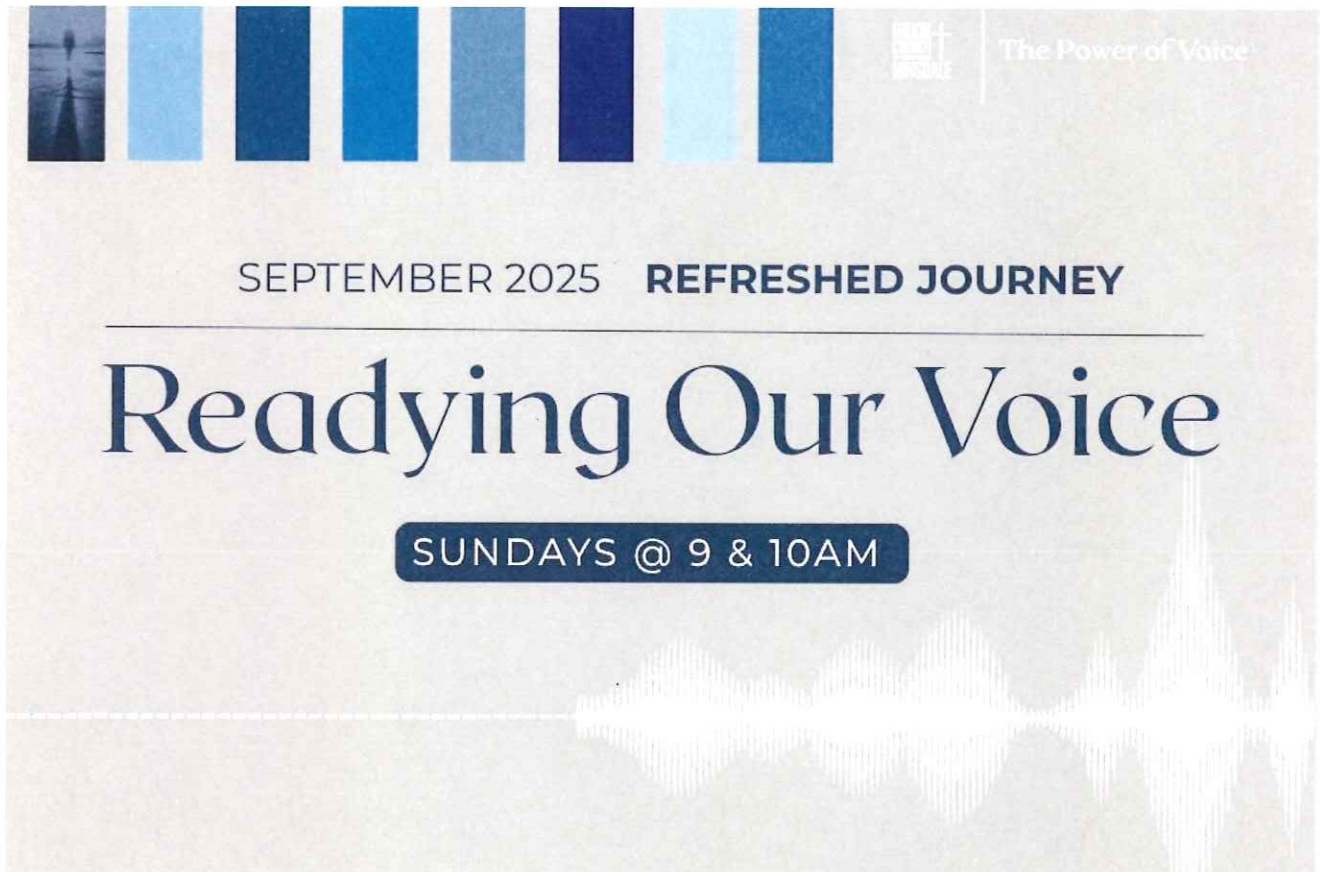


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

137 S. Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 • UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Finding Life's Balance

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

September 21, 2025

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 & 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.

As Union Church, one of our core commitments is:

We find meaning, and ultimately peace, through our shared commitment for justice and community outreach.

