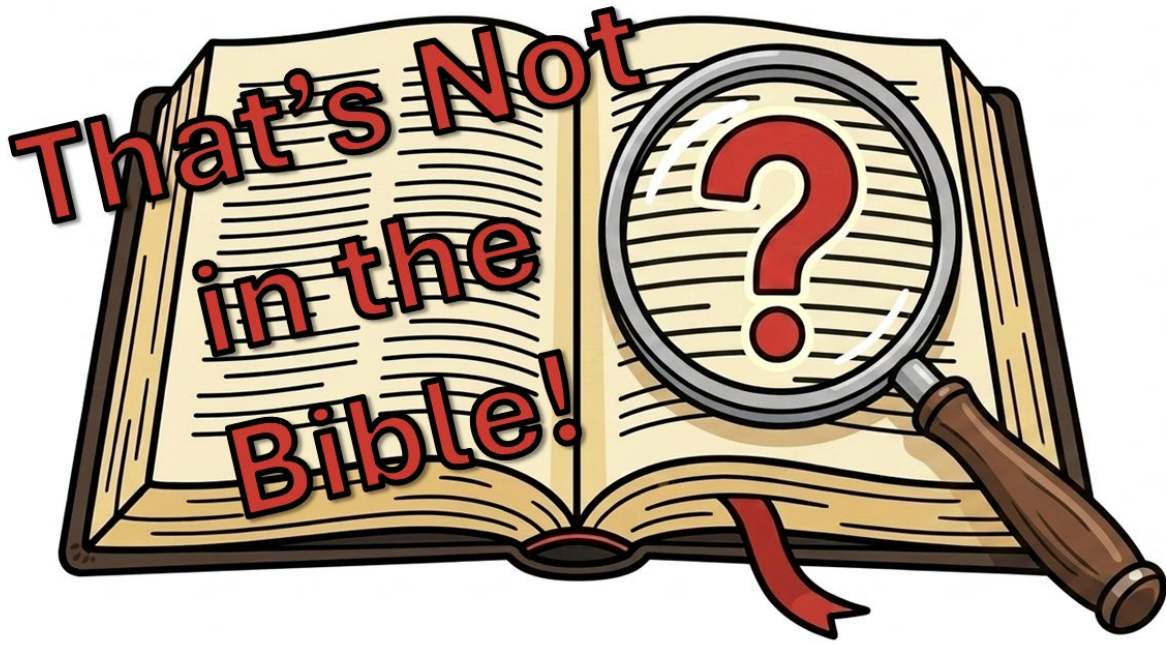


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



That's Not in the Bible: "God Never Gives You More Than You Can Handle"

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
June 28, 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 know we have power, and we use that power
to make the world more like Jesus would want it to be.***



You are welcome here!

GATHERING MUSIC

Cinema Paradiso

Morricone

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr Robert Knuepfer

PRELUDE

Vacation Bible School

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Listen, all people, God has called us from the very beginning and named us as beloved.

All: We gather to worship the One who forms us and calls us by name.

One: When our efforts feel hidden and our work seems in vain, God remembers us.

All: The Holy One strengthens us and holds us in steadfast love.

One: God's vision stretches beyond us bringing light, hope, and justice to all people.

All: We come to be renewed, equipped, and sent to live in God's love. Let us worship God.

*** HYMN #73**

Enter, Rejoice and Come In

ENTER, REJOICE

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

Calling and faithful God, you have known us and claimed us as your own. In times when we feel uncertain or overlooked, remind us that we are held in your care and strengthened by your presence. Expand our vision beyond ourselves, so that we may participate in your work of healing, justice, and hope in the world. Gather us now as your people, renew our trust in your promises, and open our hearts to your Spirit. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*** RESPONSE**

Holy, Holy

Argentine

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sawyer Millar Chrestionson
Parents, Haley and Jason Chrestionson
Sponsors, Mac and Nikki Burridge

BAPTISMAL HYMN #351

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

BORNING CRY

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG #769

Hear Our Prayer

***Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

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.

* Please rise in body and spirit

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

Vacation Bible School

Penny Johnson

* **HYMN #247**

My Shepherd Is the Living God

CONSOLATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49.1-6

Dianne Oostendorp

SERMON

*That's Not in the Bible:
"God Never Gives You More Than You Can Handle"*

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* **HYMN #77**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Bill Buhr

Today's flowers are in loving memory of Joyce Allen from her family.

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)
Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)	Dir. of Audio & Visual Media – Adam Nakutis (h)
Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)	Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)
Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)	Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

Today Union Church is privileged to welcome Bill Buhr as the guest pianist.

Ushers – Virgil Oostendorp, Melissa Mann, Debbie Hopkins, Michael Kucera

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

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Union Church welcomes 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. It's got a little table, chairs, toys, and a collection of books. 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 children Kindergarten – 5th grade, Sunday School will resume in the fall. There is always Sunday School & nursery care for younger children (under 5) in classroom 129 on the lower level.

JULY EVENTS



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM UNION CHURCH

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we wish you a day filled with joy, gratitude, family, friends, and community.

Don't forget to join us for the Hinsdale Fourth of July Parade! We are right on the route and welcome you to enjoy our view from our front lawn and some snacks from the church. The parade begins at 10:00 am.

We look forward to celebrating together and sharing this beloved holiday tradition. Have a safe, happy, and blessed Independence Day!

A graphic for the monthly Mahjong Meetup. It features a pink and white color scheme. At the top left is a small icon of a Mahjong tile with a red character. The text "monthly MAHJONG MEETUP" is in a large, pink, bubbly font. To the right is the Union Church of Hinsdale logo. Below the title are the dates: "JUNE 4 | 7-9 P.M.", "JUNE 18 | 7-9 P.M.", "JULY 9 | 7-9 P.M.", "JULY 23 | 7-9 P.M.", "AUGUST 6 | 7-9 P.M.", and "AUGUST 20 | 7-9 P.M.". At the bottom, it says "IN ROWELL HALL".

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A graphic for the Sandwich Making event. It features a large, colorful illustration of a sandwich with lettuce, tomato, and cheese. The text "Sandwich MAKING" is in a green, bubbly font. Below it, it says "EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE 11:15a.m. - 1:00p.m. DINING ROOM". The date "7/19" is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says "Service opportunity open to all ages and family stages!" and includes the Union Church of Hinsdale and Night Ministry logos.

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UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE NIGHT MINISTRY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has received a number of strong candidates, and after initial phone screens and watching their sermons, we hope to have more formal interviews lined up with multiple candidates soon. During that time, we will continue to field and screen new candidates as they come in. We will continue to update the congregation as we move candidates along, and please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

GRATITUDE GIFT FOR STEPHEN EDWARDS

Stephen Edwards is beginning a new chapter in his ministry, and his last Sunday with Union Church will be July 12. In honor of Stephen's 12 years of service, Union Church of Hinsdale is gathering a thank-you gift. You are welcome to send a card or make a monetary contribution through the church.

To make a financial gift, please do one of the following:

- Send a check to the church with "Thank You, Stephen" in the memo line. Please send all checks by July 10.
- Contribute online by using the QR code or by visiting the Union Church website, clicking "Live Generously," and selecting the fund "Stephen Edwards Gratitude Gift."



Cards with well wishes are also welcome. Simply send a card addressed to:

Stephen Edwards, Union Church, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521 Please send all cards by July 10.

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.