



# the UNIGRAM

## The Hunt for Humility

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister*

An English teacher of mine, at some point in my schooling, asked our class a great question – “what is the definition of irony?” She asked this in follow up after checking to see if we all understood what irony was, and the whole class had nodded yes, we did understand. And yet when she posed this question, none of us could come up with a definition of irony in the moment. We could name ironic moments or experiences, but we couldn’t actually come up with a workable definition. Her point to us was that we don’t truly know what a word means until we can articulate its definition. And I’ll admit, I still can’t define irony off the top of my head – I had to go look its meaning up again just now. My teacher’s question though returned to me as I’ve been thinking about this October’s theme of

Humility – what does humility actually mean?

I’m not the only one to struggle with this question. In the introduction to his book, *Humility: The Quite Virtue*, Everett L. Worthington, Jr. notes: “writing a book on humility is fraught with difficulties... I cannot tell you a definitive description of humility revealed by science... I can only invite you to consider people you know. Who are your heroes of humility?” He suggests that instead of a definition, the best way to understand humility is to list the characteristics of people you know who you think are humble.

Figuring it was worth a shot, I tried

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## Humility: No and Yes

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

Our relationship was always a rocky one, marked by misunderstanding, mistrust, ambiguity, and quarrelsomeness. Other people said we were perfect for each other, a match not only made in, but blessed by heaven itself. But somehow or other, I could never quite relate. Something always seemed “off.” That was pointed out to me as evidence that I really *needed* this relationship. I went along with it for many years, and then somehow found the courage to simply end the relationship. It was over between Humility and me. Over. Done.

I really don’t recall when Humility reappeared in my life.

There were occasional contacts, intermittent flirtations, very sporadic at first. Part of it had been that I didn’t like the crowd Humility hung out with—humiliate and humiliation, for example. There were others, too—shame, abase, debase, demean, degrade, belittle, cause to feel small, and some other unsavory characters. When Humility reappeared, though, the cohort had broken up.

The Humility I had known was in fact a mean-spirited masquerade, slightly if at all related to true humility. Curious, I ran a background check. I’d had a philosophy professor in grad school who sent us off to the library with a weekly assignment. He gave us each a word, and we were charged with looking up its origins and history in the massive *Oxford Dictionary of the English Language*. I

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Services begin at 10:45 am      October Theme :: Humility**

For more information about this month's theme check out Theme Exploration on [page 3](#).

Sunday, October 2 <b>Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd</b>	Join us as we begin our exploration of our October theme of Humility.
Sunday, October 9 <b>Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd</b>	In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 11 <sup>th</sup> , we will celebrate Solidarity Sunday as we lift up the LGBTQ community and the struggle for their basic civil rights.
Sunday, October 16 <b>Special Multi-Gen</b>	Please bring your entire family for this special multi-generational service. We will be using another of Erika Hewitt's fabulous scripts, "Babble" – "This story illustrates that, while we may get distracted by our ambition and greed, no success is very enjoyable without love and the warm spirit of community." Childcare will be available for children kindergarten and younger.
Sunday, October 23 <b>Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd</b>	We'll dive deeper into October's theme of Humility. See the Friday eBlast for more details.
Sunday, October 30 <b>Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer</b>	<i>Religion, Community, and Staying at the Table.</i> What does it mean to remain faithful to our community when we disagree? What resources can we draw on to enable us to "stay at the table" with integrity and authenticity in the face of our disagreements? Come explore and reflect on your own journey.
<b>Religious Education for Children &amp; Youth :: 10:45 am</b>	
Sunday, October 2 <b>No Religious Education Classes</b>	This morning we will not be holding religious education classes, as it is our annual UUCM Fall Retreat at Pokagon State Park. As always, nursery and childcare for our preschool and kindergarten youth will be available from 9:15 am-12:15 pm.
Sunday, October 9 <b>Curriculum Sunday</b>	Join us as we continue our religious exploration!
Sunday, October 16 <b>Special Multi-Gen</b>	Please don't miss our special service this morning for all ages! We will be using another of Erika Hewitt's fabulous scripts, <u>Babble</u> – "This story illustrates that, while we may get distracted by our ambition and greed, no success is very enjoyable without love and the warm spirit of community."
Sunday, October 23 <b>Curriculum Sunday</b>	Join us as we continue our religious exploration!
Sunday, October 30 <b>Curriculum Sunday &amp; Halloween Parade</b>	All who wish to participate in the Halloween Parade should arrive in costume by 10:30 and gather in the fellowship hall. The parade will wind through the service accompanied by a "spooky" musical prelude!
<b>Adult Religious Exploration Offerings :: 9:30 am</b>	
Our mission statement begins by calling us to a continuing exploration of our faith. In pursuit and support of that goal, we offer our Adult RE during the Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am pre-service slot. Check out all the offerings below!	
Every Sunday – Red Room <b>Adult Discussion Group</b>	This group is meant as a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. See <a href="#">page 8</a> for weekly topics.
Every Sunday – Violet room <b>Muncie UU Pagans</b>	This is an open discussion group to explore the differences in our pagan traditions. We will also be discussing the reasons that so many Pagan and Earth-based religions find homes in UU congregations. People of any belief are welcome to attend.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Yellow room <b>Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality</b>	Reverend Julia will lead an adult RE class based on Kathleen Montgomery's edited book, <i>Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality</i> , a collection of essays on various topics relevant to spirituality and aging. The book is available through Skinner House.

