



# the UNIGRAM

## Seeking the Essence

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister*

Do human beings have a soul? What does the word “soul” even mean in a religious context where reason is a central component of practicing and exploring our faith? The most typical definition of soul has it representing the animating life force or essence of being in human beings. Entire treatises have been written exploring different philosophies of the soul, on whether it’s immortal or not, on where it goes, if indeed it does go somewhere, after we die. There are endless moral and philosophical conversations we could have, but our theme for this month is not soul, it’s Soul Work. And so for our purposes, I’m going to take soul to mean the core of who we are, our essential nature, our essential being. Soul Work then becomes – what is the work we are doing on the most essential parts of who we are?

Soul work can take on many forms –

take, for example, the work we’ve been doing as a congregation this year recreating and renewing our Mission & Vision statements. A good mission statement is supposed to define the core of an organization or institution, it’s supposed to tell you what that organization or institution is all about. Defining a new mission statement then is a sort of soul work for the church – we have spent a good deal of time and energy looking at what is most important to us as a church community, and trying to put that essence into words, so that the those words can then guide our future decision-making processes. Basically, we’ve been trying as best as possible, acknowledging the limits of language in attempting to describe something so complex, to define the soul of the church, to

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## God in Our Image?

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

I tossed the rejected third proposal onto Peter’s desk with a resounding thwack. “OK, Peter—just tell me what you want me to do, and I’ll do it!” He did, and I did, and I received my PhD in theology from Vanderbilt (after proposal number four). I’d studied the work of Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung in seminary and become convinced that there was something important there, not only for how we thought about the holy theologically, but for me personally as I tried to figure out why the images of divinity available to me didn’t speak

to me, and how they might. I’m grateful to this day for the abundant support I received to pursue this topic while in seminary.

When I was ready to write my dissertation, I wanted to explore this theme further. I wasn’t able to do so because my committee saw no point in anyone’s doing so. They weren’t interested in the depth psychological movement that Jung so ably represented,

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Services begin at 10:45 am      May Worship Theme :: Soul Work**

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 at [themes@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:themes@uuchurchmuncie.org).

<b>Sunday, May 3</b> Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth kicks off our exploration of our theme for this month of Soul Work. Dedicated Offering: YMCA Scholarships
<b>Sunday, May 10</b> Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	On Mother's Day, Rev. Seth will reflect on the new proposed Mission & Vision statements for the church - the "soul work" that we have been doing this year together. The choir will sing for this special Mother's Day service. Dedicated Offering: YMCA Scholarships
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Prayer is a kind of soul work practice by many folks across religious traditions. Is it reasonable to pray? Is prayer relevant to Unitarian Universalism? Rev. Seth will explore these questions and more.
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer	How do religion and psychology together give us insight into soul work, and what does this have to do with Memorial Day?
<b>Sunday, May 31</b> Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	If Little Mr. Bean has not already arrived, Rev. Seth will wrap up the month's theme of Soul Work. If Mr. Bean has come early and Rev. Seth is on paternity leave, we will have a guest preacher!
<b>Religious Education for Children &amp; Youth, 10:45 am</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 3</b> Teacher Recognition Boston Bound Bake Sale	Following the Story for All Ages with Rev. Seth and the Teacher Recognition Ceremony, classes will begin. All teachers, classroom aides, and their families are invited to our Appreciation Luncheon following the service.  Our 6-8 grade youth will be selling delicious baked goods to go with your coffee this morning. Please be sure to stop by their booth!
<b>Sunday, May 10</b> Boston Bound Bake Sale	Join us for classes on this Mother's Day morning!  Our 6-8 grade youth will be selling delicious baked goods to go with your coffee this morning. Please be sure to stop by their booth!
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> HS Bridging Ceremony All Birthdays Celebration	This Sunday we will be recognizing our High School Seniors who will be graduating in the Spring. Classes will begin following the Story for All Ages with Rev. Seth. Classroom snacks will be a special treat this Sunday, as we will be celebrating everyone's birthday with cupcakes!
<b>Sunday, My 24</b> Game Day	Please come dressed to move! Nadine will pull out her parachutes and juggling scarves, and if weather permits, the bubble machine and water table for our little ones.
<b>Sunday, May 31</b> Social Action	Today we'll have our Social Action Sunday in support of Heifer International. our children & youth will be decorating animal shaped sugar cookies, which will be sold after the service in the foyer. All funds raised will go toward our annual Heifer International Gift.
<b>Pre-Service Discussion, Every Sunday, 9:30 am, Red classroom</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 3</b> <i>Supporting Our Children</i>	We will discuss a community's need and responsibility to care for its youth and children. Elsbeth Fritz will be with us to inform about the May Dedicated Offering recipient, YMCA Scholarships.
<b>Sunday, May 10</b> <i>Diversity in the Fields of Information Technology: Why Should You Care?</i>	<i>Diversity in the Fields of Information Technology: Why Should You Care?</i> The percentage of women and ethnic minorities in IT are way below the numbers in the workplace generally. What are the reasons? How do we address the inequity? Does it even matter? Join the discussion led by Kirsten Smith, Director of Ball State's Women Working in Technology Initiative.
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> <i>UU World Magazine</i>	<i>The Importance of UU World Magazine.</i> Bill Miller will lead as we talk about the relevance many find in UU World Magazine. Bring a favorite article or come see what it's about.
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> <i>Alternate Explanations to the Resurrection</i>	<i>Alternate Explanations to the Resurrection.</i> Paul Stout will guide us in examining alternate explanations some have for the resurrection of Jesus.
<b>Sunday, May 31</b> <i>Soul Work</i>	In an open group discussion we will explore the monthly theme for May: Soul Work.

