



NEWS&NOTES

a whole-hearted community, feeding body, mind, and spirit

February 11, 2022

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Theme: Power

February 13, 2022

SIDING WITH LOVE

All Community service

Rev Pam Rumancik & Pam Fodor

UCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 12th - February 17th, 2022

Saturday, February 12

10:00am Worship Associates Mtg
1pm Hot Cocoa Communion

Monday, February 14

7:00pm Buddhist Meditation

Wednesday, February 16

7:00pm Membership Comm.

Sunday, February 13

10:30am Sunday Service
12:00pm Men's Group

Tuesday, February 15

3:00pm Wise Elders Gathering
7:00pm Racial Equality Team

Thursday, February 17

8:30am Breakfast Group
7:00pm Home & Garden Building
Tech Team

CARING CORNER

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

- Hans Lonnroth is home from surgery and still appreciates good thoughts and prayers.
- Remember those folks who have lost loved ones this year. Keeping them in mind, inviting them to events, sending texts and cards all help to let them know we still care.



Please let us know of folks we should add to our list and share with our Caring Circle Coordinators by emailing [Pam Fodor](#) or [Rev Pam](#). Also email [Cherita](#) to be included in N&Ns.

A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Cathy Blanford: Cathy has been a spiritual and emotional support for so many in this congregation, leading grief rituals and workshops and offering her wisdom to the religious education program. Recently Cathy has taken the lead on the Elder Parole issue, helping us understand the issues and leading work in the statehouse to help elderly inmates find release from overly harsh sentencing decades ago. Thanks to Cathy for her gentle yet fierce presence.



We missed a week: Our previous gratitude recipient was Marian Honel Wilson:

Marian has been involved in many aspects of the church for a long time but most recently she has been the lead on the Racial Equity Team, leading three rounds of Beloved Conversations and holding monthly Brave Conversations which allow our members to talk through challenging aspects of anti-racism work in a supportive and courageous environment.

We are blessed by Marian's kindness, wisdom, experience and dedication. Remember to tell her thanks.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

Online and In-Person

February 13, 2022: Siding with Love - All Community Service

Rev Pam Rumancik & Pam Fodor

On the eve of Valentine's Day, we explore what love looks like in our Unitarian Universalist faith. All ages are welcome to the sanctuary for a special service of fun and faith.



You can view the Sunday service live and recordings of past services on our [YouTube channel](#).



Click [HERE](#) to Join Virtual Coffee hour on Zoom after Worship.

We are now *Live to the world*, we so ask that during the meditation time, you use only first names to protect the privacy of those you are concerned about, unless you are announcing public information such as a death or a memorial service.

February 20, 2022: When Stranger's Meet: Embodying the 8th Principle and Building Beloved Community

Rev. Katie Romano Griffin

The Rev. Fuldgence Ndagihamanna has said that, "When strangers meet, endless possibilities emerge..." This concept is a key spiritual call to deepen our relationships with the stranger within and the strangers we meet in life's journey as we endeavor to embody the work of the 8th Principle and build the Beloved Community.

Hot Cocoa Communion

2022

May peace,
love and
cocoa
warm your heart



Saturday, February 12
from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

on the church lawn.
All ages welcome!!!

We can't wait
to see you again!

Please dress warmly
as this event will be
outside.

For questions please contact
Pam Fodor re@hinsdaleunitarian.org

At 1:00 pm

We will gather gently
used and new mittens
and gloves to give to
those in need.

At 1:15

You will be invited to
experience the book
The Mitten by Jan Brett
as a unique and
interactive book walk.

At 1:30

We will gather to
share the warmth and
love of this community
during our Hot Cocoa
Communion.

NEWCOMERS MEET AND GREET

Have you been attending The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale (UCH) for a Sunday or two, or more in person or virtually?

Would you like to meet other newcomers, friends, and members of UCH?

Then you will want to join us for our Newcomer's breakfast! We would love to meet you and get to know you better!

JOIN US:

Sunday, February 20th at 9:45am a

The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale

11 W. Maple Street Hinsdale, IL 60521



Following breakfast, we invite you to stay and join our service. All ages are welcome for breakfast and childcare and Religious Education for our young people will be provided during the service.

Contact Pam Fodor re@hinsdaleunitarian.org or 630-323-2885 for questions and to RSVP.

SEE YOU SOON!!!

NIGHT SKY FOREST THERAPY

UCH-Green-Sanctuary-Sponsored Nature Immersion

Join UCH friends in this innovative Night Sky Forest Therapy way that will celebrate the fact that just last year the Palos Region of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, right here in the heart of Chicago's southwest suburbs, was designated: ***World's Largest Urban Night Sky!***

2 hour program plus arrival and refreshments/departure times, all led by seasoned professional Forest Therapists including UCH member Linda Karlen.

