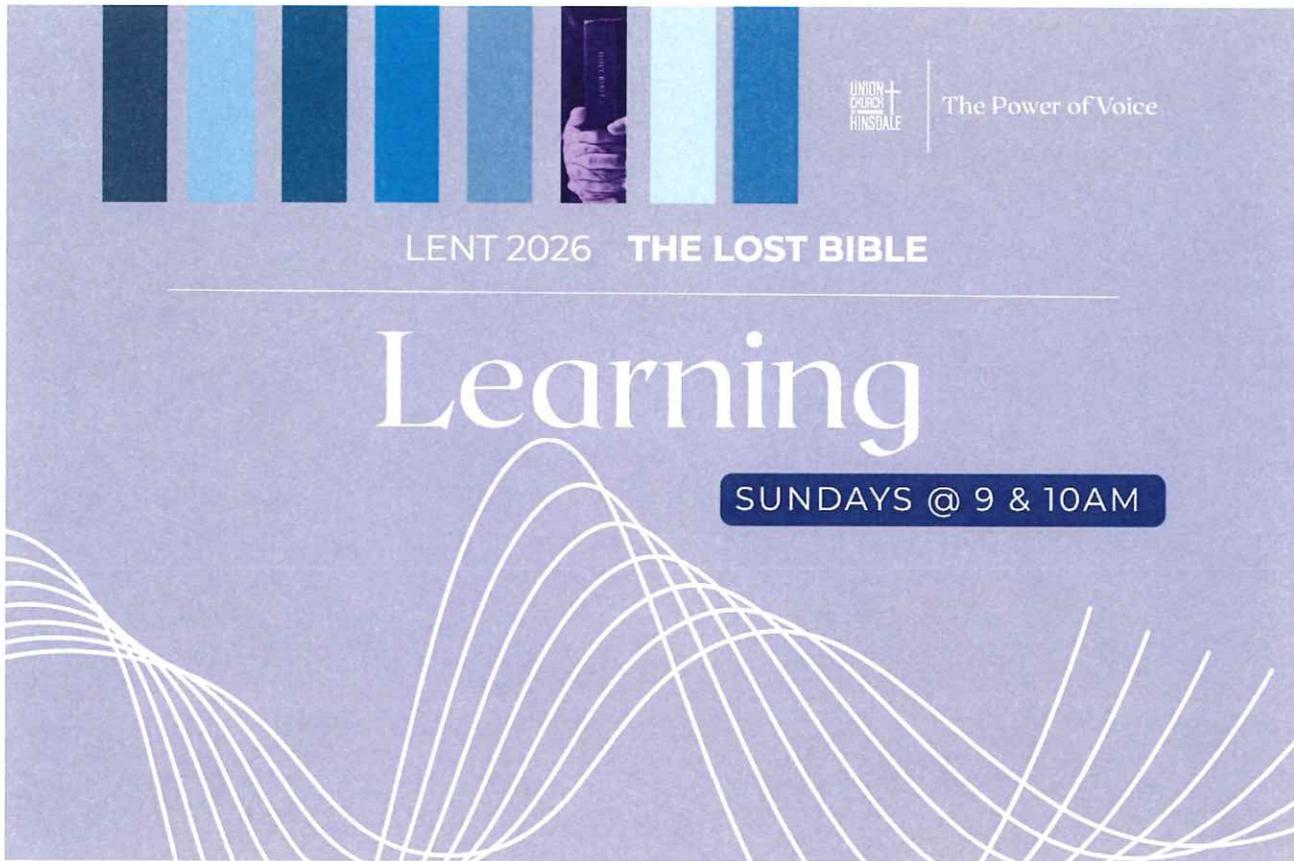


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



Listen to Her

1st Sunday of Lent
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
February 22, 2026

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 aim to grow in kindness and generosity with all people.
You are welcome here!



PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

The Prayer

arr. Foster, Bayer Sager

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to listen for the wisdom that rises from within, the voice of Christ speaking in love & freedom.

All: We open our hearts to the Spirit already alive among us and within us.

One: We choose courage over fear and love over domination. We turn toward truth that heals and liberates.

All: We choose hope, justice, and compassion, trusting the sacred wisdom carried by all voices.

One: Come, worship the Holy who calls us beyond despair into wholeness and peace.

All: We come to worship, grounded in love, guided by inner light, and committed to the flourishing of all.

