



# NEWS & NOTES

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

November 12, 2021

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Theme: Non-Violence

## Sunday, November 14 GRIEF, GRATITUDE, AND TRANSFORMATION



## UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 13th - 28th, 2021

**Saturday, November 13**  
10:00 am Worship Assoc Mtg

**Wednesday, November 17**  
7:00pm Membership Committee

**Monday, November 22**  
7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Sunday, November 14**  
10:30 am Sunday Service  
11:45 am Men's Group

**Thursday, November 18**  
8:30am Breakfast Group

**Tuesday, November 23**  
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering  
7:30pm Non-Fiction Book Group

**Monday, November 15**  
7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Saturday, November 20**  
11:00am Sally Packard Memorial Service

**Thursday, November 25**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Tuesday, November 16**  
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering  
7:00pm Racial Equality Team

**Sunday, November 21**  
10:30am Sunday Service  
11:30am Animal Ministry Meeting  
1:00pm Building Tech Team

**Sunday, November 28**  
10:30am Sunday Service  
12:00pm Finance meeting

## CARING CORNER

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

- For all our veterans, and their families, in gratitude for the sacrifices they have made for our country.
- 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.





inside this Sunday, set up in the same spot we were 18 months ago 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 - we've missed you!



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SALLY PACKARD

**Sally Packard Celebration of Life**  
**Saturday, November 20, 2021**  
**11:00am in church**

Join us as we celebrate the life of long-time church member, Sally Packard, who died earlier in the year. We will hold the service in the church and record it for those who cannot attend in person. Sally lived an amazing life and was known for her ready wit and clear way of seeing the world. Please join us. All vaccinated folks are welcome to join us in person with a mask.



## 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 our second principle, offer fair and kind treatment to everyone, through the story The Lazy Bear. I wonder how it feels to be treated fairly when you are playing with your friends?

### CHAPEL SERVICE

Our young people in Chapel Service will be doing something a little different this week. They will be learning about our Green Sanctuary Committee and helping to set up for the book exchange. How can we work toward honoring our 7th principle?

### COMING OF AGE

Our Coming of Age youth will meet 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](http://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org) or contact Pam Fodor at [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org)



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**Help make the holidays brighter for children in need!**

Due to Covid, our Christmas Giving Tree will look a bit different this year. Instead of choosing individual children to sponsor, we are collecting **\$25 gift cards from Target and Walmart only and unwrapped**

gifts for children ages 8 to 15 yrs. We have committed to 25 gift cards and as many gifts as we can collect. Please make your purchases and bring to church no later than November 28th. All gifts will be donated through Humanitarian Service Project located in Carol Stream, IL.

For questions contact Pam Fodor  
re@hinsdaleunitarian.org 630-323-2885



WE NEED YOUR HELP

## Collecting Toys and Other Gifts for Children ages 8 - 15

TO HELP BRING A SMILE TO THE FACES OF BOYS AND GIRLS ENROLLED IN OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING, WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Board Games
- Puzzles Journal Sets Art Supplies
- Craft Supplies



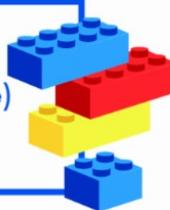
- Science Kits
- Model Kits
- Electronics



- Action Figures/Dolls
- Jewelry
- Bath Products



- Legos
- Sports Equipment (Junior Size)
- Radio-Controlled Cars



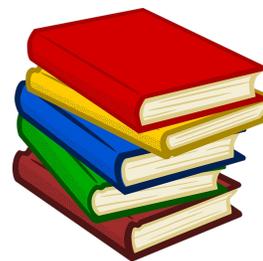
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FUNDRAISE FOR HSP BY VISITING [WWW.HSP.AGENCY](http://WWW.HSP.AGENCY)  
CLICK GET INVOLVED

Humanitarian Service Project  
465 Randy Road  
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Tel: (630) 221-8340  
Email: [hsp.hsp.agency](mailto:hsp.hsp.agency)

THE GREAT UCH FREE BOOK EXCHANGE

Remember that this Sunday, November 14, is the free Book Exchange; bring a bag or box and take free books after church, in the Joshi Auditorium in the RE building. There's still time to drop off your old books: **Saturday, from 1 to 3 PM**, we will be accepting books, of all types, in the Joshi Auditorium.



## 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 #10

Team Leader- Mary Getty

Bob Daniel-Wayman  
Jessica Friess  
Anita Jencks  
Karen McDowell  
Alyne Polikoff  
Noreen Costelloe  
Liz Reyes  
Benjamin Van Horne  
Rokki Espie



## CHICAGO AREA UU COUNCIL FALL CONFERENCE

CAUUC Fall 2021 Video Conference

### Gathering and Strengthening Our UU Communities

Keynote presentation on navigating grief by  
Elizabeth Harding followed by a panel discussion

Saturday, Nov 13, 2021 9:30am-NOON



### Keynote Presenter: Elizabeth Harding

Affiliated Community Minister, Second Unitarian Church of Chicago

Elizabeth will offer a framework for understanding the first year of grief and some reflections on collective grief during this pandemic time. The presentation will highlight coping strategies, including ritual.



