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Waiting for... ?

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

A package arrived at our doorstep last week from my mother, containing Christmas gifts for our kids – two Christmas ornaments, and an Advent calendar. Now I haven't opened the doors on an Advent calendar for years, but it's one of my favorite childhood memories of the holiday season. Every year, my mom would make sure we had one, and finding out what was behind the doors was a daily December treat. Apparently and unsurprisingly, at some point, who got to open which advent doors on the calendar became a bone of contention between me and my sister Julia. The fair solution was quickly settled upon of course – we would simply alternate. My mother became suspicious though at my incredible

graciousness in allowing my sister to go first and open door number one. Apparently, my happily letting her take the first turn was quite out of character for me back then. My mom quickly figured out that I had counted ahead – since the idea of even numbers was beyond my grasp at that point – and had figured out that if I “let” Julia go first, that meant that I would get to open the special extra-big door on the 24th, Christmas Eve. Frustratingly, my generosity went sadly unrewarded, and we had to start alternating who went first every other year.

Which brings us to our theme for this month of December: Waiting. We enter into Advent this Sunday,

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Waiting... and Waiting

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

Most of the time, anyway, I really don't mind waiting. If I'm sitting in stopped traffic, it probably means that traffic has been heavy, and the chance to stop comes as a respite from the full-on attention required for that kind of driving. If I'm standing in line at the grocery or elsewhere, I often strike up a conversation with someone else in line. If I know I may spend time sitting in a waiting room, I bring my e-reader and enjoy the gift of time to read.

I think this attitude about waiting puts me in the minority in our culture, because ours is a culture of hurriers. We don't like to wait. Awhile back I was on Jackson Street at the corner of Tillotson, waiting to turn right. The red arrow was lit; I couldn't legally turn right at that point. The driver behind me blared his (or her—I didn't see) car horn and finally edged up so that they tapped my bumper ever so slightly.

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Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Services begin at 10:45 am December Worship Theme :: Waiting

For more information about this month's theme check out Theme Exploration on [page 4](#).

Sunday, December 6 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth kicks off this month's theme by exploring what "Waiting" means to us theologically, and as a spiritual practice. Dedicated Offering: Harvest Soup Kitchen & Friends Church Fresh Lunch
Sunday, December 13 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	We will hold our annual Santa Lucia ritual in this special multi-generational service, with children and youth welcome to stay for the entire service, and Rev. Seth sharing a homily. Dedicated Offering: Harvest Soup Kitchen & Friends Church Fresh Lunch
Sunday, December 20 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth will offer a holiday sermon in this service that will feature the SanctUUary choir.
Thursday, December 24 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Our Christmas Eve service will follow the traditional Lessons & Carols format as we celebrate the holiday season. The service begins at 7:00 pm.
Sunday, December 27 Brandon Mundell	Brandon Mundell will lead our annual "Up in Smoke" service, where we celebrate the new year by releasing the old and making room for the new.
Religious Education for Children & Youth, 10:45 am	
Sunday, December 6 Curriculum Sunday	Please join us, as we continue our religious exploration!
Sunday, December 13 Santa Lucia Ceremony	Come be a part of our annual Santa Lucia ritual and this special multi-generational service.
Sunday, December 20 Curriculum Sunday & Multi-Gen Event :: Christmas Ornaments	Following the service, please join us in the fellowship hall for our 3rd Sunday Multi-Gen Event, noon to 1:00. We will have a variety of materials available to create festive ornaments! If childcare is needed in the nursery, please contact Nadine at nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org by Friday, December 11.
Sunday, December 27 No Religious Education Classes	In order for all our teachers and classroom aides to have a long holiday weekend, we will not be holding classes on December 27. As always, the nursery will be open, along with childcare for preschool youth in the Blue Room.
Adult Religious Exploration Offerings	
Our new mission statement begins by calling us to a continuing exploration of our faith. In pursuit and support of that goal, we are expanding our Adult RE offerings during the Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am pre-service slot. Check out all the offerings below!	
1 st Sundays – Yellow Room Exploring Spiritual Practices with Rev. Julia	Start your month by investigating a spiritual practice. Engaging in regular spiritual practice is one way we can explore our faith. It's also a good way to strengthen ourselves for practicing inclusivity and living justice.
2 nd Sundays – Yellow Room What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist (UU) Theology with Rev. Elizabeth	Our theology is rich and powerful. Come explore what makes UU theology so life giving and transformative. We will journey together in faith, through shared direct experiences and reflection exercises, readings and lessons, and ethical deliberations. Sessions will build on one another, though new participants may join at any time.
4 th Sundays – Yellow Room Listening Circles with the Pastoral Associates	Listening Circles, based on a model of speaking and listening that affords everyone a safe space in which to speak from their heart, offer us the opportunity to strengthen our faith and form deeper relationships with each other.
Every Sunday – Red Room Pre-Service Discussion	This group is meant as a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. See page 6 for this month's topics.
Every Sunday – Violet room Muncie UU Pagans	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.

