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Balancing Freedom

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

It is one of the great American myths that individual freedom is of the highest value. The ultimate freedom in this model would be the freedom to choose to do whatever we wanted, whenever we wanted. This is nice in theory, but in reality, in order to be in relationship with others, we make trade-offs, we seek the balance, between freedom and relationship all the time. By its very nature, being in relationship with another human being means that we cannot just do whatever we feel like. For example, I happen to love trashy action movies. I figure that I deal with enough heavy and serious topics every day in my work – when I’m being entertained, I want to be entertained, not depressed by some serious indie flick. But back when I lived in Philadelphia, I had some friends who I went to the movies with frequently, and they couldn’t stand trashy, action movies (I don’t know why). We were able to find movies that were a

compromise sometimes, and other times we had to alternate between our preferences, but we did it, because it was more important to us to spend the time together in a way we mutually enjoyed, rather than to have the movies we saw be the ones we would have picked if we were going alone.

The trade-offs we make are not always clear to us, however, or at least easily visible at first. One feature of our current societal structure that many of us embrace is freedom of mobility that we enjoy in this day and age. Mobility has created much value in our lives – many of us who did not before have the freedom to move for a job, or to move to be closer to a romantic partner, or to move to a place with a climate that we prefer. But mobility has also created for many a family life that is splintered and disconnected. Adult children see less of their parents, adult siblings see less of each other,

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Paul’s Dilemma, and Ours

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

According to the Christian New Testament, Saint Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome:

“I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway,” (Romans 7:19, New Living Translation). The same passage in The Message paraphrase says it this way: “The power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don’t have what it takes. I can will it, but I can’t *do* it. I decide to do good, but I don’t *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway.”

Paul attributes this dilemma to the presence of sin within him. While that explanation does not speak to me, the dilemma itself certainly does. I’ve lived it. Growing up, it seemed to me (simplistically) there were two kinds of things I did. There were those defined as “good” actions. Those were the ones that squared with what my mother wanted and expected me to do. It wasn’t clear to me, as I recall, exactly how those came about. Then there were those defined as “bad” actions, those that didn’t measure

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Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Services begin at 10:45 am January Worship Theme :: Freedom

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

Sunday, January 3 Rev. Bruce Russell-Jayne	We welcome guest minister Rev. Bruce Russell-Jayne to our pulpit, as he preaches on "Changing Climate Demands Renewable Energy and Renewable Spirit."
Sunday, January 10 "That Thou Art": Meditation and the Sacred Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer	The benefits meditation can have on mental, emotional and physical health, and on relationships, are often emphasized. Those benefits are real. I'll focus on meditation's "other" dimension however: In its Eastern context, meditation is a way to come into contact with the sacred or the holy. Come explore how this might be.
Sunday, January 17 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth returns to the pulpit with his first sermon on this month's theme of Freedom. Our annual "Age of Reading" ceremony will be part of the service.
Sunday, January 24 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth is preaching on a topic to be determined, as we take a break from Freedom to explore a different theological topic, to be announced in the eBlast.
Sunday, January 31 Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Rev. Seth concludes the month with one more sermon on Freedom – our SanctUUary Choir will be signing, so don't miss out!
Religious Education for Children & Youth, 10:45 am	
Sunday, January 3 Social Action Sunday	We will be creating cards for the Caring Committee.
Sunday, January 10 Curriculum Sunday	Please join us, as we continue our religious exploration!
Sunday, January 17 Curriculum Sunday & Age of Reading Ceremony (K-2nd)	We wish to celebrate your child's joy of reading! In this ceremony the children walk through a special archway and receive a book and bookmark from the Religious Education Committee. <i>Please contact Nadine if your child will be participating.</i>
Sunday, January 24 Curriculum Sunday	Please join us, as we continue our religious exploration!
Sunday, January 31 Curriculum Sunday	Please join us, as we continue our religious exploration!
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. This month we will meet on the 3 rd Sunday – January 17.
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. Watch the eBlast for weekly 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.

Religious Education Corner

Nadine Tringali,
Director of Religious Education

Age of Reading Ceremony

A tradition in my family to kick off the New Year, is to head to the kitchen the morning of January 1st and start making a batch of bread. Family traditions also include sitting in a good comfy chair with a book, while the bread rises. Reading is such an important part of our lives. We can use our imagination and travel to places all over the world! On **Sunday, January 17**, we will be honoring our youngest readers in grades K-2 in our Age of Reading Ceremony. In our annual ceremony our youth will travel through a special archway and receive two books, Unitarian Universalism is a Really Long Name by Jennifer Dant, and The Kite Surprise by our very own Bill & Katie Frederick. Families with youth in grades K-2 are asked to please contact me by **Monday, January 11**, if your child or children will be participating.

