

January 24, 2020



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

Theme for January: *Authority/Leadership*

**Saturday, January 25**

**8:30am: CAUUC meeting** in the Living room

**12noon: Final "A New Earth" Talk** in Rev Pam's office

**Sunday, January 26**

**12noon: Leadership Luncheon** in the Alice Warren room

**12noon: Beloved Conversations** in room 5

**Tuesday, January 28**

**7pm: Non-Fiction Book Group** in room 5

**7pm: RE Committee meeting** in RE Director's office

**Wednesday, January 29**

**6pm: Animal Ministry Post Holiday Dinner** at Kao Gaeng Thai restaurant in Darien

**Saturday, February 1**

**8pm: ARC** in the sanctuary with the Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio

## Worship

### January 26 - Leading by Example

We'll explore the lives of people who have led through their own powerful example. Are there folks who have shaped your life by the way they lived theirs? What does real leadership look like? Each of us is capable of inspiring good in the world through our own actions. **Rev Pam Rumancik**

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

### February 2 - Beloved - Life Lessons from Toni Morrison

A native of my Lorain, Ohio hometown, Toni Morrison has long been an inspiration in seeing life as it truly is and being willing to speak that truth aloud. The celebrated author passed away in 2019 but left a rich legacy for those of us willing to pay attention. What can we learn from her life and writing? **~Rev Pam Rumancik**

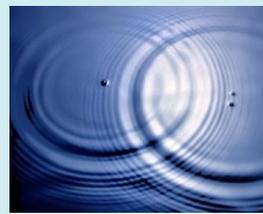
**Special Music by Heather Pierson:** *Heather Pierson is a nationally touring pianist, singer/songwriter and performer whose inspiring live performances and growing catalog of releases, both solo and in ensemble, delve into Americana, blues, New Orleans jazz, vocal chants, instrumental piano, and poignant folk. She is best known for her virtuosity at the piano and her bell-tone vocals, and her songs and musicianship embody joy, honesty, and a desire to share from the heart. In 2018, she and fellow singer/songwriter Bernice Martin released a songbook and companion CD, 'Heart Songs & Circle Songs,' which has found its way into the repertoire of church, community, and hospice choirs all over the world. Heather's twelfth CD, 'Lines and Spaces', was released on November 15, 2019. She is currently at work on a recording of original meditation chants, planned for a spring 2020 release.*

## COMMUNITY

## Caring Corner

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

- Tony Taylor as he recovers from an infected wrist.
- All Members who aren't able to make it to church.



Please let us know of folks we should add to our list and share with our Caring Circle Coordinators

\*You will find the Caring Circle list of Area Coordinators at the end of the Touchstone found on our website at <http://www.hinsdaleunitarian.org/new/the-touchstone/>



## This Week In The Religious Education Program

**Play Group:** Available

**Spirit Play:** Wondering about the red, orange and yellow principles

**Chapel Service:** Wondering about the story Amelia and Her Super Magical Powers by Gail Sphar

What are the super powers you possess that help you live our UU Principles?

**Coming of Age:** Mentors and Mentees attend the service together

**Senior High Youth Group:** Fellowship

One of the best things you can do to help your child(ren) benefit from the RE program and to enjoy church school is to provide regular attendance. Consistent attendance enables participants to build on previous experiences and develop a rapport with classmates and teachers. Each child is important and has unique contributions to make! See you soon!



## Yay! The ADA compliant door at the Alice Warren Room is fixed!

Folks with disabilities or just struggling with full hands can now push the buttons near the entrance and it will open automatically.

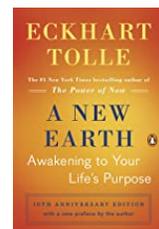
## An Updated Directory is in the works!

Please help us be sure that it is truly an updated directory by confirming that we have your current phone, e-mail and cell phone number.