## Religious Education Corner

*Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education*

I started coming to this church in 1991, and soon found my place in the Religious Education program. My children at that time were Whitney and Avery. Haley, my sweet "me too!" daughter, soon followed in 1992. Whitney, always gregarious, bounded into the classroom and did not require my assistance. As my daughter Avery moved into the preschool room, she needed me close by, so I volunteered as an aide. I enjoyed working with the children, reading stories, helping them with their classroom projects and creating puppet shows during our free time. So when I was asked to teach, it was not a hard decision for me. I jumped in with both feet and have been involved with the children & youth ever since. So... I am hoping as you read further, that you too may jump in with both feet and consider teaching or assisting in our Summer RE Program or in our 2015-16 Religious Education Program that will begin in September!

### RE Summer Program

Teachers and classroom aides are needed for our upcoming Summer Sundays ~ July 5 through August 16. For those of you who are interested in working with our children and youth, volunteering to assist for a session or two during the summer would be a wonderful gift! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in the sanctuary or

contact Nadine by phone or email. We need a minimum of two teachers and two aides each Sunday, to provide helping hands and smiling faces! All classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:45 to noon. Please sign up to assist this summer!

### Coming of Age Program in 2015-16

The RE Committee and I look forward to offering *Coming of Age* for our middle school youth next year! Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd and I will be designing the program over the next several months. Our goals are to offer a rich experience for our Unitarian Universalist youth that will provide them with tools to direct their own spiritual lives and deepen the ties within our congregation. I am also very pleased that Rev. Seth will be working with us during the planning stages, as he participated in a Coming of Age program as a youth, and will have valuable insights to share with us. Says Rev. Seth, "Coming of Age recognizes that are youth are moving into the next stage of their spiritual lives. Much like the Bat Mitzvah in Judaism and Confirmation in Christianity, Coming of Age recognizes that our youth are beginning the transition to adulthood, and helps prepare them theologically and spiritually for that process."

*Nadine*



## Crossing the Bridge

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

Graduation from high school is a big step. Or rather it is one of many big steps that often occur in a short period of time for many youth. Much of the time it is accompanied by leaving home and starting some form of higher education. It can mean starting full time employment. It is a huge transition towards adulthood.

For our two youth who will graduate from high school this year, this transition will lead them to college and to leaving behind their church home. For one of them it will mean leaving behind our youth group and the regional conference community that has grown dear to them. For another it will mean leaving behind children that they have nurtured and cared for in their early years. They have both grown into passionate and thoughtful young people right before our eyes.

Both of these youth will be missed by me and so many others when they leave us. And I imagine leaving us will be something of a loss for each of them. But I want them and us to remember that they aren't really leaving us. When youth come of age in a religious community it is our responsibility to remain their spiritual home at least throughout their young adulthood. They may seek another church community closer to their homes or schools, or they may not. Regardless, we can remain there for them whenever they need us. We can keep our doors, our arms and our hearts open to them. We can support their continued journey to find truth, to find

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## Generosity Springs Forth

We would like to personally thank each church member and friend who has submitted a pledge for the 2015-16 church campaign. Generosity truly does spring forth from the UU church of Muncie. We really appreciate how many of you dug deep and increased your pledge amounts. At this time we have received \$244,131 from 105 pledging units, which is approximately the same amount as last year, with a number of pledges still to come in.