You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul

Bliss

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Robb Knuepfer

PRELUDE

Ken Y'hi Ratzon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revive Us Again
Chancel Choir

* HYMN # 273

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

* INVOCATION PRAYER

We unite our lives, gracious God, because we sense your presence and pull. We feel that you know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship with your people. In this sacred moment, open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen

* RESPONSE # 793

Holy, Holy

Argentine

(Leader sings 1st time through. Congregation joins on 2nd time)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

Hear Our Prayer, O God

(Leader sings 1st time through. Congregation joins on 2nd time)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PASTORAL PRAYER, ENDING WITH PRAYER WE LEARNED FROM JESUS

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.

* HYMN # 565

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Zelle (preferred)

Please memo designated fund/special offering

OFFERING



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

For e-giving, use the QR code on the right for Zelle (no transaction fees), the QR code on the left to give through Realm, or text "GIVEUCH" to 73256.

Thank you for contributing to the life & work of Union Church!



MISSION MOMENT

United Church of Christ Search Process

ANTHEM

In the Whisper
Tierra Whetstone

Nockels

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13

Winnie Leathers

SERMON

Finding Life's Balance

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

* HYMN

Little Bit of Love

* BENEDICTION

* REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are given by Kim and Mike Kiyosaki in loving memory of Dawn Feller.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Bridge Pastor – Timothy C. Rhodes (h)

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)

Section Leaders

Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

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

Manda Gervase (s)

Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Tierra Whetstone-Christian (s)

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

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Adam Fane (h)

Jess Koehn (h)

Ushers –Karen Botsoe, Christy and Randy Weimer

Trap Set – Kalyan Pathak (h)

Guitar – Andrew Sudhibhasilp (h)

Bass – Ben Dillinger(h)

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

TODAY'S EVENTS

PACK SANDWICHES TO HELP THE NIGHT MINISTRY

TODAY Sunday, September 21, 11:15 in the Dining Hall

If you are looking for a powerful way to make an impact, even with limited time, look no further! Part of the Night Ministry's mission is to provide approx.. 150 sack lunches monthly to children and families in need. This is where Union Church can help!

Volunteering less than 2 hours of your time, you can be part of the team that buys, assembles or delivers these lunches, this does not have to be a monthly commitment; sign up for the months that work for you!

This is a great family activity for kids of all ages or a way to get those service hours. Follow the link in the weekly email to sign up or simply join us on September 21!

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: SANITY IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

TODAY Sunday, September 21, 11:15 – 12:30 in Rowell Hall

We are offering a two-part adult education seminar on "Transformative Conflict" and we invite you to join us for the second portion of this discussion. **Please note you did not have to attend the first session, or read the book, to come to the second session and participate in the discussion.**

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children and their energy in all aspects of worship! We're glad you're here!

Is it helpful for your child to move around? Consider sitting near the Narthex (under the balcony) and using that space. Also, help yourself to the red activity bags hanging in the Narthex designed to educate and engage the youngest amongst us.

For Sunday School, Children K - 5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Later, the children will leave and go upstairs to our Sunday School space, returning before the last song. There is always Sunday School & nursery care for younger children (under 5) in classroom 129 on the lower level during the 10am service. Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help!

DON'T MISS A THING!

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

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



CHURCH NEWS

SEARCH COMMITTEE IS COMMISSIONED

A wonderful group of members were commissioned last Sunday as the team who will conduct the important work of searching for our next Senior Minister. You are invited to become acquainted with these dedicated members by following a link to their bios in the weekly email. The committee will receive three training sessions from Transitional Ministry Pathways consultants. Next, they will receive guidance and support from the Pastoral Transition Team of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. Please keep these members and their work in your prayers.

RESALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED hinsdale.church/resale-2025

The countdown to Resale 2025 is on!! Volunteers are needed for this all-church event! It can't be done without you! Make a new friend and catch up with others while participating in this vital mission. We work hard and have fun doing it! Volunteer any (or all) days between September 28 and October 4. And be sure to shop Resale

October 3 and 4! WE NEED YOU! Sign up using the QR code or look for the Resale mailbox in the Gathering Space.



CHILDREN'S CHIMES

Children 4 and up are welcome to register and participate for Union Church's Fall Children's chimes! No experience needed!

Practices will be held on Wednesdays, September 24 and October 1 from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Use the QR code to register!

The performance will be on Sunday, October 5 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



DUPAGE PADS



For the past several years UCH has been working with DuPage PADS to support various projects including providing meals for roughly 200 people. Volunteers shop, cook & serve a meal the 4th Tuesday of every month. A small group of volunteers have been assisting with these tasks for some time, and we would love some additional assistance with any of these tasks. Also, any help with recipes that serve 200 would be well received. See the weekly email for a link to the sign-up. Also, feel free to reach out directly to Jim Roeschlein at Jamesroeschlein411@gmail.com or 640-415-7897.