Zentangling ~ Multi-Gen Event

Zentangling is for all ages! If you would like to learn an easy, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by simply drawing patterns, come and join us on **Sunday, January 17** after the service from 12-1 in the fellowship hall, for this Multi-Gen event. We will have all the materials you need to begin your journey!

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Program K-1st Grade Beginning in February!

Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades K-1 can help you educate your child about birth, babies, bodies, and families. You will be actively involved as your child learns through songs, stories, activities and at-home projects that promote family dialogue.

In eight, one-hour workshops, OWL models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. It helps young children identify their attitudes, values, and feelings about themselves, their sexuality, and others' sexuality. Participants in Grades K-1 are guided by trained facilitators through an engaging curriculum that addresses age appropriate topics. In addition to a parent meeting and a parent-child orientation, parents are welcome to attend any or all of the workshops with their children.

A complete description of the OWL curriculum is available on the UUA website www.uua.org.

Nadine

Youth Sunday Planning Schedule!

Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd,
Coordinator of Youth programs



It is that time of year again! Time for our youth to create and present a whole Sunday morning service for our church. These Sundays have been huge successes and so well received the last 2 years. We know that the congregation is looking forward to this upcoming Youth Sunday. We are so excited to get working!

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Brainstorming Themes

Sunday, January 17, 12:30 – 2 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Choosing a Theme!

Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Brainstorming Ideas for the Centerpiece and Major Elements!

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Choosing Musical Contributions

Sunday, January 31, 12:30 – 2 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Choosing the Centerpiece and Major Elements

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning

Sunday, February 7, 12:30 – 2 pm
Youth Sunday Planning

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning

Sunday, February 14, 12:30 – 2 pm
Youth Sunday Planning

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Finalizing the Script

Sunday, February 21, 12:30 – 2 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Rehearsal!

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning: Rehearsal!

Saturday, February 27, 2-4 pm
Youth Sunday Rehearsal: Final Run-through!

Sunday, February 28
YOUTH SUNDAY!

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Theme Exploration – Freedom

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 entitled “Freedom is Sacred,” by Rev. Marlin Lavanhar:

Unitarian Universalists have often seen something sacred and holy in the historical movements towards liberation of mind, body, and spirit. This theology emerged out of an interpretation of the biblical narrative in Exodus in which God is seen as being on the side of the Jews’ liberation from slavery. Even though the historical accuracy of this biblical tale is open for debate, UUs have long seen in this story a powerful metaphor that affirms freedom and liberation as sacred and holy endeavors.

We see something sacred in movements such as the struggle for the right of first century Christians to freely practice their religion despite Roman persecution. We see it also in the defending of scientists such as Copernicus and Galileo to freely practice and teach science despite the opposition of the Catholic Church hierarchy. We see it in movements such as abolition in America, civil-rights struggles around the world, women’s rights, child-labor laws, the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, and many other historic examples of basic freedoms being upheld.

Religious freedom in particular has been a core value in Unitarian Universalism throughout its history. One of the world’s first, formal political decrees in support of religious freedom was advocated by the founder of Unitarianism, David Francis, in 1568 at the Diet of Torda. The law was immediately enacted by history’s one and only Unitarian monarch, John Sigismund of Transylvania. It is significant that at the one moment and place in history that Unitarians held total power, they did not use it to spread their own faith, instead they used it to secure the rights of others to believe as their conscience led them.

Unfortunately, it is often true that hindsight is 20/20. It is easier to see the sacred movement of freedom when we look back at history. In our own time, it is much more difficult to find consensus on what freedoms are truly sacred and how to ensure and protect such freedoms.

Questions for Reflection

What kind of freedoms have been important to you personally in living your own life?

Have you ever been denied any kind of freedom? How did that make you feel?

What freedoms do you think are in danger in this current time? Which are the ones we should be fighting for?

Suggested Reading

[The Myth of Freedom and the Way of Meditation](#) by Chogyam Trungpa

Sermons by UU Ministers

“Freedom as Possibility and Responsibility”

by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom

<http://goo.gl/5So36u>

“How To Use Our Freedom”

by Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

<http://goo.gl/F25Mrq>

2015-2016 UUCM Themes

September – Forgiveness

October – Inclusivity

November – Grace

December – Waiting

January – Freedom

February – Sexuality

March – Brokenness

April – Truth

May – Creativity

Message from the President

Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.

I had the pleasure of serving on the committee last year that worked with the congregation to craft new Mission & Vision statements. We worked hard to make sure that our new statements represented who we are now and where we want to be in the future. When we were finished, we were pleased with the end result.