RE Corner :: Holidays

Nadine Tringali,
Director of Religious Education

Santa Lucia Ceremony

Each year on the Sunday closest to December 13, we celebrate Santa Lucia in a ceremony where an elected girl, portraying Lucia, walks with a crown of candles ahead of a procession of star children each holding a golden star. The candles symbolize the light with which Lucia overcomes the darkness. There are many legends about Santa Lucia, and in each one Lucia stands as a symbol of light and hope to all mankind. Santa Lucia's coming begins the feasting, merriment, singing and the spirit of friendliness and goodwill that lasts all through the holidays. This year our beautiful Santa Lucia will be **Taylor Gonzalez**.

Creating Holiday Memories

One of my favorite holiday memories with my family is sitting around the dining room table creating ornaments for our Christmas tree. Back then, my dad would go to "Frank's Nursery" (which I thought was awesome because his first name was Frank!) and pick up kits with styrofoam balls, ribbon, sequins and other glittery items to pin into the balls. My plan for our upcoming **Multi-Generational Event on Sunday, December 20**, is to stay away from pins and sequins, but we will be creating festive ornaments to take home for the holiday. The fellowship hall will be set up with a variety of materials to create your own individual and unique ornament. Please join us! Holiday refreshments will be available to munch and sip while your creative spirit soars!

Help Feed Our Hungry Youth!

The Religious Education Program for Children & Youth is always appreciative of donations of apple juice and cheese crackers for our Sunday morning snack and packaged cookies, crackers, chips, and pretzels for our Middle School and High School Youth Group meetings.

Nadine

December Youth Schedule!

Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd,
Coordinator of Youth programs



wrapped gift that cost no more than \$10. We will have festive goodies along with a light lunch.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

January 23 – 12:45 pm – 6 pm

Sacred Journeys Exhibit

at the Indianapolis Children's Museum

Join us as we visit this special exhibit that follows the journeys of five young people of different religions: Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism. This is particularly recommended for our youth engaging in the Coming of Age program this year, but is open to all youth as it will be meaningful for anyone who is interested in their own spiritual journey.

Theme Exploration – Waiting

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 story repeated in many sources, this version drawn from Waiting for Our Souls to Catch Up by Carol M. Perry:

Two Englishman were exploring the heart of Africa in the 19th century. So engrossed were they in their adventures that the calendar escaped them until they realized that they had a very limited time to get to the port on the nearest coast before a steamer would leave for England. If they missed it, weeks would elapse before the next one would dock.

In haste, they packed up their camp and called their camp and called their native porters to shoulder the baggage. Off they set at a goodly clip. One day, two days passed, and they were nearing the coast. But on day three, as the explorers clapped their hands for everyone to set out again, the bearers refused to rise from beneath the trees. Their spokesperson explained, “We have been going too fast. We must stay here and wait for our souls to catch up with us.”

Questions for Reflection

Is there ever a time in your life when you feel like you’ve been so busy, that you need to slow down just “for your soul to catch up with you?” Is intentionally building more down-time into your life something that might be healthy for you?

