



A friendly Hello with information about UCH

Hello dear friends~ March 18, 2020

The world feels pretty scary and a little out of control right now – whether you are being called on to work extra shifts, trying to figure out how to work from home, worrying about paying bills because you can't work, or simply finding a way to ease the boredom of being separated from the people and activities which make life rich. There is a lot of stress and worry all around.

I can't say that I have answers today, but I can affirm that, eventually, we'll learn more, know more about what's going, and have a sense of what we need to do to move forward amidst this challenge. The law of impermanence is on our side and we will come out on the other side.

We also know that we are not alone. All around the world, people are facing the same questions, anxieties, and hopes for a quick conclusion. In light of this we want to stay in communication and share UCH's response so that you do have a little more information:

- The church office is closed for the next three weeks, at which time we will reevaluate and heed the direction of health officials. Your church staff is working (from home) to keep our community connected virtually. Pam Fodor is creating activities that families might do together to pass the time and offer ways to deepen relationships. She will be sharing those on a regular basis.
- We have a Zoom account that can be used by any group in the church to have a virtual experience of gathering. Please email office@hinsdaleunitarian.org to get the login and password from Linda. Here is a link to a video tutorial on how to get onto zoom. <https://youtu.be/vFhAEoCF7jg>.
- Your worship team is looking at innovative ways to create inspiring, connecting services on Sunday mornings that you can access from the comfort and safety of your own homes. Your tech volunteers, including Suzanne Williams, Gene Schafer and Ashley Kennedy are investigating the best options for our small church. We may become UU televangelists despite our best intentions!
- Sunday's service titled "*Don't be Nice; Be Good*" will be offered virtually on YouTube. You can click on the link in our website www.hinsdaleunitarian.org in order to connect. Click on the big red Youtube button. Be ready with your own candle or chalice to light at

home. You can share comments during the service but please send any intentions or need of support into the office or directly to *Rev Pam*.

Please continue checking in on one another. Have a conversation, share your hopes, send pictures of the flowers growing in your garden. My kids and I are sharing goofy pictures of our pets in texts so we can laugh together and remain connected in the midst of this isolating time.

We will continue to bring news and updates to you as we learn them. We will also post all communications on the *website* so you can check there to make sure you haven't missed anything.

Remember – you are loved.
You matter and are important in this community. We are here for you.

With love & Care,
Rev Pam & your non-coughing staff!

Zoom Tutorial – How to join a meeting

Be well. Be careful. Remember you are loved.

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