*** HYMN #211**

Lord, Jesus, Who through Forty Days

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

Holy and Loving Presence, you dwell not in distant heavens alone, but in the depths of our being and the fabric of all creation. Call us beyond fear and despair. Speak to us now with the wisdom that heals and courage that frees. Awaken in us the knowing that a loving soul is whole and worthy, and that no power can separate us from your liberating truth. Gather us as your community shaped by compassion and justice and called to be seekers of truth. May we walk the path of Christ with clarity and boldness, living from the light within and extending that light into the world. Amen.

*** RESPONSE #756**

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Linda Stassen

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, Let all sing praise, let all sing praise!***

BAPTISM

Vivienne Mary Jonker-Le
Parents: Kevin Le and Donald Jonker
Godparents: Jimmy Le and Elizabeth Jonker

INTRODUCTION AND WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – HYMN #881

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS AND TO SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE (*in unison*)

Vivienne Mary, relying on the grace given to us in our own baptisms, and on behalf of the church universal, we pledge that we will love, encourage & support you, share the good news of the gospel with you, and help you know & follow Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM AND PRAYER

PRESENTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

SPECIAL MUSIC

All This Time
Ollie Townsend and Stephen C Edwards

Morgan, Lippencott, and Patty

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

Hear Our Prayer O Lord
**Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us your peace.**

Whelpton

PASTORAL PRAYER, ENDING WITH A 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.

ANTHEM

Ah Holy Jesus
Leah Tarabour and Chloe Banda - Handbells • Connie Riemer - Piano

arr. Jason Krub

OFFERING



Zelle (preferred)
Please memo designated fund/special 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

Bible Sunday

Penny Johnson

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Holy and Loving Presence, we give thanks for the stories of our faith and for all who now hold them in their hands. We ask your blessing upon these Bibles. May they be windows into your love and mirrors of the beauty you have placed within each person. We pray that in these pages you will awaken curiosity and calm hearts. May the words of courage, compassion, and justice found in these pages be a light for life's path and a grounding for wise and caring living. Amen.

CHILDREN DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*** HYMN #206**

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Melissa Mann

SERMON

Listen to Her

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*** HYMN**

Better Is One Day

*** BENEDICTION**

REPRISE

FLOWERS - Today's flowers are in loving memory of Floyd Kalber and in honor of Betty Kalber, by their daughter Kathy Kalber Kinsella and her children & grandchildren.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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. Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help!

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. You may drop off children before the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has been hard at work with Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley of the Illinois Conference United Church of Christ over the past several weeks. We have completed the search profile and believe it reflects our church and congregation very well and paints a compelling picture that will draw in top candidates. We plan on finalizing that in early to mid-March and are eager to see the candidates it brings to our doorstep. Please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

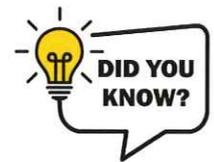
YOUTH BELLS CHOIR

Sunday, March 1, 10:45 to 11:30, in the Bell Room

Students in 6th to 12th grade are invited to join our bell ringing group! Whether you've never touched a bell before or you already love music, you are welcome – no experience required. Come check it out, try something new, and be part of a group that creates something powerful together. Contact Liz Jung at 630-688-1706 or at ejungster88@gmail.com. Don't miss your chance to jump in and ring with us!

UCH FUN FACTS

Bulletins (for the 10:00 service) are published on our web page on the Friday before Sunday's worship (go to the bottom of the home page in the gray section). A link to that page is also available on our YouTube channel for those watching at home. We have also started adding a link to the Sunday's bulletin on our Friday e-blasts/newsletters.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sunday services at Union Church are supported by and rely on volunteers for things to run smoothly. Two of the critical positions requiring volunteers are **scripture readers** and **ushers**. Get more information by reaching out to Randy Weimer at randy.weimer@gmail.com.

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)	<u>Section Leaders</u>
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)	Adam Fane (h)
Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)	Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)	Jess Koehn (h)

Ushers – Barbara Herber, Debbie Hopkins, Mike Kucera, Maria Coyne

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

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.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING UCH EVENTS

THE "HANG IN THERE" CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Sunday, March 1, 11:15 a.m., in the Kitchen Classroom

MAHJONG

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Rowell Hall

SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday March 15, and every 3rd Sunday, 11:15 a.m., in the Kitchen Classroom



SPIRITUAL LIGHT: REFLECTIONS ON THE WINDOWS AT UNION CHURCH

Wednesdays during Lent

Each Wednesday during Lent, we invite you to explore the beauty and meaning of the stained-glass windows at Union Church through a brief YouTube devotion.