A hearty “well done” to everyone who has made a pledge. If you haven’t yet committed, please send your pledge to the Church office. Thank you again for your generosity.

### **The Stewardship Committee**

**Carolyn Cooley & Caroline Sullivan, co-chairs, Bruce Peavler, Marnee Cooley, Mona Burton**

Flower drawing by Barbara Tweedy

## Message from the President

**Nancy C. Behforouz**

What a glorious, welcome Spring we are having! I personally feel as if I have been let out of jail. As we celebrate Spring, the end of the present church year is fast approaching which means as a congregation we must agree upon a 2015-16 operating budget, vote on the nominees for the officers of the Church, vote on proposed By-Law changes and agree on a Mission Statement and the Vision through which we achieve the mission. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the annual spring Congregational Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at which these decisions will be made.

At the Special Congregational Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the congregation approved the proposal presented by the Green Task force of the Social Justice Committee to submit a grant to the SUN agency to help fund the installation of Solar Panels on our sanctuary roof. For those who could not be there, the presentation was enthusiastically received by the congregation and I would like to thank the Task Force for all their efforts over the last four months in preparing the proposal and their continuing efforts in actually filing the grant by the April 30 deadline. For many reasons, this effort is “the right thing to do” and I, personally, will be very happy if our church actually receives the grant.

Also remember that a new pictorial directory of the congregation will be created this May by Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits. Portrait sessions are filling up quickly so please speak with Jean Filson about the details.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board and committee chairs and members who have worked so diligently this year to help make our church and community such an incredibly warm, loving and inspiring place.

**Nancy**

## Mission & Vision Presentation

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Please join us for the roll-out of the proposed new Mission & Vision statements for the church during coffee hour after the service on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your Mission & Vision Task Force has been hard at work, crafting new mission and vision statements based on all the feedback and ideas you have shared with us over the course of this year. We have gone through many drafts to get this point, and we also solicited feedback on our most recent draft from the Board, the Program Council, and the Staff, and made further adjustments. Our final draft, to be voted upon by the Congregation at our May 17<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting, will be presented during this meeting for you to review in preparation for the vote, and the Mission & Vision Task Force will be present to answer questions. We’ll have cookies for you, so stay after the service for the grand unveiling!

## Sharing Gratitude



Welcome to our Sharing Gratitude section! We'll run this section each month, sharing *significant* gratitudes from our church life together. This is not meant to replace thank you notes or thank you emails, because we could fill pages with thank yous if we listed every one. Rather, this section is for the big thank yous and appreciations. 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 May 20.

I would like to call our members attention to our UUs who have devoted a lot of time to AARP TaxAide, a volunteer organization which prepares tax returns for low and middle income individuals (median income: \$18,000). This year we will exceed 900 returns prepared. These volunteers are: **Jane Duckworth, Mona Burton, Michael Sullivan, Connie Gregory, Marian Cooley** and myself. They represent almost half of those engaged in this effort which includes pre-session training and work from February April 15.

**Alice Bennett**



The Home Savers Service Project was a huge success! We built a front porch that is now safe for the homeowner to enter and leave her home. She was most appreciative. The awesome team consisted of **Eleanor Trawick, Meagan Walters, Bonnie Willy, Holly Hanauer, Jeff Hathaway, Steve Robert, John McKillip, Bruce Craig, Judy Craig, Gunther Cartwright, John, Maggie, Ben** and **Sarah Bartlett**, and Home Savers construction coordinator **Michelle Kaitchuck**. Thanks also to **Linda Gregory**, who bought lunch for the folks who worked morning and afternoon. It was so much fun, I think we should do it again soon!

Gratefully, **Connie Gregory**



A huge thank you and much appreciation to the **Fellowship Committee**, for stepping up and helping out with hosting lunches for the Lenten Worship Series we held at the church in February and March. Unsurprisingly, the food received high praise from our visitors. Thank you Fellowship Committee for helping make this interfaith event happen!



