

Services in October

All services begin at 10:30 A.M.

October 3

"Making Peace with Islam"

Rev. Edward Searl

Chris Garofalo, Piano

One of the uglier currents of contemporary society is a growing intolerance for Muslims. What's this about? How might we work from our liberal religious perspective to bring mutual understanding, respect, and even reconciliation?

Please join us for a potluck lunch after this service. Bring a dish that reflects your family or cultural heritage.

October 10

"Do you feel like fate, the gods, the furies have it in for you?"

Rev. Donald Hoover Wheat, Minister Emeritus of Third Unitarian Church, Chicago
Michelle Lekas, Violin & Chris Garofalo, Piano

Our speaker has a possible solution.

Visit Reverend Searl's blog,

Ed Searl's Journal:

In My Estimation, at edsearl.blogspot.com

October 17

"Eighth Annual William Channing Gannett Awards"

Rev. Edward Searl

Celebration Singers and Chris Garofalo, Piano

This is one of my favorite services of the year, during which I award five or six Gannetts for what I find to be excellent in our world, particularly in the environs of the Western Suburbs.

October 24

"Vintage Wisdom"

Rev. Edward Searl

Celebration Singers and Chris Garofalo, Piano

I spent the summer in deep conversation with the ancient text Ecclesiastes, a book that has been my mentor/companion for nearly half a century. A philosophy of life written 2,300 years ago has many aspects that suit the timeless quest for the meaning and living of a life today.

October 31

"The Human Condition"

Rev. Edward Searl

Celebration Singers and Chris Garofalo, Piano

Our year long theme, Wealth, Poverty, and Class, has an underlying assumption that despite superficial differences we are more similar than not—call it the universal human condition that evokes compassion and shared rights.

Greetings

You will notice this month that we are taking a new approach to our newsletter. For the months of September, December, March, and June, you will see a very familiar Touchstone. This Touchstone Quarterly will include not only timely information on upcoming services and events, but also some feature articles about UCH activities, committees, and members. For instance, you will see the Meet Three . . . feature in the quarterly, as well as articles reporting on committee work, special projects, or past events.

For the months of October, November, January, February, April, and May, we will publish a shorter Touchstone, which we'll call the Touchstone Monthly. This publication focuses only on time-sensitive material: Sunday services, R.E. schedules and activities, UCH events scheduled for the month, Board Briefs, and special brief announcements.

We hope this revised approach to our UCH newsletter will continue to provide the monthly information congregants and visitors need, while also giving a quarterly more in-depth view into the life and lives of our church.

We also encourage visitors and members to stay connected electronically! View our excellent website, www.hinsdaleunitarian.org, Facebook page, and twitter account for updated information about our church and our denomination.

Peace,

The Touchstone Committee

Susan Hebble, Dan Speziale, Darline Petersen, and Beth Staas

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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.

10-3	I Can Talk	10-10	I Can See	10-31	I Can Smell
10-17	I Can Hear	10-24	I Can Touch		

Young children learn about the world through the use of their five senses. During the month of October, the preschool children will explore their sense of sight, hearing, touch, sound, and smell with different and fun experiences.

Around The Church, Around The Year

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

10-3	More Church Friends~ A People Hunt	10-10	Lots of Churches	10-31	Halloween
10-17	A Fall Walkaround, Part 1	10-24	A Fall Walkaround, Part 2		

In order for the Kindergartners and first graders become more comfortable with their church, they also need to make friends with some important people. They will go on a people hunt and identify our church as Unitarian Universalist. Fall is such a beautiful time of year! A Fall Walkabout will be sure to bring a sense of awe of the natural world.

Chapel Service

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

10-3	Learning Through Lived Experience	10-10	Random Acts of Kindness	10-31	Halloween
10-17	Jesus, Loving Teacher	10-24	Learning Through Lived Experience		

Our second principle rainbow color is orange—*Offer fair and kind treatment to everyone*. Learning about Jesus, committing random acts of kindness, and relating to and experiencing situations that are different from our own will help us to live out our second principle.