## Theme Exploration – Humility

Selecting a theme for our worship services each month allows us to explore specific important theological topics in greater breadth, while also challenging us to go deeper. If you have a reading, poem or personal story to share that relates to our current or upcoming theme, please e-mail them to Rev. Seth.

### Sacred Text

*Our sacred text for this month is an excerpt from Humility: The Quiet Virtue by Everett L. Worthington, Jr.:*

“We cannot fully reach humility by striving for it. Of all the virtues, humility might be the one that quietly show us that, in a fundamental way, there is no dividing line between the arrogant and the humble, between the proud and the modest; none can achieve humility alone. Good and evil indeed pass through each of our hearts. Our efforts to be humble are undermined all too often by that villain, our own heart.

Being humble, then, is like trying to catch air in our hands. The faster we close our fingers around it, the faster the air spurts away. The slower that we close our hands, the slower the air spurts away. But if we hold our hands, palms up, arms out-stretched, then air will come to rest on our hand... When we are moved from within, a humble spirit can descend upon us like that air resting in the open hand.”

### Questions for Reflection

Is humility an important virtue or practice to you in your life? Why or why not?

Is humility something you can strive for? Or is it, as Worthington suggest, more elusive?

What person or experience in life has taught you the most about what it means to be humble?

### Suggested Sermons

“The Time Where Words End” – Rev. Josh Pawelek  
<https://goo.gl/7W2WN7>

“Willing To Be Little” – Mark Bernstein  
<https://goo.gl/6lWdNJ>

### Spiritual Practice or Reflective Practice

Spend a few minutes thinking about people you know who would consider models of humility. Create a list of the two or three most important characteristics or behaviors you think these people share. Spend a day trying to emulate those characteristics or behaviors. When you’re done, reflect on the day for a few minutes, and see if you notice anything different about it.

### 2016-2017 UUCM Themes

September – Change

October – Humility

November – Emotional Intelligence

December – Peace

January – Belonging

February – Power

March – Humanism

April – Identity

May – Ambiguity/Paradox

June – Care of the Soul

## Religious Education Corner

*Nadine Tringali,  
Director of Religious Education*



As our **UUCM Retreat at Pokagon State Park** is just around the corner (September 30-October 2), I know that Fall is truly here. The brisk morning air, the walks in the woods, good food and company, time for reflection and the enjoyment of just looking out over the lake at the sunrise and sunset – I pause for a moment and breathe in the memories of so many good times. I hope to see you there!

We have almost a full team of teachers for this year's Religious Education programming for our children and youth. Many thanks to **Elsbeth Fritz, Dixie Huckle, Hannah Schneider, Adrienne Gruver, Margaret Reeder, Tracy Whelan, Andrea Wolfe, Steve Robert, Susan Taylor, Crystal Frayer, Aryn Sweeney, Luellen Smucker, Zach Enos, David Calvin, Amy Shaw, Velvet Miller, Maggie Bartlett, Leslie Duvall, Pam Harwood, Tania Said, and Bryce Taylor.** We have openings for one preschool teacher and one middle school teacher. If you would be interested in joining our team, please contact me at [nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org). I would be delighted to meet with you!

