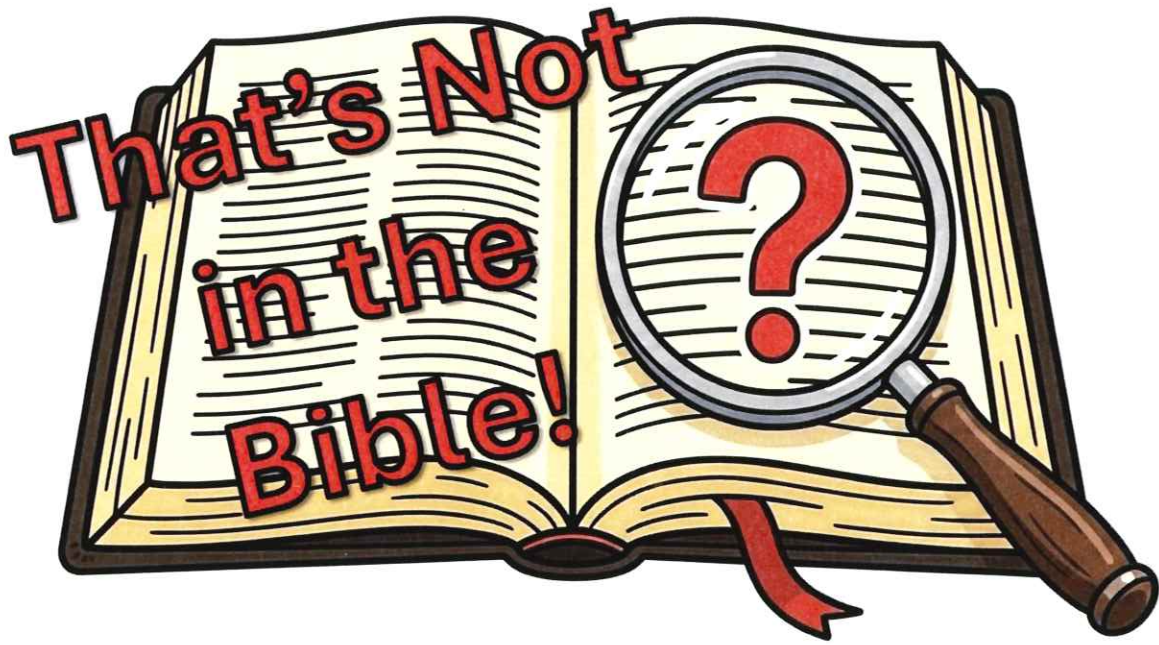


UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

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



That's Not in the Bible: "God's Plan"

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
July 5, 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!



WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Stephen C Edwards

PRELUDE

Sonatine: II. Movement de menuet
Hannah Fusco – Oboe, Bill Buhr - Piano

Maurice Ravel

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

All: You search out our paths and are acquainted with all our ways.

One: You know our sitting down and our rising up. You discern our thoughts from far away.

All: Even before our words are on our tongues, you know them completely.

One: Where can we go from your spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?

All: If we rise to the heavens, you are there; if we rest in the depths, you are there as well.

One: If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us.

All: For your unfailing love, your steadfast presence, and your wonderful works, we gather to praise and worship you, O God.

* HYMN #592

God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

NATIONAL HYMN

* INVOCATION PRAYER (Inspired by Psalm 139)

Good and Loving God, we come before you seeking to know your presence. Lay your hands upon us, reminding us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Hem us in, behind and before, for even the darkness in our lives is not dark to you. Search us this day and know our hearts. Blot out all wickedness within us, and lead us in the way everlasting. 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.***

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.

ANTHEM

Take My Life

arr. Craig Courtney

Hannah Fusco – Oboe, Stephen C Edwards – Tenor, Bill Buhr – Piano

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

Venezuela Earthquake Response

* HYMN #591

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:13-16

Winnie Leathers

SERMON

*That's Not in the Bible:
“God’s Plan”*

Rev. Grant Glowiak

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

* COMMUNION HYMN #349
(stanzas 1-3)

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Communion table. All means all. 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.
For a list of ingredients in our gluten free communion bread, see the photo of the package in the announcements section.*

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

Thanks for giving to the life of UCH!

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.....

COMMUNION MUSIC

* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (*in unison*)

We thank you, O God, for giving us your grace through the visible signs of this bread and vine, 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. 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 #377

Forward Through the Ages

ST GERTRUDE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Bill Buhr

Today's flowers are given by Melissa Barnes Mann in loving memory of her parents, Ruth Melissa & Robert Dean Barnes and her sister, Ann Barnes Wilkinson.

STAFF AND WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Bridge Pastor – Timothy C. Rhodes (h)

Associate Pastor – Grant Glowiak (h/t)

Associate Pastor – Robb Knuepfer (h)

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

Dir. of Christian Education – Penny Johnson (s)

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

Dir. of Handbells – Elizabeth Jung (s)

Organist – Oliver Townsend (h)

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

Ushers – Vicky Hurst, Diane Kurtz, Gail Weber, Barb Parsons

* 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.

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.

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!

JULY EVENTS



UNION CHURCH
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monthly
**MAHJONG
MEETUP**

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.
AUGUST 20 | 7-9 P.M.

IN ROWELL HALL



**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!

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NIGHT MINISTRY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senior Minister Search Committee has held its first round of interviews and we continue to progress with in-person interviews over the coming weeks. We believe the group we have includes our future Senior Minister and are thrilled with the progress. We will continue to update the congregation as we move candidates along, and please continue to keep the entire committee in your prayers.

