

March 6, 2020

NEWS & NOTES



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

Theme for March: *Forgiveness*



Saturday, March 7

12pm: Spiritual Book Club: Reading "How to Wake Up" by Toni

Sunday, March 8

10am: Fair Trade in the Alice Warren room
11:45am: New UU Class in Joshi
12noon: Animal Ministry in the Alliance room
12noon: Small Group Ministry in the Gerry Shipton Memorial room
1pm: Trans Parent Love in the sanctuary

Wednesday, March 11

7pm: Board of Trustees in the Gerry Shipton Memorial room
7:30pm: Care Shawl Group in room 6

Thursday, March 12

1pm: Woman's Alliance in the Alliance room
6pm: Meditation in the sanctuary
7pm.: Religion in the Movies in Joshi

Saturday, March 14

8am: Pilates in Joshi
10am: Worship Team in the Living room
8pm: ARC, with Garnet Rogers, in the sanctuary

Worship

March 8 - The Wisdom of the Heart

Join guest minister the Rev. Allison Farnum* in exploring the wisdom of the heart. The heart's wisdom acknowledges that we humans are not learned, we are learning. This core value of our faith can deepen our wisdom and all our relations.

**Rev. Allison Farnum is a Unitarian Universalist minister, serving as Director of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois. She recently returned to the Chicago area from eleven years serving her first call at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, FL. She has also served as an Adjunct Consultant for our UUA's MidAmerica Region. She credits 2nd Unitarian of Chicago for her call to ministry and now serves the Rev. Jason Lydon's ministry as an affiliated community minister. Rev. Allison loves all things culinary and is a proud mother of 2, and wife to her beloved Andy.*

March 15 - What Does it Matter? (Pledge Sunday) We don't get applause for much of what we do. Some of the most important choices, acts, and decisions we make happen in the silent sanctuary of our hearts. Why do we do the right thing when no one is watching? What is that still small voice that guides us in right paths - and what does it mean to live within its grace? ~Rev Pam Rumancik



This Sunday's special collection is going to Faith in Place.

Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities. Faith in Place has been connected to our congregation for many years....our UCH Green Team was created in collaboration with Faith in Place, and we have partnered with Faith in Place on our Springfield trips to advocate for the climate.

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Joan Prims, who is in hospice care at Harvester Place in Burr Ridge. If you would like to speak to her son Peter, his number is 952-683-5291. He is in California.
- All those who are homebound or unwell and can not 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 story Everyone Has a Vote***
- Chapel Service: *Field Trip to Hinsdale Community Services Food Pantry to drop off our food collection.***
- Coming of Age: *After Death Beliefs***
- 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!

Fair Trade

Did you know that over 50% of fair trade companies are headed by CEOs who are women? This is according to the latest World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) podcast (Fair Tradio) out this week. On Sunday we will feature items made by women's co-operatives and from companies whose CEOs are women (one of them is our Divine Chocolate line!) From Guatemala, to Vietnam to India, womens cooperatives dominate fair trade offerings. Come take a look and support gender equity along with fair wages - just 2 of the 10 principles of fair trade established by the WFTO in 1989.



Women's Alliance Thursday March 12

Women's Alliance Meeting March 12 at 1pm in Classroom 6, RE Building
Carol Doty will share her experiences with the late Sybil Shearer, little known today but acclaimed as "one of the world's foremost modern dancers and choreographers." Video of Sybil dancing will be shown.
Optional Brown Bag Lunch at 12:00 pm in the UCH Alliance Room.

Any interested women are invited to attend. Join us for lunch, or not



Pledge Drive Sunday - March 15th

You should have received your pledge form and important information in the mail this week. Please carefully consider your financial support of our church and return your pledge sheet to the church office or turn it in during the service on March 15th.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

From the Chicago Public Health Department Guidance for Community- and Faith-based Organizations

Updated information from the **Chicago Public Health Department** concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). To read the letter please click [HERE](#)

Meditation Class on Thursdays at 6pm - Beginning March 5th in the sanctuary

We will be meeting weekly to meditate and discuss Buddhist principles. The meditation will be twenty minutes of a combination of guided and silent meditation. We will then listen to a dharma talk regarding some aspect of Buddhist philosophy or psychology. We will end each meeting with a discussion of the talk or any other aspect of our practice.

Schedule:

- 6:00 - 6:20 - Meditation
- 6:30 - 6:50 - Dharma Talk
- 6:55 - 7:30 - Discussion



Feel free to stay for any or all of the meeting. Take from the meeting what you need.



Coming To UCH! Sunday, March 8th at 1:00pm in the sanctuary

For information please click [HERE](#)
Tickets at the door for \$20.00

Religion in the Movies will meet on Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 in Joshi



Chapel. The feature this month will be *The Painted Veil* (2006), based on the novel by Somerset Maugham. It's directed by John Curran and stars Naomi Watts and Edward Norton.

From the Beautification Committee

After much careful deliberation, the UCH Beautification Committee has decided on three areas of focus to improve the aesthetics of the church in preparation for our 150-year celebration and for our next 150 years. These areas are accentuating the church's entryway through improved lighting or an art installation, repainting the church, and limited but impactful recarpeting of the RE building.

We welcome anyone interested to meet with us in the sanctuary at noon on Sunday, March 15 to discuss the progress of the Beautification Committee, how we've arrived at these priorities, and our vision going forward. We will also be updating the congregation through News and Notes as news arises. Finally, you may always reach out to the committee by contacting Thom Brackett, Karen McDowell, Diane Gormley-Barnes, John Cooperrider, Carol Doty, Carolyn Healy, Gene Schafer.

