the 1930s by Robert and Helen Lynd.

Visit Reverend Searl's blog,

Ed Searl's Journal:

In My Estimation, at edsearl.blogspot.com

November 21

All Church Family Thanksgiving: "Stone Soup 2010"

Rev. Ed Searl and Pam Fodor, DRE

Chris Garofalo, Piano

We gather once again to celebrate the bounty of the earth and our UCH family. Please bring cut up veggies, beans, pasta, or herbs to the kitchen before our service. During the service, our Stone Soup chef will simmer vegetarian soup which we will enjoy following the service. You may also bring bread and cheese to share. The service will engage all ages in a spirited intergenerational service.

November 28

"Interdependence Day"

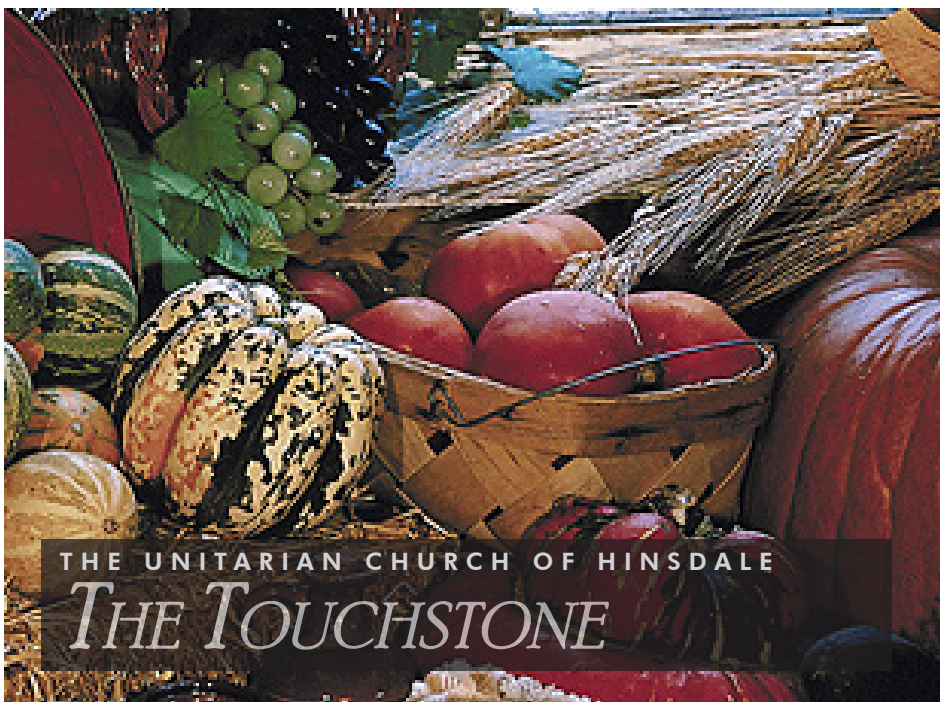
Worship Committee

We celebrate Independence Day in July, why not Interdependence Day in November? It is a day to celebrate the connections between us and our families and friends that we rely on in times of trouble. Our regular service will feature stories of the people who have been there to bail us out, or who we have helped in tough times. Add your own story! If you have ever had a friend, family member, or even a stranger help you through a financial or spiritual crisis, share your story with the congregation—don't worry, you can make your story anonymous and we'll help tell it. Contact Worship Trustee Kathy Salzano at ktsalz@sbcglobal.net and help this day of interconnectedness be more connected.

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Children and Youth Religious Education

Pam Fodor, Director of Religious Education

Celebrating Me And My World

Preschool ages 3-5; 10:30 A.M.

11-7	I Can Taste
11-21	All-Community Worship Service

11-14	I Can Say "Thank You"
11-28	Annual Deck-the-Halls Workshop

Preschoolers will round out the exploration of their five senses with the one that is the most fun, tasting! With Thanksgiving quickly approaching our young people will also discuss the importance of saying thank you.

Around The Church, Around The Year

Kindergarten and first grade; 10:30 A.M.

11-7	Something Special for our Church Family
11-21	All-Community Worship Service

11-14	A Gift Making Time
11-28	Annual Deck-the-Halls Workshop

With the Holidays approaching, the Kindergarteners and first graders will explore and discover the warm fuzzy feeling we can get when we give to others, especially the satisfaction that comes from caring for our church family.

Chapel Service

Grades 2-6; 10:30 A.M.

11-7	Acceptance through Affirmations
11-21	All-Community Worship Service

11-14	What Do We Believe? Panel Discussion
11-28	Annual Deck-the-Halls Workshop

Our church family is an eclectic group of wonderful people who all have a different take on Unitarian Universalism. Our young people can learn so much about our religion by accepting and affirming these different thoughts. This month we will meet some members of our church family and hopefully learn a little bit about ourselves as well.

Junior High

Grades 7-8; 10:15 A.M.