This month we begin ***Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education*** programming for our 4-6 grade and 7-10 grade participants. We have five youth participating in 4-6 grade OWL and eleven youth participating in 7-10 grade OWL. Throughout the curriculum, the three Rs of our religious education about human sexuality – Respect, Relationship, Responsibility – are supported and nurtured. Many thanks to the families and youth who

have committed to these programs!

And many thanks to **Ben & Denise Ewing** for facilitating our 7-10 grade program and to **Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd** for being my co-facilitator for our 4-6 grade program.

Please don't miss our **Special Multigenerational Service on Sunday, October 16!** We will be using another of Erika Hewitt's fabulous scripts, ***Babble*** – "This story illustrates that, while we may get distracted by our ambition and greed, no success is very enjoyable without love and the warm spirit of community." We have several speaking roles to fill and a few non-speaking roles. If you are interested, please contact Nadine at [nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org). Our multigenerational service welcomes all ages, but childcare will be available in the Blue Room for preschool & kindergarten youth as needed.

All youth who wish to participate in the **Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30**, should arrive in costume by 10:30 and gather in the fellowship hall. The parade will wind through the service, accompanied by a "spooky" musical prelude!

*Nadine*

### UUCM Youth Program Fall Schedule!

**Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd,  
Coordinator of Youth Programs**

Youth: Join us for regular meetings where we connect to one another, listen and share, play and laugh. Lunch is always offered.

Sunday, October 9, 12:30-2pm  
Middle School Youth Group Meeting  
6th-8th Grades

Sunday, October 16, 12:30-2pm  
High School Youth Group Meeting  
9th-12th Grades

Sunday, October 23, 12:30-2pm  
Joint Youth Group Meeting  
6th-12th Grades

*Elizabeth*

## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing Inclusivity. Living Justice.*

“Loving kindness is my religion.”

I recently saw that phrase on a bumper sticker, and thought to myself, “Oh, that sounds so easy!” The image in my mind was of a strong, peaceful person going along alone, with no church involvement – and no committee meetings!

Organized religion is not that easy. Congregations can’t function without volunteers. Serving on a committee means a substantial commitment of time and energy, and balancing volunteer activities with work, family, and personal time is a constant challenge.

The board is learning that part of the reason we are so challenged in keeping all of UUCM’s committees populated and functioning well is that we are an “in-between” or “transitional” church. In our case, this means we’re too big to be a pastoral church, but not quite big enough to function well as a program church. The Two Services Task Force’s research has shown that we’ve been stuck at an average Sunday attendance of around 144, with the sanctuary about 80% full, for 10 years. This is a hard place to be. We want to offer more programs to meet the needs of our diverse membership and newcomers, but who will develop them? Three committees don’t have a chairperson right now; RE still needs more teachers; our volunteers get burned out. So how do we get over this hump? The board is studying that question this year, by reading and discussing several books on church growth. We hope to find ways for the congregation to study this question, too; the changes that come with growth might be easier if we all understand more about the process.

We’re also going to look at how to offer leadership development opportunities so that more of us gain the confidence and skills we need to do church work effectively.

Those of us who are church-goers have found that we need support to live a life of loving kindness. In *The Growing Church*, Michael Schuler wrote, “Faith communities offer dependable opportunities for people to come together for serious spiritual and ethical investigation, for the purpose of developing fresh and liberating insights and of cultivating a lifestyle that is well-balanced, well-tempered, and well-intended.” This is what we value; this is what we all work together to create.

Thank you for all you do,

**Holly Hanauer, President**



“Humanism” Harshman Panel  
Photo by Gunther Cartwright

## Adult Religious Education Committee

*This is the eighth in a series of articles about the ministries of our church. Everything we do is part of our ministry to one another and to the community, both within the church and beyond. Each month over the next two years the series will spotlight the work of a committee or task force that contributes to the broader ministry of our congregation.*

The Adult Religious Education Committee coordinates ongoing religious education programs for the adults in our congregation. These programs provide opportunities to deepen our spirituality and connect spiritually, intellectually, and socially with others in our community.

There are both regular ongoing programs and special programs planned and developed by this committee. Some of the ongoing Adult RE programs include: *Theme Reflections*, which meet with Rev. Seth to more personally explore the month’s theme; the *Adult Discussion Group* meets weekly to discuss a variety of intellectual, spiritual, and societal issues; the *Muncie UU Pagans* meet weekly to explore Earth-based religion and pagan traditions, and starting this October, Rev. Julia will lead a class, *Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality*. Special programs that have been provided in the past include *Exploring Your Theology* with Rev. Seth, *Exploring Spiritual Practices* with Rev. Julia, *What Moves Us: UU Theology* with Rev. Elizabeth, and *Listening Circles* with the Pastoral Associates.

