

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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Fear No Evil

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

Our Welcoming Statement, adopted January 28, 2024:

We are all called by God as disciples of Christ. We affirm & welcome all persons as precious to God, just as they are. As a community of faith, in the service of God, we are enriched by our differences including diversity of gender identity and expression, age, marital & economic status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, race, and physical & mental abilities and qualities. We affirm that the Holy Spirit gathers us as a congregation in which all persons are invited to participate equally in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, concerns, & joys of our community of faith. We pledge to love, encourage, & support one another as the Body of Christ.

What are we all about at Union Church?

Living lives of love for God and all people.

You are welcome here!

A GATHERING IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE 8TH DAY OF CREATION

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

PRELUDE

Bill Burr

WELCOME

Stephen Edwards

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called you here, to this place, at this very moment.

People: **We gather as the flock of God, seeking restoration for our souls.**

Leader: Come. Come rest in God's pasture, be nourished by the Living Water, and share in the divine banquet.

People: **Sustained by God, and surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, we shall walk together through life's darkest valleys and fear no evil.**

Leader: For the God of goodness and mercy is always with us. So let us celebrate God's love for us together.

All: **Let us praise the Holy One! And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long!**

* HYMN # 299

For All the Saints

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Boulevard

Richard Ducatzenzeiler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Helper God,
be the hope that overcomes our despair;
be the love that overcomes our hatred;
be the mercy that overcomes our sin.
Set us free from the prisons of our own making,

and release us from the bonds that bind us.
Forgive us and watch over us.
Welcome us home
into the loving arms of your mercy.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

* GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen, Amen.***

DISCOVERY TEAM UPDATE

Jackie Roberts

LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

ANTHEM

The Music of Living

Dan Forrest

**Children are invited to meet Penny at the front for Sunday School. As the children depart, we will exchange these blessings:*

Congregation: May God be with you there. Children: And may God be with you here.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23

Michelle Muellner

SERMON

Fear No Evil

Grant Glowiak

* HYMN # 547

Amazing Grace

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, OUR OFFERING, AND A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

All are welcome at the Communion table. All means all. Come forward down the center aisle, and return via the outside aisles, starting with those in the balcony and working forward. Please take a piece of bread and a cup. You may partake of the elements either before or after returning to the pew. Those not coming forward will be served in the pews.

You can find a picture of the ingredients list in the announcements section.

As you come forward to the Communion table, you may light a candle in memory of a loved one. Candles both represent the light that shines in the darkness of grief, as well as the rising of our prayers to God.

At this time, also please sign & pass the Attendance Sheets – they help us care for members & welcome visitors.

Plates are provided at the front for your gifts/offering. For e-giving, head to www.hinsdale.church, or text "GIVEUCH" to 73256. Thanks for giving to the life & work of Union Church!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our greatest joy..... and we pray together as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Ubi Caritas

Dan Forrest

Translation

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.*

*Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the
World without end. Amen.*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE *(in unison)*

We thank you, O God, for giving us your grace through the visible signs of this bread and "wine," uniting us with Christ, and helping us become the body of Christ for the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall join with all nations and peoples in the joy of your eternal realm, including those who have died and are gathered close to you now. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN # 419

Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our Father
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

FLOWERS –Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Gayle Trask and Donald Trask by their daughters, Nancy Trask and Elizabeth Jung and their families.

[NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?](#)

Send your text to communications@uchinsdale.org. Subject line "Email Blast."

STUFF YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children kindergarten through 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary with their families. After the Life of the Faith Community, the children will leave and go upstairs to our Sunday School space, returning before the last song.

Also, there is always Sunday School and nursery care for younger children in classroom 129 on the lower level.

BRIDGING BORDERS
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO DIGNITY, CIVILITY, & DIALOGUE
in Rowell Hall after 10:00 a.m. service
NOVEMBER 3, 2024

*As we head into election week there is sure to be a lot of noise coming our way in the coming days. To help center ourselves and in the spirit of our fall theme, "All Means All", we want to elevate the voice of some of the most important among us: **children.***

EVERYONE WELCOME!

This is a deeply moving presentation about a study that was carried out at Bonita (Beautiful) and La Escuelita (The Small School), two federally-funded Head Start Child-Parent Centers located within two miles of the U.S./Mexico border.

Teresa Acevedo will walk us through a research project that began as a study of fences, walls, and enclosures common to the experience of all children and lead to the story of the border fence, as described by the young students.

Terry is an early childhood consultant and the executive director and co-founder of the Tucson Children's Project, which works to develop community projects that bring people and resources together in dialogue and further understanding.

Presented in Partnership:

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Union Church Early Childhood Program

GENEROUS. OPEN. CONNECTED.
 We are an **open and affirming** Congregation.

