

## Worship News

### Children's Sunday School

Families will worship together

### Sermons

Each week our Sunday Sermons are posted online for later reading, listening, or sharing with friends. You can find them at <http://uchucc.us/sermons>

### Visitors

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. Please join us in *The Gathering Place* after worship.

### Connect with us socially

<http://www.facebook.com/uchinsdale>



## The Season of Advent

**Today, 11:15 am:** We are so happy to announce that this year, we will be doing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for our Christmas Pageant to take place on 12/24 at 10am. All children ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade can participate.

**Today, 11:15am-1pm -Advent Festival:** Immediately following worship, everyone is welcome to lunch and a festive time as we prepare for the coming of Christmas. While the children are rehearsing for Pageant, join in the fun with making blankets, garlands, ornaments or a Christmas hymn singalong. We'll learn some Advent traditions, make an Advent wreath and ornaments while we help decorate the church. All ages are welcome. Lunch will be at 11:30 in the Dining Room. Stay for some or all of the festivities.

**December 10, 4pm - All Church Caroling** to homebound and other seniors. All skill levels welcome, songbooks provided. Stay for an all church Christmas Party afterward!

**December 17 at 3:00 pm - Allegrezza Concert:** Allegrezza presents *Ring Them Bells!* Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at The Chicago Temple, 77 W Washington St. #2, Chicago, IL and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Union Church. Come hear Stephen's group and members of our Alumni Bells perform this uplifting, fun, and joyful concert of all your Christmas Favorites! Get your tickets at [allegrezzasingers.com](http://allegrezzasingers.com) and if you have any questions email [jpugh@allegrezzasingers.org](mailto:jpugh@allegrezzasingers.org)

**December 17, 6-7:30pm - Grandparent and Me Sleep Under** for children ages 3-8. Everyone wears pajamas /loungewear. Make a gift for Mom and Dad, decorate and eat homemade Christmas cookies, dance and sing to Christmas songs by Gene Autry and Burl Ives, but best of all, willing Grandparents will act out the narrated Christmas story. Tis a wonderful evening!

### December 24 Christmas Eve Services

**10am - Carols and Children's Pageant**

**8pm - Carols and Candlelight**

**11pm - Bells, Carols, Poetry and Candles**

## **Stewardship • Making 2018 Ministry and Mission Possible**

When you support the work of Union Church, you are joining hundreds of others, and together, we become God's partners at work for the well being of each other, our community, and beyond. Please [read Bromleigh's letter](#) about the work of Union Church (we admit it's a little long, but wow, it's good!). You likely received a pledge card in the mail, so please return that to church as soon as you are able (a [printable copy is here](#), if needed). You can also [securely pledge and give online](#). You can also just call or email Gaby Gleason and let her know your intended giving (630.590.6654, [ggleason@uchinsdale.org](mailto:ggleason@uchinsdale.org)). Please consider increasing your giving for 2018, as we have much we would like to do together! May God bless our ministry and mission in 2018. And thank you!

## **Men's Club luncheon & WA Silver Tea • December 13, 2017 at 12 noon • All are invited! Hinsdale Central Chamber Choir (formerly the Madrigal Singers) • ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Please invite spouses, friends and acquaintances. We will have lunch with the Chamber Choir in the Dining Room. Then, we will all go upstairs to the Sanctuary for the concert. We will be joined by the ladies of the Women's Association, who at the conclusion of the concert, will have their Annual Silver Tea and serve us all dessert. The Silver Tea benefits The Bridge Communities' "Hope for the Homeless" this year. The Tea is a tradition that dates from The Depression when collections for the "less fortunate" were in coin. We will be delighted to find coins and bills of any denomination in the collection bowl! As always, a delicious \$5.00 lunch will be served prior to the program. If you have not made a reservation with your caller, please make one by calling the church office, 630-323-4303 ext. 6652, no later than Monday morning, December 11, 2017

## **Poinsettias**

Christmas is coming...SOON! Again, we are taking orders for poinsettias over the next month. We have an early deadline for orders as Christmas eve lies on a Sunday. Forms will be scattered around the church to be filled out and returned to Melanie Burton's office by Friday, December 15! Yes, the deadline date is very early, so do not procrastinate filling out your orders with payment included. The poinsettia cost remains (as it has been for the last couple years) at \$18.00. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize your loved ones and/or gift a plant to loved ones. All those honored and memorialized will be included in our Christmas eve bulletins along with their donors' names. Help us make the Union Church sanctuary even more beautiful for Christmas eve!

## **Mission Ministry Warm Clothing Drive • November 5 to December 31**

Mission Ministry is collecting gently used sweaters, sweatshirts with pants, and coats for homeless people. We primarily need MEN'S IN LARGE to 2 X LARGE ADULT SIZES. Women's sweaters and coats are also needed. These will be given to our missions. Please leave your donation in the bin in the Volunteer Office. Contact Dan Woodle with any questions.

## **Mitten Tree**

Once again Sunday School and UCECP (preschool) will be decorating the Mitten Tree. We are collecting new or gently used mittens, gloves, hats\* and scarves to put on the tree in the Gathering Place. The mitten tree benefits the children at Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago. Erie House strengthens a diverse set of low-income communities to reach their fullest potential with educational programs for all ages. Let's make the Mitten Tree the most decorated tree in the church! \*hats need to be new

## **DuPage United presents: Leadership Training for Church and Community Life**

Saturday, January 13, 2018, 9am - 5pm; Sunday, January 14, 1pm - 5pm; Monday, January 15, 9am - 3pm

Learn to build group power, identify leaders, make allies, create change!

- Overview of community organizing
- Creating power & using it effectively
- Developing congregational leaders
- Defining key issues & identifying effective actions

Presented by DuPage United & sister organizations in Lake, Kane & Cook Counties. Held at Congregation BJB, [1201 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015](#). To register [email: amy.totsch@gmail.com](mailto:amy.totsch@gmail.com) by January 6.

## **Women Of A Certain Age**

The first meeting of WOMEN OF A CERTAIN AGE (a.k.a. middle age support group) will take place after 10:00 am church worship on Sunday, Jan. 7. We will meet for lunch, friendship, and fellowship. We encourage ALL women ages 40 ish, 50 ish, 60 ish, and 70 ish to plan to attend. This is part of Membership Ministry and the purpose of this group is caring for each other. For more information or questions please contact Rev. Bromleigh McCleneghan or Melissa Barnes Mann. KINDLY RSVP AS WE ARE SERVING A MEAL AND NEED A HEAD COUNT!