



NEWS & NOTES

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

November 19, 2021

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Theme: Non-Violence



Simple Gifts

Sunday, November 21

We can be thankful without all the trappings.
We can celebrate simple gifts.



UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 20th - 30th, 2021

Saturday, November 20

11:00am Sally Packard Memorial Service

Sunday, November 21

10:30am Sunday Service
1:00pm Building Tech Team

Monday, November 22

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, November 23

3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering
7:30pm Non-Fiction Book Group

Thursday, November 25
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 28

10:30am Sunday Service
12:00pm Finance meeting

Monday, November 29

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Tuesday, November 30

3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering

CARING CORNER

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

- We extend our condolences to Sarah Vladica and her family at the loss of her grandfather this past week. He was a WWII veteran and well-loved. We are sorry for your loss.
- 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.



read **The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations** by Jonathan Sacks, go to this summary of his most important ideas: <https://www.fpri.org/article/2013/06/the-dignity-of-difference-avoiding-the-clash-of-civilizations/>

Topic: Non- Fiction Book Group

Time: Tues., Nov. 23, 2021, 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

FAIR TRADE TABLE RETURNS THIS SUNDAY

The fair trade table will be following the coffee back 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 & CHAPEL SERVICE

Our Spirit Play and Chapel Service children will have a special Children's Chapel based on the Story Stone Soup. How does this story of sharing and coming together speak to our UU values?

We will ALL meet downstairs in Room 4, the Spirit Play Room.



COMING OF AGE

Our Coming of Age youth will meet at 11:45am to continue our Chalice Circle Workshops. We will discover the beauty within during the Geode Workshop and contemplate our future with the Fossil workshop.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Our Senior High Youth will meet with Rev Pam AT NOON to share fun and fellowship.

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

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

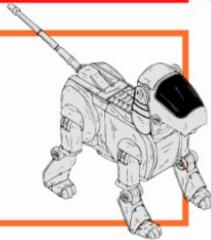
Collecting Toys and Other Gifts for Children ages 8 - 15

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



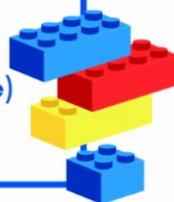
- Science Kits
- Model Kits
- Electronics



- Action Figures/Dolls
- Jewelry
- Bath Products



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



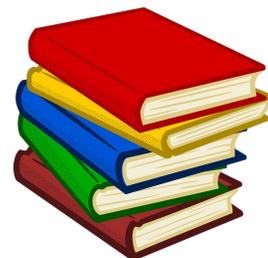
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FUNDRAISE FOR HSP BY VISITING WWW.HSP.AGENCY
CLICK GET INVOLVED

Humanitarian Service Project
465 Randy Road
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Tel: (630) 221-8340
Email: hsp@hsp.agency

THE GREAT UCH FREE BOOK EXCHANGE

The Great UCH Book Exchange is open for another Sunday! We have over 450 books to choose from, and they are all free! Over 200 in fiction alone! Stop by the **Joshi Auditorium** in the RE building on **Sunday, November 21, from 11:30 to 1:00**, and take your pick. We have bags and boxes to hold your choices.



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 #1

Team Leader- Pat Gwozdz

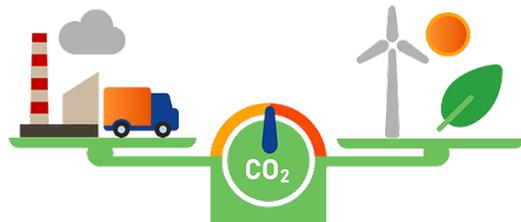
Joe Gwozdz
Sandy Buboltz
Jen Hopkins
Sarah Joyner
Carolyn May
Dave May
Ashley Kennedy
Nathan Makdad
Lauren Niewold



GREEN SANCTUARY

Consider Carbon Offsets for Your Holiday Travel

Are you traveling by plane over the holidays? According to the Sierra Club, worldwide, airline travel contributes to roughly 2% of carbon emissions, which are key drivers of climate change. Travelers can purchase carbon offsets to help fund the development of carbon-neutral energy projects at a level equal to the amount of carbon emitted by their flights. While carbon offsets are not a quick-and-easy fix to the carbon costs of air travel, they can help us to think about the true costs of our travel choices, and the monetary cost is surprisingly low (\$4 for a one-way flight between Florida and Illinois, for example).



Interested in learning more? Go to <https://sustainabletravel.org/our-work/carbon-offsets/>, which takes you to Sustainable Travel International, identified by treehugger.com as offering the best air travel carbon offset program of 2021. You can learn more about offsets, calculate the carbon footprint of your flights, and purchase offsets.

RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

Noam Chomsky Talks Climate and Racial Justice

“A conversation about the roots of our current climate crisis and humanity’s prospects for emerging into a livable future.”

[Read Full Article](#)

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

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**



Al Otro Lado, a legal advocacy organization and plaintiff in one of the ACLU's asylum lawsuits, is working to bring the parents to the border.

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 November Touchstone.

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 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.

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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

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!

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 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
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