We tend to think of waiting as a negative in our culture – can you think of a time or circumstance where waiting was or is a positive experience?

Suggested Reading

Waiting for Our Souls to Catch Up: Reason, Ritual, and Faith in our Fallow Time by Carol M. Perry, SU

Sermons by UU Ministers

Read: “Advent” by Rev. Deane Oliva –
<http://www.uuevansville.org/sermons/Advent.htm>

Listen: “Limbo” by Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd –
<http://goo.gl/LZGBzy>

2015-2016 UUCM Themes

September – Forgiveness

October – Inclusivity

November – Grace

December – Waiting

January – Freedom

February – Sexuality

March – Brokenness

April – Truth

May – Creativity

Patience is power.

Patience is not an absence of action;

rather it is “timing,”

it waits for the right time to act,

for the right principles

and in the right way.

~Fulton J. Sheen

Adult Religious Exploration :: Theme Reflections & Exploring Your Theology

Rev. Seth's Sunday afternoon Adult Religious Education offerings have returned this year, again meeting on a monthly basis for the 2015-2016 church year. The Theme Reflections group will hold our fourth meeting on Sunday, December 6th, from 12:30-2 pm in the Red Room, during which we will use a connection group model based on deep listening to explore December's theme of Waiting. You do not need to have attended a prior class to come this month, but you will need to bring or go get your own lunch prior to the class starting.

The Exploring Your Theology class will meet Sunday, December 13th, from 12:30-2 pm, in the Indigo Room. Since our beliefs and theology are constantly evolving, it's good to spend some time every now and then exploring, and hopefully growing and evolving, our beliefs and value systems. Like the Reflections class, you will need to provide for your own lunch during the downtime between the service and the start of the class. We will cover different topics this year than we did last year, so if you came last year and would like to participate again, please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions about either of these classes, e-mail Rev. Seth at seth@uuchurchmuncie.org.

Childcare will be available during both classes upon request - please contact Nadine at nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org as soon as possible if you will need childcare for one of these sessions.



Roots & Wings

Sundays, December 6th & 13th, 9:30 am

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Whether you're a visitor, long-term friend, or established member looking for a refresher, everyone is welcome to attend our "Roots & Wings" class exploring the basic tenets of Unitarian Universalism. We'll look at a little bit of our history, talk some theology, and go over our expectations of membership. The class will be held over two Sundays, December 6th & 13th, from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Indigo Room. Childcare is available, so please don't let that be a barrier. If you're interested in becoming a member (and there is a new member joining ceremony the following week – see below for details), you are strongly encouraged to attend a Roots & Wings class before joining. If you can't make the Roots & Wings class, but would still like to become a member, please contact Rev. Seth to set up an appointment to review the material.

New Member Joining Ceremony

Sunday, December 20th, 10:15 am

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? If so please plan on attending the joining ceremony on Sunday, December 20th before the service at 10:15 am. This short ceremony will be held in the sanctuary, and will include a chalice lighting, readings, and signing the membership book. If you're interested, please contact Rev. Seth ahead of time and let him know you'd like to become a member. If you haven't attended a "Roots & Wings" membership class yet, you're encouraged to do so before becoming a member. Roots & Wings will be offered the previous two Sundays (see above for details).

Pre-Service Discussion :: Every Sunday at 9:30 am – Red Room

Our Sunday morning mainstay continues. This group is meant as a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. A different leader each week presents the topic and tells us some main points and history, usually lasting about 10-15 minutes. Then we discuss the topic for the rest of the hour, with a moderator helping guide the discussion and making sure everyone gets a chance to talk. Our discussions usually focus on issues of morality, ethics, knowledge, personal responsibility, and applying UU Principles to daily life. All interested adults are welcome – there's no signing up; just come for subjects that sound interesting you or come for them all! Check out our topics for December:

December 6 – Mutually Assured Construction

Abortion, gun control, the death penalty – there are some subjects that many would argue cannot be compromised on. How do we bring people with strongly opposed beliefs together to work toward a plan for all? **Leslie Duvall** will try to get us to talk not about the specific issues, but on building cooperation between opposing views.