11-7	Disability and Other Diversity Issues
11-21	All-Community Worship Service

11-14	Sexual Orientation
11-28	Help with Deck-the-Halls Workshop

OWL is a comprehensive approach to human sexuality presented in an age-appropriate manner. It is based firmly on the values of respect, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. Parental permission and registration are required for participation in this course.

Senior High Youth Group

Grades 7-8; 10:30 A.M.

11-7	Workshop on Meditation
11-21	All-Community Worship Service

11-14	Social Action Work Highway Clean-up
11-28	Help with Deck-the-Halls Workshop

Youth this month will have the second session of an on-going meditation series, and we will do our part to help the environment and keep Hinsdale clean by picking up debris along our section of Ogden Avenue.

Special R.E. Announcements

ALL-Community Family Thanksgiving Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, November 21st for our annual Family Thanksgiving worship service at 10:30 a.m. This year's service will feature stories and activities based on sharing, caring and breaking bread together. We are even going to sit together at big round tables! Remember to bring a little something to add to our stone soup and plan to stay for lunch!

Deck-the-Halls Workshop

Help us decorate the RE building by making some crafts at our Deck-the-Halls workshop on Sunday, November 28th. Children will rotate around stations where they will make holiday based crafts. If you have a craft idea and are willing to help please contact Pam Fodor (re@hinsdaleunitarian.org).

November Events

Friday, November 5—First Friday Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.

“Show and Do” at the church at 7:00! This evening is for doing and not just telling. Bring something that you do. Not hobbies that you just show, but things that you can actually do and demonstrate. For example, kids can ‘show and do’ Wii games, DS games, and instruments. Adults can ‘show and do’ knitting, cartoon drawing, and bulb planting. To learn more about FFFN, contact Kari Freeman (hollowcastle@gmail.com). Save the date for the next FFFN on Dec. 3.

MANNA

MANNA orders will be due Nov. 7 with cards available in the AWR on Nov. 14. Plan ahead now for your Christmas shopping and gift giving. These gift cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. One size fits all! Contact Dana White for more information (630-910-6557).

Fall New Member Signing and Recognition Sunday—November 7

It is not too early to think spring! Have you been attending our church for quite some time now and feel you are finally ready to sign the book? Have you come from another Unitarian church but never got around to signing on as a member here? Do you feel you are well-informed about Unitarian-Universalism and do not need to attend our four week New UU classes? Sunday, November 7 during the regular service, we will again conduct our New Member Signing and Recognition Ceremony. Can’t make it the 7th? Did you know that you can sign the membership book anytime by making an appointment with our minister, Rev. Ed Searl? If you would like to be a part of this ceremony, contact the Church Administrator, Luan Burton (630-323-2885; office@hindsdaleunitarian.org). or Jane Foulser, Membership chair, (630-833-3028; jfoulser@mindspring.com).

Women’s Alliance Meets On November 11

Since 1985 DuPage PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) has been a catalyst for change in the lives of those who are homeless in DuPage County. Their proven strategy provides housing options combined with life skills and employment services that can help to prevent participants from returning back to the streets. DuPage PADS works in partnership with faith-based and community groups, relying on thousands of dedicated volunteers with one goal in mind: to end homelessness throughout the county. If you’d like to learn more about this vital organization, please join the members of the Alliance on Thursday, November 11, as we welcome Shannon Williams from DuPage PADS. All are encouraged to attend. Bring a bag lunch at 12:15 or come for the program at 1:00 p.m. in the Rutherford Room of the Church. Hostesses for the month are Betty Mathias and Betty Fischer. For more information contact Betty Mathias (708-482-0892; bettyloumathias@yahoo.com).

Non-Fiction Book Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group will meet 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. 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 the rest of this fall:

November 18 *The Pleasure of Finding Things Out* by Richard Feynman

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

For more information contact Jane Foulser (630-833-3028; jfoulser@mindspring.com).

Holiday Harvest—November 20, 5:00 p.m.

We receive this food in gratitude to all beings
Who have helped to bring it to our table,
And vow to respond in turn to those in need
With wisdom and compassion.

-- Buddhist mealtime blessing

November 20th is the evening of our big social auction fund-raiser. Tickets will be sold for \$15 in advance each Sunday through the 14th. At the door they are \$20. The ticket price covers the expenses of producing the event. Tim Dvorak and his crew will offer gourmet pizzas and many healthy side dishes. Silent auctions are open from 5:00 until the last room is closed at 7:00. The live auction begins at 7:15, followed by Tony Meadors jazz band and dancing. There will be seating in the Alice Warren Room for those who prefer to socialize during the musical entertainment. Registration for childcare is limited to 25 school age children at \$10 each. All children must be registered by Nov. 14th. The deadline for donating is Nov. 3rd, although you may still bring wine worth at least \$10 or children's items until Nov. 14th. Task sign-ups continue until all slots are filled (see Karen McDowell in AWR). The lists will be posted behind the coffee table Nov. 7th as a reminder. The Friday email blast and the UCH website have live links to the Holiday Harvest website, where you can view and print the catalog in progress. The final catalog will be available Nov. 14 (one per household, please). Please plan to stay through checkout, which should be no later than 9:30. Parents of children waiting in the RE will be invited to check out first. The liquidation sale is one day only, the next morning, in AWR. Thanks to all who donated, solicited business for donations, and are volunteering. This is truly an all-community endeavor, which brings us together joyously once a year. We hope for a great attendance and a record-breaking financial success. Welcome all our new members and perhaps bring a non-member or two to introduce them to our great community!

