



# NEWS & NOTES

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

November 26, 2021

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Theme: Non-Violence



**Sunday, November 28**  
**ON REASON AND REVERENCE - DISCUSSION**  
How do we see each other? How to be the most welcoming church we can be?

## UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 28th - December 5th, 2021

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

**Tuesday, November 30**  
3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering

**Thursday, December 2**  
8:30am Breakfast Group

**Monday, November 29**  
7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

**Wednesday, December 1**  
7:30pm Green Sanctuary Meeting

**Sunday, December 5**  
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...

- 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.



Please let us know of folks we should add to our list and share with our Caring Circle Coordinators by emailing [Pam Fodor](mailto:Pam.Fodor@hinsdaleunitarian.org) or [Rev Pam](mailto:Rev.Pam@hinsdaleunitarian.org). Also email [Cherita](mailto:Cherita@hinsdaleunitarian.org) to be included in N&Ns.

## GOOD NEWS & GRATITUDES



# THIS WEEK IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS SUNDAY. STAY HOME AND ENJOY YOUR LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND. WE WILL BE BACK TOGETHER ON DECEMBER 5th.**

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  
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

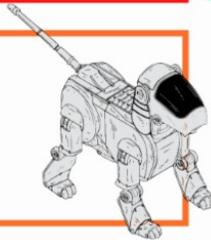
# Collecting Toys and Other Gifts for Children ages 8 - 15

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)

## 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 #2  
Team Leader - Jane Foulser

Dave Foulser  
Rebecca Burchart  
Charlie Fischer  
Barb Franz

Becky Kapuscik  
Pat Miller  
Joe Packovits  
KC Edgin  
Lenny Edgin  
Kathie Noll  
Gary Noll  
Jim Murray



## GREEN SANCTUARY

### UCH Leaf-Work Party, just two weeks from now 🍂!🍂!🍂!

Cusp of winter yet still autumn, it will be prime time to collect and clear those beautiful leaves off of UCH's lawns and parkways into UCH's garden beds.

What more opportune opportunity is there for an abbreviated time of productive mid-holiday-season fresh air fellowship?

Saturday, December 11 • Starting at 9:15 a.m. • Wrapping up by around 12:00 noon • Or whatever fraction of that time you can do.

Join us in joyful caress of UCH's acre. "Many hands make light work."

Steve and Thom will each be power-machine-equipped, and Charlie at rake and tarp.

UCH has two new tarps and several old leaf rakes, or bring your own favorite leaf-rake.

Wear your work gloves, of course, to forgo blisters. All ages. See you there!

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Charlie Fischer [cfis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cfis@sbcglobal.net)

## RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

"The Dawn of Everything" confronts deep assumptions about how human society developed from its humble (Indigenous) origins.

[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 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.



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.

## 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](https://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org/donate.html)** 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!***

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## 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.



**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.

## **NEWS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

**THE TOUCHSTONE**  
*A monthly publication of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale*

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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](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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