Stop by the table in the Living room before or after service to double check. Or check with Pam Fodor [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org) or Linda Liberacki at [office@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:office@hinsdaleunitarian.org)

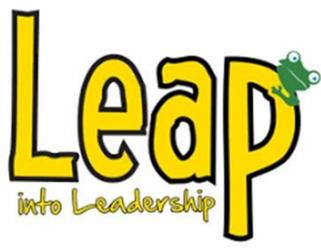


**The Final "A New Earth" Classes-** based on the book by Eckhart Tolle will be **Saturday Jan. 25th at noon in Rev Pam's office.** Join Rev Pam for the final chapters exploring Tolle's insights to help us grow a new earth in our own community. You can listen to a discussion of the chapters by Oprah and author Eckhart Tolle [here](#). The final class will be Jan 11th at noon.



## Leap Into Leadership Luncheon Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am

Ever wonder how folks start doing all the things which get done around



the church? Had a good idea and not known where to take it?  
 This church is made up of the work of all of us and it needs you - your ideas, your experience, your inspiration, your hands!  
 Come find out how to step into leadership in the church!

*Discover the light in you and how to shine it out into your community!*

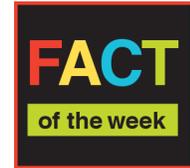
### Post-Holiday Dinner Reminder!

Please join Animal Ministry for our annual post-holiday gathering at Kao Gaeng Thai restaurant in Darien at 6pm on Wednesday, January 29 for a delicious family style meal at a fixed price.



### UCH will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020.

Watch for a factoid or bit of history celebrating the long and storied history of our church. Today's fact:



*In 1889, Minister Payne was paid \$15 a month*



### Non-Fiction Book Group

UCH's next nonfiction book discussion of [ONE SUMMER AMERICA 1927](#) by Bill Bryson is scheduled for Tues., Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. They'll be meeting in the RE Bldg., second floor. The book focuses on various key events of that summer through which to view American life -- what it had been & what it was becoming. Amazing number of ground-breaking events, all occurring over just a few summer months. For a review of the book go to <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/24/books/review/bill-brysons-one-summer-america-1927.html>.



### Newcomer's Meet and Greet Sunday Feb 2nd at 9:00am

Have you been visiting The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale (UCH) for a Sunday or two, or more?

Would you like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our church? Would you like to meet other newcomer's, friends, and members of UCH? Then you will want to join us for a continental breakfast sponsored by our Membership Committee.

Come for coffee, treats, and good conversation. Have questions? Contact Pam Fodor [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org) or 630-323-2885.

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 9:30-10:15am**

In the Alliance Room (next door to the kitchen)

**Styrofoam Collection News:** Karen will collect styrofoam here at church **this** Sunday January (26th)

**Cartridge Recycling:** We are very grateful for those that bring us their used ink cartridges. We get to save money on our office supplies monthly! If you would be so kind as to remove the cartridges from their boxes when bringing them it would take considerable less time to get them ready to recycle. Thank you again!!

If you would like an article posted in the 202 Spring Touchstone, please send it to Linda Karlen at [uchtouchstone@gmail.com](mailto:uchtouchstone@gmail.com) by **February 1**.



## Regional Assembly Registration Now Open!

Friends,

Registration is now open for the 2020 MidAmerica Regional Assembly. This year, our Regional Assembly will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rockford, IL on Saturday, April 18.

Please click on the following link to find out more information about Regional Assembly including pricing, hotel information, our schedule of events, workshop information, how to register, and much more: <https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020>

Our keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity, and Change. The day will feature worship, the annual business meeting, lunch, keynote presentation, select workshops, and a presentation from members of the Commission on Institutional Change.

On Friday evening, April 17, the UU Church in Rockford will graciously host an evening gathering for those in town. Reverend Matthew Johnson, minister of the Rockford Church, will be in touch with clergy about a regional Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) gathering on Friday, April 17.

We have heard your feedback and there are changes in this RA! First, every room at RA will have a microphone. In addition, we have shortened the event to one day for those who cannot stay away from home very long. We will also live stream the annual business meeting and keynote speaker for those who are interested but not able to attend (Note that only those on site will be able to vote in the business meeting).