Church Announcements

Membership Committee Invites You to Join

Whether you are an old-timer or a newcomer at the church, you will find interesting people and engaging opportunities on the Membership Committee. You are invited to join us in the Alice Warren Room the third Wednesday of each month (Nov. 17 this month), 7:30 - 9 p.m. or contact Jane Foulser (630-833-3028 or jfoulser@mindspring.com).

Lunch Bunch Hiatus

Due to holidays, there will be no Lunch Bunch in November and December.

Watch announcements for the next one! Some of us are choosing a month to handle the reservations for Lunch Bunch until Cathy Goering returns from Florida in the spring. Betty Mathias will organize the January gathering. If you have a favorite restaurant and/or would like to help with making reservations for a particular month contact Cathy Goering (cathgoer@aol.com) or Jackie Bruns (butterfluffy@gmail.com). Happy Holidays!

A Friendly Financial Reminder

Fall is in the air and the year will soon be over. As part of your tidying up, this is a good time to bring the church Endowment Fund into your financial plans. Name the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA or in your will or trust. Or just write a check or transfer stock to the Endowment Fund, where it will ensure the long-term viability of our congregation. For assistance or advice, contact the church office (office@hinsdaleunitarian.org; 630-323-2885) or Rev. Ed Searl (minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org; 630-323-2885).

Board Briefs

Report of the Board of Trustees, October 2010

Submitted by Beth Staas, Secretary

Caring Committee

It was decided that the Caring Committee will be under Denominational Affairs.

Photos at Events

The policy summary regarding permission to publish photos (attached to the minutes) will be incorporated in the Touchstone submission box and on the website.

Fundraising and Targeted Donations

Larry Price, Finance Trustee, moved, and Debbi Daniel-Wayman seconded, that the revised policy submission regarding fundraising and targeted donations be accepted. Motion passed. The full policy statement is part of the minutes, available in the office during business hours.

Coffee Hour

Because of Fair Trade Coffee's added cost, there will be a sign posted asking for a donation or indicating that the coffee is off-limits for non-church use.

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

The sound system and computer software serving the church sanctuary as well as the Alliance Room need attention and several people were suggested who might remedy the problems. Trustees were reminded to limit Sunday morning announcements to five minutes or less.

Potlucks

There are several potlucks planned during the year, with others scheduled so there will be only one per month.

Collection for PADS

Darline Petersen, vice president, presented a request to place a collection bin on Hinsdale property for items distributed to resale shops, the profits benefiting PADS, an organization for the homeless. Since this program would be covered by the collection organization's insurance, with neatness and prompt pickups assured and no required commitment, there was no objection; the matter was referred to the Social Action Committee.

General Announcements

Downers Grove Choral Society to Perform Sacred Music

On Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m., the Downers Grove Choral Society will present several classical pieces of spiritual music, including Jewish liturgical music and music based on Old Testament texts. The concert will be held at Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, in Downers Grove. General admission is \$20; \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students. For more information or to order tickets, call 630-515-0030 or visit www.dgcs.org.

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 • Joe Hickerson 75th Birthday Tour • "Private House Concert" in Downers Grove

Hosts: Laurie Goshorn, Mark Barnes, and Charlie Fischer welcome renowned folksinger Joe Hickerson for an intimate performance. A master song leader, Mr. Hickerson served for 35 years as Director of the Archive of Folk Song and Culture at the Library of Congress. Enjoy this special evening with Joe "The Songfinder" Hickerson. Donation: \$15. Bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre and beverage. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Performance runs 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., followed by a social "hour" including opportunities to purchase CDs and visit with Joe and fellow patrons. Seating is limited to about 40. Reserve your space soon! Contact Charlie Fischer (cfis@sbcglobal.net; 630-734-8279) a.s.a.p. to reserve your spot and learn address details. You may also want to check out Joe's website: <http://www.joehickerson.com/>

Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the December Touchstone Quarterly is no later than **November 10**. Please keep all submissions under 150 words, and include a contact name and number/e-mail.

Send submissions to Susan Hebble (sjhebble@comcast.net)
and Luan Burton (office@hinsdaleunitarian.org).

Communications / Posting Policy

If any member objects to the posting of his or her name, image, actions or voice on the Church's website, *Twitter* or *Facebook* pages, or in Church-prepared press releases, please advise Steven Trout, Trustee for Communications (steven_trout@sbcglobal.net).

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