



NEWS & NOTES

a whole-hearted community, feeding body, mind, and spirit

August 27, 2021

Theme: Communion



UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 29nd - September 5th, 2021

Sunday, August 29

10:00am Sunday Service
1:00pm Worship Retreat offsite

Tuesday, August 31

3:00pm. Wise Elders Gathering

Thursday, September 2

8:30am. Breakfast Group

Monday, August 30

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Wednesday, September 1

7:00pm. Green Sanctuary

Sunday, September 5

10:00am Sunday Service
3:00pm Music Com Mtg

CARING CORNER

The ripples of our lives touch those around us. We keep in mind all of our members and friends including...

- Love and healing to Thom Brackett as he suffers with back issues. May he recover swiftly to be able to enjoy life to the fullest.
- We apologize for a mistake last week. Jeff Hebble's brother's name is Brad. Condolences to the Hebble family - wishing peace to all as they mourn a beloved brother.
- Remember those folks who have lost loved ones this year. Keeping them in mind, inviting them to events, sending texts and cards all help to let them know we still care.



Please let us know of folks we should add to our list and share with our Caring Circle Coordinators by emailing [Pam Fodor](#) or [Rev Pam](#). Also email [Cherita](#) to be included in N&Ns.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

Hybrid Worship Continues - Masks Required

Vaccinated individuals are welcome to attend worship in the church. All attendees must wear a mask. We will continue share the service on Zoom for at-risk people and those who would rather wait and be safe for the time being.

Sunday, August 29: The Conscience Pile

Sunday, September 5th: Goodness and

Rev Hilary Landau Krivchenia, minister of the Countryside UU Church in Palatine.

The Conscience Pile takes a trip to the Petrified Forest to explore how we rise with fewer rocks in our pockets and burdens in our hearts. All vaccinated folks are welcome to join us in person with a mask. The service will also be shared on Zoom.

On-Site for Vaccinated and Masked People. We will share the video from the chancel.

Mercy Rev. Allison Farnum (she/her/hers)

In a dominant culture that fetishizes crime and punishment while remaining apathetic to the failures of the penal system, our Unitarian Universalist theologies remind us that we can rely on deeper truths of goodness and mercy that still hold each of us accountable in and to the interdependent web of life.

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Click [HERE](#) to Join on Zoom

Services will be uploaded to YouTube by Tuesday morning. You can view past services [here](#).



JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY BACK TO CHURCH PICNIC! IT WILL BE SO GREAT TO BE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!!

Sandwiches of all kinds will be provided and we invite you to bring a salad, chips, fruit, snack to share.

You won't want to miss the amazing entertainment, games, activities, and extra surprises!

Maple Street will be blocked off so kids are invited to bring their bikes, scooters, etc.

An event like this takes many hands to make successful! If you are willing to help please sign up here.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49AAA82CA0FB6-back>

TENT NEEDED: The membership committee block party picnic is in need of a medium to large awning type of tent for the event. If you have one we can borrow or know how we can gain access to an affordable tent for the day please contact Darren Howard at DARRENHOWARD1981@hotmail.com or 815-383-1065

Calling all Gardeners! Clean Up September 11th! (rescheduled due to Heat Wave)

Thirteen landscape garden volunteers are signed up! And that number continues to grow!!

UCH is seeking your help in sprucing up the grounds before regular services resume in September. Widespread tree and shrub shaping has recently been completed across UCH's entire acre. As a result, UCH's landscape garden beauty is re-revealed. For the finishing touch we are scheduling a "weeding party" and we need your help. Previously we scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021. However, due to the current heat wave we have rescheduled to Saturday, September 11, 2021. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon or whatever shorter time frame you individually would like. Bring

your favorite weeding device, work gloves, kneeling pad, sun hat, and drinking water! Join us in the joy and pleasure!! ALL AGES!! Contact/RSVP-to Steve Trout or Thom Brackett at Steven_Trout@comcast.net or thombrackett@att.net and/or just show up! Saturday, September 11, 2021, time parameters as described above.

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ESCORTING AT WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC



Escorting at Women's Health Clinic Volunteers Needed

We serve in pairs on Saturday mornings about once per month.

For more information, please contact:
Mike Pabian • pabes6711@aol.com • 708-246-1153

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER HIATUS

Child Care will be available during the summer months but regular programming is on hold until September 19th. Keep watching this space in the fall for news regarding our fall program. For information on RE programming and how to become involved, please contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org.



GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM

One of the most important things we can do in our lives to address climate change is reduce or eliminate meat intake – especially from ruminants like cows. Cows produce methane gas when they... well... burp. Although methane does not stay in the atmosphere as long as CO2, it is a much more powerful greenhouse gas. Reducing meat consumption is not only healthy, it's a super-charged way to fight climate change! When I started, I was surprised that I did not miss it that much and it had measurable health benefits for me as well! If you're thinking about reducing/eliminating meat consumption, you don't have to do it all at once. Just take the first step to reducing your weekly intake. Here's a good place to start

<https://www.reducetarian.org/blog/2019/1/28/a-beginners-guide-to-eating-less-meat>



Do you want to be more "green" but aren't sure where to start? Maybe you are already doing things to recycle and conserve energy, but you want to do more. Did you know that the Western Suburbs has an amazing resource for recycling, education and community outreach? Maybe you've heard of SCARCE but never really poked around on their website. Consider this your invitation! Based in Addison, IL, SCARCE provides a plethora of resources and education for helping to create a greener, more sustainable world. Check out their website and watch for an article in the next Touchstone about the many things SCARCE has to offer.



Check them out here: <https://www.scarce.org/>



The COVID-19 pandemic has thrust Illinois families and businesses into a public health and economic crisis. As we emerge from this crisis, the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) is part of a bold recovery effort to build a strong, equitable economy and more resilient communities. Please contact your legislators today and ask them to support CEJA at

<https://ilcleanjobs.org/clean-energy-jobs-act/>

RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

Othering and Belonging

by Darrick Jackson from the UU World Magazine

Have you wondered how UU church culture may inadvertently turn off African Americans raised in a Black church culture? And what might we gain if we could more fully embrace worship that serves our hearts, souls and bodies as well as our minds?

“Othering and belonging” (UU World Magazine 2017) by Rev. Darrick Jackson (our preacher on 8/22/21)

[Read Full Article](#)

For articles on Race Resources [please click this link.](#)

CALLING ALL JARS

Save your empty pickle, pasta sauce, salsa and other jars. No need to wash them out, just put the cap on and deposit them in the box available in the Alice Warren Room. They will be born again as solar jar lights.

Any questions or if you would like your jar back as a solar jar light, please contact Dennis Sejut at 630-917-1183. Texts welcome.



CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Vaccination Clinic - Walk-Ins Welcome - [more info](#)

Buddhist Meditation

Mondays meetings will be held virtually for the immediate future. We're currently reading and discussing the book **No-Nonsense Buddhism for Beginners** by *Noah Rasheta* instead of listening to a dharma talk after we meditate.

Wise Elders' Weekly Conversation, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Join the wise elders of our UCH community for wide-ranging conversations about life, memories, stories, and a dash of politics for fun. Use this [link](#) to join by video or join by phone. Contact [Tracey Olson](#) for the phone number. - [more info](#)

UU Class Conversations - [more info](#)

- Response to the Book Caste by Isabelle Wilkerson
- Volunteer Opportunities

2021 Illinois Rental Payment Program

For residents who are behind on their rent payments, due to the COVID-19 pandemic: [more info](#)

*** September Men's Group - Sept. 19, 2021**

Due to the block party picnic, the men's group will be moved from September 12th to September 19th

Still Looking? "FindVaccineIL.com"

Church members Leo Monroy & Darren Howard created <http://findvaccineil.com>, a website search engine designed to assist Illinois residents with locating COVID 19 vaccination

sites and securing vaccination appointments.

You can help by referring your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers living in Illinois who are eligible for the vaccine and need assistance navigating the many, difficult web sites.



FindVaccinELL

Another way to volunteer is to help others get their appointments

Please complete the volunteer application form at <https://tinyurl.com/Vax-Volunteer-Form>

NEWS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

THE TOUCHSTONE
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No Touchstone in July - Back to Church Edition in mid-August.

In-depth communication about all the great things going on at church. Get your news and articles in by the 20th of the month to UCHTouchstone@gmail.com

News & Notes Submissions should be sent to

Communication@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

All information for sharing with the wider communication can also go to socialmedia@hinsdaleunitarian.org. The old office email now mainly pertains to business scheduling concerns. Thanks!

SUMMER BUILDING HOURS

Mon - Wed, Thurs, Fri 10-12pm

Love Reading Board Minutes? You can find them on our website [here](#).

STAFF CONNECTIONS

Summer Staffing Hours begin June 20th. You can reach us at our regular email addresses:

- Rev Pam, On site Tuesday & Fridays - Available via email & other times with appt. Monday Sabbath. Minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org 440-570-9812
- Pam Fodor, Mon -Wed - Fri, on-site from 10am-12pm. Available on e-mail other days and times. - re@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Lily Field, Wednesdays & Fridays on-site, 9 to 1 - finance@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Cherita Axel, Social Media, working virtually - Socialmedia@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- John Cooperrider, Facility Manager, available Fridays - grounds@hinsdaleunitarian.org
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- Jamie Pastman, Music Coordinator - music@hinsdaleunitarian.org

