



NEWS & NOTES

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

December 10, 2021

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Theme: Healing

Buddhism in Unitarian Universalism: Celebrating Bodhi Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 11th - 23rd, 2021

Saturday, December 11
10:00am Worship Associates Mtg

Wednesday, December 15
7:00p Membership Committee

Monday, December 20
7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Sunday, December 12
10:30am Sunday Service
12:00pm Men's Group
12:00pm Choir Recording

Thursday, December 16
8:30am Breakfast Group
7:00pm Home & Garden Meeting

Tuesday, December 21
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering
7:00pm Racial Equality Team

Monday, December 13
7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Saturday, December 17
7:00pm Winter Solstice celebration in
Joshi Chapel

Thursday, December 23
8:30am Breakfast Group
7:00pm Spirit in Practice

Tuesday, December 14
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering

Sunday, December 19
10:30am Sunday Service
11:30am Animal Ministry Meeting

Friday, Dec 24
4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

CARING CORNER

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

- Holding Peter Krouwer in light and love as he comes home from a brief hospitalization. We hope for a full recovery very soon.
- Sending love to surround Harriet Goff as she undergoes a heart procedure next week. She expects to be home and fully recovered soon. Send her some love.
- 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.



The fair trade table will be here this Sunday, set up as a fundraiser for our church (all profits are donated to UCH) and a service project working to help eliminate poverty around the world. We'll be open for shopping at 10 and again after the service, so please plan to restock your coffee, tea and chocolate that you've been missing, and consider shopping for some of your holiday and other gift giving occasions. We'll have jewelry, home goods, toys and lots of consumables for you to choose from with new items every week. Stop by and say hello!



THIS WEEK IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PLAY GROUP

Supervised play for our children ages three and under.

SPIRIT PLAY

Our Spirit Play children will wonder about holidays and lights. I wonder why so many winter holidays celebrate with light? I wonder how you can be a light to the world?



CHAPEL SERVICE

Our young people in Chapel Service will be exploring the Christian story of Christmas this week. We honor our sources and gather wisdom from Christian and Jewish teachings. I wonder how a tiny baby Jesus could have been a light to the world? I wonder how you can be a light to the world?

COMING OF AGE

Our Coming of Age youth will not meet this week.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Our Senior High Youth will meet to share fun and fellowship at the regular meeting time of 10:30am.

For more information on RE programming, how to become involved, or on our Covid protocols please visit our website www.hinsdaleunitarian.org or contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org

WELCOME OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER



We are happy to welcome Jeffery Moseley as our new bookkeeper for UCH. Jeffery brings a wealth of experience and has already been a life-saver in getting us caught up after weeks without a bookkeeper. You can read about Jeffery [here](#).

Jeffery is on-site Saturdays and Sundays 10am - 2pm
He can be reached at finance@hinsdaleunitarian.org or by calling the office extension 109.

GRINCHMAS 2021

Our annual pageant is back - live and in-person (and streaming)!
Join us in UCH Whoville on Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 a.m.!

Trim up your tree with fuzzle fuzz
And fluffer bloofs, and wuzzle wuzz
Trim up your uncle and your aunt
With yards of whoflut flay
For today is a silly Who Christmas day
With merriment and participation
For you and every generation!

**Wear your pjs or dress like your favorite Who,
and join us for a Sunday of great fun!**



SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

**We are grateful for this upcoming Sunday's Hospitality Team!
Thank you for helping to make our church home a caring, welcoming community**

Team #4

Team Leader - Darren Howard

Diane Barnes
Bill Burns
Karen Burns
Jonathan Hand
Linda Karlen
Peter Roose
Julie Oshen
Gene Schafer
Tiff Schafer
Leo Monroy
Karen Monroy



WHALECOAST ALASKA 2022



Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2022** is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual tour program next summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and awe-inspiring tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. WhaleCoast Alaska is an inspirational way to visit our beautiful state. Complete info at: www.WhaleCoastAK.org. Proof of Covid-19 vaccinations required. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't want to miss!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

UCH Leaf-Work Party, this weekend ☑! Saturday morning, that is ☑!☑!☑!

Cusp of winter yet still autumn, it will be prime time to collect and clear those beautiful leaves off of UCH's lawns and parkways into UCH's garden beds.

What more opportune opportunity is there for an abbreviated time of productive mid-holiday-season fresh air fellowship?

Saturday, December 11 • Starting at 9:15 a.m. • Wrapping up by around 12:00 noon • Or

whatever fraction of that time you can do.

Join us in joyful caress of UCH's acre. "Many hands make light work."

Steve and Thom will each be power-machine-equipped, and Charlie at rake and tarp.

UCH has two new tarps and several old leaf rakes, or bring your own favorite leaf-rake.

Wear your work gloves, of course, to forgo blisters. All ages. See you there!