Union Church is a *thinking church.*
Together we ask questions and explore the world beyond ourselves. We aim to grow in kindness and generosity with **all people.**
Join us.

RESTROOMS

To find the gender-neutral restroom, exit through the main doors of the Sanctuary into The Gathering Place. Follow the glass doors on your left until a hallway opens on your left. It is a few steps down that hallway on your right.

Gendered restrooms are located just off The Gathering Space - complete with changing tables on the lower and main levels.

FOR THE COMING WEEK...

ELECTION DAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

November 5, 7:00 a.m. service

Election Day is less than a week away!

Join us for a moment of prayer and reflection before the day takes hold. We'll have coffee and a brief, outdoor prayer service to center ourselves in peace and calm on that morning. **All are welcome - no exceptions.**

The Courtyard/Close is off the circle drive off Garfield.

CHILDREN'S CHIMES (BELL CHOIR) NOVEMBER

Rehearse: November 6, perform on November 10 at the 10:00 a.m. service

Children ages 4+ are welcome to join our children's chimes (bell choir). No experience is necessary - this is a gentle way for children to have their first musical performance experience and we have a wide range of ages.

Email Penny Johnson (pjohnson@uchinsdale.org) with questions, or simply come on November 6 and give it a try!

Find the link in the weekly email to register.

RECYCLING PUMPKINS

November 9, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Community House

Hinsdale and Surrounding Communities! Please bring your rotting pumpkins and gourds to the Community House on Saturday, November 9. Don't throw them in the trash! **Smash them in the Hinsdale Rotary "Pumpkin Smash" bin** that will be located at the Community House parking lot, 415 W. 8th Street in Hinsdale.

Why do this? It's pretty simple. If you throw your pumpkins and gourds in the trash, Republic Services will haul them away, load them into the Republic landfills, and there, your pumpkins and gourds will rot and create methane gas.

Methane gas is a colorless, odorless, flammable gas that is considered a potent greenhouse gas that traps significantly more heat than carbon dioxide. Methane is a major contributor to climate change.

The Hinsdale Rotary "smashed" pumpkins and gourds will be taken by Republic to the Romeoville compost heap. In six months, your pumpkins and gourds will create great compost that will be used by landscapers and others. And most importantly, they will not create methane.

In cooperation with "Scarce", Republic Services, the Community House of Hinsdale, & Hinsdale Rotary

2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN: WE ARE THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:22 *In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

Many thanks to all those who have pledged to date. We are off to a good start! The 4 weeks of the Generosity Campaign flew by! We are still waiting on *many* pledges. Is one of them yours? We totally get that it may be in your "pile of good intentions".

To date, we've received 62 pledges, for a total of \$365,617.04. This is a response rate of 30%. We are \$500k short of our GOAL.

This is budget season at UCH. We need your pledge ASAP so planning can proceed. At this rate we can't even pay our staff!

Please send in or enter your pledge at your earliest convenience so plans for 2025 move forward. Remember the important work ahead of us:

- Hiring an exceptional Senior Pastor
- Hiring a Youth Director to expand program offerings.
- Upgrading the HVAC systems for efficiency and reduced carbon footprint.
- Working to provide cost-of-living increases for our incredible staff.
- Continuing to support our mission work that feeds the hungry, houses the homeless, and provides quality affordable early childhood education to those in need.

All of us, together...**WE** are the church! Find the link in the weekly email to make your 2025 pledge.

**VOTE VOTE
VOTE VOTE
VOTE VOTE**

**BUT FIRST...
PRAYER.**

**Election
Day
Morning
Prayer**

Nov. 5, 2024 @ 7 a.m.

Meet outdoors in the Close (courtyard)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BULLETINS ARE NOW ONLINE

Our weekly bulletins/worship orders are now online. You can access them via the Union Church web site and/or our YouTube channel. This way if you're worshipping at home/on the go, you can follow along.

Or you can follow along in person on your phone and reduce the number of bulletins we print each week!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS, SEWISTS, MAKERS AND ARTISTS

The Ministry for Change is seeking people who like to sew to help make stockings for the Eleanor's Christmas Stockings Project, which provides filled Christmas stockings to underserved children in the church's wider community.

Pattern & instructions provided. If you are interested in sewing stockings, please email Jane Grimm jgrimm723@comcast.net.

INTER-FAITH FELLOWSHIP (IFF) LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 13, 11:30 to 1:30, in the Dining Room

The Jolly Boys are back to bring joy and heartfelt appreciation to our Veterans, and we couldn't be more excited! This event is not just about honoring those who have served; it's a vibrant celebration that embodies the core values of love and kindness. With the harmonious sounds of music filling the air, we'll come together as a community, uniting in gratitude and respect for our heroes. So, whether you're a long-time member or new to our church family, we invite you to join us in this uplifting occasion. Let's create beautiful memories together, filled with laughter, song, and a shared sense of belonging. Mark your calendars and prepare to be part of something truly special—your presence will make all the difference!

