



# NEWS & NOTES

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

January 14, 2022

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Theme: Renewal

January 16, 2022

## Honoring Dr. King in 2022

Rev Pam Rumancik



### UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 16th - February 6th, 2022

**Sunday, January 16**

10:30am Sunday Service  
12:00pm Animal Ministry Mtg

**Monday, January 17**

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Tuesday, January 18**

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

**Wednesday, January 19**

7:00pm Membership Committee

**Thursday, January 20**

8:30am Breakfast Group  
7:00pm Home & Garden Building  
Tech Team

**Sunday, January 23**

10:30am Sunday Service

**Monday, January 24**

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Tuesday, January 25**

11:00am Thrive Cafe LGBTQ+ support  
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering  
7:30pm Non-Fiction Book Group

**Thursday, January 27**

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

**Sunday, January 30**

10:30am Sunday Service

**Monday, January 31**

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Tuesday, February 1**

3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering  
7:00pm Prison Ministry

**Wednesday, February 2**

7:30pm Green Sanctuary Meeting

**Thursday, February 3**

8:30am Breakfast Group

**Sunday, February 6**

10:30am Sunday Service

### CARING CORNER

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

- Sandy Buboltz tested positive for Covid this week. She is drinking lots of fluids and resting but appreciates good thoughts.



- Jerry Shipton's surgery went well and he will be entering Rehab to recover. He is at the LaGrange Hospital Rehab center. Visitors are not permitted right now due to Covid.
- Al Fischer is in isolation because of Covid. Send him and Betty some love to support this trying time.
- Darren Howard is recovering from Covid too. Wishing you good health very soon!
- 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.



### Welcome to Louis Potthoff D'Angelo

Born January 11th at 4:12am to Maggie & David and weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. Maggie is the daughter of Tracey Olson & Dave Potthoff.

Something wonderful in 2022!

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.

## GRATITUDE Moment for:

**Tracey Olson:** Tracey initiated and leads wise elders and was the one who made sure everyone who needed one got a mask at the start of the pandemic. All that and a very effective social justice leader. Tracey has been the Social Justice Circle coordinator, led the One-to-One conversations which kick-started a deep and rich circle of people involved in working to make the world a little better place. She leads the Prison Pen Pal program and is working to bring Parole back to Illinois. Say thanks to Tracey! (and congrats on the new grandbaby!)



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE - ONLINE ONLY

**January 16, 2022: Honoring Dr King in 2022**

Rev Pam Rumancik

It is encouraging that MLK day is no longer the one day in the year when we talk about racial justice and pat ourselves on the back for work done 50 years ago. Much of our society has woken to the fact that there is still a long way to go in creating a truly just and fair country which values the worth and dignity of every person. We'll look at where we've been and where we have yet to go.

**We will continue having Sunday services online only through the end of January. The service will be shared on [YouTube](#).**



You can view the Sunday service live and recordings of past services on our [YouTube channel](#).



Click [HERE](#) to Join Virtual Coffee hour on Zoom after Worship.

We are now *Live* to the world, we so ask that when discussing Cares and Concerns during the candle lighting time, you use only first names to protect the privacy of those you are concerned about, unless you are announcing public information such as a death or a memorial service.

### January 23: Why Church?

Rev Karen Mooney

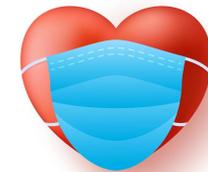
Writing about her son, author Anne Lamont says "The main reason (I make Sam go to church) is that I want to give him what I found in the world, which is to say a path and a little light to see by." Do our beliefs make a difference? As January moves us into a new year, as COVID keeps us at bay, as our resolutions turn to new habits (or not) we pause to remember why we make the time to be in a community together. The service will be shared on [YouTube](#).

## COVID UPDATE

### Remote Services thru January

#### Covid Update from UCH Leadership

Dear Members & Friends,



As we have continued to monitor the situation a few things are coming into focus. The high rate of transmission even among those who have been vaccinated requires us to stay virtual in order to reduce the spread at this critical time.

The good news is that the data is showing that infection has a relatively low risk of serious illness for those who are vaccinated and particularly those who have received a booster shot. When considering our response, we need to keep in mind our friends and neighbors who have medical conditions which reduce the effectiveness of vaccination.

As you are probably aware the increased cases are driving a significant loading on area hospitals which potentially puts all of us at risk in a medical emergency.

Taking all of this into consideration we are currently hoping for a late January or early February return to church. Our decision will be based primarily on seeing the number of hospital admissions and available hospital capacity return to a manageable number.

Thanks for your patience, your compassion and the precautions you are taking to remain healthy. This is a gift to everyone around you.

We love you and are looking forward to being together again soon.

Blessings,

Rev Pam, Bob Daniel-Wayman & UCH Board of Trustee

PS There is **some** good news about where we find ourselves today:

<https://yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com/p/there-is-good-news>

We'll make it through this and create a strong and loving community in whatever reality we find ourselves.

## THIS WEEK IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **SPIRIT PLAY and CHAPEL SERVICE**

One of the ways Unitarian Universalists gather inspiration and wisdom is by listening to the stories of important people throughout history. You might say they are heroes and heroines because they believed in something important and worked to make our world a better place.