We send large amounts of appreciation and gratitude to the **Stewardship Committee**, and especially the stewardship co-chairs, **Caroline Sullivan** and **Carolyn Cooley**, for all they have done to make this year's stewardship campaign so successful. We still have a few pledges left to come in, so they are still hard at work, but they've done a tremendous job in this vitally important area of our church life.



Thanks to **Bruce Craig**, who is always on call in so many ways for church maintenance issues, but in particular for his fast response to the leaking water in the corner of the sanctuary. Bruce was here first thing, as soon as he heard, getting the boiler inspected, the water turned off, and generally making sure that the leak in the sanctuary is addressed quickly and appropriately. Thanks Bruce for all you do!

## New Pictorial Church Directory

We are very excited to be utilizing the services of Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits again to create an updated Pictorial Directory for UUCM this year. We currently have filled all the appointments on our original two days scheduled for portrait photography. **We've added an additional session – Wednesday, May 27, 2-9:00 pm.** If you do not already have an appointment, please schedule your session to have your portrait taken by a professional photographer from Lifetouch at <http://goo.gl/zYXtB4>. This link can be found on the UUCM website. If you prefer, **John Barber** or **Jean Filson** will make your appointment for you after church service on May 3 or 10. If you are unable to participate in these options, please contact John Barber at 765-744-7398 or at [jbarber37@gmail.com](mailto:jbarber37@gmail.com), or Jean Filson at 209-640-2810 or at [jfilson44@gmail.com](mailto:jfilson44@gmail.com). If you cannot be available for photography for either of the dates mentioned, please contact Jean Filson. In return, each person/group photographed, whether for publication in the directory, or for personal use, will be sent a complimentary 8X10" photograph to their home, as well as a Pictorial Directory, in the case of members and friends of UUCM. All this is at no cost to the church, but you are encouraged to purchase additional portraits, if

you desire. In addition, we have elected to participate in the Lifetouch Feed the Need program. If you bring a food item(s) for our food pantry, you will earn a \$5 discount on any purchase = a WIN/WIN!

The Pictorial Church Directory is important to UUCM to help current members identify other members and friends of our church, along with contact information, as well as a tool to help new members to more quickly become acquainted with us. Its usefulness is greatly increased by the amount of participation that we have. Also, we earn certain enhancements to the directory as we increase participation. We would love to have the problem of having to add additional day(s) of photography! Please think of this as an opportunity to have professional studio portraits taken for yourselves and your family/loved ones. You are encouraged to bring props that would make additional portraits more meaningful to you. These are likely to include such things as musical instruments, pets, and hobbies. The photographers are pleased to take additional portraits for purchase. We hope for this to be a joyful experience for each participant!

Activity pages will also be included in the new directory! Anyone who has photos of activities that we could use, please put them on a flash drive and give to Jean Filson.



### Social Action Sunday for Heifer International

On Sunday, May 31, our children & youth will be decorating animal shaped sugar cookies prepared by the members of the Religious Education Committee. Following the service, please come to our bake sale table to purchase cookies to go with your coffee and to take home! All funds raised will go toward our annual Heifer International Gift.

### The Heifer Way

We believe all people deserve dignity, opportunity, and a future free from hunger. We believe we provide the tools of transformation to bring about that opportunity. We believe one cow can transform a life. But we know one animal alone doesn't lead to sustainable change.

We believe in equipping our people with the tools, education and livestock to bring about positive transformation. Together, through every small step forward, we're transforming the world for the better.

That's real impact.

THAT IS THE POWER OVER POVERTY.

For more information on Heifer International, go to their website [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

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**Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd**

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define who we are at our core.

In our own lives, soul work can take on many forms, most of which usually involve looking deep down at our roots. Back in September, when we were exploring the theme of Vision, I suggested in a sermon that having a clear vision for our own lives can be incredibly powerful (listen here: <http://goo.gl/8x3gvC>) – finding, defining and naming your own life's vision is one example of soul work. Two Unitarian Universalist ministers wrote a book titled Soul Work: Anti-Racist Theologies in Dialogue. So anti-racism work, and much good social justice work, the kind where we wrestle with our own feelings and potential prejudices – this can also be soul work. And then there's the soul work of healing our own shame, fear and insecurities. Getting down into the muck, identifying our deepest vulnerabilities and confronting our deepest fears, as we explored together with our February theme of Vulnerability – that too is soul work (listen to February sermons on Vulnerability here: <http://goo.gl/p1w73l>).