We look forward to seeing you there!



## UU General Assembly Early Registration Open Now

Adult full-time registration is \$400 through March 15. NEW! Registration Payment Plan: With a \$50 down-payment, the cost of registration can be paid over the course several months. Final payment must be received by February 29, 2020. When the final registration is complete, special consideration for dormitory lodging bundles, [financial aid](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#) will become available. <https://www.uua.org/ga>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Book Read And Discussion For Families

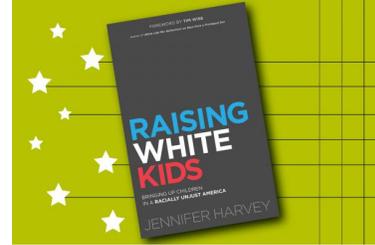
Led by: Marjan Honel-Wilson and Pam Fodor  
February 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Joshi Chapel

*Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a*

## Racially Unjust America

Living in a racially unjust and deeply segregated nation creates unique conundrums for white children that begin early in life and impact development in powerful ways. Raising White Kids offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when they encounter it and tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity and the role they can play for justice.

Raising White Kids is a book for families, churches, educators, and communities who want to equip their children to be active and able allies in a society that is becoming one of the most racially diverse in the world while remaining full of racial tensions.



Contact Pam Fodor for more information and/or to borrow a book [re@hinsdaleunitarian.org](mailto:re@hinsdaleunitarian.org)

### Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- [Tim Wise: White supremacy in the age of Trump](#)

To view the full **Race Resources** page on our website, please click [HERE](#)

## and More.....

### Fair Trade

The Fair trade table will be closed through January, then we'll be back in early February for your Valentine treats. Thanks for a great year - all proceeds go to UCH!



### Gender 101 Workshop at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale Sunday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm

Redeemer Lutheran is bringing in folks from Lurie Children's Hospital to do a presentation entitled Gender 101: Creating Gender Inclusive Environments

This is what Lurie has to say about the program:

Lurie Children's Hospital's Potocsnak Family Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine implements comprehensive and research informed community education and outreach initiatives across the Chicago region. Our Gender 101 program gives an overview of key concepts as they relate to gender, reviews best practices to creating gender inclusive environments, and practical tools for implementing gender inclusion within your space/community. The trainers present all kinds of issues in a non-judgmental and informative way relevant to anyone, whether they were well-versed in gender or sexuality or new to the topic.

With a diverse team of specially trained staff, we have conducted more than 350 trainings reaching over 3,000 individuals since 2013 at schools, faith-based organizations, nonprofits and businesses to increase awareness and empathy for trans and gender expansive youth.

Please RSVP to Redeemer Lutheran so they have an accurate count for lunch if you would like to attend. 630-323-5530

### Emergency Exit Map

Please note that in the back of every **Singing the Living Tradition** hymnal there is an emergency exit route map. In case of an emergency, refer to this guide and please assist others who do not have a map.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Your 2019 Winter Touchstone is now available on our website!

Read about UCH news and upcoming events. Here are some headlines:

- [From The Minister...](#)

- [Dwell In Possibility: The Power of We](#)
- [Beloved Conversations and UCH](#)
- [Harvest Home](#)
- [150th Year Anniversary Homecoming Weekend](#)
- [Congregational Meeting](#)
- [Upcoming Vote on a Congregational Covenant](#)
- [Perpetual Pledge Fund ~ New](#)
- [Sunny Solar Celebration](#)
- [Leap into Leadership Luncheon](#)
- [Animal Ministry Post-Holiday Dinner and Survey](#)
- [Fair Trade at UCH - Roots and Current Update](#)
- [Conscious Aging Workshop - \*\*Cancelled\*\*](#)
- [Book Read and Discussion for Our Families](#)
- [Trans-Parent Love](#)
- [Emergency Relief Fund](#)

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“Unitarian Church of Hinsdale” in the search bar.

**You can also find us on Twitter at @UUhinsdale**

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