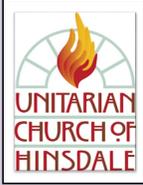


March 1, 2020



NEWS & NOTES



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

Theme for February: *Generosity*

Saturday, February 29

1pm: Great British Baking Contest in the Alice Warren room. Studio audience welcome!

Sunday, March 1

10am: Fair Trade in the Alice Warren room

12noon: Stewardship Team - Business Donation Launch Gala - all welcome!

12noon: Social Justice in the Gerry Shipton Memorial room

Thurs. March 5

6pm: Meditation in the sanctuary

Worship

March 1 - Comfort Over Conscience ~ Senior Youth Group

[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

March 8 - The Wisdom of the Heart

Join guest minister the Rev. Allison Farnum* in exploring the wisdom of the heart. The heart's wisdom acknowledges that we humans are not learned, we are learning. This core value of our faith can deepen our wisdom and all our relations.

**Rev. Allison Farnum is a Unitarian Universalist minister, serving as Director of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois. She recently returned to the Chicago area from eleven years serving her first call at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, FL. She has also served as an Adjunct Consultant for our UUA's MidAmerica Region. She credits 2nd Unitarian of Chicago for her call to ministry and now serves the Rev. Jason Lydon's ministry as an affiliated community minister. Rev. Allison loves all things culinary and is a proud mother of 2, and wife to her beloved Andy.*

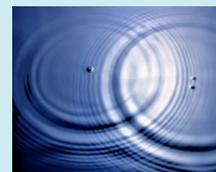
Letters from [Rev Pam](#) and Board President [Liz Reyes](#) regarding ministerial transition.

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Send Kathy Salzano some love as she returns from the hospital after another bout of pneumonia. She's really tired of coughing!
- All those who are homebound or unwell and can not 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 **The Butterfly Friends***

Chapel Service: Chapel Service Participants will attend the Youth Service with their families

Coming of Age: *Science vs. Religion: Finding Your Truth*

Senior High Youth Group: Youth Sunday: *Comfort over Conscience*

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!



Come watch the **British Baking Contest** recreated here in our own Alice Warren Room! On Saturday, Feb 29 at 1pm, be the audience you wish you could be in Britain. Watch, cheer, laugh and be amazed at the talent we have here on this side the pond.

HOST: UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HINSDALE GALA / STEWARDSHIP TEAM 630-323-2885

2020 GALA BUSINESS DONATION CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Launch PARTY

WHERE: UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HINSDALE - ALICE WARREN ROOM 17 WEST MAPLE STREET HINSDALE, IL 60521

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM



Pledge Drive Sunday - March 15th

You should have received your pledge form and important information in the mail this week. Please carefully consider your financial support of our church and return your pledge sheet to the church office or turn it in during the service on March 15th.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Get on the bus for Clean Energy Advocacy Day!

100% renewable energy for Illinois — we can do this! Governor Pritzker said, “adopting new clean energy legislation that reduces carbon pollution, promotes renewable energy, and accelerates electrification of our transportation sector” is possible NOW with the Clean Energy Jobs Act — CEJA.

Let’s move our legislators to act NOW!

When: Wednesday, March 4

Where: Illinois State Capitol Building, Springfield

What: Support the Clean Energy Jobs Act

Sign up [HERE](#). “Take a bus” will take you to a list of bus pickup locations: several stops in Chicago; Bloomington, Carbondale, Crystal Lake, East St. Louis, Hamel, Joliet, Libertyville, Naperville, Oak Park, Palos Park, Peoria, Rockford, Schaumburg, and Urbana!
Get on it — the bus slots fill up fast!

We were SO CLOSE last year, let’s get this over the top this spring!

Meditation Class on Thursdays at 6pm - Beginning March 5th in the sanctuary

We will be meeting weekly to meditate and discuss Buddhist principles. The meditation will be twenty minutes of a combination of guided and silent meditation. We will then listen to a dharma talk regarding some aspect of Buddhist philosophy or psychology. We will end each meeting with a discussion of the talk or any other aspect of our practice.



Schedule:

- 6:00 - 6:20 - Meditation
- 6:30 - 6:50 - Dharma Talk
- 6:55 - 7:30 - Discussion

Feel free to stay for any or all of the meeting. Take from the meeting what you need.



March 8 Deadline for Food Drive For Hinsdale Community Family Services Food Pantry

Support our Chapel Service children in trying to help those who are hungry.

Please bring shelf stable food items such as canned goods, cereal, boxed meals, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, etc. to church by March 8th. Bring your donations up to the sanctuary with you and the children will collect it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Coming To UCH!

Sunday, March 8th at 1:00pm in the sanctuary

For information please click [HERE](#)

Tickets at the door for \$20.00

NEW DATES

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 8th 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 15th 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

If you are new to UUism and UCH and/or would like to know it all, 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



"You Gotta Sing!" with Pam Blevins Hinkle March 21, 2020

Join us for a joyful afternoon workshop learning to find the heart in singing and staying in the present moment through music. All ages, voices and identities welcome -- no singing experience is necessary. In fact, if you've always wanted to try your singing voice, this is the judgement-free place to do it! and experienced singers will also learn a lot.

We'll have FUN while we learn about community singing, singing in activism, and how to find our individual and collective voice **without holding paper or reading music!** In the early evening, there will be a pop-up performance experience (aka short concert).