Lunch is \$15 per person cash or check paid at the door and will be served at noon.

IFF is the hottest ticket in town so make your reservation today!

Reservations are requested and must be received no later than November 7, 2024

For reservations click the link in the weekly email or contact Elizabeth Jung at 630-688-1706 or ejung@uchinsdale.org.

IFF is a group for fellowship and inclusivity while also supporting worthy causes with donations made by your participation.

COMMUNION BREAD INGREDIENT LIST

INGREDIENTS: Water, Sourdough (rice flour, water), Rice starch, Corn starch, Modified cellulose, Caramelized sugar syrup, Psyllium seed husk, Sunflower oil, Pea protein, Yeast, Millet flour, Citrus fiber, Rice flour, Quinoa flour, Salt, Guar gum, Corn flour, Rice syrup.
May contain: Sesame.
Manufactured by Dr. Schar USA, Inc. 305 Heron Drive Swedesboro, NJ 08085.



STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

*(h = he/him/his, s = she/her/hers, t = they/them/theirs)**

Associate Minister – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)

Section Leaders

Associate Minister – Robb Knuepfer (h)

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Jess Koehn (h)

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)

Guest Pianist – Bill Burr

Coleman Dziedzic (h)

Dir. of Music and Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)

Dei Nikoi (s)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

Ushers – Joel Pundmann and Sharon Bodziak

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

* Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ymabnh5t> for a guide to gender identity terms

Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

DON'T MISS A THING!

Keep up with all our upcoming events by following us on Facebook & Instagram and subscribing to our weekly newsletter.

Head over to www.hinsdale.church, and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOW COLLECTING TREASURES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RUDOLPH'S BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 7, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Room

We are collecting **new & gently used items** now in the bins in the Gathering Place for our boutique.

Children will shop the boutique to find Christmas gifts for their families. Cash only.

Youth helpers: We are also looking for volunteers and youth helpers to assist our young shoppers. It's very cute and we know many of you love doing this! Find the link in the weekly email to sign up!

And adult helpers, we need your help gift wrapping and at check-out and sorting ahead of time. Use the QR code to sign up!



ELEANOR'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Sunday, December 8, after 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, in Youth Room

Help us fill 500 stockings for children served by our Ministry for Change and its partners by depositing the following items in the designated boxes in the Gathering Space before November 27:

- Left-over wrapped Halloween candy
- Hot wheels/matchbox type toy cars
- Chapstick
- Children's toothbrushes
- Travel size toothpaste

Ask your dentist to donate toothbrushes & toothpaste or purchase them yourself (toothbrushes must be individually packaged).

We also need stretchy gloves and hats, pencils, crayons, Christmas stickers, Play-doh and more. Find a link to our Amazon wish list in the weekly email to purchase any of these items. *These items can be shipped directly to the church (please check the church shipping address when you order).*

In some cases, the stockings will be the only gifts these children receive. Please help us fill *Eleanor's Christmas Stockings* on December 8 in the Youth Room after the 9:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. All are welcome!

For questions or to help with the stocking project, please email Jane Grimm jgrimm723@comcast.net. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

For our Thanksgiving Offering this year, we encourage you to make a special contribution to our Ministry for Change partner, **The Boulevard**, which provides medical respite care for homeless individuals in Chicago. As you may know, the City of Chicago is facing a huge budget gap. This shortfall will impact the government funding to agencies like The Boulevard, as we look to continue to support the 64-bed facility.

Union Church has been a long-time supporter of The Boulevard, as our own **Nancy Hanson** is a founding member, and **Christy Weimer** is the current Chair of the Board of Directors. This summer Union Church provided funding for new outdoor furniture for the residents at the facility in Garfield Park.



The Boulevard supports over 350 individuals annually with medical care, permanent housing, job search support and is now a certified Behavioral Health center. Visit their website <https://www.blvd.org> to learn more.

For the Thanksgiving Offering (running November 17th through December 8th), you may donate to The Boulevard or make a special contribution to the church - or do both! You have two easy options for giving:

- 1) Give online through the church website. Find the link in the weekly email, or, on the giving page, under "fund," select either "Thanksgiving Offering – The Boulevard" (all amounts donated under this selection will be donated to The Boulevard) or "Thanksgiving Offering - Union Church Ministries" (all amounts donated under this selection will be shared by ministries of the church generally) and complete the rest of the information. To give to both, please complete two separate transactions.
- 2) Deposit a check in the offering plate during service OR send in a check. If some/all of your donation is for The Boulevard, please tell us the split in the memo line or in a separate note. If all of your gift is intended solely for UCH, just send the check.

NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

Send your text to communications@uchinsdale.org. Subject line "Email Blast."

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.