If one of our central tasks as a religious community is exploring our faith – exploring and defining and figuring out how we make meaning in this world – then a significant portion of our church life together is indeed about soul work. Because while we certainly come together to learn from each other as we define what is most important to us in our lives (soul), we also come together to figure out how to live into our beliefs and values (the work). There have been in human history a handful of enlightened folk, Buddha and Jesus and Mohammed, prophetic voices who actually have it all, or mostly, figured out. The rest of us though, we all still have work to do, things to figure out, growth and learning and healing still in front of us. That deep work, the work that connects with the depths and essence of our being and our purpose – that is the soul work of life, and of our religious community.

I look forward to continuing to explore the idea of Soul Work with you all this month. See you in church!

peace, love & blessings,

**Rev. Seth**

## Crossing the Bridge

**Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd**

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their passions and to find fulfillment and joy. Wherever their journeys take them, I hope that they know that they are always welcome here for support and fellowship. I hope that we walk with them no matter how far away they travel.

This month, when they cross the bridge in our worship that marks this transition before them, let us honor our special role in their lives. Let us honor what we have been to them and what we will continue to be for them as they journey onward, away from our physical space. Let us send them forth knowing that we will remain there for them as their spiritual home. Let us celebrate what remarkable people they are and show them our pride in them. Let us support them over the bridge and help them to know that we will be there for them whenever they need us. For they deserve such care. And our faith calls us to offer it to them.

**Rev. Elizabeth**

### Muncie Meditation & Dharma

Are you interested in meditation and curious to know how to begin? Are you an experienced meditator and want to connect with others who value the practice? There is a group for you, right here at the UU Church. We meet 7 - 8:30 pm, every Sunday in the Blue classroom.

Muncie Meditation & Dharma is open to anyone who wishes to practice silent meditation, although our focus is on meditation as taught in the Buddhist traditions, drawing on Zen, Tibetan, and Theravada Buddhism, among others. First-time attendees are encouraged to come 10 minutes early for an introduction to the practice. For more information, talk to Randy Dillinger or connect with "Muncie Meditation & Dharma" on Facebook.

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**Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer** (continued from page 1)

nor in what it might mean for theology. I was able to explore similar ideas through the work of philosophers such as Ludwig Feuerbach, who, however, had a very different view than did Jung. Feuerbach and those who think along similar lines hold that our images of the sacred, of God, are nothing more than human projections that have no independent reality. We human beings project our qualities into infinity and objectify them, creating a God in our own image. Simple example: we don't want to die, and we don't want to lose those we love to death, so we create a God who offers us eternal life.

One response to critique of religion mounted by Feuerbach and other projectionists (e.g. Freud) is that they are fundamentally wrong in their understanding of human nature. There is, to be sure, an element of truth in Feuerbach's view, because whatever else images of God are, or are thought to be, they are *human* expressions, human words and symbols. Thus, the question of how these images arise in human consciousness is a valid one. Feuerbach's treatment of what this means is inadequate and needs the corrective that Jung provides.

Religious symbols make perceptible that which is intrinsically imperceptible; they enable us to name and so to share the experience of transcending mystery and wonder that we cite as one of our sources. They open human existence, the "stuff" of everyday life, to the world of transcendent mystery, the world of the sacred.

Jung's work helps understand how this might happen. The best statement of it comes from *Psychology and Religion: West and East, Collected Works, Vol. 11, p. 468*). He typically used the term "God" to designate the sacred.

It is only through the psyche that we can establish that God acts upon us, but we are unable to distinguish whether God and the unconscious are two different entities. Both are border-line concepts for transcendental contents. But empirically it can be established, with a sufficient degree of probability, that there is in the unconscious an archetype of wholeness... Consequently, it does not seem improbable that the archetype produces a symbolism which has always characterized and

expressed the Deity... The God-image does not coincide with the unconscious as such, but with a special content of it, namely the archetype of the self. It is this archetype from which we can no longer distinguish the God-image empirically. (*Psychology and Religion: West and East, Collected Works, Vol. 11, p. 468.*)

He goes on to say the God-image can be explained as a reflection of the self, or, conversely, the self can be said to be an image of God in humankind. Because the archetype of the self symbolizes the *whole* self, we cannot know it completely from the standpoint of our partial, ego-self. Thus, it reveals itself to us as something having independent existence.