Workshop leader [Pam Blevins Hinkle](#) calls herself an "edgewalker" and an "enlivener" and believes that the power of music can transform individuals and communities. Many of us know her for her gifted musical leadership at Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) but her calling reaches so much more broadly, as a teacher, song collector and more.

Schedule:

2:00 - 5:00 Workshop in Joshi Auditorium (west building)

5:30 - 6:30 Pot luck community dinner in the Alice Warren Room (east building)

7:00 - 7:30 Concert in the Sanctuary (east building)

Fee: free will donation (suggested amount \$20)

Pam will also help lead the worship service the following morning at 10:30am.

Please RSVP to office@hinsdaleunitarian.org 630-323-2885 x101

From the Beautification Committee

After much careful deliberation, the UCH Beautification Committee has decided on three areas of focus to improve the aesthetics of the church in preparation for our 150-year celebration and for our next 150 years. These areas are accentuating the church's entryway through improved lighting or an art installation, repainting the church, and limited but impactful recarpeting of the RE building.

We welcome anyone interested to meet with us in the sanctuary at noon on Sunday, March 15 to discuss the progress of the Beautification Committee, how we've arrived at these priorities, and our vision going forward. We will also be updating the congregation through News and Notes as news arises. Finally, you may always reach out to the committee by contacting Karen McDowell, Thom Brackett, Reverend Pam, Pam Fodor, or Gene Schafer.



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 1919 we paid The Doings \$.70 for an ad.



Save the Date!
Mark Your Calendars!!
Saturday April 18th!!!



**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.

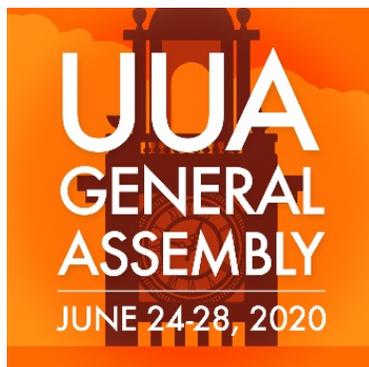
Please click on the following link to find out more information about Regional Assembly including pricing, hotel information, our schedule of events, workshop information, how to register, and much more:
<https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020>

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>



Styrofoam collection will be **March 1**. It is taken to Theater of Western Springs the first Saturday each month, 9-noon. Please bring only food containers (no lids or straws) and shaped packing foam, no peanuts, sheets, or blown foam - these are not recyclable, so please discard in your own garbage.

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

Parole Rally, March 11 at the Thompson Center! Transportation is available.

We need your help in getting a bill passed to reinstate parole in Illinois for those people 60 years or older who have served 20 years or more, or for those who have served 30 years. This bill gives this group a chance to have a hearing in front of the parole board. The parole board makes the decision if the person is rehabilitated and can be released.

Why this group? Because they have the lowest recidivism rate and cost the taxpayers the most money.



**Join the Rally for HB5256
PAROLE FOR
OLDER ADULTS**

Wednesday, March 11
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thompson Center, Chicago

HB5256 Sponsors: Anne Stava-Murray (D) and Art Turner (D)

Rep. Stava-Murray will be speaking about the bill which focuses on parole for older adults. Advocates who were formerly incarcerated will also be speaking.

Show your support! Bring a sign!

Contact info@pbmr.org or socialjustice@hinsdaleunitarian.org if you can make it! Rides available.

Black Lives Matter Initiative Weekly Link:

- **Barnes & Noble, Criticized for Book Covers, Pulls Plug on Diverse Editions Project**

and More.....

Fair Trade

The Fair trade table will be open this Sunday.



DAY & NIGHT Saturday, February 29, 2020 7:30 p.m. • Sunday, March 1, 2020 3:00 p.m.

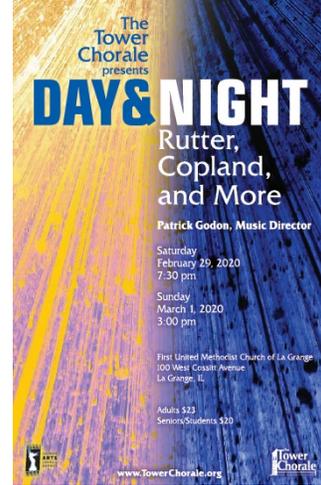
First United Methodist Church of La Grange 100 West Cossitt Avenue • La Grange, Illinois

Tribute to British composer John Rutter's 75th birthday and more.

The Tower Choral, along with an array of professional instrumentalists and vocal soloists and the Pro Musica Youth Chorus, will present Rutter's

21st century *Mass of the Children*, preceded by seven works of other modern composers including Aaron Copland. The \$23 Adults and \$20 Seniors/Students full price tickets can be advance-purchased for \$3 discount per ticket by ordering soon from any of the following UCH people who are choral participants in the production: John Cooperrider, Charlie Fischer, Keith Landis, Suzanne Lomasney, Kathy Salzano, Sara Teppema. Pay with cash or with check payable to "The Tower Chorale". Alternatively, purchase tickets at full price either "at the door" or via www.towerchorale.org/schedule under "FEATURED EVENTS".

Please join us!



S-t-r-e-t-c-h

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.



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](https://twitter.com/UUHinsdale)

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