Junior High

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

10-3	Sexual Language	10-10	No OWL Session - combined youth group meeting	10-31	Understanding Gender Roles
10-17	Anatomy and Physiology	10-24	Personal Concerns About Puberty		

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 is required for participation in this class.

Senior High Youth Group

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

10-3	Breakfast Sunday	10-10	Social Sunday, grades 7-12 meet together	10-31	Regular Meeting
10-17	Regular Meeting	10-24	Regular Meeting		

Hey, youth! Come hungry and bring something to cook up and share for our first ever Breakfast Sunday! Bring a favorite game and have some fun during a combined meeting on October 10th. Enjoy a few regular meetings led by the advisors in some free choice programming.

Fifth And Sixth Grade Workshop; 10:30 A.M.

Look for more information to come about our Travel in Time fifth and sixth grade workshop! Starting the weekend of October 15th the children in fifth and sixth grade will have the opportunity to travel back in time to be visited by famous Unitarians who will help them understand some Unitarian Universalist history.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 1—First Friday Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for pumpkins, black birds, and “scary” stories. Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. Bring pumpkins/gourds to carve and big pinecones, if you can find them. We will have pumpkin carving stations and tables set up to make bird feeders out of the pinecones. To get you in the mood, we'll share a Halloween story. Model your new Halloween costume if you like! To learn more about FFFN, contact Kari Freeman (hollowcastle@gmail.com). And mark your calendars for the next FFFN at 7:00 on November 5th.

MANNA Orders October 3

MANNA orders are due Sunday, October 3. Cards will be available for pick up Sunday, October 10 in the Alice Warren Room (in the lower level). For more information, call Dana White (630-920-6557). November orders will be due November 7.

First Sunday Collection—October 3

The October First Sunday UCH Monthly Collection for Social Justice will go to the DuPage Community Clinic, which has locations in Wheaton and Villa Park.

The DuPage Community Clinic is a free clinic, providing healthcare for low income, medically uninsured residents. Staffed by volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses and other healthcare professionals and funded by a grassroots network, the DuPage Community Clinic represents a true community effort.

The process for First Sunday Collection will be the same as last year: You may put cash in the collection plate, write a check to DuPage Community Clinic, or write a check to UCH and note in the memo that the funds are to go to DuPage Community Clinic.

World Religion Seminar Set for October-November

Reverend Ed Searl will present a discussion series on the essential truths of seven great world religions on Mondays October 11 and 18 and November 1 and 8, from 7:15-9:00 p.m, Joshi Auditorium. Materials can be accessed online at <http://7religions.blogspot.com/>.

Important October Dates for Holiday Harvest

October 3—Donation forms available

October 10—Holiday Harvest tickets go on sale

October 10, 17, 24, 31—Donation drop off dates

Check the UCH website (www.hinsdaleunitarian.org) or contact Karen McDowell, Holiday Harvest Co-Chair, for more information (can2dowell@sbcglobal.net).

New UU Program Begins October 12

Are you new to our church or denomination? Have you been looking for more information about Unitarian Universalism? Are you thinking about becoming a member? If so, the New UU course might be for you. In four interactive sessions, participants will enjoy the opportunity to share their personal religious journeys and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the various activities of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. Guests of the program will include Rev. Ed Searl, representatives of the Board of Trustee, and members of various church committees. We will meet at UCH on four consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 7:30-9 p.m. Class facilitators will be Marian Honel-Wilson and Jodi Cicirello. To register, contact coordinator Jane Foulser (630-833-3028; jfoulser@mindspring.com) or the church office (630-323-2885; office@hinsdaleunitarian.org).

Picture Directory

We are putting together a new photo directory to enable our members and friends to get to know one another better. A picture directory has been very popular in past years. Just as our church needs members and friends to make a vital organization, our directory needs all of the members and friends to participate to make it successful. Appointment times are:

Wednesday-Friday, October 20, 21, 22—2:00 – 9:20 p.m.