December 13 – Waiting

In an open discussion we'll consider the UUCM theme for December, Waiting.

December 20 – December And The Solstice

This year the Winter Solstice will occur in Indiana on December 21st, at 11:48 pm, at which time the days will begin to get longer. Around the Solstice in December a multitude of celebrations occur, including in Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Secularism, Judaism and Paganism. The Unitarian Universalist Chalice is the first week of December. Why has December become such a significant month for so many diverse groups? **Alice Bennett** will lead.

December 27 – Holiday Memories

Everyone is invited to join us in talking about our memories of holidays both recent and long ago. Talk about how families celebrated from when you were growing up to what happened this year.

End of Year Reminders

As we near the end of 2015 and the half-way point of our 2015-16 fiscal year, please remember to send in pledge payments and gifts you wish to make before the end of 2015. In January 2016 we will send out 2nd quarter pledge statements along with 2015 giving statements for tax reporting.

You can mail your checks or drop them in the offering basket on Sundays. You can also use our new secure deposit box – in the church office on the side of the mail cubes. We have cash deposit envelopes available as well. Be sure to mark your deposits clearly so they can be applied to the proper account.



Message from the President

As On Saturday, November 7th, our church family came together for our 118th Bazaar. We made over \$14,000. The spirit of cooperation and jubilation never seems to fail us on this day, as we learn—once again—the power of community.

Now, imagine this power multiplied many times over. UUs from all over the country will be gathering in Columbus, Ohio, for the UUA General Assembly, Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26th. If you don't wish to attend the entire program, the Service of the Living Tradition on Saturday evening, and Sunday morning worship, or free and open to the public. Rev. Seth will be walking in the Service of the Living Tradition this year, since he just received Final Fellowship (the ministerial equivalent of tenure) from the UUA, so if you go you can cheer him on.

This year's theme is *Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect*. "General Assembly 2016 will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an independent future that works for all." If you're interested, read more at <http://www.uua.org/ga>.

Registration opens March 1st. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be more than 100 workshops, panel discussions, and lectures. Most events will be held in the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

What a perfect chance for us to live into our new mission statement: Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.

Sherry Ware

Task of the Month

Earth Care's: 12 Month Action Program to Cut Household Use

A program produced by Earth Care for Hoosier-HPL

We know that caring for the earth is part of our spiritual calling. Our community home, the Unitarian Church of Muncie has taken the steps and will be using solar panel as an alternative energy. Now each of us in the Congregation must take action to use less energy in our homes.

For many, the sheer quantity of actions to take is overwhelming. The *Task of the Month* focuses on one action at a time and encourages the whole congregation to accomplish that task, creating a sense of camaraderie and ensuring that the most important steps will be taken.

Each month there will be a focus on one simple but meaningful action. At the end of the year those who have completed the actions of the month should be enjoying lower utility bills and the knowledge that we are helping care for the earth by living more sustainably.

There was an example of the *Task of the Month* in the October 23rd e-Blast. Officially the program will begin in January. There will be:

- **Posters** with the monthly action
- **Information Sheets** describing how to perform each task, and where to get more information
- **Sign Up Sheets** to track congregational participation
- And more

Looking forward to the part we can all play in caring for our planet.

Green Team

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things. ~ Thomas S. Monson

Waiting... ?

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd [\(continued from page 1\)](#)

November 29th, which is of course in the Christian tradition a time of waiting – waiting for the birth of Jesus. Some Unitarian Universalist (UU) churches still utilize an advent wreath, and light four advent candles – one on each of the four Sundays leading into Christmas day. While our recent Interim Minister Rev. Mary Moore had us light Advent candles during the service, it has not generally been a tradition of our church to do so. It is worth considering though, what it means to have a spiritual practice of waiting.

