

January 17, 2020



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

Theme for January: *Authority/Leadership*

Saturday, January 18

9am: Small Group Ministry in Joshi
10:30am: Women's March Meet at
the Federal Plaza

Sunday, January 19

11:30am: Pancake Breakfast in the
Alice Warren Room
12noon: Men's Discussion Group in
room 6
12noon: Tech Squad meeting in the
work room.

Monday, January 20

8am: Faith in Action Assembly See
below for details
7pm: Spirituality on Tap at Palmer's
Place in La Grange

Tuesday, January 21

5:30pm: Parole Illinois meeting in RE
workroom. See below for details
7pm: Race Equality Team meeting in room 5

Thursday, January 23

7pm: Beautification meeting in room 6

Saturday, January 25

8:30am: CAUUC meeting in the Living room
12noon: Final "A New Earth" discussion in Rev
Pam's office

Worship

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**

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

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**

Sunday's Special Collection benefiting the UUANI raised \$1,149. *Thank You for your generosity!!*

COMMUNITY

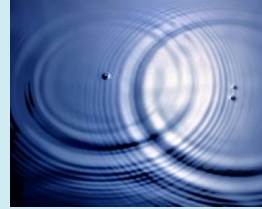
Caring Corner

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

- 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 story *How the Rooster Learned to Crow***

Chapel Service: **Wondering about the book *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport**

What are some "big" words that will help us follow our UU principles, recognizing each person is important and special, treating everyone fairly, and honoring that which connects us all?

Coming of Age: *How to Explain Unitarian Universalism*

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!



YOUTH GROUP

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

Join us after the service this Sunday
for a pancake breakfast!

\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children

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

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 or Linda Liberacki at office@hinsdaleunitarian.org



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.



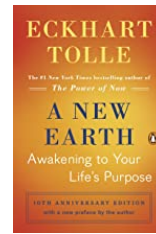
Building Tech Squad Initial Meeting Sunday Jan 19 @ Noon RE Building Workroom

If you might be willing to clean out filters once or twice a year, or help oversee maintenance of our new HVAC system, or just step in occasionally to change light bulbs, please join us on Sunday in the workroom of the RE building. More hands make light work and we can help make our buildings shine as we prepare to

celebrate our 150th anniversary year.

If you'd like to join but can't make this meeting, please let Rev Pam know.

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 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!



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:



Our first building opened in 1870 where the RE building now stands.

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



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>.

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



Newcomer's Meet and Greet

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 newcomers, 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 or 630-323-2885.

Sunday, February 2nd
9:30-10:15am

In the Alliance Room (next door to the kitchen)

Styrofoam Collection News: Karen will collect styrofoam here at church on the last Sunday in 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!!

THE TOUCHSTONE

A quarterly publication of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale

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**.



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.

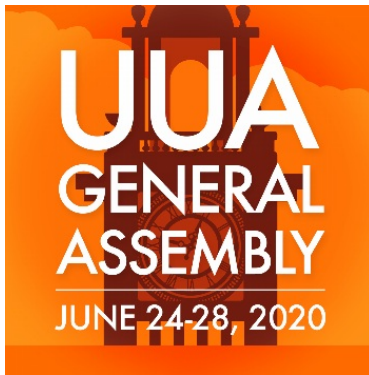
Please click on the following link to find out more information about Regional Assembly including pricing, hotel information, our schedule of events, workshop information, how to register, and much more: <https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020>

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



Meet us here!

Let's go to the **Women's March** together, this **Saturday, 1/18**
Meet at the Federal Plaza (at the Flamingo) at 10:30
The March starts at 11 in Grant Park
We will meet afterwards at Oasis Cafe, 21 North Wabash, upper section, to have lunch and reflect on our experience.

This is a great event for the whole family. It's an experience your children will remember! We're marching for their future!
If you have any questions, please call Pat Gwozdz at 708-246-2431.

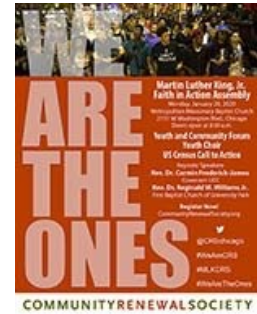
Join Us on **Monday** at the

Faith in Action Assembly

Monday, Jan 20 8am - 12 noon
Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
2151 W Washington Blvd
You can meet us there or get a ride from Western Springs.

The event 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.

Register [here](#) by Saturday and let us know you are going by contacting socialjustice@hinsdaleunitarian.org with your name, email address, cell phone, and yes or no to going out for lunch afterwards with other UUs. UCH attendance is being coordinated by the Racial Equity Team. Questions? Contact mhonelwilson@gmail.com.



PAROLE ILLINOIS

Work Continues for Parole in Illinois through Prison Ministry.

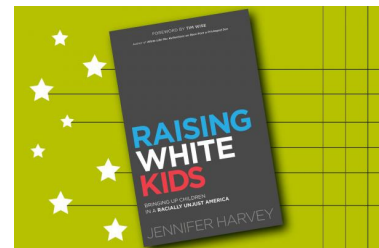
Join us for a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 pm in the workroom in the Religious Ed building. We will be discussing our strategies for advocating for parole in Illinois. There are many ways to be involved. Contact socialjustice@hinsdaleunitarian.org for more information. Otherwise, we'll see you there!

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**](#)
- [Book Read and Discussion for Our Families](#)
- [Trans-Parent Love](#)
- [Emergency Relief Fund](#)

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