What other programs do you want to see provided? What programs would you like to facilitate? If interested in being involved with the Adult RE Committee, please contact **Eleanor Trawick**.

## Bazaar in the Woods ♦ Saturday, November 5 ♦ 8 am – 2 pm

Planning for the 2016 Bazaar in the Woods has begun! To make it a success, the Bazaar team needs all of us. When we come together as a church in fellowship, we do amazing things. Check out the descriptions below and see where you will fit in best. Whether you donate items, set up, work a booth, or help to clean up, you can make a difference. Please join us in this annual celebration of fellowship and the major fundraiser for our church.

**Bazaar Set Up:** On Sunday, October 30, after the service, volunteers are needed to help clear the sanctuary, set up tables, clothing racks, shelves, and help prep for the big day! Be prepared for fellowship, laughter, and fun. Chair: **Phil Gift**

**Books:** Donate books, CDs, other media, and take some new books and media home from the Bazaar! Book lovers – sign-up to sort and sell on the big day. Chairs: **Michael Doyle** and **John Bartlett**.

**Children's Room:** We are looking for gently used children's toys, books, and clothing. Chairs: **Adrienne Gruver** and **Melanie Hanser**.

**Christmas and Holiday:** Do you have extra decorations or white elephant gifts? Chair: **Tracy Whelan**.

**Collectibles:** Select interesting collectibles, memorabilia, antiques, pottery, linens, or something unique from your home to donate. Chairs: **Jane Meyer** and **Linda McKean**.

**Encore Booth:** Search your closet for gently used upscale clothes and accessories, hats or purses that you no longer wear or need to donate and make room for the wonderful new treasures you are sure to find at this year's Encore booth! All items should be clean, in good repair, and on hangers. Sign up to help sort, hang up, and display clothing during set-up week. You can also help Encore sell the day of the Bazaar. Chairs: **Linda Hanson** and **Annemarie Voss**.

**Flea Market:** *There will be no Flea Market on Bazaar Day this year.* It has been moved to the Post Bazaar Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 12. Feel free to bring all of your donations before the Bazaar. We will sort them. Chairs: **Jane Meyer** and **Jean Rutherford**.

**Foods:** Frozen meals, baked goods, and preserved foods. Chairs: **Judy Lowe**, **Jan Moore**, and **Kristen Owens**.

**Breakfast /Lunch:** Delicious food prepared by master chef **Kirk Robey**.

**Jewelry Booth:** Chairs: **Ginny Nilles** and **Diane Hill**.

**Plant Booth:** Indoor and outdoor plants, if the latter are hardy. Chairs: **Cheryl LeBlanc** and **Judy Craig**.

**Silent Auction:** Choose your donations as early as possible, so that you or the auctioneers can determine their value in time. If possible, please send a photo to **Maggie Bartlett** at [maggie\\_o\\_@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie_o_@yahoo.com). Chairs: **Bruce Craig** and **Tom Lowe**.

**This & That (better than fleas):** The chairs and steering committee will select useful and nice items from donations. Nice items ranging in price from \$3 to \$12. Chairs: **Mary Robey** and **Sherry Ware**.

**Tools:** New to the Bazaar this year. We are looking for gently used hand and garden tools. Check your garage, basement, and garden shed. Chair: **John McKillip**.

**T-Shirts:** New black UUCM T-Shirts and polo shirts. Chair: **Phil Gift**.

**Bazaar Clean-up, 2-3:30:** Restore the sanctuary and reset the classrooms for Sunday. Many hands make light the work! Chair: **Phil Gift**.

Your help is so important to make the Bazaar a success. Look for sign up sheets in the lobby and sign up to volunteer for the big day.

**Bazaar Planning Committee:** **Annemarie Voss**, **Sherry Ware**, **Susan Bossung**, **John McKillip**, **Judy Lowe**, and **Phil Gift**. Feel free to contact any of us if you have a question or need help.

## Humility: No and Yes

**Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer**

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always enjoyed that assignment, and I'm still fascinated by word origins and how their meanings and usage evolve over time.

