

March 13, 2020

NEWS & NOTES



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

Theme for March: *Forgiveness*

**Here are some things to keep us connected since all meeting and events
have been cancelled until further notice.**

You can check our [Website](#) & News & Notes for updates!

Monday, March 16

Call an elderly church member.

Tuesday, March 17

Call someone that serves on a committee with you.

Wednesday, March 18

Check in on a neighbor.

Thursday, March 19

Call a family with children.

Friday, March 20

Call someone you miss seeing at church.

Saturday, March 21

Send a good thought for healing out into the universe.

Sunday, March 22 @ 10:30 am

Join us for virtual church service.

<https://tinyurl.com/UCH-WorshipLiveStream>

Worship

March 15 - What Does it Matter? (Pledge Sunday) We don't get applause for much of what we do. Some of the most important choices, acts, and decisions we make happen in the silent sanctuary of our hearts. Why do we do the right thing when no one is watching? What is that still small voice that guides us in right paths - and what does it mean to live within its grace? ~Rev Pam Rumancik

Please Note: This Sunday will be the last time we gather in the church for service, RE classes if you choose to attend. For those who decide not to attend or are in a high risk range, you can watch the service on YouTube. Click on the logo below to join in. There will be a trial run on Saturday at 3:30 if you would like to link in and see how this works.



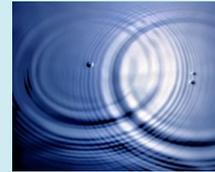
[Click here to read Past Sermons](#)

COMMUNITY

Caring Corner

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

- Congratulations to the Haas family! Kristina was born on February 14, 7 pounds 5oz and 20 inches and is happy and healthy.
- Betty Fischer who is recovering from elective surgery.
- 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. If you would like to be part of our caring tree and check up on fellow church members during this challenging time, please let [Pam Fodor](#) or [Mary Getty](#) know.

*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 Wanda's Roses*

Chapel Service: *Wondering about the story Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Day by Emily Pearson*

How can we be generous with each other during this difficult time? If we are stuck at home how can sharing things with each other become helpful?

Coming of Age: *Writing our Faith Statements*

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!



Pledge Drive Sunday - March 15th

You should have received your pledge form and important information in the mail. Please carefully consider your financial support of our church. We are in the midst of a challenging time with the upcoming ministerial transition and projected loss of income during the corona virus crisis. Please return your pledge sheet to the church office or turn it in during the service on March 15 if you decide to attend. You can also mail your form to the church or email the amount you would like to pledge and we will fill out the form for you.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

New UU Orientation Workshop

This workshop provides the opportunity for visitors and friends of the church to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, 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 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 this session to hear what UCH has to offer and how you can become a member.

Please RSVP to Pam Fodor

re@hinsdaleunitarian.org 630-323-2885 or sign up on the sheet at the visitor's table

Fair Trade Stock Up Time

In addition to coffee, tea, hot sauces & spices, and the all important chocolate you can stock up on at this Sunday's fair trade table, think ahead for events too. We'll have our Easter egg chocolates and things for moms, dads & grads. It is rather likely that this will be the last fair trade table of the church year, so stop by and stock up!



From the Chicago Public Health Department Guidance for Community- and Faith-based Organizations

Updated information from the **Chicago Public Health Department** concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). To read the letter please click [HERE](#)

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.



Postponed to a Later Date

"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.

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Free and Fun!

Cats, cockroaches, and lightning bugs - Playreaders will stage its first ever musical, "*Archy and Mehitabel*", in the sanctuary asap after the service. Refreshments will hold you over til lunch! John Cooperrider portrays a literary cockroach whose best friend, an alley cat, provides him with feature material for the local newspaper. It's zany and we would love to have you join us.



Watch Here for Undated News!



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:



Once a year a quartet from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra gave a concert at our church. They liked to play here because of the great acoustics.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Racial Equity Team Weekly Link:

- [Virus Fear and Loathing](#)

Check out our [Race Resources page](#) with articles, videos & book suggestions to learn more. You can also subscribe to *Race/Related*, a newsletter focused on race, identity and culture by the New York Times. It is published on Saturdays at 7 a.m. and edited by Laretta Charlton.

and More.....



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!

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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