



NEWS & NOTES

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

May 22, 2021

Theme: Acceptance



UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 22nd - June 3rd, 2021

Sunday, May 23

Animal Ministry Meeting
12:00pm Outside at church

Monday, May 24

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

Finance Com Meeting

Thursday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 30

10:00am Sunday Service

Monday, May 31

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

7:00pm Green Sanctuary Mtg

Thursday, June 3

8:30am Breakfast Group

CARING CORNER

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

- Sending good wishes to Joe Gwozdz for a quick recovery from a recent Hospitalization.
- Also love and care to Norma Solberg after cataract surgery.
- Mona Taylor continues in hospice care. Our love surrounds Tony during this difficult time.



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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

May 23: Flower Communion

May flowers are now officially blooming all around us. This Sunday brings our annual Flower Communion service celebrating the variety and beauty of all members of our congregation. If you didn't get a picture of

your flowers in on time- take a flower to a friend or neighbor and share some love this week. Each of us gets the chance to begin again with the turning of the seasons, with the emergence from pandemic, with all the blessed opportunities we have in life to return to our best and most beautiful selves. See you Sunday! ~Rev Pam



Click [HERE](#) to Join on Zoom

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



May 30: Remembering a Lost Year - Memorial Day

So much has been lost in the past year that it is hard to name it all. We will honor those losses, grieve, and give thanks for the dedication and commitment of so many people. Please send in a picture of someone you wish to remember to [Rev Pam](#) to be included in the service. ~Rev Pam

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITHFUL JOURNEY

The UU ritual of Flower Communion reminds us that each of us is beautiful and special in our own unique way.

Story Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17pXt7bTsRaJJLanXLK3yyR7-1VYJvi_c/view?usp=sharing



Junior High Youth Group

The Junior High Youth Group is finished meeting for the year. We are so grateful to Miriam Cleveland and Theresa Kenders for their commitment to keeping our young people connected this year. See you in September!



Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth group is finished meeting for the year. We are so grateful to Joe Saintcross for his commitment to keeping our youth connected this year. See you in September!

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

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

UCH members and friends are invited to join in on a book discussion, via the zoom link indicated below, Tuesday evening, May 25, 7:30 p.m. for **Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class is leaving Everyone else in the Dust -- Why that is a problem and What to do About it.** By Richard V. Reeves.

Whether or not you have read the book, you are invited to join in for a very interesting discussion.

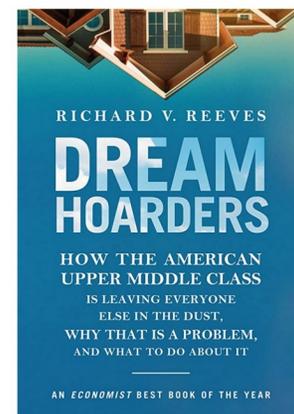
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 870 8288 1818

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



SPRING CLEANING

To Everything There is a Season

Over the years UCH has accumulated stuff. A LOT of stuff. Some of that stuff

has stumbled to time, and as Facilities Manager, I have stumbled across many things that are simply “taking up space” and “gathering dust.” In preparation for the eventual fellowship that will follow the lifting of pandemic restrictions and our 151st Birthday celebration, we’re cleaning house. Knowing full well that any item chosen for disposal might enjoy a repurposed life and/or may hold a special place in the heart of one of our members, we invite any church member to visit the church on **Saturday, June 5th, from 9am - 4pm** or **Sunday, June 6th, from 11am - 4pm**, and look over what’s been gathered. If you see something you want, take it. Anything left by the end of the day on Sunday will be hauled away the next morning. We cannot “hold” items for later pick-up, and kind of like the old bar saying goes: “You don’t have to take it home, but it can’t stay here.” So... if you want (and we’re not kidding) an institutional toilet for a front yard planter, a pair of rickety old ladders to be a metaphor for life in your latest artist’s installation, or parts from the soon-to-be dismantled Head Start play area, pop on by the 5th or 6th! We’d love to give you these gems of UCH history so they can enjoy a NEW life somewhere else, maybe as SOMETHING else!



John Cooperrider

GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM

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/>



STYROFOAM RECYCLING!

Take to Western Springs Community Center, 1500 Walker Street, Western Springs, IL 60558. Saturday, June 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm.

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



RACIAL EQUITY TEAM WEEKLY LINK

Racial Inequality In How Chicago-Area Homes Are Valued Is Increasing The disparity in home values between white neighborhoods and Black and Latinx communities has increased more than six-fold since 1980. A report by WBEZ's Race, Class and Communities desk.

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

[Read Full Article](#)

MAY SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION IS GOING TO HELP SUPPORT BLUU (Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism)

This organizing collective has developed programs, financially supported projects and initiatives that center Black lives, and have paved the way for leadership in organizing and ministry. These initiatives include things like the BLUU Ministerial Network and the growing worship team. At least one of these three goals is always at the heart of everything that BLUU does. Those goals are:

1. Expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith.
2. Providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists.
3. Justice-making and liberation through our faith.



Thank you for your generosity.

Click the [donate button](#) on our website and choose social justice, write in **BLUU** or simply send a check into the church at 17 W Maple, Hinsdale IL 60521 with BLUU in the memo line. Thank you!

CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Going to General Assembly? UCH has credentials for 4 people to participate in the business Plenary work of the Association. Contact [Rev Pam](#) if you would like to represent the church this year.

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

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](#)

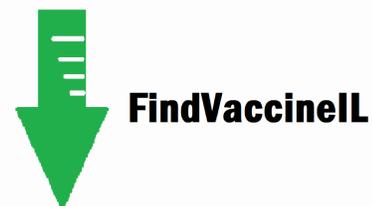
- Response to the Book Caste by Isabelle Wilkerson
- Volunteer Opportunities

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>

Our April Social Justice Collection Total: \$605

We collected \$605 to benefit Faith in Place

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THE TOUCHSTONE
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News & Notes 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 20th of the month to UCHTouchstone@gmail.com

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!

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

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