HANG IN THERE CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION



11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
KITCHEN CLASSROOM



2025	2026
AUG 24	JAN 4
OCT 5	FEB 1
NOV 2	MARCH 1
	APRIL 5
	MAY 3



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 Place – complete with changing tables on the lower and main levels.

PART OF AN ADULT EDUCATION
SERIES AT @UNION CHURCH

CliffsNotes

What does it mean to be UCC?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:15 a.m. in Rowell Hall

What do we believe?

What does it mean to be a part of Union Church of Hinsdale and a part of the United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination?

Come learn more or refresh your memory in a fast track mini-course presented by Rev. Grant Glowiak.

This is meant for current members, as well as those considering joining and wishing to learn more about our church.

It's good for *all of us* to learn more about who we are as a congregation and denomination!

**Save the Dates: Fall New Member Orientation
November 2 and November 5**

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.



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This course is adapted from our long-running "Confirmation CliffsNotes" course, and created in collaboration between the Christian Education and Membership Ministries.

Ostrega Uhl Project Presents

CLASSICAL MASTERWORKS: MOZART, BEETHOVEN AND PAGANINI



Friday, September 19, 2025
7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m.

FEATURED WORKS:

Brian Ostrega, Violin
Stephen Uhl, Piano

- ~ Mozart: Sonata in A Major
- ~ Beethoven: Sonata in G Major
- ~ Paganini: Sonata No. 10 in A Major

This event is free and open to the public
All are welcome to attend

\$20 free will offering suggested

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HINSDALE MUSIC CLUB: MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Wednesday, September 24,
at 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

The Hinsdale Music Club invites members of the Union Church congregation to attend their first meeting of the season! New members, Paul Blievernicht, Nicholas Guetterman, and Amy Shropshire will be all be performing piano selections. A reception will follow.



BANNED BOOK LIBRARY

Banned books empower us to reckon with truths that demand our loving accountability.



Union Church of Hinsdale's Banned Book Library

Inspired by the service project at the UCC denominational synod, we are building our own banned book library. The library will open in October for "Banned Books Week" and during a month-long study we as a church are planning on intellectual freedom.

OPEN

Check out our Banned Book Library in
Virginia's Corner on the Third Floor.

Weekdays: 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & Sunday mornings

Mondays 1:00-2:00 pm. - *Come for a weekly Read-In!*

Wish you had more time to read? Commit to an hour a week to read in community. Put your phones away and join us every Monday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in Virginia's Corner to read together. Bring your own book, come as you are and enjoy quiet company while you dig into your favorite current book.

How is creating a Banned Book Library sacred work for these times?

"In the United Church of Christ, we know that as people called to build a just world for all, we need each other's stories and experiences to live into the fullness of the Body of Christ. We believe that banned books have a special vocation, a particular calling in our faith communities: to help expand and enliven the image of God and empower us to reckon with truths that demand our loving accountability."

**We hope you'll consider contributing
to the UCH Banned Book Library!**



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WE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM



October 13: Join us in The Gathering Place after worship

Enjoy a presentation on fry bread! (Rev. Tim will be talking about the book "*Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*" in his sermon that morning.)



Beginner Mahjong Night @ Union Church

Did you know there was a time when Mahjong was banned for being a symbol of capitalist corruption? Learn how to play this Asian game that "creates order out of chaos" from The Mahjong Guild. Mahjong 101 will take place **Thursday, October 16 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place**. Advanced registration is required; space is limited.



Women Who Are Lit Book Club

The group has selected "*Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books*" by Kirsten Miller for their October read. Email Claudine Attenbern for more details on the discussion time if you'd like to join!

The Thinking Church: Discussion with Freedom to Read Foundation

Come for a presentation and Q&A session with, Joyce McIntosh, Assistant Program Director, Freedom to Read Foundation, about the importance of intellectual freedom, how and where it is under attack, and what *you* can do about that. This event will take place **Sunday, October 19 from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**.



Freedom to Read Foundation
FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY

ALA American
Library
Association

The Freedom to Read Foundation was established in 1969 as a First Amendment legal defense organization affiliated with the American Library Association.



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