Now, our challenge is to integrate them into the fabric of our church life. Reverend Seth has been taking every opportunity to weave them into his sermons. The Mission statement is on the UUCM website, the Order of Service, the footer of each page on the Unigram, and the church letterhead.

We, your Board of Trustees, would like to take it one step further. The Board of Trustees would like to commission a piece of artwork that features the Mission statement, to be installed over the main doors into the sanctuary, and we're seeking proposals from you.

You don't have to be an artist to submit a proposal. Perhaps you have a great idea that could be fabricated by another member of the congregation. Maybe you'd like to team up with one or more members. Maybe you just want to work by yourself.

Here's your assignment for the New Year. Put on your creative thinking caps and get in touch with your muse. You're encouraged to daydream to come up with a wonderful way to feature our Mission statement over the doors into the sanctuary.

Please submit your proposals to uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org by February 1, 2016 with "Mission Artwork Proposal" in the subject line.

This should be fun!

Sherry Ware

The Social Justice Committee

From the Committee on Ministries

This is the second 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 social justice committee strives to be a key player in the "Living Justice" part of the UUCM mission statement. Recognizing that many members and friends of the congregation are involved in social justice issues, organizations, and projects beyond the committee, and have been for decades, the committee does facilitate many activities related to social justice at UUCM.

The Social Justice Committee promotes and coordinates five or six social justice-related volunteer opportunities a year. Regular volunteer events include the MLK Workday at Second Harvest Food Bank and staffing the sleeping room during the holidays. Volunteers still talk about the 2014 MLK workday at Second Harvest Food Bank. As one member noted, "MLK Day of Service is our largest project in terms of turnout...kids, adults of all ages. Usually about 50 people attend. That year our job was cleaning up crates of cabbages; some appeared gross beyond belief, but were decent after removing the outer snarky leaves. The kids really got into it. They gave individual cabbages names and pointed out how they reminded them of particular teachers. When the younger ones got bored, they stomped down the boxes...all of which proves that service can be fun, intergenerational, and build community."

The social justice committee manages the dedicated offerings collected the first two Sundays of each month. They search for new agencies, vet new agencies and keep up with agencies to whom we have traditionally given. They also invite a spokesperson from each agency to give the offering words during worship on the first Sunday of the month. The committee is very appreciative of all those who participate in giving to these dedicated offerings.

The committee serves as a shipyard for new social justice task forces and an umbrella for existing social justice task forces such as: Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors, the Green Task Force, and the Anti Racism Task Force. The SJC is always looking for new social justice projects and for individuals interested in participating in upcoming social justice events. If you are interested in participating in the Social Justice Committee's work or one of the task forces, please feel free to contact a member of the Social Justice Committee.

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grandchildren see less of their grandparents... there is just less familial intimacy. All the Skype conversations in the world can't replace sitting on Grandma's lap, can't replace the sensation of her holding you tight and squeezing you in a big bear-hug, can't replace the feel of the soft cotton of her sweater rubbing against your cheek, can't replace the faint smell of lavender from her perfume. The freedom of mobility comes with a trade-off – we often lose some level of connection with family and friends from our place of origin.

In terms of Unitarian Universalism, freedom of belief is one of the strengths of our faith tradition. In those realms of the unknowable, what we each believe about God, what happens to use after we die etc. – we offer freedom of belief. In our seven principles, we have all agreed that we are committed to “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning” as part of our religious and spiritual journeys. Freedom though does not mean individualism, and it does not mean we are not accountable to one another. Robert Cummins, who was Superintendent of the Universalist Church of America for fifteen years in the 1930's and 40's, wrote: “There is a serious flaw in the notion that freedom is the possession of single, solitary individuals who act independently of one another.” Freedom of belief for everyone within one religious community such as ours means that we need to seek the balance – we don't all think and believe alike all of the time, and so we need to embrace and accept those who believe differently than us.

When we mistake absolute freedom for the accountable and responsible-to-each-other freedom of Unitarian Universalism, we harm ourselves and each other. Too often in our tendency to emphasize the individual journey, we miss out on the communal one. Too often, in a society and culture where we are increasingly used to everything being super-customized and tailored to fit our exact needs, we turn away when we encounter beliefs and practices that are different from our own, instead of engaging with them. Too often, we become so focused on our individual journeys and beliefs, we put our freedom of belief before our relationships with others. Those are the times we need to push and challenge ourselves to grow. Those are times where the communal journey, a journey of diversity and dialogue, can push us and challenge us to grow, if we let it. Freedom of belief is great, but when we conflate it with individualism and absolutism, we fall short of living into our own Unitarian Universalist beliefs and ideals.