Steve Trout steven_trout@comcast.net

Thom Brackett thombrackett@att.net

Charlie Fischer cfis@sbcglobal.net

RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

- Op Ed by Renaldo Hudson- [I Survived Death Row, But I'll Never Escape It](#)
- [Healthmatch: Pandemics- a History of Discrimination](#). Racism doesn't only exist in the workplace or institution. Racism and discrimination do exist even during pandemics. As part of the health industry, we feel that it is our responsibility to provide pieces of information relating to pandemics and racism. We've written this content that will provide proofs and accurate data that indeed discrimination exist way before the 1800's pandemic until today's COVID-19.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

DuPage PADS – The Solution to End Homelessness

The pandemic has forced all organizations, large and small, to make changes to the way they deliver services and maybe none more so than DuPage PADS. Before COVID, clients were housed at interim sites, mostly churches, throughout the county. When they were housed at Redeemer Lutheran here in Elmhurst, 30-40 members of our congregation would work together to house and feed up to 56 people. If you remember, we would set up pads for up to 40 men to sleep together, head to head, on the floor of the Fellowship room. This model was impossible to maintain during the pandemic.

To accommodate their clients safely during the pandemic, DuPage PADS has rented rooms at three motels in Downers Grove and Naperville. They are currently providing housing for 264 clients, including 98 children, which is 114 more than they served pre-pandemic. This has been a very costly venture as they continue to provide other services to help their clients move from interim to permanent housing. Because clients live in one location rather than travel from site to site each day, PADS has seen a 500% increase in the use of the support services.

To consolidate housing, PADS has made the decision to purchase a motel in Downers Grove and turn it into the Interim Housing Center (IHC). Our congregation has taken turns delivering food to the Naperville Red Roof Inn. The food is pre-packaged. We deliver it to the motel and bag it, with a water bottle, fruit, and an individually packed snack. It takes only four of us to take the bags to the rooms where the PADS clients are living. We will have more opportunities to serve at PADS as conditions change.

You can donate on Sunday by writing "PADS" in the memo line of your church or by clicking the [donate button](#) on our website and choosing 'Social Justice' in the drop down menu.

Update on the Recently Reunited Aurora Family Seeking Asylum

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous cash and winter clothing donations to this family.

They have been so appreciative.

Remaining household and clothing items needed: TWIN BOX SPRING AND FRAME; MEN'S SNOW BOOTS (size 8 for the 8th-grade boy and size 9 for the dad); WOMEN'S SNOW BOOTS (size 8 for the 7th-grade girl and size 8 ½ for the mom). This month we are collecting PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (such as toothpaste, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, laundry soap) as well as Christmas presents for the family and VISA and WALMART GIFT CARDS. The children's Christmas wish lists include a basketball for the boy and a hairdryer or curling iron for the girl. The family has ongoing needs for financial support to cover rent, utilities, food, and miscellaneous. **Cash donations may be run through the church by writing a check with "Aurora family" in the memo.**

If you would like to join this effort, please contact Bonnie Wayman-Dodd or Marian Honel-Wilson. More info is in the November Touchstone.

CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Men's Group, Sunday, December 12 at 12:00 pm

Please be advised there will be a men's group meeting Sunday 12/12 at 12:00 in Room 5 of the RE building. You can also attend via Zoom. Either way, we hope to see you there.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995430488?pwd=aXhSV2ZhZGVJaWNSMy83WnlUV2tVdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 9543 0488

Passcode: 136955

Small Group Ministry

Meet via Zoom on the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:00. The next meeting will be Saturday, Dec 4th.

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](#)

UCH members and friends, are all invited to join in on one or more of our non-fiction book discussions via Zoom. While those attending are encouraged to read the books listed and described, readership is not a requirement for attendance. Check the Friday before News & Notes for the discussion and Zoom connection

- **Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. *You Don't Belong Here*** by Elizabeth Becker. (2021) The author uses three women's works and lives to illuminate the Vietnam War from the 1965 American buildup, the expansion into Cambodia, and the American defeat and its aftermath. Arriving herself in the last years of the war, Becker writes as a historian and a witness of the times.

NEWS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Monthly Touchstone Needs Submissions

In-depth communication about all the great things going on at church. Get your news and articles in by the **8th of the month** to for publication on the 15th to [**UCHTouchstone@gmail.com**](mailto:UCHTouchstone@gmail.com)

News & Notes Submissions should be sent to

[**Communication@hinsdaleunitarian.org**](mailto:Communication@hinsdaleunitarian.org).

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

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

STAFF CONNECTIONS

Office Hours M-Th 10am - 2pm

You can reach us at our regular email addresses:

- Rev Pam, Onsite Tuesday & Sunday, Available - Tuesday thru Saturday 9 - 5 pm. Other times by appt. Monday Sabbath. [**Minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org**](mailto:Minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org) 440-570-9812
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