So what does this have to do with our monthly theme for May, soul work? Many of us who have found a religious and spiritual home in Unitarian Universalism have done so at least in part because the traditional meanings of theological concepts have lost their ability to express our lived experience. Once theological ideas have lost their capacity to recall and evoke the experience of the holy that gave them birth, they have not only become useless but are impediments to our search for religious meaning.

Soul is not a *thing* but rather a *dimension* that can be or become an aspect of anything; anything can become soul work. When our "experience of our experience" simultaneously draws us more deeply into what is occurring and leads us beyond it into mystery, we are engaging in soul work. Our experience opens out into the holy when we're keenly aware of our being held within web of life and being, and grasped deeply by the ground of being itself. When life opens our minds and hearts to seeing through the illusion of self and other, to experience, recognize and embrace the reality of our interconnectedness, we're engaging in soul work.

Self and God, self and the sacred, are thus not polar opposites, forever destined to be antagonistic to each other. They are two sides of the same coin, parallel expressions of the same experience. Both are images of wholeness, of completeness (not the same thing as perfection). They point us in the direction of human experience, of religious experience, which can uplift us and transform our lives. May you find this to be so in your own life.

**Rev. Julia**



## May 2015 UUCM Calendar

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

### Regular Weekly Events

Adult Discussion Group	Sundays	9:30 am
Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
Religious Education for Children & Youth	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
Body Life Dinner	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Revival Hour (see calendar for location)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In	Fridays	5:00 – 8:00 pm

### May Events & Activities

Circle in the Woods	Saturday	May 2	7:00 pm
Stewardship Committee	Sunday	May 3	9:30 am
Mission & Vision Presentation	Sunday	May 3	11:45 am
Boston Bound Bake Sale	Sunday	May 3	Noon
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Sunday	May 3	12:15 pm
Middle School Youth Group	Sunday	May 3	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Theme Reflections	Sunday	May 3	1:00 – 2:30 pm
High School Youth Group	Sunday	May 3	6:00 – 7:30 pm
FOHN Task Force	Monday	May 4	7:00 pm
Communications Committee	Tuesday	May 5	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday	May 5	7:30 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	May 6	7:30 pm
Finance Committee	Thursday	May 7	Noon
Choir Rehearsal	Sunday	May 10	9:30 am
Budget Review Session	Sunday	May 10	Noon
Chalice Marketplace :: coffee & other Fair Trade items for sale	Sunday	May 10	Before & after the service
Boston Bound Bake Sale	Sunday	May 10	Noon
Exploring Your Own Theology	Sunday	May 10	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Mission & Vision Task Force	Sunday	May 10	3:30 pm
Social Justice Committee	Monday	May 11	7:00 pm
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	May 13	6:00 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	May 13	7:00 pm
Portrait Sessions	Friday	May 15	2-9:00 pm
Portrait Sessions	Saturday	May 16	9:30 – 4:00 pm
Equality Prom	Saturday	May 16	7:00 pm
Rel Ed Committee (Children & Youth)	Sunday	May 17	9:30 am
Congregational Business Meeting	Sunday	May 17	Noon
HS Youth Group	Sunday	May 17	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	May 20	7:00 pm
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	May 21	7:15 pm
Adult Rel Ed Committee	Sunday	May 24	12:15 pm
Portrait Sessions	Wednesday	May 27	2-9:00 pm
Sack Lunch Prep for Harvest Soup Kitchen	Sunday	May 31	9:30 am
Anti-Racism Task Force	Sunday	May 31	12:15 pm
Middle & High School Youth Group Party	Sunday	May 31	6-7:30 pm

### Take Note

#### 2015-16 Budget Review

On Sunday, May 10, there will be a preview session for the 2015-16 budget after church in the sanctuary. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to learn about the proposed budget before the congregational meeting. All are welcome.

#### Congregational Business Meeting – May 17

On Sunday, May 17, immediately following the service, we will hold our Regular Business Congregational Meeting. A copy of the proposed By-Laws changes is available on the church website (<http://goo.gl/M4puei>).

Please plan to attend and be part of our church's democratic process. Please note that while everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, only voting members of the congregation are allowed to vote.

#### Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from October 19 and April 19 Congregational meetings.
3. Treasurer's Report and presentation of the 2015-16 Budget
4. Election of Officers and Committee Chairs
5. Presentation by Mission & Vision Task Force and Congregational vote
6. By-Laws Revisions proposed by the Board of Trustees

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