

January 3, 2020



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

Theme for January: *Authority/Leadership*

Worship

January 5 - Engaging our Neighbors ~Guest Rev Scott Aaseng

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

January 12 - Still a Living Tradition? ~Rev Pam Rumancik

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Kate Stiles and Jackson family as she continues to bear knee and ligament issues.

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 My Many Colored Days*

Chapel Service: *Wondering about the story The Writing on the Kitchen Wall*

As we start the new year how can we commit to be kind? When is it easy and hard to be kind? What are some kind act we might promise to make?

Coming of Age: *A Covenantal Faith*

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!



For a bit of fun mystery, next week the movie group will be seeing **"Knives Out"** at York Theatre, York Rd in Elmhurst on **Wednesday the 8th at 7:05 pm.**

Meet in the lobby at 6:45 so we can sit together.

Acclaimed writer and director Rian Johnson (Brick, Looper, Star Wars: The Last Jedi) pays tribute to mystery mastermind Agatha Christie in **KNIVES OUT**, a fun, modern-day murder mystery where everyone is a suspect. When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) is mysteriously enlisted to investigate. From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.

Women's Alliance Meeting is on **January 9** in the **UCH Alliance Room** including:
Optional Brown Bag Lunch at 12:00 pm
Program at 1:00 pm: Book Discussion – Share a favorite book

Any interested women are invited to attend. Join us for lunch, or not. Bring a book to share or just come to listen to recommendations and visit.



**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!



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!

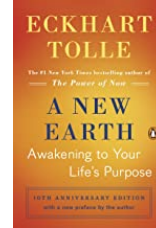
Discover the light in you and how to shine it out into your community!

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

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.



Styrofoam Collection News: If you want to part with your holiday stuff, you can drop it off at the *Theater of Western Springs parking lot Saturday, Jan 4, from 9-noon* 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.



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

UU the VOTE

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
January 12
Launch

Join the UCH #Vote Love Team

**Kick Off Event - Sunday January 12th at 3:00 pm in Joshi Chapel
Plan to join us!**

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 mhonorwilson@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.

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- [Mass Graves from "Black Wall Street" Massacre](#)

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!



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](#)
- [2019 Christmas Schedule of Services & Events!](#)
- [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](#)
- [Book Read and Discussion for Our Families](#)
- [Trans-Parent Love](#)
- [Emergency Relief Fund](#)

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