**The hero this week is Martin Luther King Jr.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11fdJagxnXsygW-5Ukn1r-1sGcAKdqKrO/view?usp=sharing>

### **COMING OF AGE**

Our Coming of Age youth will not meet this Sunday.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

Our Senior High Youth will meet to share fun and fellowship via Zoom this Sunday. Contact Pam Fodor for the link.

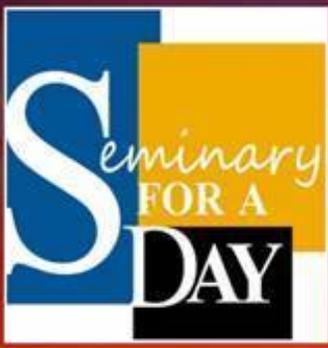
**For more information on RE programming, how to become involved, or on our Covid protocols please visit our website [www.hinsdaleunitarian.org](http://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org) or contact Pam Fodor at [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org)**

## **RACIAL EQUITY TEAM**

### **Mental Health Issues Facing the Black Community**

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

**Join VIRTUAL Seminary for a Day**  
First Unitarian Portland  
**Doing the Inner Work of Racial Justice**  
Saturday, January 29, 2022



# Doing the Inner Work of Racial Justice



**Rev. Abhi Janamanchi**

**Saturday,  
January 29, 2022**

Our keynote speaker is **Rev. Abhi Janamanchi** who serves as the Senior Minister of the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland. He describes himself as a Hindu-Unitarian Universalist and says that his Unitarian Universalism makes him a better Hindu.

If you are engaged in the work of racial justice and long for spiritual connection in this work, join us for this year's virtual Seminary For A Day.

This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how racism has shaped our UU faith and our congregations; how structural racism still operates today, often unnoticed; and what is involved in cultivating Beloved Community and working against racism and oppression in all of its forms.

We will practice mindfulness meditation, conversation, and experiential exercises that get to the heart of healing internalized racism and being anti-racist. We will seek to create brave space, engage in courageous conversations on what is healing and what is harming racial justice, and rest in restorative meditation and embodied practices.

## **Details: Saturday, January 29, 2022**

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Registration is open until 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Friday, January 29th. You will receive a Zoom link via email before the event.

— <https://www.firstunitarianportland.org/events/seminaryforaday22/>

## **Support for those Imprisoned**

### **On Faith and Freedom: A Teach In on the Pretrial Fairness Act**

Join us on February 15th at 6pm for a focused, energizing virtual teach-in for clergy and people of faith throughout Illinois on the Pretrial Fairness Act and

the movement for pretrial freedom. We will give you an opportunity to reflect on how our respective faiths call us to defend this historic transformation of our state's pretrial justice system, with a presentation followed by time for discussion. We want you to be equipped with factual information on:

- The Pretrial Fairness Act
- The community effects of ending money bond
- The reason we need to continue engaging this movement as people of faith and conscience

We hope this time will inspire you to share this experience and knowledge with the communities you serve, and to join the movement for pretrial freedom in Illinois!

Click here to register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2UDeb9W\\_uZE6-asnbsYbhqFpHdindji-GhYFttfr810wCWw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2UDeb9W_uZE6-asnbsYbhqFpHdindji-GhYFttfr810wCWw/viewform)

## Struggling with Tax Bills?

### Seniors Invited to Defer Property Taxes

Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payments until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$55,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

The application period closes March 1, 2022. For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630-407-5900 or [www.dupageco.org/treasurer](http://www.dupageco.org/treasurer). Gwen Henry, Treasurer.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

### UUANI powers the justice work of congregations.

UUANI provides Unitarian Universalists across Illinois with advocacy and legislative leadership to effectively build community and power to promote justice and a healthy planet. They bring social justice into the heart of spiritual life of congregations and develop ways for church communities to live the UU principles. They help bridge communities and congregations and align spirituality with tangible actions to affect change.



UCH's Share the Plate collection this month will support the ongoing work of [UUANI](http://www.uuani.org). You can send a check to the church with UUANI in the memo line or click the [donate button](#) at [www.hinsdaleunitarian.org](http://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org) and choose 'Social Justice' from the drop-down menu. Thanks so much!

## Update on the Reunited Aurora Family Seeking Asylum

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous donations to this family! We have visited them several times (including dropping off wrapped presents on 12/19) and they have been so appreciative. Thanks to the generosity of many, they now have the household and clothing items they need.

The family still has ongoing financial needs as the process for getting work authorization is expected to take several more months. **To contribute, make a cash donation through the church by writing a check with “Aurora family” in the memo, or you may purchase VISA, Aldi's, Target or WALMART GIFT CARDS directly.**

Read more about families in this situation [here](#).

Anyone who would like to help coordinate UCH's work with this family, please contact Rev. Pam, Marian Honel-Wilson, or Bonnie Wayman-Dodd. At this time we are mainly looking for people to organize fund-raising efforts (perhaps a Go Fund Me?) and/or pledge monthly donations for January through April to assist the family until they are able to obtain employment and support themselves financially.

Read the upcoming January Touchstone for details.

## CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

### Men's Group - Sunday, February 13 at 12:00pm

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84412204653?pwd=K1dLbzBqU0VmbDR4M3M0b1JJa3B6QT09>

### 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
- Pam Fodor, Monday and Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Friday and Saturday off. Available on e-mail other days and times. - [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org)
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