



The

# UNIGRAM

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MUNCIE

**The Reverend Thomas Perchlik, M. Div.**  
Minister

**Nadine Tringali**  
Director of Religious Education

## Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:45 a.m. "Finding Our Way"

Guest Minister: Rev. Derek Parker

The wisdom of the rabbis, and a reflection on finding our way in the world.

*The Rev. Derek Parker is a long time friend of our congregation. He has served liberal churches across three denominations, including the UUA. He is presently Youth Pastor at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Muncie.*

### Pre-Service Discussion Topics (9:30 am.)

#### "The Challenge of Raising Children as Unitarian Universalists"

In Michelle Richards' book "Tending the Flame," she states that "This book explores the unique challenges and joys of raising children as Unitarian Universalists. Our unorthodox faith offers a different parenting experience than do many other religious traditions. On September 5<sup>th</sup> we will be discussing what those challenges are, and practical ways of dealing with those challenges. **Mary Bradley** will moderate the discussion.



## Sunday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:45 a.m.

### "Why We Make Mistakes"

Rev. Thomas Perchlik In Pulpit

The author Joe Halinan notes, "We misremember our high school grades. We give our friends gift cards they'll never use. We think we'd be happier if we lived in California (we wouldn't) and we think we should stick with our first answer on tests (we shouldn't)." Why do we make mistakes? And could we do a little better?"

## RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS: PROFIT OF \$1526.00!

**Our Rummage Sale was a great success! We made \$1526.00! It was the best sale we've ever had!**

Thanks to all of you who:

Contributed donations

Set everything up for the sale

Helped during the sale

Cleaned up when it was over

...and shopped.

Special thanks to my hardworking and ever-cheerful rummage sale workers: **Debbie Allen, Carolyn Cooley, Judy Craig, Alyssa Farnsworth, Julie Fritz, Connie Gregory, Linda Gregory, Eleanor Johnson, Cindy Meyer, Cindy Peters, Kirsten Smith, Eleanor Trawick, Sherry Ware**, and two of the favorite men in my life: husband, **Wayne Meyer**, and son, **Craig Meyer**.

It was hard but fun work. We recycled lots of stuff – a ton or so. All remaining wares will go to the Muncie Mission. See, the giving just keeps on giving! – *Jane Meyer*

*Editor's note: Thanks, too, Jane, to you!*

**SOS** SAVE OUR  
SANCTUARY

**Friends of the UU Church who would like to make a donation to the church capital campaign can send their donation to the church office with the memo stating "SOS Campaign."**



## Sept. 5, 2010

Deacons: Hal Roepke  
Larry Lennis  
Hospitality: Monica James  
Amy Shaw  
Jorja Spurgeon  
Worship Associate:  
Sue Guillaud  
Greeters: John Barber  
Betty Gerold  
Lynn Vollmar  
Sights & Sounds Team:  
Jim Hammons



## Sept. 12, 2010

Deacons: Ginny Nilles  
Mary Robey  
Hospitality: Marian Cooley  
Peg Shaffer  
Lisa Stewart  
Worship Associate:  
Brandon Mundell  
Greeters: Patrick Beard  
Marj Joyner  
Mike Sullivan  
Sights & Sounds Team:  
Bryce Taylor

### *The Unigram Deadline for Submissions:*

**Thurs. Noon Prior to Issue**  
*Items can be dropped off at the church office or e-mailed to Jan at her personal e-mail: jkmondell@juno.com*

**Order of Service Deadline**  
*Items for the Sunday Bulletin must be submitted to Christie in the church office by 12 Noon on Wednesday!*

*Church Office 288-9561  
Church e-mail:  
uuchurch@hotmail.com*

### **THE UNIGRAM**

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## Words From The Woods

This is the best time of year in this part of the world. The nights and mornings are cool, but the afternoons are filled with sun and the rich green of late summer. Speaking of green, I was recently told that our church has been talking far too much about money. It has been a bigger topic of concern than usual. Last fall we faced a serious accounting crisis that had dropped our reserves to near zero, and we asked everyone to help Fill the Gap. Last winter we had our usual annual pledge campaign, and then in the spring we had another drive to increase those pledges. This fall we are engaged in the SOS capital fund drive, to repair and improve our building. Then, in six months, we will be facing our annual pledge campaign yet again. This is certainly out of the ordinary, but necessary to make sure we continue to transform individual lives and in the community around us.

Money is rarely an easy topic to address in a congregation of any size because it will always be colored by our attitudes about wealth, worth and personal power; these are always present, and can play havoc with our feelings and perceptions. Talk of money can make us feel alienated from, even resentful of, people who have different means and different income, or merely uncomfortable about our personal financial limits. That is why I intentionally chose as my closing image this Sunday past a story about someone who had lost all material wealth but who still had the respect and honor of his religious community. In our ideal community in the woods we share abundantly and equally the wealth of our stories, our insights, the grace of the towering trees, the bounty of our beautiful building and the treasured vision of a Community of Love and Reason that knows no bounds. Money should serve that, not hinder it.