Waiting, as a spiritual practice, implies patience. And patience, especially in the form of being willing and able to make decisions based on the long term, not just the short term, is important to leading a successful life. In a scientific study, the marshmallow test showed this. The setup was simple – young children between the ages of 4-6 were offered a marshmallow, but were told that if they could wait ten minutes while the person conducting the experiment was out of the room, they could have two marshmallows once the person returned. Those kids who were able to wait – the ones who were able to hold out and delay gratification – their ability to do so in the moment proved a better predictor of later success in life than any other factor, including performance on SAT tests, IQ tests, etc. The ability to wait is an important life skill.

Waiting also sometimes means slowing down. We live in such a busy culture these days, that times where we're forced to wait can feel like a waste of time. A spiritual practice of waiting might find us intentionally trying to shift our perspective on those times of waiting, and instead view them as a useful opportunity to be present in the moment. I'm certainly going to try and take my own advice – I definitely fall into the "oh my god why is this line to check out at the grocery store so long" kind of people... and there is no reason that I couldn't take that time to play with Mira and Theo, instead of mostly just being stressed about the wait. How do you handle the times of waiting in your life?

Waiting is also an important theological practice. While most religions embrace practices of theological

exploration in some shape or form, few make that exploration as central as we do as Unitarian Universalists. We are not a faith of answers, as much as we are a faith of questions. And part of asking really good questions, and continually seeking ever deeper and more meaningful truths, is that sometimes we have to wait. There's a well-known quote from Rainer Maria Rilke that reminds us to have patience and "live into the questions" because the answers don't always present themselves immediately. Exploring our faith, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, often means waiting for our answers to arrive, waiting for the truth to unveil itself.

However your waiting plays out this holiday season, may you find use for it. Waiting is an important life skill, it's certainly a frequent life experience, and it's an important part of the theological journey in our faith tradition. In this Advent season, may you find a way to embrace the waiting in your life.

See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

Rev. Seth



Waiting... and Waiting

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer [\(continued from page 1\)](#)

When we're ready to check out at the grocery store, my husband methodically trolls all the lines, looking for the absolutely shortest one.

On the other hand, oddly, we're also a culture of "waiters." Allow me to introduce Wilbur and Irma. These two characters hang out together and are out to mess with our lives. We've all heard them chatter, and very likely their chattering has echoed in our own minds as well: I'll be happy/my life will be better when I graduate... get a job... get a different job... get married... my divorce is final... have kids... the kids leave home. You can fill in your own blanks. There is clearly some truth to some of this: If we're studying for a profession, it will be nice to be able to practice what we've prepared for. If we're finishing up a big project, the feeling of satisfaction when it's done is pleasant. Kids leaving home does free up parents' time.

The problem with this is that it takes us out of the present and prevents our recognizing and appreciating the gifts of the moment. It doesn't allow us to be fully present in and for our lives in each moment as it unfolds. Our attention is focused on the future. As Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us so often in his writing, life, love, joy, and engagement are available to us only in the present moment. The past is memory, the future has not yet come. Our real life is now, in this very time.

I've had my own run-ins with Wilbur and Irma. Following major back surgery in the 1990s, I was not supposed to drive for six weeks. Waiting that six weeks tried my patience. After about a month of it, I did go out and drive around the four mile square around our house, knowing there would be little or no traffic on the small country roads. I really didn't "go anywhere," but it took the edge off the waiting.

Waiting does have a positive side. Sometimes things simply need to develop in their own time, at their own pace, to unfold according to their own timetable, which isn't always our timetable, without our trying to hurry the process along. The psychologist Fritz Perls, put it succinctly when he said "Don't push the river." Recovery from illness or significant injury provides a host of examples. Grieving is another. Healing from emotional and spiritual injury, particularly if it came from someone we love, is yet another such situation.

At these times, the Christian season of Advent reminds us that if we are waiting, we can wait with hope and with faith. We *can* trust the process. We can trust the web of life and the container of community to hold us securely while we heal. We can trust our own inner wholeness to express itself. While there are always things we can do to encourage the process, we also have to be willing to concede control and let the river flow as it will, in its own good time.

