

February 7, 2020



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

Theme for February: *Generosity*

Saturday, February 8

10pm: Worship Team in the Living room

Sunday, February 9

10am: Fair Trade in the Alice Warren room

12noon: Raising White Kids book discussion in Joshi

12noon: Small Group Ministry in room 6

Wednesday, February 12

7pm: BOT meeting in room 5

Thursday, February 13

1pm: Women's Alliance in the Living room

7pm: Religion in the Movies in Joshi Chapel

Saturday, February 15

10pm: Small Group Ministry in Joshi Chapel

5pm: Spaghetti Dinner in the Alice Warren room

Worship

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

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

February 16 - The Promises We Make: There are many things we can count on in this world - and many things that continually shift. How do the promises we keep effect our relationship with one another and the world around us? ~Rev Pam Rumancik



Second Sunday Collection for Planned Parenthood

For the past century, Planned Parenthood has transformed women's health and empowered millions of people worldwide to make informed health decisions, forever changing the way they live, love, learn and work. The essential health care services **Planned Parenthood** provides, like: STD testing and treatment, birth control, well-woman exams, cancer screening and prevention, abortion, hormone therapy, infertility services, and general health care.

This donation will be in memory and honor of long-time UCH member Velaine Carnall, who had supported Planned Parenthood for more than 50 years, stating she had done so because, " it is **critical** in the lives of many women. " Make a donation now to protect women's health & rights in Illinois. Please make your checks our to Planned Parenthood. If you've made it out to UCH, please put Planned Parenthood in the memo. Thank You!

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Kate Snouffer, congratulation on being named *Suburban Life's* "Most Valuable Female Athlete"! You GO Kate!

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 Valentine's Day*

Chapel Service: *Wondering about the book **There was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea** by Jennifer Ward*

Ever had something happen by mistake and it just snowballed into a bigger and bigger Problem? What happened? How did you resolve it?

Coming of Age: *Why do Bad Things Happen?*

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!

Women's Alliance

Women's Alliance is meeting Thurs., February 13 in the UCH Alliance Room. Join us for a Brown Bag Lunch at 12:00 pm. The program will begin at 1:00 pm with Pat Gwodz - Our Relationship with Animals. Any interested women are invited to attend.



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 (vegetarian and gluten free available), 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

Love your Valentine & the World with a Fair Trade Gift.

Whether your Valentine only wants consumables (chocolates, hot sauce, coffee or tea) or a unique treat (reusable bamboo straws in a red carry pouch- \$4.95) we've got you covered at the fair trade table before and after the service this Sunday. Celebrate someone special and UCH at the same time - 100% of profits from sales go to the church.

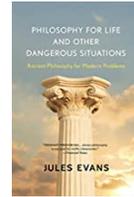


UCH will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020. Watch for a factoid or bit of history celebrating the long and storied history of our church. Today's fact:



*In 1918 the hymnals cost \$.95.
Coal and wood cost \$97 for the year.*

Spirituality on Tap will meet at 7:00 on Monday, February 17, at Palmer Place: 56 S. LaGrange Rd, Lagrange. We'll continue with our discussion of *Philosophy for Life and Other Dangerous Situations* by Jules Evans. Chapter 9, "Diogenes and the Art of Anarchy", will be the focus of our talk. Questions? Contact Keith Landis at jacjelan@sbcglobal.net.





What is significant about the year 2020 other than elections and the Summer Olympics?

How about the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale!

Did you also know that 2020 is the Year of the Rat in the Chinese Zodiac Calendar?



The Rat would be an excellent member of our Church as the Zodiac Calendar defines Rats as clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with living quiet and peaceful lives.

Let's start off the Year of our 150th Anniversary and the Year of the Rat and with a Free, Fun and Fantastic evening at our annual

Stewardship Kick-Off Dinner!

This year's dinner will be a bountiful buffet of Asian dishes from Jade Dragon Restaurant in Hinsdale with choices for all.

You won't want to miss our celebratory dinner and program to kick off UCH's 2020-21 Stewardship Campaign on

Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00pm.

The festive evening will conclude with surprise post-dinner entertainment!

Stay tuned for more exciting information!

We will not be asking for money or pledges at this event, just a fun time to be with church family and friends!

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

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 to give you a new and upgraded website. 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!



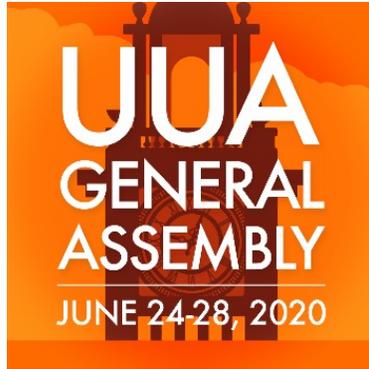
Congregations: Another Financial Scam!

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.

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.



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>



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

1330 Ridge Avenue • Evanston, IL 60202

RSVP by February 7, 2020 to:

linda807@sbcglobal.net

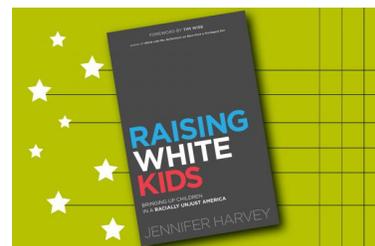
SOCIAL JUSTICE

Book Read And Discussion For Families

Led by: Marian Honel-Wilson and Pam Fodor

This Sunday 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

Chicagoland UUBIPOC* Gathering at Meadville Lombard

If you are a Unitarian Universalist BIPOC*, join us for an informal spiritual gathering. Please bring snacks or finger food to share. Meadville Lombard will supply soft drink, some wine, and paper plates and napkins. We look forward to seeing you!

*BIPOC is widely seen as an imperfect term that, historically, refers to the shared experiences of social and structural oppression experienced by people of African descent, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Arabs, Latinx, Native Americans and mixed-race people. In today's highly divisive climate, it might also include colonized friends who are immigrants and those whose national affiliation and language are the source of marginalization and social/structural oppression.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

at Meadville Lombard Theological School (610 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60605)

\$9 parking is available at Grant Park South Garage. Please see the RSVP form for more details.

Please RSVP by submitting this form.



A Black, Indigenous, &
People of Color Movement

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- [What White Children Need to Know About Race](#)

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