Saturday, October 23—9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m.

New this year, you can make your appointment at church or from home! To sign up on-line, go to <https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?contract=52561>.

Make your appointment in church on Sunday or on-line today! For more information, please call Pat Miller (630-654-0603).

Women's Alliance Welcomes Guest Presenter Thursday, October 14

Ever arrive home with absolutely no recollection of the drive itself? Ever have a feeling you couldn't justify that turned out to be correct? Ever discover that something you were certain you remembered couldn't possibly have happened that way? It seems that the brain creates memories, supplies you with intuition, and makes decisions—sometimes without your awareness. If these questions have piqued your interest, please join the Women's Alliance as we welcome Madeleine Van Hecke, who will offer the presentation entitled "The Brain Has a Mind of Its Own." Madeleine, a licensed clinical psychologist and former professor of psychology at North Central College, will share recent brain research and its implications. Bring a bag lunch at 12:15, or come for the program at 1:00 p.m. in the Rutherford Room of the Church. All are most welcome to attend. Hostesses for the month are Darline Petersen and Sally Packard. For more information contact Betty Mathias (708-482-0892; bettyloumathias@yahoo.com).

Lunch Bunch to Meet on October 28

This will be the last Lunch Bunch of the season! On Thursday, Oct. 28 at 1:00 we will enjoy Chinese food at Jockey Restaurant, 6108 South Cass Ave. in Westmont. This is in Westview South Plaza just north of 63rd St. on the west side of Cass Ave. To sign up contact Jackie Bruns (630-920-1603; butterfluffy@gmail.com). We hope to see you there—with or without your chopsticks!

October Announcements

Sponsor a Chair

The lower grade classrooms in the RE Building have new chairs! Help us defray the cost by sponsoring one. If you would like to help, please make your check payable in the amount of \$20 for each chair sponsored, to UCH and write "chair" in the memo line. With 40 sponsors, our chairs will be paid for! Thank you in advance for your support!

Neighbor Nights—Find a UU Near You

Over the years there have been numerous local gatherings of UCH visitors, members and friends. The Membership Committee is again planning a series of localized Open Houses/Coffees called "Neighbor Nights—Find a UU Near You."

We are looking for a host household in each of our 9 Caring and Connection Areas:

Area 1: Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills

Area 2: Willowbrook, Darien, Westmont

Area 3: Indian Head Park, Western Springs

Area 4: Elmhurst, Villa Park, Park Ridge, Buffalo Grove

Area 5: Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Wheaton, Oak Brook, Lisle

Area 6: Westchester, Brookfield, Lyons, River Forest, Riverside, Chicago

Area 7: LaGrange Park, LaGrange, Countryside, Burr Ridge, Willow Springs, Hodgkins

Area 8: Downers Grove

Area 9: Woodridge, Bolingbrook, Lemont, Lockport, Oswego, Plainfield, Romeoville, Naperville

The hosting job is quite simple: 1) Send out email invitations, using the list available from the church office, 2) open your home, and 3) prepare coffee and tea. Guests are asked to RSVP to the host and bring a snack or dessert. We also encourage members to bring a friend or neighbor. It's simple and fun! Sign up on the poster at church or contact Jane Foulser (630-833-3028; jfoulser@mindspring.com). Be a part of this effort to extend care and connection across our UU community.

Use of Photos, Video or Audio Recordings

The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale regularly posts pictures, video, and audio recordings of its members taken at Church events on its website and its Twitter and Facebook pages. From time to time, the Church provides newspapers and other media outlets with names, pictures, video and audio recordings of its members taken at Church events as part of Church-prepared press releases distributed for publication. 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).

What You Need to Know Now for Holiday Harvest

Save the Date! Saturday, November 20

Tickets: \$15 each, \$20 at the door. On sale Oct. 10 - Nov. 14

Child care: \$10 per child. MUST REGISTER by Nov. 14; limited to 25 school aged kids.

Ongoing: Sign up for tasks. Don't make Karen come lasso you!

