

# UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



## ***Welcome to the Family***

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 A.M. Worship Service  
June 7, 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 strive to live lives of love for God and all people.***

*You are welcome here!*



GATHERING MUSIC

*Where the Cross Crowded Ways of Life*  
Ollie Townsend - Organ

Gardner

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes  
Rev. Grant Glowiak

PRELUDE

*We Shall Rise*  
Bree Gordon - Guitar

J. Edmond Thomas

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Whether you are 1 or 100 years old...

**All: All God's children are welcome here!**

One: Whatever you look like, whatever you sound like...

**All: All God's children are welcome here!**

One: If you are here all the time or this is your first time...

**All: All God's children are welcome here!**

One: And so we gather to worship in song & prayer, joyfully proclaiming that...

**All: All God's children are welcome here!**

**\* HYMN # 28**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\* INVOCATION PRAYER**

Loving God, we gather together today as members of a family. Help us to see all people as our brothers, sisters, and siblings in the greater beloved human family. Let your holy presence fill this place, from the deepest parts of our souls to the outer reaches of your creation. Strengthen the bonds of your gathered people this day, so we may live lives of mercy, grace, and peace, now and always. Amen.

**\* RESPONSE**

*Halle, halle, halle – lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle – lujah! Halle, halle, halle – lujah!*

*Halle, halle, halle – lujah! Halle, halle, halle – lujah!! Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Medema

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Send love, send us power, send us grace.*

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13*

Diane Oostendorp

BAPTISM 101

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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\* = Those who are able and willing, please stand

**HYMN # 326**

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

**BAPTISM**

Mason Everett Severns

Parents: Michelle and Michael Severns

Godparents: Manuel Torres and Arielle Uray

**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*)**

Mason Everett, 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**

**HYMN # 351**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

John Ylvisaker

**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**

*Guatemala Work Tour*

**Zelle (preferred)**  
Please memo designated fund/special offering

**\* HYMN**

*Let Us Build a House*

Haugen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**COMMUNION 101**

**\* COMMUNION HYMN # 349**

*I Come with Joy  
(stanzas 1-3)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Rev. Dr. Robb Knuepfer

*All are welcome at the Communion table. All means all. Additionally, at this time, we also invite you to sign & pass the Attendance Sheets – they help us care for members & welcome visitors.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: And also with you.

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.....

RECESSIONAL

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham

Today's flowers are in loving memory of Joan and Alan Hurst from their 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)	<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)	Jess Koehn (h)
Dir. of Music & Worship – Stephen C Edwards (h/t)	Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)	Macy Danenhower(s)
Ushers – Virgil Oostendorp, 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

### 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](http://www.hinsdale.church), and click on the 'Connect' button for more info!

### 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



UNION  
CHURCH  
OF  
HINSDALE

Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Prizes are going to be awarded for best dessert and best salad!



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STAFF TRANSITION

It is with joy for Stephen, but with great sadness for Union Church, that we announce that Stephen Edwards will be transitioning from his role as Director of Music at Union Church. Stephen is following God's lead to serve another church.

Stephen's impact at Union Church has been immeasurable. He will be immensely missed! Follow the link in the weekly email to read both Stephen's announcement and a letter from Tim. Stephen's last day with us will be Sunday, July 12, 2026.

### SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has begun screening candidates and is working diligently to find more qualified options from a wide range of sources. Everything is still in the early stages, but we are encouraged by the responses to our opening so far. We will continue to update the congregation as we move candidates along, and please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.



### SUMMER MAHJONG

Come join us on the first and third Thursday in June and August and the Second and fourth Thursday in July! All Mahjong nights will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Rowell Hall. Registration for each date you can make it is greatly appreciated. Please sign up using the QR code on the right.

Join us for a fun and relaxing time!



## RECURRING SUMMER EVENTS

### HANG IN THERE CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

*Monthly on Sundays in June, July and August*

### SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

*Sunday, July 19, 11:15, in the Dining Room*

**HANG IN THERE**  
**CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION**

**11:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**  
**KITCHEN CLASSROOM**

**2026**  
**JUNE 14**  
**JULY 12**  
**AUGUST 2**

**UNION CHURCH**  
**HINSDALE**

**Sandwich**  
**MAKING**

EVERY  
**3RD SUNDAY**  
AFTER  
SERVICE  
**11:15a.m. - 1:00p.m.**  
DINING ROOM

**7/19**

Service opportunity open to  
all ages and family stages!

**UNION CHURCH**  
**HINSDALE**

**THE NIGHT**  
**MINISTRY**

## MINISTRY FOR CHANGE

### GREEN HALO SCHOLARS: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thursday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Union Church of Hinsdale.

Green Halo is looking for presenters to lead 40-minute breakout sessions on topics related to career development for young adults, particularly those who can share knowledge they wish they had when they were entering adulthood and the workforce.

Breakout session topics include:

- Networking and professional communication
- Financial literacy and understanding benefits packages
- Navigating professional spaces as a first-generation student and professional
- Career pathways and industry insights
- The “hidden rules” of the workplace and professional etiquette

If you're interested in presenting — or know someone who would, please email Sara Miller at [sara@greenhaloscholars.org](mailto:sara@greenhaloscholars.org) to learn more. They also need volunteers to help with resume reviews, mock interviews, traffic flow, etc.



