

January 10, 2020



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

Theme for January: *Authority/Leadership*

Saturday, January 11

12noon: "A New Earth" talk in the Living Room

8pm: ARC with Connie Kaldor Duo

Sunday, January 12

12noon:

Beloved Conversations Class in the Gerry Shipton Memorial Room

Pledge Drive Meeting in Joshi Chapel

Animal Ministry Meeting in the Alliance Room

150 Anniversary Committee in the Dir of RE's Office

2:30pm:

Vote Love Kick-Off in Joshi Chapel

Worship

January 12 - Still a Living Tradition? The title of our current hymnal points to a deep truth of our faith. We celebrate and respect the past but are not held bound by it. Liberal religious faith is constantly reevaluating the past in the light of what works for us today. How does this theology actually effect our lives? ~**Rev Pam Rumancik**

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

January 19 - These Hands On MLK Day we honor a man who served humanity by creating a day of service and upholding the value of serving one another. A great paradox of life is that the more you give away, the more full you feel. How can we serve each other and the world? ~ **Rev Pam Rumancik**

**Sunday's PlateShare Collection
will benefit the**

UU Advocacy Network of Illinois
**UUANI Powers The Social Justice Work
of Illinois Congregations.**

UUANI (Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois) provides Unitarian Universalists across Illinois with advocacy and legislative leadership to effectively build community and power to promote justice and a healthy planet. UUANI brings social justice into the heart of spiritual life of congregations and develop ways for church communities to live the UU principles. They bridge communities and congregations and align spirituality with tangible actions to affect change. UCH has been a part of UUANI since the

beginning of the organization. Through UUANI, we've gone to Springfield together, Voted our Values together, completed an Action of the Week each week, connected with other congregations, and learned valuable information to make our own congregation and the world better. Please donate generously to UUANI. If you make it out to UCH please put UUANI in the memo. **Thank You!**



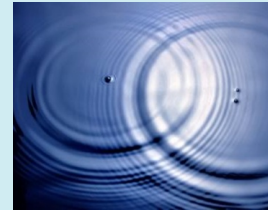
Pictured are UUs from all over Illinois, including UCHers, advocating for environmental justice and equity at the Springfield Lobby Day. This was organized by UUANI in partnership with the Sierra Club.

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Remembering Erica Mayborne on the one year anniversary of her death.
- Kathy Salzano and Gene Schafer who have lost favorite aunts in the past few weeks.



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 **Stellaluna***

Chapel Service: *Wondering about the book **Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun** by*

Grown ups are always encouraging young people to be who they are but it isn't always that simple. How do you find the courage to be who you are and live your UU principles?

Coming of Age: *Rules to Live By*

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!

Worship Team Meeting Cancelled

The worship team meeting scheduled for Saturday Jan 11th is cancelled. We will meet on the second Saturday in February, February 8th at 10:30 am in the living room.



YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us after the service on January 19th
for a pancake breakfast!

\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children

Thank you for helping us fund our activities
and service trips!

Recycle Your UU World Magazines

If you have old UU WORLD magazines collecting around your house bring them to church!
The Coming of Age class needs them for a project. Please bring them this Sunday!
THANK YOUU!



Leap Into Leadership Luncheon Sunday, January 26th 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

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. All are welcome!
Please RSVP by January 17 to UCHAnimalMinistry@gmail.com



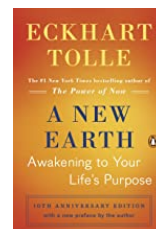
UCH will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020.

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



*For our 100th anniversary, Jerry Shipton and Al
Fischer headed the committee for the three day event.*

The Final two "A New Earth" Classes- based on the book by Eckhart
Tolle will be Saturday Jan 11th and 18th at noon in the Rutherford Room (living
room) in the church. Join Rev Pam for the chapters 7 & 8 in 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.



Spirituality on Tap will meet at 7:00 on Monday, January 20, at Palmer Place: 56 S. Lagrange
Rd, Lagrange. We'll continue discussing Jules Evans' book "Philosophy for Life And Other Dangerous
Situations". We'll look at Chapter 8, on the Skeptics.

Styrofoam Collection News: Karen will collect styrofoam here at church on the last Sunday in January (26th)

DuPage United Leaders Meeting
Tuesday Jan 14 @ 7:00pm
Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn



The next DuPage United Leaders Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church (41 N Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn) in Luther Hall on the lower level.** At this meeting we will discuss and vote on two proposed actions this winter and summer. If you plan to attend please RSVP by responding to this email or filling out the [google form](#). Representatives from interested non-member institutions are welcome to attend and learn more about DU.

Unitarian Universalist Men's Retreat

Where: Cabrini Retreat Center, 9430 Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

When: Fri. Jan. 24th thru Sun. Jan. 26th, 2020

Theme: Connection with Self and Other Men. We will explore relationships, passions and experiences through various themed conversations. In addition to our discussions there is scheduled to be a Nature Walk, Yoga, Meditation, Drumming and Open Mic time.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stanley McCracken on Interfaith Dialog.

Guest Discussion Leaders: Dr. Susan McCracken, Yarko Tymciurak

Men from Unity Temple UUC, Unitarian Church of Evanston, DuPage UU Church and Countryside Church UU are already participating. We welcome all men. Follow us on: uumann.us

Cost: The retreat costs \$225 and includes a single room, three meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday

- Deposit of \$50 secures you a spot
 - Please add \$20 (or whatever extra you can afford) to your payment to fund scholarships.
 - Full payment needed by Friday, January 17th
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If you would like an article posted in the 202 Spring Touchstone, please send it to Linda Karlen at uchtouchstone@gmail.com by **February 1**.

The deadline for articles to be included in the 2020 Spring Touchstone is February 1.



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



Join the
January 12
Launch

Goals for 2020

- Mobilizing voters
- Challenging voter suppression
- Holding values-based conversations to persuade our neighbors on the issues that matter
- Opening the doors of our congregations to the activities of frontline communities and justice partners
- Providing the spiritual sustenance and movement chaplaincy to ground our faith and respond to the injustices we confront through the work

Join the UCH #Vote Love Team

**Kick Off Event - Sunday January 12th at 2:30 pm in Joshi Chapel
Plan to join us!**



Saturday January 18, 2020

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Grant Park, Chicago

With so much at stake, 2020 is going to be a BIG year, and together we must **#MakelItCount!** Come out and make your voices heard

on the issues that matter to you most!

Women's Rights. Racial Justice. LGBTQ+ Rights. Equal Pay. Health Care. Immigrant Rights. Women's Reproductive Rights. Voting Rights. Impeachment. Social Justice. Climate Change. Gun Violence Prevention. Disability Rights. Census 2020.

Bring your friends, family members, voices and signs, as we march through the streets of downtown, and let the world know that Chicago is at the forefront of change!

#WomensMarchChi2020 #MakelItCount

2020's MLK Day Community Renewal Society

Faith in Action Assembly

Monday, Jan 20 8am - 12 noon

Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church

2151 W Washington Blvd

Celebrate MLK Day with us on our annual trip downtown. Monday,

Jan 20 will feature a panel discussion with Chicagoland youth. This is an annual event that Chicagoland

UUs attend in coordination with UUANI to learn about and support CRS' legislative advocacy agenda.

UCH attendance is being coordinated by the Racial Equity Team.

Questions? Contact mhonetwilson@gmail.com. To sign up, RSVP to socialjustice@hinsdaleunitarian.org

with your name, email address, cell phone, and yes or no to going out for lunch afterwards with other

UUs. Also, please register on the CRS website here:

<https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/events/martin-luther-king-jr-faith-in-action-assembly>

"The hope of a secure
and livable world
lies with
disciplined
nonconformists
who are dedicated
to justice, peace
and brotherhood."



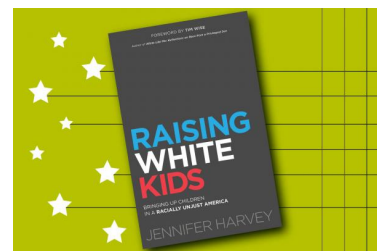
Book Read And Discussion For Families

Led by: Marjan Honel-Wilson and Pam Fodor

February 9th 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



New Name - Same important Work!

UCH Racial Equity Team (formerly The Black Lives Matter Initiative / Beloved Conversations Alumni) team meetings will now be scheduled on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month. Next Meeting Jan 21st @ 7:00pm in Gerry Shipton Room. All Welcome!

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- [How to Fix Our Prisons](#)

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 26th @ 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**](#)
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