In this season, may you know the joy of the present moment and the peace of trusting the goodness of life's unfolding.

The UUCM Staff wishes you

peace, love, and joy

this holiday season.



Sharing Gratitude



If you have a gratitude you'd like to submit for the next Unigram, please send it to uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org, subject line "Sharing Gratitude," by December 9.

I wish to express my gratitude to the UU congregation for spurring our grandson, **Josh Turner**, on to greater heights. Josh has performed for three fund-raising dinners for UU, and because of your support, he has reached ten million hits on his YouTube site <https://goo.gl/2aDvzP>. He performed with the Indianapolis Symphony on November 21. Thanks for your help. ~**Bill Wakeland**

During our recent high winds, Mother Nature chose to blow down one of our church signs at the corner of Morrison and Bradford. The wood posts were set in cement, so repair entailed digging new holes, resetting new posts in cement, and replacing the spotlight that had been destroyed when the sign fell on it.

At 9:00 am on Saturday morning, November 21, members of our faithful Property Maintenance Committee—plus one teen—assembled and started repair while some of us were still planning our morning. They had the sign back up and lit before the snow began to fall. Thank you, **Bruce Craig, John and Riley Taylor, Jeff Hathaway, and John McKillip**. You guys were amazing! ~**Sherry Ware**

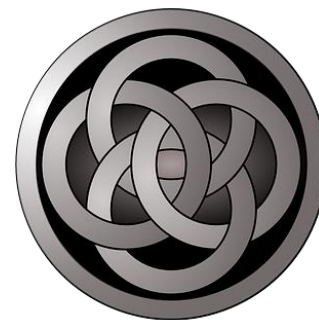
Much thanks and appreciation to **Susan Bossung**, for the tremendous amount of time and effort she put into getting the new Hospitality Teams off the ground. It wouldn't have happened without you Susan. And of course, thanks also to our new Team Captains – **Cindi Marini, John Bartlett, Ron Moore, Judy Lowe, and Jerry McKean** – for stepping up to the plate and volunteering.

Thanks to everyone who did so much to make our solar panel project happen – we went live Saturday, November 21st! Thanks in particular to the Green Team, including **Wayne Meyer, Holly Hanauer, John Taylor, Marnee Cooley, Cheryl LeBlanc** and others, as well as to Property Maintenance, the Board of Trustees, the staff and more. This was a team effort, and we are grateful for everyone who helped turn this dream into a reality!

Unending gratitude and thanks to Bazaar co-chairs **Annemarie Voss** and **John McKillip**, and to all the Bazaar volunteers, for making this year's Bazaar another incredible success. There's a few lingering expenses still to be submitted, but we almost certainly cleared \$14,000 in profit, with the rummage sale added in.

Wheel of Life

Welcome to our new Wheel of Life Section! This section will host short, two-three sentence long summaries of major life events and transitions that have happened or will be happening shortly to members and friends of the church. Examples of appropriate items for submission include births, graduations, marriages, plans to move away, significant illnesses, or deaths. If you have a major life event you'd like the church community to be aware of, please submit it to the Wheel of Life section of the Unigram at uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org and note "Wheel of Life" in the subject line.



I wanted to share with all of you the good news that I received Final Fellowship from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in November. This is the ministerial equivalent of getting tenure - we as a church no longer need to submit annual evaluations to the UUA so that they can make sure everything is going ok. Much thanks to the Committee on Ministries and Board of Trustees for their hard work and support of this process. It is a joy to be through this final step in the ministerial formation process. ~ **Rev. Seth**

December 2015 UUCM Calendar

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

Regular Weekly Events

Pre-Service Discussion	Sundays	9:30 am
Muncie UU Pagans	Sundays	9:30 am
Chalice Marketplace :: coffee & other Fair	Sundays, Dec	Before & after the service
Trade items for sale	6, 13, 20	
Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
Religious Education for Children & Youth	Sundays	10:45 am – noon
4U: Ball State University UU Union	Sundays	8:00 pm
Room 305, BSU Student Center		
Body Life Dinner (no dinner 12/29)	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal (no rehearsal 12/29)	Tuesdays	7:30 – 9:00 pm
Revival Hour (see web calendar for location)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In	Fridays	5:00 – 8:00 pm