Limited to 2 groups of up to 15 each. So, maximum 30 participants.

Adults and youth age 8 years and above who are ready for a reflective outdoor experience.

All routes will be on walkways paved for easy mobility; plus clean restrooms, very easily-accessible.

Date/Time:

Friday, March 11th
from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Rain-Date:

Saturday, April 2nd
from 6:30-9:30pm

Place:

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Education Center
Willow Springs, Illinois

Cost:

\$30 per person

Register and mark your calendar now!

Payment will be managed later.

Email or call this program's registrar: Charlie Fischer cfis@sbcglobal.net (630)734-8279
State your name and quantity of registrants, and/or ask any questions you may have.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

★ MY BLOCK ★ MY HOOD ★ MY CITY ★

The February Social Justice Collection recipient is **My Block, My Hood, My City**. Based in Chicago, their mission is to inspire youth, empower communities, and build a better world one block at a time. They provide new opportunities and experiences for youth as well as important volunteer and organizing activities to make their communities better. You may have seen the volunteers on the news as they shoveled snow for senior citizens. The My Block, My Hood, My City website explains, "We show up to do the work no one else is doing, in a way no one else can. We hear the call of our communities—and we are rising up to answer."



FAIR TRADE TABLE

Fight Poverty and Benefit UCH with your Valentine!

The Fair Trade Table will be open this Sunday to make your shopping easy for Valentines day. We'll have our wonderful chocolate, jewelry, coffee, tea and other consumables along with new items from virtual winter trade shows. The best selling reusable shopping bag that collapses into a heart shaped pouch is back in stock from Rwanda and would make a great eco-friendly gift as we all look forward to moving back out into the world again. Thanks for fighting poverty through fair trade with us - the artisans in the developing countries our products come from are still facing Covid effects that we don't have to deal with in our country so much now. Come see us before or after church in our regular spot downstairs - it will be so good to see you all again!



Hinsdale D86 Diversity: Your Voice Needed!

The D86 school system is being besieged, like many school systems across the country, by organized parents loudly decrying diversity work and trying to kill the messenger rather than addressing real inequities in the system.

A vocal and vitriolic group is demanding Superintendent Tammy Prentiss' resignation. We can't know all the facts right now, but we do know that parents should make these decisions for the well-being of everyone's children in a thoughtful, reasoned way. We also know that many of the parents who support diversity work are afraid to speak up for fear they will be attacked by their neighbors.

You can help by writing a letter of support for calm reasoned discourse. Superintendent Prentiss has a long history in the district and has done good things, including shepherding the system through the pandemic and helping them create an [equity statement](#) to guide their work.

You can find email addresses for the school board members [here](#) or boe@hinsdale86.org. Please write to counter the loudest and angriest voices and support reasonable discourse and process.

For back up information - here are ways Rev Pam has been involved so far:

- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/letters/ct-letters-vp-012822-20220127-w722qknmlvhjbeyihy5djgx3ty-story.html>
- <https://www.thehinsdalean.com/story/2022/01/27/opinion/reactions-to-proposed-diversity-trainer-cause-sadness/4233.html>
- <https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/hinsdale/ct-dhd-hinsdale-district-86-equity-meeting-tl-0203-20220129-rtjvcpbkzfejxnvhwpacp3f6ee-story.html>
- <https://patch.com/illinois/darien-il/see-video-hinsdale-d-86-leader-under-fire>

THIS WEEK IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WELCOME BACK!!

Standing on the Side of Love All Community Service

All ages of children from the Nursery through Senior High Youth Group will attend church with their families.

There will be no RE classes.



For more information on RE programming, how to become involved, or on our Covid protocols please visit our website www.hinsdaleunitarian.org or contact Pam Fodor at re@hinsdaleunitarian.org

UU RETREAT EVENT

We are excited to announce a Virtual Retreat Event:

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

The art and science of working together.

Join author Kern Beare for a three-part, interactive Zoom event Saturdays

Feb. 19th, 26th & March 5th, 2022 10 am - 12:30 pm
This interactive workshop will explore principles and strategies that will allow you to approach difficult conversations in a radically new way.



[Please review the attached pdf for further details.](#)

OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL GENDER IDENTITIES.

REGISTRATION COST: FREE

TO REGISTER- GET LINK: Send name & e-mail address to markeric-j@hotmail.com

Sponsored by the Men's Retreat committee: Mark Johansen, Rich Pokorny, Gerry Messler, Bob Innocenzi, Alan Johnson, Doug Erickson & Ron Dubreuil.

