



NEWS & NOTES

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

March 19, 2021

Theme: Respect



UCH Community Calendar Mar 13 - Mar 23, 2021

Thursday weekly

Breakfast Group Meets via Zoom

Saturday March 20 @ 10:30am

Worship Associate Team Meeting
via Zoom

Sunday Mar 21 @ 11:30 am

Animal Ministry Meeting via Zoom

Sunday Mar 21 @ 1:00pm

Building Tech Squad Meeting
via Zoom

Monday Mar 22 @ 7:00pm

Meditation Group via Zoom

Tuesday March 23 @ 1:30pm

Spiritual Book Club via Zoom

Tuesday March 23 @ 7:30pm

Non Fiction Book Club

Caring Corner

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

- Cathy Goering's husband is receiving chemo treatments for cancer. We send our love and care to both of them during this time.
- Suzanne Williams is recovering well from recent hip surgery.
- Mikhaila Scoville-Durante continues to have complications from dental surgery and appreciates good thoughts.

Please let us know of folks we should add to our list and share with our Caring Circle Coordinators by going to our [Caring & Comments](#) page on our website.



Worship on March 21: What Makes Our (Church) Garden Grow?

This church is really an amazing place - one of the best kept secrets around! Let's count our blessings and figure out how to shine the light of love and care that live at UCH out into a wanting world. This Sunday kicks off our annual program fund drive. This church is made up of all of us and only can accomplish what its members fund. We'll talk about the blessings of this congregation and how we can remain sustainable in the years ahead. ~Rev Pam



Click [HERE](#) to Join on Zoom

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



March 28: Four Questions that Matter

Based on Ira Byock's book, *The Four Questions That Matter Most*, Rev Elizabeth Harding will talk about issues of mortality and legacy, questions that lean into Unitarian Universalism. How do we make meaning? How do we share that meaning with others? How can we stay focused and grounded during this time of pandemic? ~ Rev Elizabeth Harding

Bio: Rev. Elizabeth Harding graduated from Meadville Lombard and the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. Elizabeth is an affiliated community minister with Second Unitarian Church of Chicago. She has worked as a hospital chaplain, parish minister, hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor. Elizabeth is married to Kevin and together they have Lucas, Simon and Adam the fish. Elizabeth is currently staying at home with their boys due to the pandemic and is available for consultations about end of life issues.

End of Life Discussion with Rev Harding

Rev Elizabeth Harding will hold a Q and A session
Tuesday March 30 @ 6:30pm on [Zoom](#).

Have questions about family members or wanting to learn more about End of Life issues? Watch Elizabeth's videos about **Palliative Care 101**, **Hospice 101** and **Advance Directives** ahead of our session. Write down your questions or scenarios and come to the Q and A session over Zoom. Elizabeth will be available for an hour to talk with you about the video material and any questions you may have. If you would prefer to talk with Elizabeth privately, she would be glad to set up an appointment with you.

Click to join [here](#).

Topic: Elizabeth Harding Workshop

Time: Mar 30, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 834 0530 0833

Passcode: 330885

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THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITHFUL JOURNEY

This week on our faithful journey we will highlight our first principle, the inherent worth and dignity of all people and learn a lesson from

Superman, Christopher Reeve. Through the tragic story of how he became paralyzed we learn that each of us has the capacity to use our personal agency to do good in the world, no matter how we are "abled".

Lesson Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q_jxbHHn2iRI0CC2BiRRqFlwfUgrs63L/view?usp=sharing



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Youth and advisors will meet in person on the church lawn to share laughter, conversation and fellowship on Sunday, March 21st from 3:00-4:00pm.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Youth and advisors will meet in person on the church lawn to share laughter, conversation and fellowship on Sunday, March 21st from 3:00-4:00pm.



For more information on RE programming and how to become involved, please contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org.



They are still at it... Each month a new wave of emails go out asking folks to contact Rev Pam for an urgent matter.

Do Not Respond!

Your minister will never ask you to buy gift cards or make purchases of any kind. If in doubt of any communication, contact Rev Pam at minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org. All others are fake email addresses. Delete them.

GREEN SANCTUARY NEWS

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Take to Western Springs Community Center, 1500 Walker Street, Western Springs, IL 60558. Saturday, April 10, 9-12.

Separate food containers from shipping foam; no peanuts or sheets.
Drive-thru drop off.



MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, March 23, **THE NEW MAP: ENERGY, CLIMATE, AND THE CLASH OF NATIONS**, by Daniel Yergin, 2020. This Pulitzer Prize-winning author and global energy expert offers a revelatory new account of how energy revolutions, climate battles, and geopolitics are mapping our future. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/317939/the-new-map-by-daniel-yergin/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082881818>

Meeting ID: 870 8288 1818

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

GA Registration: Virtual General Assembly will be held this June. Register now to get ready for workshops, worship, and association business. - [more info](#)

Sunday, March 28th, 2021: Forest Walk

Join fellow UCH members on a walk in a forest preserve or natural area- [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.