At the very least I hope you freely enjoy the turning of the seasons as we roll towards autumn in the woods and our part of the world. – *Peace, Thomas*

## ~ A Social Justice Opportunity ~

**Pedal for Peace ~ October 2, 2010, 4-10 p.m.**

**Major Tayor Velodrome, 3649 Cold Springs Road, Indpls**

**Anyone 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older can participate  
50% of proceeds goes to AWAKEN**

*Interested in biking on a team? Contact Emily, captain of Ball State Peace Center team, emmmastroiann@bsu.edu*

**More information: pedalforpeace.org or 317-443-2632**

## ~ Revival Hour ~

*Good food; good company.* The Revival Hour meets every Wed. at 5:30 p.m. for food and refreshments at announced locations. Any age is welcome. The more the merrier! **September Organizer: Lynn Vollmar (289-7610)**

Sept. 1 Olive Garden                      Sept. 15 Johnny Carino's

Sept. 8 Red Lobster

***No need for a reservation; just come join us!***



Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Info., cont. from pg. 1:

Pre-Service Discussion Topics (9:30am)

### "Spiritual Journey to India"

Our guest speaker, Ball State graduate Megan Sharp, recently returned from a year in India. While working on a project concerning water quality, she lived in a community with conservative Christians. Upon completion of her project, she used her own time to explore the culture of India and to develop an appreciation of Hinduism, including visiting its festivals and holy sites. You will not want to miss her remarkable story on how India broadened her view of spirituality. Note: this program has been rescheduled from August 1, 2010.

Anyone who would like to attend is invited to a

## Bridal Shower

for the fiancé of Brett Mundell (and the future daughter-in-law of Jan Mundell)

## Jennifer Clark

Sat., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

at the UU Church in Muncie

Hosted by Julie Avery, Jan's sister. Please let Jan know if you plan to attend (jkmundell@juno.com or 730-9554).



Aug. 31	Shailla Gupta
Sept. 1	Cheryl & David LeBlanc
Sept. 2	Beth & Adam Willard
Sept. 3	Blake Duncan Tammy & Erich Frankland
Sept. 7	Suzanne Groshong
Sept. 8	Heather Arvidson Aaron Wand & Judy Krieger-Wand
Sept. 9	George Elvin
Sept. 10	Gwendolyn Doyle
Sept. 11	John Taylor
Sept. 12	Wil Dubree

## RE News

### ~ SUNDAY MORNING ROUTINE ~

All youth will begin in the sanctuary with their parents. Following the hymn, *Spirit of Life*, classes will begin. On special occasions, children will begin in their classrooms so that we may hold "children's chapel" in the fellowship hall. Please check the "RE Welcome Board" in the RE wing (east entrance) to find out what is happening in RE each Sunday morning.

### Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – RE GOOFY OLYMPICS!

This Sunday we will enjoy games of skill and silliness! Our MS liaison, **Velvet Miller**, has organized special activities for her classroom. The HS class will be in the sanctuary this morning.

### Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – TEACHER DEDICATION & RE OPEN HOUSE

This Sunday we invite you to the RE Wing for coffee hour. Please accept this invitation to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, visit with our RE families and view the curriculums we will be using this year. As a special treat you will find a different taste delight in every classroom.

### RE REGISTRATION

There will be a RE registration table set up in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of September. Please stop by and pick up our RE Children & Youth Prospectus 2010-2011 and fill out a registration form for your family. We ask our families to complete a registration form each September to keep our files current.

### BOOK CLUB

- "TENDING THE FLAME" by Michelle Richards, led by **Mary Bradley**, will be our next series. Please contact me if childcare is needed. We will be meeting on the following Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Blue Room: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>. *"In this first-of-its-kind guide to Unitarian Universalist parenting, mother and experienced religious educator Michelle Richards encourages a practical and proactive approach to raising Unitarian Universalist children. This comprehensive resource offers suggestions for incorporating spiritual practices into family life, teaching the Principles in age-appropriate ways, answering difficult questions on religious matters and dealing with religious disagreements."*

*Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education*

## Coming Soon...at the UUI Church close to the Butler University Campus...

### Huusier Paluuzza ~ Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

A camp-meeting style extravaganza will celebrate the "big tent" philosophy of our faith with hands-on family activities, youth/young adult worship, and a rock band, followed by a community meal. The evening continues with music, worship and "firebrand" style preaching – see who, what, when and where posted at our church. There is also a signup sheet in the sanctuary for finding or offering a ride.



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Muncie Community

*"Our congregation is  
welcoming to all people,  
including gay, lesbian,  
bisexual, and transgender  
persons."*

Dated Material

~ CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ~

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Our Office Administrator, **Christie Williams**, is in the office during these hours. **Rev. Thomas Perchlik** and our **Director of Religious Education, Nadine Tringali**, will also be in the office many of these hours. If a specific appointment time is needed or other needs arise, please contact the church office or our president, listed below.

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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Church Calendar:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/uuchurch>

~ IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ~

In case of emergency, call

Church President, Lynn Sousa, at 282-9993.

8/22 ATTENDANCE: 104 VISITORS: 6  
RE: 29 YOUTH 13 ADULTS  
LOOSE OFFERING: \$167.00  
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8/29 ATTENDANCE: 125 VISITORS: 4  
RE: 32 YOUTH 4 ADULTS  
LOOSE OFFERING: \$165.56

CHURCH CALENDAR for SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup> to SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup>

Wed.	1	5:30 p.m.	Revival Hour @ Olive Garden
		7:30 p.m.	Worship Associates
Sun.	5	9:30 a.m.	Discussion Group
		10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:45 a.m.	RE Goofy Olympics
		7:00 p.m.	Muncie Meditation and Dharma
Monday, Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> ~ Church Office Closed ~ Labor Day			
Tues.	7	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	8	5:30 p.m.	Revival Hour @ Red Lobster
		7:00 p.m.	Program Council
Sat.	11	9:00 a.m.	Property Maintenance Workday
		to 12 noon	
Sun.	12	9:30 a.m.	Marketing Committee
		9:30 a.m.	Discussion Group
		10:45 a.m.	Worship Service and RE Classes
		12:00 noon	RE Open House
		7:00 p.m.	Muncie Meditation and Dharma
Tues.	14	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal