

January 31, 2020



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

Theme for February: *Generosity*

Saturday, February 1

8:00pm: ARC with Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio in the sanctuary

Sunday, February 2

9:30am: Newcomers Breakfast in the Alliance room (next to kitchen!)

10am: Fair Trade in the Alice Warren room

12noon: 150 Anniversary Com meeting in room 5

12noon: Finance Com meeting in work room

Wednesday, February 5

7pm: Beloved Conversation in room 5

7pm: Green Sanctuary meeting in room 6

Saturday, February 8

10pm: Worship Team meeting in the Living room

Worship

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

Want to know more? Watch the documentary "Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am" - available for rent on Amazon Prime https://www.amazon.com/Toni-Morrison-Pieces-I-Am/dp/B07T75L9H4/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=toni+morrison+pieces+of+me&qid=1580434875&s=instant-video&sr=1-1

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. Heather will have her cd's for sale in the Alice Warren room after the service.

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

February 9 - First, Do No Harm

We live in a time of unintended consequences where the simplest of actions can have far reaching impact. How do we move through the world doing as little harm as possible? What does good and evil look like in this moment in time? ~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...

- Sending good thoughts to Tony Taylor, Sandy Bulbolz, and Gary Noll
- Julia Fossi, who's mother Lucile Teisler passed away. Anyone who knew her might like to send cards to her daughter, 1114 N. 13th St., Dekalb, IL 60115



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 green, blue, indigo and violet promises

Chapel Service: Wondering about the sufi tale, The Lion and the Fox

How can you be generous and help others? Is it easier to do with many hands?

Coming of Age: 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!

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**.



Religion in the Movies will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 in Joshi Chapel. *The Da Vinci Code*, starring Tom Hanks and directed by Ron Howard, will be viewed. This movie sparked international controversy when it was released in 2006.



The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale's
Senior High Youth Group Invites you to a
PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 from 5:30-7:30pm

\$10.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children

Meal includes: all you can eat pasta, salad, bread, dessert and non- alcoholic beverages. BOYB if desired.

Proceeds will help fund our summer service trip.
For questions contact Pam Fodor re@hinsdaleunitarian.org

NEW UU ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

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 1st 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 8th 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: 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



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 1911, weekly collections averaged \$3.00.

Water bills were \$1.25 and electric bills were \$.80 monthly



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 or 630-323-2885.

Sunday, February 2nd

9:30-10:15am

In the Alliance Room (next door to the kitchen)



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.

Updated Website in the Works!

If you have been in our website lately, you may see some inconsistencies. The calendar is the only thing we can keep updated right now. We are working on this as fast as we can and expect to have a new and improved site up and running by next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



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!



Congregations: Another Financial Scam!

Friends, you know (we hope) about the scam that's going around where you get an email, allegedly from someone important (minister, other staff, president), asking you to buy gift cards—don't do it! That's a scam.

A new one surfaced today: an email allegedly from the minister saying they have a new bank account and want to change where their direct deposit goes. AGAIN—a SCAM. Do not do this, without talking directly with the person. That would divert their pay, and allow the hacker access to your bank information for other mischief.

ALWAYS check to make sure unusual requests are really from the person they are pretending to be.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 24-28, 2020

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>



Come Celebrate With Us!

Please join the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois and friends to celebrate the amazing talents and great achievements of **Rev. Karen Mooney** as she moves into a volunteer role at UUPMI and join in welcoming Rev. Allison Farnum.

5:00 p.m. Refreshments

5:30 p.m. Program

Saturday, February 15, 2020,

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Church of Evanston

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RSVP by February 7, 2020 to:

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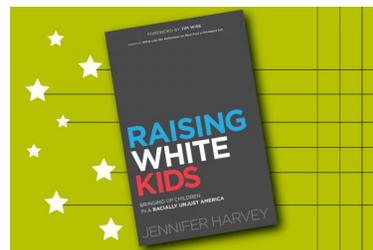
SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

Black Women's Hair is Political

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/01/21/black-womens-hair-is-political-now-ayanna-presleys-baldness-is-too/>

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

and More.....

Fair Trade

The Fair trade table is open this Sunday 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



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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