December Events & Activities

Communications Committee	Tuesday	Dec 1	6:30 pm
Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesday	Dec 1	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Wednesday	Dec 2	5:30 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	Dec 2	7:30 pm
Adult RE :: Exploring Spiritual Practices	Sunday	Dec 6	9:30 am
Roots & Wings :: New Member Class	Sunday	Dec 6	9:30 am
Tree Trimming Party	Sunday	Dec 6	After the service
Combined Youth Groups	Sunday	Dec 6	12:30 pm
Theme Reflections	Sunday	Dec 6	12:30 pm
FOHN Task Force	Monday	Dec 7	7:00 pm
Unigram Submission Deadline	Wednesday	Dec 9	9:00 am
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	Dec 9	6:00 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	Dec 9	7:00 pm
Adult RE :: What Moves Us: UU Theology	Sunday	Dec 13	9:30 am
Roots & Wings :: New Member Class	Sunday	Dec 13	9:30 am
Exploring Your Theology	Sunday	Dec 13	12:30 pm
Social Justice Committee	Monday	Dec 14	7:00 pm
Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesday	Dec 15	7:00 pm
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	Dec 16	6:30 pm
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	Dec 17	7:15 pm
Circle in the Woods	Saturday	Dec 19	7:00 pm
Rel Ed Committee – Children & Youth	Sunday	Dec 20	9:30 am
New Member Joining Ceremony	Sunday	Dec 20	10:15 am
Multi-Gen Event :: Christmas Ornaments	Sunday	Dec 20	Noon
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	Dec 20	12:15 pm
Combined Youth Groups	Sunday	Dec 20	12:30 pm
Candlelight Service	Thursday	Dec 24	7:00 pm
Christmas Day Carry-In Dinner	Friday	Dec 25	1:00 pm
Adult RE :: Listening Circles	Sunday	Dec 27	9:30 am
Sack Lunch Prep for Harvest Soup Kitchen	Sunday	Dec 27	9:30 am
Fellowship Committee	Sunday	Dec 27	12:15 pm
Anti-Racism Task Force	Sunday	Dec 27	12:30 pm

Mark Your Calendar

Hospitality Teams

The rotation has been set for the new Hospitality Teams. Your participation will help us continue to offer amazing hospitality to visitors and to each other!

1st Sunday – Red Team

2nd Sunday – Orange Team

3rd Sunday – Yellow Team

4th Sunday – Green Team

Tree Trimming Party

The annual church tree trimming will take place in the sanctuary directly after the service on Sunday, December 6. All ages are invited to help decorate the tree in this inter-generational event. Join the fun! The Fellowship committee will provide cookies.

Church Office Schedule

The church office will be closed December 1 & 2, and December 24 - January 3, 2016, for holiday break.

Christmas Day Carry-in

Everyone is welcome to the Christmas Day Carry-in. We will gather at 1:00 for a meal and great company. Bring friends or family, games, pictures to share, stories to tell, musical instruments to play, or anything to make the afternoon more fun. We will furnish the meat and we ask for those who can, to bring a side dish. There is a sign up sheet located in the sanctuary or you can contact **Laura Janney** at 765-744-7436 or lauralynnjanney@gmail.com.

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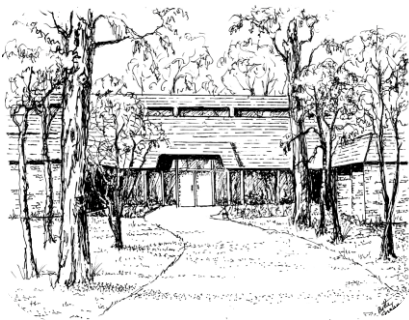
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