RACIAL EQUITY TEAM WEEKLY LINK

Race/Related: I am Black and Catholic. My Research Into the History of Catholic Slaveholding Transformed My Understanding of My Church.

https://messaging-custom-newsletters.nytimes.com/template/oakv2?uri=nyt://newsletter/eeae136f-955f-57ac-9e3b-16dc803bf1d0&productCode=RR&te=1&nl=race/related&emc=edit_rr_20210316

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PDF OF ARTICLE](#)

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



March Share the Plate - UUPMI

We need your help! We can sustain this ministry only if we have the support of people who care about our shared humanity with people in prison. Your contribution will help fund our half-time minister's salary, benefits, and travel costs, plus the costs of our education offerings to congregations.

The **In Prison Ministry** works to create a spiritual space where all people can come as they are and be affirmed in their inherent worth and dignity, no matter their identities or past harm they may have caused.

The outside work of the UU Prison Ministry focuses on **preparing our congregations** to become radically welcoming places for formerly incarcerated and convicted people. We embrace the call of Unitarian Universalism to make our congregations accepting of all people.

The Prison Ministry will also **connect Unitarian Universalists** to local and state-level policy initiatives that seek to build a world community of peace, liberty and justice for all.

UUPMI Director, Rev Allison Farnum, is grateful for the kind response she received from last week's service. You can donate via our website (see donate button below) by clicking Social Justice and adding UUPMI or you can mail a check to 17 W Maple St, Hinsdale, IL. 60521. Thanks so much!

2021 Pledge Drive Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox for details and keep April 10th open for some good community fun!

Welcome to our annual stewardship drive! As we begin to come out of a year like no other, we are [Not Just bouncing Back, but LEAPING FORWARD!](#)

For 151 years, our members have supported the good work of this church. This year the generosity of our members and friends has been amazing! Thank you all so much. Now we need to look to the future and look forward to your continued support of our wonderful community.

This year, given our unusual circumstances, we'll offer several ways to submit your pledge: Here's what to expect over the next few weeks:



- In your email box: A message with all the information you need to understand the church's budget and our pledge needs. This email will also provide a link to an online pledge form.
- In your mailbox: An informational packet that includes a hard copy pledge form with a reminder of the amount you pledged last year.
- On our website: A pledge button for easy pledging.

Please join us on April 10 for a virtual fun trip through time with a time machine! Come meet some famous UUs, celebrate our own church history AND the successful conclusion of our stewardship drive!



Matt Vail of Rush University Medical Center's Affirm community clinic will discuss the important of affirming care for the LGBT+ community.



Learn about how your relationship with your healthcare provider can impact your care, how to find affirming care, and how to better communicate with all your care providers.

[Click HERE to join us via Zoom on March 23 at 11am](#) You can also join by phone! Call (312)626-6799 and enter Meeting ID 966 6129 4106 when prompted.

Building An Anti-Racist Community Together: Action for All Ages

SAVE THE DATE: Sat. April 24, 2021
9am – 1 pm

Join us for an antiracism conference with multiple virtual and in-person workshops for all ages: adults, teens, kids, caregivers, parents and families together!



CommUNITY Diversity
Group of La Grange



The LeaderShop



Lyonsville Congregational
United Church of Christ

Our February Social Justice Collection Total: \$1,210
We collected \$1,210 to benefit Third Unitarian Pop Up Pantry in February.

Office Phone system issues. Our antiquated phone system in the church continues to have issues so while we look to upgrade the service, you may not be able to get through to leave a message. While staff is working from home, it will be quicker to email staff members with questions. Contact information is on

the website; www.hinsdaleunitarian.org under the Connect button at the top right of the page.



THE TOUCHSTONE

A monthly publication of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale

Monthly Touchstone Needs Submissions.

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!

STAFF CONNECTIONS

Your staff will continue to work from home. You can reach us at our regular email addresses:

- Rev Pam, Usually onsite Thursdays. Available Tues, Wed, Friday virtually or by appt: Feel free to call or text - Minister@hinsdaleunitarian.org 440-570-9812
- Pam Fodor, Tuesdays, on-site from 10am-3pm. Available on e-mail other days and times. - re@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Lily Field, Wednesdays & Fridays on-site, 8 to 1 - finance@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Cherita Axel, Social Media, working virtually - Socialmedia@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- John Cooperrider, Facility Manager, available Fridays - grounds@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Julia Beckman, Music Director - beckman110@comcast.net
- Jamie Pastman, Music Coordinator - music@hinsdaleunitarian.org
- Joe Saint Cross, Youth Leader - jsaintcross@juno.com