At noon each Wednesday, a link will be sent featuring music, inspiring images, and a short spiritual reflection centered on one of the sanctuary's beautiful windows.

As you prepare for this time of devotion, you may wish to light a candle and pause for a moment of quiet, allowing yourself to enter a spirit of peace and reflection. Welcome God's spiritual light into your life during this sacred season.

You will receive the YouTube link by email, or you may visit the Union Church of Hinsdale YouTube page to view and share the devotion with others.

MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE: A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 18, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Union Church

Join us for an immersive, interactive evening of intrigue where guests become part of the story. Question suspects, gather clues, and work together to solve the crime—before one unsuspecting partygoer is revealed as the killer. Enjoy an elegant cocktail-style dinner reception with curated small plates and themed cocktails.

Masquerade attire encouraged — and don't forget your alibi.



MINISTRY PARTNERS



GREEN HALO SCHOLARS TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, March 5, Imperial Oak Brewing, Check-in at 6:15p.m. Trivia Begins at 7:00 p.m.

One of Ministry for Change's agencies, Green Halo Scholars, is having a Trivia Night! There will be great trivia, pizza from Pizza 750, and plenty of chances to connect with the Green Halo community and learn more about scholars. Click the button below to participate.

TROOP 10

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Dining Room

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, samosas and coffee/juice, all for \$10!

All proceeds go to the troop to support the scouts and their scouting experience. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets in advance.



NEED SOMETHING ANNOUNCED IN THE MIDWEEK EMAIL OR ONLINE?

Send any requests to disseminate information to the Union Church congregation to communications@uchinsdale.org.

The deadline for newsletter submissions is Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Anything received after the deadline will be placed in the e-blast the following week. This allows the email to be distributed to everyone involved in getting the word out.

Please put "Email Blast" in the subject line. Thanks!

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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COOKING UP A CAREER OUTSIDE THE 9-5

SUNDAY | MARCH 15

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
IN THE YOUTH ROOM



How Julianne started a business at 22...

After graduating college and working in the restaurant industry, Julianne took a leap and started her own personal chef business at 22. In this talk, she opens up about taking risks, trusting her instincts, and how food became the foundation of her career.



We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation.

GENEROUS. OPEN. CONNECTED.

LENT 2026 THE LOST BIBLE

Learning

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The Power of Voice

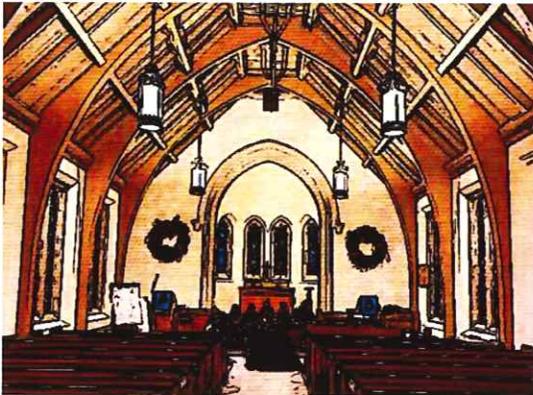
SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. | Chapel

Kid-Approved Service

10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary + Online

Worship-for-All (optional Sunday School + nursery care available)



Worship for the whole family

ABOUT THE 9:00 a.m. SERVICE

This kid-approved service is held at **9:00 a.m. in the Chapel**. It's a brief, casual service intended as a first step towards worship for children. We embrace movement, curious little minds, and music at this service.

Wednesdays during Lent
Feb 25 - March 25

"Spiritual Light - The Windows of Union Church"

Online reflections on our stained glass windows will be posted on our YouTube by noon on Wednesdays!

HOLY WEEK

MAR
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Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. | Chapel
10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary + Online

APR
3

Good Friday

Online Reflections (YouTube)

APR
2

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

APR
4

Holy Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. | Gathering Place

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.
Kid-Approved Service
In the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.
Worship-for-All
Sanctuary + Online

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Spring and Summer

SAVE THE DATES



MYSTERY DINNER CHURCH EVENT | APRIL 18

MUSIC SUNDAY | MAY 31 @ 10:00 a.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26

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