## Panelists:



**Elizabeth Harding**  
Affiliated Community  
Minister  
Second Unitarian



**Dr. Mary Lamb Shelden**  
Director of Lifespan  
Religious Education  
Countryside Church UU



**Suzanne Williams**  
Communications  
Consultant  
Member of Unitarian  
Church of Hinsdale



**Leah Mikkelson**  
Board President  
Tree of Life Congregation



**Shelby Daniel-Wayman**  
Epidemiologist  
Member of Unitarian  
Church of Hinsdale

Our panel will discuss the challenges faced in gathering our UU communities, creative solutions we've found, and opportunities discovered along the way.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

## GREEN SANCTUARY

The Green Sanctuary Committee and the Non Fiction Book Group invite the congregation to join the Elmhurst Public Library for a Zoom talk with Doug Tallamy, author of our All Congregation Book Read, *Nature's Best Hope*. To register for this Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 pm Zoom talk, visit [elmhurstpubliclibrary.org/events](http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org/events). An Elmhurst library card is NOT required.



## RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

The UCH Racial Equity Team is sponsoring a screening and discussion of the Emmy-award-winning documentary *13th* by Ava DuVernay. The film explains the connection between America's history of slavery and today's mass incarceration. The 13th Amendment abolished slavery but allowed an exception for incarcerated persons, thus providing an economic incentive for exploitation and mass incarceration of millions of Americans.

**VIRTUAL SCREENING AND DISCUSSION** on Thursday, Nov. 18th starting at 6:30 p.m. If you've already watched the film on Netflix, feel free to just come for the discussion. The link for the virtual screening is: <https://tinyurl.com/13thScreeningUCH>.



## VIRTUAL SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

JOIN THE VIRTUAL SCREENING HERE:  
<https://tinyurl.com/13thScreeningUCH>

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Sponsored by the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale Racial Equity Team  
QUESTIONS: [mhonelwilson@gmail.com](mailto:mhonelwilson@gmail.com)

## Sharing Blessings with the Wider World November: Asylum Seekers

### Reunited Family Seeking Asylum - living in Aurora

UCH members are invited to donate gently-used winter clothing and household furnishings, as well as cash and Walmart gift cards, for a family of four that was recently reunited and has just been settled in Aurora by [Al Otro Lado](#), which provides legal and humanitarian



support to refugees, deportees, and other migrants. **PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS** to the Alice Warren room **beginning Sun. Nov. 14**, where you'll see a box for clothing and a table for other items. The family consists of a mother, father, a girl aged 12 and a boy aged 13. Anyone who would like to join this effort, please contact Rev. Pam, Marian Honel-Wilson, Char Cepek, Nancy Weill, or Bonnie Wayman-Dodd. Lots of different kinds of help are needed: team co-chairs, Spanish-speakers, donors, fund-raisers, drivers, materials sorters/coordinators, as well as researchers to help connect the family to local resources in Aurora. More info in the

## Chalice House

Chalice House is a coalition of support for families and/or individuals navigating the U.S. asylum process. In this shared project, **the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants** (ICDI) provides social services and support, while Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist and its partners provide housing and hospitality in a home owned by Countryside in Palatine, Illinois.



Community-based housing such as Chalice House offers alternatives to detention while an immigrant's case is pending so that families can stay together and immigrants don't experience additional trauma in immigration detention centers. Watch **this video** to see how volunteers prepared the home for its new residents in the spring of 2020.

Our November collections will be split between direct support for the family in Aurora and donation to the work of Chalice House.

You can drop your gift into the offering plate on Sunday, mail a check to the church with 'Social Justice Nov' written on the memo line, or click the [Donate button](#) at <https://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org/donate.html> and choose social justice in the drop down menu.

*Thank you so much for your generosity to our fellow humans who find themselves in challenging circumstances!*

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

## CALLING ALL JARS

Save your empty pickle, pasta sauce, salsa and other jars. No need to wash them out, just put the cap on and deposit them in the box available in the Alice Warren Room. They will be born again as solar jar lights.

Any questions or if you would like your jar back as a solar jar light, please contact Dennis Sejut at 630-917-1183. Texts welcome.



## CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### 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, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations*** by Jonathan Sacks. (2003) Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's radical proposal for reconciling hatreds. The first major statement by a Jewish leader on the ethics of globalization, it also marks a paradigm shift in the approach to religious coexistence.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. *You Don't Belong Here*** by Elizabeth Becker. (2021) The author uses three women's work 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 **1st 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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