



NEWS & NOTES

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

August 6, 2021

Theme: Communion



UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 8th - 31st, 2021

Sunday, August 8

10:00am Sunday Service
11:45am Men's Group

Monday, August 9

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, August 10

11:00am UCH Thrive Cafe LGBTQ+
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering

Wednesday, August 11

7:00pm Board of Trustees

Thursday, August 12

8:30am Breakfast Group

Saturday, August 14

10:30am Worship Assoc. Meeting

Sunday, August 15

10:00am. Sunday Service
11:30am Animal Ministry Meeting
1:00pm Building Tech Team

Monday, August 16

7:00pm. Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, August 17

3:00pm. Wise Elders Gathering
7:00pm. Racial Equality Team

Wednesday, August 18

7:00pm. Membership Committee

Thursday, August 19

8:30am Breakfast Group

Sunday, August 22

10:00am. Sunday Service
12:00pm. Finance meeting

Monday, August 23

7:00pm. Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, August 24

3:00p. Wise Elders Gathering
7:30pm Non-Fiction Book Group

Thursday, August 26

8:30am. Breakfast Group
7:00pm. Spirit in Practice

Sunday, August 29

10:00am Sunday Service

Monday, August 30

7:00pm. Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, August 31

3:00pm. Wise Elders Gathering

CARING CORNER

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

- We continue to hold Deborah and the Stillman Family in our hearts. If you would like to reach out to Deborah and send your condolences please contact [Pam Fodor](#) for her address.
- 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

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

In the sanctuary for all vaccinated individuals.

Illinois entered Phase 5 on June 11th allowing public gatherings. We still invite any unvaccinated attendees to wear a mask and will share the service on Zoom for at risk people and those who would rather wait and be safe for the time being.

August 8th

The Mystery and Meaning in Everyday Signs

Lead by Ashley Kennedy

Summer Services will be held in person and online.

Our summer services are led by worship team members and each Sunday offers a unique experience and perspective.



Click [HERE](#) to Join on
Zoom

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



UCH 2021
**Back-to-Church
Picnic** September 12
following the church service

We'll share
sub sandwiches
and your
salads, etc.



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

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>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER HIATUS

Child Care will be available during the summer months but regular programming is on hold until September. 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

Calling all Gardeners!

UCH is seeking your help in sprucing up the grounds before regular services resume in September. We are scheduling a "weeding party" on Saturday, August 28, 2021 beginning at 9:00 am until we are finished (that means you can go when you need to) and we need your help. As a rain date, we have established September 11, 2021, for the same time period. If you are willing to spend a few hours with a few enthusiastic gardeners, weeding, pruning, and cleaning up, please email Steve Trout or Thom Brackett at Steven.Trout@comcast.net or thombrackett@att.net



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

How Immigrant Communities Are Addressing Colorism and Anti-Blackness

The #BlackLivesMatter protests in 2020 sparked hard conversations within immigrant communities on how internalized biases based on skin color remain prevalent.

"Conversations around colorism are not new. What is different this time is that those conversations are happening within a deeper context of anti-Blackness and its relation to other oppressive constructs."

[Read Full Article](#)

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

UU Women's Connection



Summer Retreat 2021

"We Gather Together"

August 13-15, 2021

**Ronora Lodge and Retreat Center
in Watervliet, MI**

REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 5

ALL registrants MUST be fully vaccinated for the COVID 19 virus.

Registration fee is \$225

CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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](#)

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.

Another way to volunteer is to help others get their appointments

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



FindVaccineIL

Our May Social Justice Collection Total: \$435

We collected \$435 to benefit BLUU

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, Will begin summer leave June 30th. For pastoral emergencies you can reach her at 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 Thursdays -grounds@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Julia Beckman, Music Director -beckman110@comcast.net - off for the summer
- Jamie Pastman, Music Coordinator - music@hinsdaleunitarian.org - Off for the summer