Humility, as it turns out, has an intriguing and frankly, to my way of thinking at least, illustrious past. Its roots go back to at least 1375 in written form, although it probably existed prior to that in oral usage. Its most immediate ancestor is *humilis*, which means *low*. Ummmmm... However, go back further, and that word derives from the Latin *humus*, which means *earth* or soil.

So, to name humility as a virtue is to acknowledge that we are of the earth. We, along with everything else that was, is, and shall be, are earthy, earthen. It is to recognize our kinship, our equality, with all life. We share in both the wholeness and the brokenness of life, in its glory and its pain.

True humility, as I've come to understand it, is a sense of perspective, a willingness not only to acknowledge but to affirm joyfully that ours isn't the only point of view, the only preferable lifestyle, the single right belief or whatever. It's an openness to other ways of thinking, of doing, of being. It's a willingness to learn from others, to engage in open, loving encounters and be changed by them. It's a willingness to listen. It's a generosity of heart and spirit that invites openness and trust. It offers others a sense of safety. It offers us the ease that comes with not having to be right, with not having to be perfect, with not having to defend ourselves against attacks on our righteousness and rightness.

It is pernicious *false* humility to put ourselves *beneath* others. True humility embraces all within the same web of life, recognizing and indeed celebrating that we are *all* deserving of respect and dignity. When we can love ourselves in both our wondrousness and our imperfection, our strength and our weakness, we can reach out to others with the same acceptance. Humility is part of what binds our beloved community together beyond our disagreements, beyond fears and discomfort. May it be so among us.

**Rev. Julia**

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**Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd**

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Worthington's exercise... and it didn't really give me any concrete results. And so with my English teacher's admonition ringing in my head, I turned to the old standby: the dictionary. In fact, I checked several dictionaries – oh the joys of the internet – and I have to say, I'm not a fan of the most of the dictionaries' primary definitions, which describe humility in the negative. Merriam-Webster states that humility means "not thinking of yourself as better than other people." And just like when we define ourselves as Unitarian Universalists by what we don't believe – "you don't have to believe in god, we generally don't believe Jesus was the literal son of god" – defining humility in the negative is not very satisfying. I find it far more preferable to define Unitarian Universalism in the positive: we offer both freedom of belief, as well as belief in relating to each other with love, justice, equality and inclusivity. And so I wonder: what's a good, positive definition of humility?

Because even setting aside the positive-versus-negative semantic, I'm not a fan of the content of Merriam-Webster's definition. Not thinking of ourselves as better than others... meaning thinking of ourselves as lower or worse than others? That doesn't feel like a good definition for something I consider a virtue. Worthington does suggest in a subsequent chapter of his book that one quality of humility is focusing on others instead of ourselves, but that doesn't quite resonate for me. In [Humble Inquiry: The Gentle Art of Asking Instead of Telling](#), Edgar H. Schein suggests that humility is all about social position and the choices we are faced with when operating from higher or lower social positions, and that resonates for me even less.

After further reflection, the one characteristic I could identify when looking at my heroes of humility was that none of them did what they did out of a need for outside praise or approval. Whether it was their job as a chaplain supervisor, public service on the board of trustees of a local library, or serving as a teacher to children – none of my heroes of humility did what they did out of need, none of them did it seeking validation or worthiness from the outside. They did what they did because it was the right thing to do.

Doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do – that's my working definition of humility for now, but I wonder: what's your definition? Who would you consider your heroes of humility? And do they share common characteristics that might provide a more distinct definition for humility? One of the joys

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**Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd**

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of Unitarian Universalism to me is having my own understanding altered or deepened when other people share their beliefs and experiences. As we continue onwards this month with our shared free and responsible search for truth and meaning, I look forward to further exploring the idea and importance of humility with you, and to being enriched by your wisdom.

See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

**Rev. Seth**

### Theme Reflections :: First Sundays at 12:30 pm

Rev. Seth's Sunday afternoon Theme Reflection group is convening again this year, meeting on first Sundays (except where noted) for the 2016-2017 church year. We will use a connection group model based on deep listening to explore October's theme of Humility. The format stays the same, but the theme is different each month, and participants generally report gaining deeper connections with other participants. This group will meet in the Red classroom off the Fellowship Hall. E-mail Rev. Seth at [seth@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:seth@uuchurchmuncie.org) with any questions or concerns. Childcare will be available for the class upon request.

## Adult Discussion Group

Sundays at 9:30 am – Red room

### October 2 – Change

We'll discuss the September theme: Change.