Bring donations Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 3 6:00-8:30 pm (forms available Oct. 3)

For sign-ups and services you can use the online website.

Watch the Website and the November Touchstone for updates as the Holiday Harvest nears.

There's still time to take a Business Donation Form to your favorite place – everyone do this!

EVERYONE should be doing something toward making this soirée a Hallelujah Holiday Harvest!

Board Notes

Treasurer Report: At the September 2010 Board meeting, Shelley Hendrickson said that there would be the usual annual review of Hinsdale's finances completed by the end of this month.

Heifer Project: Shelby Daniel-Wayman reported on the Youth Group's participation in the Heifer Project over the summer. Its intent is to educate young people about hunger and starvation throughout the world; the Hinsdale youth learned about Mozambique, whose main agricultural product is coffee. After general discussion regarding fair product distribution, Debbi Daniel-Wayman moved with Hans Lonnroth's second that Hinsdale Unitarian buy only fair trade coffee and tea for our coffee hour use. Motion passed.

Opportunity Fair: Dave Lloyd, President, announced that all committee chairs have been notified about the Sept. 19th and 26th opportunity fairs designed to solicit new committee members in a festive manner. He has contacted a few individuals as candidates to chair the new committees proposed by the Board.

Photos at Events: Steve Trout, Communications Trustee, presented a disclaimer for photos and images to be printed in the Touchstone and on the website. It was agreed that the disclaimer be printed in the next Touchstone. A permanent version would be placed on the website as well.

Fundraising and Targeted Donations: Larry Price, Finance Trustee, wondered about attribution of financial gifts for special music during Sunday services. Since this was a new concern, the Board decided to give trustees time to mull over its implications.

Anticipating the Pledge Drive: In planning for the upcoming pledge drive, Larry Price noted that personal contact is always the best approach. With five contacts per volunteer, that would amount to 35 persons involved in the pledge drive. The three-tiered budget seemed a good idea as well as the town hall presentation ahead of time. Another stimulant could be a kick-off dinner.

Sandra Price Memorial Conversation Circle: Charlie Fischer reported that our application to the Hinsdale municipality for variance based on hardship would face a pre-hearing Sept. 15th with a final decision in October.

American Smoke Tree Planting: Ed Searl announced that when the American Smoke Tree is planted on UCH's grounds, it will have the ashes of Gussie Joshi interred beneath.

Summer Services at Joshi: Given the good attendance at summer programs, we will explore regular Sunday services for next summer, knowing that the room below Joshi is air-conditioned.

Stipend for Speakers: Charlie Fischer, member of Worship Committee, announced an initial commitment of \$500 to pay Sunday speakers when Ed Searl is not scheduled. In addition, the committee has permission from the finance committee to raise as much as two thousand dollars this year for that purpose.

Community Event

Run For Her Life 5K Run/Walk October 17

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to honor the brave victims and their children, Family Shelter Service will host its 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk. On October 17th at Downers Grove North High School we will gather to run, walk and raise funds to support victims of domestic violence. Family Shelter Service is a not-for-profit agency that provides shelter, counseling, medical and court advocacy, outreach and other programs for victims and their children in DuPage County.

To learn more about our race go to www.familyshelterservice.org. Run For Her Life is a CARA certified race, but there is something for everyone. Walkers will enjoy the course too and children can participate in our Kids' Fun Run.

Among Ourselves

Thank You, Teachers!

The Religious Education department would like to recognize the following teachers for volunteering their time to touch the lives of our young people: Miriam Cleveland, Mary Roemmele, Rich and Suzanne Lomasney, Wendy Hainey, Diane Barnes, Mary Lynn Sobun, Peter and JoAnne Krouwer, Denise Clivaz, John Wayman-Dodd, Tony Meadors, Karin Janowski, Paula Sejut-Dvorak, Mike Ferrando, Joe Saintcross, Janice Lonroth, Luan Burton. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the November Touchstone Monthly is no later than October 15. 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).

Order of Service Announcement Deadline

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).