RESALE 2026

Happy Summer! Please think of resale as you clean out your garage (tools are very sought after), basement, kitchen, closet and/or attic. Drop off of items starts Sunday, September 20th. Resale is Friday, October 2nd and Saturday, October 3rd. This is a great way to recycle your treasures!

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION BREAD INGREDIENTS

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.

FAREWELL STEPHEN

CELEBRATE STEPHEN WITH MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Sunday, July 12, 11:25 a.m., in Rowell Hall

Please plan to linger longer after worship on Sunday, July 12. We will be celebrating our beloved Stephen Edwards with cake and well wishes following his last official Sunday with Union Church of Hinsdale.

If you've ever stepped side to side while *WE* played a moving contemporary song or marveled at the beauty of the Chancel Choir, you know how much joy Stephen has infused into our sanctuary.

We are grateful for his 12 years of service and look forward to wishing him well in his next chapter of ministry.

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.

UCECP

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW UCECP DAD & TODDLER/CHILD PROGRAM

Dad skills that matter and building memories with your kid. Real talk about raising kids, real strategies that work, and real friendships with dads who get it. No judgement - no pretense. Just honest conversation and solid support from guys in the same boat. Join other dads for facilitated discussions, play-based activities, and community building in a welcoming environment designed for fathers and their young children. Think Mother Toddler and Mother Child but with a light touch....and for the guys. **This class meets twice a month on Friday mornings, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., October through May.**

To register, ask questions or to request a tour, contact the office: registration@uchinsdale.org, kchoate@uchinsdale.org, dmoreno@uchinsdale.org. You may also visit the UCECP website – UCECP.org.

UCECP is also offering new afternoon program and exploring the possibility of offering extended day programs as well. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.



Afternoon Programming at UCECP

ACE PROGRAMS:

2's & 3's Classrooms 11:45am-2:45pm

Tuesday: Tiny Taste Makers; Adventures in every bite!

Wednesday: Discovery Detectives; Sparking curiosity and problem-solving skills.

Thursday: Harmony and Hues; Where music and art inspire creativity.

Friday: Friendship Squad; Building confidence, empathy, and friendship skills.

4's & 5's Classrooms 12:15pm-2:45pm

Tuesday: Little Architects Club; Where creativity takes shape.

Wednesday: Broadway Beginnings; Discover the performer in you.

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EXTENDED DAY 2:45pm-5pm

UCECP is exploring the possibility of expanding the length of the school day. Over the past few months, some families have expressed interest, so we're gathering information to see if there is enough demand to move forward. To launch an extended-day option, the program will need a minimum of 10 children enrolled. Cost would be \$203 per day.

If you would be interested in an expanded day for your child, please let us know so we can determine next steps.

Reach out to Kimberly Choate at kchoate@uchinsdale.org



Join us!

your family is welcome here!

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Back-To-School Sunday (9 + 10 a.m.)
& Backpack Blessing (10 a.m.)
Sunday, August 16 - Wear your favorite school colors and bring a backpack or work bag to church to be blessed for a year of productivity ahead! Root beer floats after 10:00 a.m. service!

Sunday School begins!



Nursery
(under 5)



Elementary
(5+)

UCECP Kick-Off Sunday
Sunday, August 30 @ 9 a.m.

Come see the UCECP classrooms the day before UCECP school begins, **bring your backpack to be blessed at the 9 a.m. worship** and receive special prayers for students and teachers for a wonderful school year ahead.

UCH Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, September 20
@ 9 a.m. + 10 a.m.

Join us as we jump into our new, year-long theme of **Soulcraft: The Art of Living**.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9 + 10 a.m.

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet), or a stuffed animal for a special blessing! Both services will be outdoors.

Email a photo of your pet and/or stuffed animals to akieffer@uchinsdale.org for our bulletin board honoring our beloved furry friends and family members

Worship in the Woods

Sunday, October 11 + 18 @ 9 a.m.

Join us as we take our worship in the form of a hike into Fullersburg Woods!



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Happy birthday, Union!

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Union Church celebrates 160 years
with **one worship service at 9:30 a.m.**

*Mark
YOUR
Calendar*



Worship for the whole family

ABOUT THE 9 a.m. SERVICE

This kid-approved service is held at **9:00 a.m. in the Chapel**. And if you're running late - that's ok! Who actually gets places on time with kids in tow? Like God, we give grace. It's a brief (25-30 minutes), casual service intended as a first step towards worship for children. We embrace movement, curious little minds, and music at this service. Everyone welcome!

Meet us here!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE AT 10 a.m.

We also gather for a 10:00 a.m. service inside the Sanctuary. Nursery care and Sunday School are available during this worship service. This service is also streamed on our YouTube channel.

ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS



Beginners Mahjong Meet-up, Rowell Hall, 7-9 pm on the first and third Thursdays of summer, and first Thursday beginning in September.

"Hang in There" Current Events Discussion Group in the Kitchen Classroom at 11:15-12:30 on the first Sunday of the month.



Ministry-for-Change Sandwich Making to support The Night Ministry in the Kitchen Classroom at 11:15 on the third Sunday of the month



RESALE!

A UNION CHURCH TRADITION

SAVE THE DATES: OCTOBER 2 & 3

Visit hinsdale.church/resale for donation, volunteer, & shopping details



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