New UU Orientation Workshop

These workshops provide the opportunity for visitors and friends of the church to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, discover the history of our church, meet other interesting people, learn how to get involved in our congregation, and guide you on the path to becoming a member. Please join us in Joshi Chapel on the upper level of the RE Building on the following dates...

Sunday, March 8th from 11:45am -1:45pm

If you are new to Unitarian Universalism (UUism), our first session will introduce you to what makes our tradition so rich, and how we covenant together as a religion and a church.

Sunday, March 15th from 11:45am -1:45pm

If you are familiar with Unitarian Universalism and are interested in The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale (UCH), join us for our second session to hear what UCH has to offer and how you can become a member.

Attend Both Sessions

If you are new to UUism and UCH and/or would like to know it all, join us for both sessions. We can't wait to get to know you better!

Please RSVP to Pam Fodor

re@hinsdaleunitarian.org 630-323-2885 or sign up on the sheet at the visitor's table



"You Gotta Sing!" with Pam Blevins Hinkle

March 21, 2020

Join us for a joyful afternoon workshop learning to find the heart in singing and staying in the present moment through music. All ages, voices and identities welcome -- no singing experience is necessary. In fact, if you've always wanted to try your singing voice, this is the judgement-free place to do it! and experienced singers will also learn a lot.

We'll have FUN while we learn about community singing, singing in activism, and how to find our individual and collective voice **without holding paper or reading music!** In the early evening, there will be a pop-up performance experience (aka short concert).

Workshop leader [Pam Blevins Hinkle](#) calls herself an "edgewalker" and an "enlivener" and believes that the power of music can transform individuals and communities. Many of us know her for her gifted musical leadership at Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) but her calling reaches so much more broadly, as a teacher, song collector and more.

Schedule:

2:00 - 5:00 Workshop in Joshi Auditorium (west building)

5:30 - 6:30 Pot luck community dinner in the Alice Warren Room (east building)

7:00 - 7:30 Concert in the Sanctuary (east building)

Fee: free will donation (suggested amount \$20)

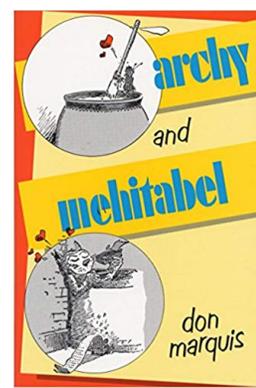
Pam will also help lead the worship service the following morning at 10:30am.

Please RSVP to office@hinsdaleunitarian.org 630-323-2885 x101

FREE AND FUN!

Cats, cockroaches, and lightning bugs -

You are invited to stay after the service on March 22 to witness a half hour romp the whole family can enjoy. Playreaders will stage its first ever musical, "Archy and Mehitabel", in the sanctuary asap after the service. Refreshments will hold you over til lunch! John Cooperrider portrays a literary cockroach whose best friend, an alley cat, provides him with feature material for the local newspaper. It's zany and we would love to have you join us. Also featured are Carolyn May, Dave Lloyd, Kitty Adora, Julia Beckman, Kathy Salzano, Joe Saintcross, and a flitty appearance by a lightning bug, Nathan Wayman-Dodd! Nancy Weill is hostess. If you think you'll join the fun, Karen McDowell would appreciate an RSVP to plan for refreshments.



150

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 1987 our former member, Dallas Cole, designed our wall sculpture "Tree of Life".



Saturday April 18th!!!
Save the Date!
Mark Your Calendars!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Parole Rally, March 11 at the Thompson Center! Transportation is available.

We need your help in getting a bill passed to reinstate parole in Illinois for those people 60 years or older who have served 20 years or more, or for those who have served 30 years. This bill gives this group a chance to have a hearing in front of the parole board. The parole board makes the decision if the person is rehabilitated and can be released.

Why this group? Because they have the lowest recidivism rate and cost the taxpayers the most money.



Join the Rally for PAROLE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Wednesday, March 11
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thompson Center, Chicago

HB5256 Sponsor: Anne Stava-Murray (D)
SB2114 Sponsor: Kimberly Lightford (D)

Rep. Stava-Murray and Senator Lightford will be speaking about the legislation which focuses on parole for older adults. Advocates who were formerly incarcerated will also be speaking about why Illinois needs to offer parole.

Show your support! Bring a sign!

CITIZENS FOR PAROLE

Contact: socialjustice@hinsdalemitniam.org

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- The Weeping Times Slave Sales

and More.....



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!

S-t-r-e-t-c-h

Have you always wanted to take Pilates? Now's your chance. Join our small group from 8-9 am on Saturday mornings in Joshi for an individualized Pilates class focused on building core strength through mat exercises. All ages welcome. Bring a mat or beach towel. Cost is \$10 per class. Instructor is Lisa Nicholson. Questions? Contact Marian Honel-Wilson at 708-903-5370.



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

Check Us Out and "Like" the UCH Facebook Page!

In addition to News and Notes and The Touchstone, we will be using our Facebook page to keep the congregation and the community



informed about upcoming events and initiatives. Share our posts with your family and friends. Just click on the logo above and search for “Unitarian Church of Hinsdale” in the search bar.

You can also find us on Twitter at @UUHinsdale

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