RACIAL EQUITY TEAM

[Facts You Didn't Know About Black History](#)

For articles on Race Resources [please click this link.](#)

SUPPORT FOR THOSE IMPRISONED

On Faith and Freedom: A Teach In on the Pretrial Fairness Act

Join us on February 15th at 6pm for a focused, energizing virtual teach-in for clergy and people of faith throughout Illinois on the Pretrial Fairness Act and the movement for pretrial freedom. We will give you an opportunity to reflect on how our respective faiths

call us to defend this historic transformation of our state's pretrial justice system, with a presentation followed by time for discussion. We want you to be equipped with factual information on:

- The Pretrial Fairness Act
- The community effects of ending money bond
- The reason we need to continue engaging this movement as people of faith and conscience

We hope this time will inspire you to share this experience and knowledge with the communities you serve, and to join the movement for pretrial freedom in Illinois!

Click here to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2UDeb9W_uZE6-asnbsYbhqFpHdindji-GhYFtfr810wCwv/viewform

STRUGGLING WITH TAX BILLS?

Seniors Invited to Defer Property Taxes

Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payments until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$55,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

The application period closes March 1, 2022. For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630-407-5900 or www.dupageco.org/treasurer. Gwen Henry, Treasurer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

UUANI powers the justice work of congregations.

UUANI provides Unitarian Universalists across Illinois with advocacy and legislative leadership to effectively build community and power to promote justice and a healthy planet. They bring social justice into the heart of spiritual life of congregations and develop ways for church communities to live the UU principles. They help bridge communities and congregations and align spirituality with tangible actions to affect change.



UCH's Share the Plate collection this month will support the ongoing work of [UUANI](#). You can send a check to the church with UUANI in the memo line or click the [donate button](#) at www.hinsdaleunitarian.org and choose 'Social Justice' from the drop-down menu. Thanks so much!

Update on the Reunited Aurora Family Seeking Asylum

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous donations to this family! We have visited them several times and they have been very appreciative. Thanks to the generosity of many, they now have the household and clothing items they need.

The family still has ongoing financial needs as the process for getting work authorization is expected to take several more months. **To contribute, make a cash donation through**

the church by writing a check with "Aurora family" in the memo, or you may purchase VISA, Aldi's, Target or WALMART GIFT CARDS directly.

Read more about families in this situation [here](#).

Anyone who would like to help coordinate UCH's work with this family, please contact Rev. Pam, Marian Honel-Wilson, or Bonnie Wayman-Dodd. We are mainly looking for people to organize fund-raising efforts (perhaps a Go Fund Me?) and/or pledge monthly donations for January through April to assist the family until they are able to obtain employment and support themselves financially.

Read the January Touchstone for details.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING REMINDER



Styrofoam can be taken to Theater of Western Springs on the first Saturday of the month. You can bring your clean styrofoam to UCH the Sunday before. Don't toss your styrofoam!

CURRENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Buddhist Meditation

Mondays meetings will be held virtually for the immediate future. We're currently reading and discussing the book **No-Nonsense Buddhism for Beginners** by *Noah Rasheta* instead of listening to a dharma talk after we meditate.

Men's Group - Sunday, February 13 at 12:00 PM

In room 5 of the RE building, It will also be available virtually via Zoom.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84412204653?pwd=K1dLbzBqU0VmbDR4M3M0b1JJa3B6QT09>

Wise Elders' Weekly Conversation, Tuesdays at 3 PM

Join the wise elders of our UCH community for wide-ranging conversations about life, memories, stories, and a dash of politics for fun. Use this [link](#) to join by video or join by phone. Contact [Tracey Olson](#) for the phone number. - [more info](#)

Non-Fiction Book Discussions - [more info](#)

Tuesday Feb. 22. The Evolution of Beauty: How Darwin's Forgotten Theory of Mate Choice Shapes the Animal World and Us by Richard Prum. 2017. A major reimaging of how evolutionary forces work, revealing how mating preferences -- what Darwin termed "the taste

for the beautiful" -- creates the extraordinary range of ornament in both the animal and plant worlds.

Topic: Non- Fiction Book Group

Time: Fourth Tuesdays., Feb - June, 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082881818>

NEWS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS



Monthly Touchstone Needs Submissions

In-depth communication about all the great things going on at church. Get your news and articles in by the **8th of the month** to for publication on the 15th

to UCHTouchstone@gmail.com

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News & Notes Submissions should be sent to

Communication@hinsdaleunitarian.org.

All information for sharing with the wider communication can also go to socialmedia@hinsdaleunitarian.org. The old office email now mainly pertains to business scheduling concerns. Thanks!

Love Reading Board Minutes? You can find them on our website [here](#).

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