### October 9 – Life With The Internet

Just 25 years ago the internet was only for computer geeks with the gear and skills to use it, and "cellular phones" only made calls and might need to be in a car for the battery power. Now an 8 year old, in seconds, can look up the average rainfall in Tunisia probably using his own phone. The instant information age has brought many changes, good and bad. We'll discuss the effects of life with the internet.

### October 16 – Alternative Teaching

**Sam Harris** will lead as we consider various views and methods of teaching, and attempts to reach students in new ways.

### October 23 – Humility

**Bruce Perkins** will lead us in a discussion of the October theme.

### October 30 – Gambling

At one time the only place to gamble in the US was in Nevada or Atlantic City. Now most states not only approve it but are using it as a source of income. We will discuss the upsurge of gambling, how and who it affects, and why we should or should not support it. Led by **Alice Bennett**.

## Sharing Gratitude

If you have a gratitude you'd like to submit for the next Unigram, please send it to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org), subject line "Sharing Gratitude," by October 19.

Much thanks to **David Calvin** for building our new worship storage cabinet in the office. It is beautiful, and is exactly what we need to store all our important items for the Sunday service. Thanks for all you've done to enhance our building and grounds over the years.





## October 2016 UUCM Calendar

Online calendar: <http://www.uuchurchmuncie.org/web/calendar.html>

### Regular Weekly Events

Adult Discussion Group	Sundays	9:30 am
Muncie UU Pagans	Sundays	9:30 am
Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
Religious Education for Children & Youth	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
OWL 7-10 <sup>th</sup> Grade (beginning Oct. 16)	Sundays	2:15 – 3:45 pm
OWL 4-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesdays	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Body Life Dinner (see announcement below)	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesdays	7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Revival Hour (see web calendar for location)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In	Fridays	5:00 – 8:00 pm

### October Events & Activities

Fall Retreat at Pokagon State Park	Fri-Sun	Sept 30 – Oct 2
Roots & Wings New Member Class	Sunday	Oct 2 9:15 am
Theme Reflections	Sunday	Oct 2 12:30 pm
OWL 7-10 Parent Orientation	Sunday	Oct 2 6:30 pm
Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force	Monday	Oct 3 7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Wednesday	Oct 5 7:00 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	Oct 5 7:30 pm
New Member Joining Ceremony	Sunday	Oct 9 10:15 am
Chalice Marketplace	Sunday	Oct 9 9:30 am & Noon
Middle School Youth Group	Sunday	Oct 9 12:30 pm
New Member Dinner	Sunday	Oct 9 5:00 pm
Social Justice Committee	Monday	Oct 10 7:00 pm
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	Oct 12 6:00 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	Oct 12 7:00 pm
OUTreach Fall Dance	Saturday	Oct 15 7:00 pm
Soup Lunch	Sunday	Oct 16 Noon
Day of the Dead Workshop	Sunday	Oct 16 Noon
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	Oct 16 12:15 PM
High School Youth Group	Sunday	Oct 16 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Unigram Submission Deadline	Wednesday	Oct 19 9:00 am
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	Oct 19 6:30 pm
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	Oct 20 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Sunday	Oct 23 9:30 am
<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	Sunday	Oct 23 Noon
Combined Youth Groups	Sunday	Oct 23 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Committee on Community Ministry	Thursday	Oct 27 7:30 pm
Kitchen Cleaning	Saturday	Oct 29 9:30 am
Circle in the Woods	Saturday	Oct 29 7:00 pm
Sack Lunch Prep for Harvest Soup Kitchen	Sunday	Oct 30 9:30 am
<b>Bazaar Set-Up Begins!</b>	Sunday	Oct 30 Noon

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Hospitality Teams

Your participation will help us continue to offer amazing hospitality to visitors and to each other!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Red Team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Orange Team
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Yellow Team
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Green Team
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Blue Team

#### UU Book Group

The next book group meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th, at the home of Annemarie Voss. We will be discussing *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, musings about death and dying, and what the proper role of the physician and family should be.

#### Multi-Gen Workshop

A special Day of the Dead workshop will be offered on Sunday, October 16th, from noon-1pm, in preparation for our annual Day of the Dead service on October 30th. Look for a special eBlast in early October for more details.

#### Congregational Meeting

Our next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 23rd, following the service. Plan to come and be a part of our democratic process!

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