## In Partnership with Sueños y Esperanzas, join us on a... **Community Connections Trip to Guatemala**

Our mission is reducing poverty in Guatemala's Mayan communities through education. Sueños y Esperanzas educates, equips, and empowers Mayan children and youth to build a hopeful future. We help students gain the skills to succeed in school and pursue meaningful careers.

### **Our Programs:**

- Abejitas (Little Bees): Preparing students for middle & high school
- Parenting Program: Supporting families as children stay in school
- We-Connect Computer Program: Weekly tech classes & computer access

### **Trip Details:**

- Trip Dates: Oct 31 – Nov 8
- Optional side trip: Oct 28 – Nov 1
- Cost: \$1,850 (includes food, lodging, in country transportation) plus airfare
- Open to ages 13+
- Activities include Home construction, smokeless stove building, various cultural experiences

Come talk to us after the 10:00 a.m. service on June 14 in the gathering space to get more information and to sign up!

Questions? Contact Trayce Biancalana —  
[Traycebiancs@yahoo.com](mailto:Traycebiancs@yahoo.com).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HCS FAMILY SERVICES: GROCERY BAG DONATIONS

HCS is looking for paper grocery bag donations only. They are no longer collecting plastic grocery bags.

Paper grocery bags (with or without handles) can be left in the black bin on the lower level next to the north entrance door.



**HCS** family services  
EMPOWERING FAMILIES. CHANGING LIVES.  
**TOGETHER WE THRIVE.**  
SINCE 1927

### RESALE 2026 IS BACK THIS FALL!


Cleaning closets, organizing the family room, or sorting outgrown kid's items this summer?

Save your gently used treasures for Resale!

Donations begin September 20

Sale dates are October 2 and 3



[hinsdale.church/resale-2025](https://hinsdale.church/resale-2025) 

### PROMISING START: HELLFIRE OPENS WITH GRITTY DRAW



Putting last year's opening day 1-26 loss fully in the rearview, the 2026 Hellfire looks like a whole new ballclub after posting a 10-10 season opener tie this past Wednesday. When asked about his career-best day, going 4-5 at the plate with a double and 4 RBI's, Team Captain Rev. Glowiak responded:

"Listen, that's the kind of production our front office expects from me week in and week out. It's no secret [that] Union Church pays me more than anyone else on this team. And as Team Captain it's incumbent upon me to create a culture of excellence starting at the top. That's table stakes.

What I'm much more interested in talking about is how excited I am about this year's squad. We had 20 starters last year, and I'm confident all 25 guys on our roster will get reps this season so we're deeper than ever before. Chris (Freedlund) is a lifelong UCH member and has years of softball experience to draw on. With him off IR and back on the mound, he brings a level of confidence and composure that you just can't teach.

We also had two rookies start this past week, lifelong member Robbie Schaefer and recent acquisition Josh Wong, who, despite shaking off years, perhaps decades, of rust, both came out looking really sharp. That's extremely promising for us, we're really excited about that.

And as far as our returning guys, Paul (Standring), Charlie (Thayer), and Taylor (Reynolds) had the outfield on lock despite being a man down. Plus we had strong production from Colin (Dowling) and Mike (Binz) both at the plate and in the infield. So, we feel we're currently in a pretty good place as an organization as we look forward to next week's match-up."

**The next game is Wednesday, 6/10, at 6:30 pm at Veeck Park.**

**Be sure to check the Friday emails for full post-game analysis and information about upcoming games.**



## Happy 160th Birthday, Union Church!

Dear Friends,

We were first known as the “Prairie Depot Church.”

In 1866, less than a year after this group of folks began gathering for worship in the only building in Hinsdale large enough to accommodate its numbers—the railroad depot—the Prairie Depot Church was officially recognized as the Congregational Union Church of Hinsdale.

**We have much to celebrate in this 160<sup>th</sup> birthday year, and many wishes for the future as well!** We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past and the future from now through **Sunday, October 25**, when, just after 10 am worship, you're all invited to a birthday party!

Over the next few months, please take a moment to write down one or more fond memories of your life at Union Church, as well as your hopes and dreams for our future. Note cards are available in the Gathering Place; just drop your thoughts into the Birthday Box you'll find there. We'll collect these and share them at our birthday party.

While you're there, take a look at the bulletin board to see photos of Union Church's most precious resource—our church family! (Be sure to smile when one of our resident photographers asks for a picture!)

Finally, please consider making a special birthday gift of \$160--\$1 for every year—to honor our beloved church and give it a good start for the next 160 years. If you are so inclined to add a zero, that would be welcomed, too.

With gratitude for all that has come before and great hope for the future,

Trustees Diane Kurtz and Lucy Tarabour

*There are multiple ways to give. You may scan one of the QR codes to give via Realm or Zelle (be sure to select “\$160 for 160” from the drop-down menu of giving options), or bring or mail a check to the church. Thank you!*