If we are to flourish as a religious community, we need to make sure we are balancing our very important belief in freedom with respect and interest in each other's beliefs and journeys. Being in relationship creates trade-offs with

freedom sometimes for sure – but those trade-offs are usually worth it. As Steve Goodier wrote, “We don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note. Only notes that are different can harmonize. The same is true with people.” The same is true of our beliefs. Unitarian Universalism is not a faith tradition of one note. We are making one piece of music together, but we do it in harmony, with many different ideas and beliefs. When our religious community makes music in harmony, when we balance freedom and relationship – it is a truly beautiful thing indeed.

See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

Rev. Seth

Youth Planning Schedule

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Don't Miss This Special 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.

Social Justice Committee

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SJC members: Connie Gregory, Bea Sousa, John Barber, Mike Sullivan, and Luellen Smucker.

Members share responsibilities, rotating roles as needed: meeting convener, note-taker & summarizer, Program Council liaison, Dedicated Offering coordinator, task force liaison (FOHN, Green, Anti-racism), new member interest follow-up person, fair trade products sales coordinator, volunteer opportunity coordinator (5 or 6 per year; FOHN also coordinates several activities). There's plenty to do! If you have skills in social media, event coordination, and/or publicity, SJC wants you!

Check the SJC page on the UUCM website:

<http://goo.gl/hDMrpb>

Paul's Dilemma, and Ours

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up. It was made very clear to me that these happened because I simply *wanted* to do them, because I freely *chose* to be “bad.” Had I *wanted* to do so, I could have been “good.”

I don't know how typical or atypical my experience was, but it certainly was *my* experience. And it influenced how I felt about moral behavior for decades. Far into my adult years, I held the unexamined assumption that I was absolutely free to do the right, if I only *wanted* to do so. Like Saint Paul, I did not always do so. That left only one “explanation”: I simply chose to do bad things. I was weak-willed at best and a bad person at worst (usually the latter).

At one point years ago, I was ruminating on things I had done that I deeply regretted having done, pretty much drowning in shame and self-disgust. I had taken a course on the theology of Paul Tillich in seminary, a long time before. It suddenly flashed into my mind that somewhere in his huge volume on systematic theology, Tillich had addressed just this issue. I grabbed the book from the shelf and proceeded to try to find the relevant material among its several hundred pages. (Fortunately for that quest, I know that book pretty well, so was able to find what I was looking for fairly efficiently.)

Here's the gist of what Tillich wrote: We *are* free beings; the freedom to make choices that we have as human beings is real freedom. But it exists only in a polar relationship with what Tillich calls destiny. His use of the word destiny is somewhat unusual. In general, it means all those things that limit our freedom in various ways.

The freedom we have, he continues, isn't what is usually called freedom of the will. The will is an abstraction from the totality of who we are as free human beings. Each and every aspect of who we are participates in our freedom. He then describes the relationship of freedom and destiny in this way:

“Our destiny is that out of which our decisions arise; it is the indefinitely broad basis of our centered selfhood; it is the concreteness of our being which makes all our decisions our decisions. . . . This refers to body structure, psychic strivings, spiritual character. It includes the communities to which I belong, the past

unremembered and remembered, the environment which shaped me, the world which has made an impact on me. . . . It is myself as given, as formed by nature, history, and myself. My destiny is the basis of my freedom; my freedom participates in shaping my destiny.”

Tillich's words were balm to my aching, hurting soul. I experienced a moment of grace. His analysis of freedom and destiny suggested to me that the unwise decisions I had made were not due to my being a bad person, as I had felt. They emerged out of my “past unremembered and remembered” and “the environment which [had] shaped me.” The same can be said of any and all of us.

Things happen because of antecedents. Some of those antecedents have been completely out of our control. One thing causes another, which then in turn becomes a cause for something else, and so on in an endless procession of causes and effects, a chain of causation in which everything is connected. Where we *can* get a handle on the process is right now—we make the future by what we do now. We can't change what we have experienced or what we have done in the past; we *can* change our future and begin forming new ways of being, right now.

None of this absolves us of responsibility; this isn't about “the devil made me do it” or “my upbringing made me do it.” In some instances, we will be able to take appropriate responsibility for our earlier actions by what we do now—offering a genuine, heartfelt apology to someone we wronged, for example. In many cases, though, there just isn't anything to be done. In any event, we remain responsible for what we do *now*, in the present. We create our future by our actions here and now.

If you would like to read a good collection of very human, down to earth stories about how Saint Paul's dilemma plays out in peoples' lives, see the sermon “I Don't Do What I Want To Do” by Lutheran pastor Edward F. Markquart <http://goo.gl/hYGgEG>.

As we begin a new year, may we use our freedom to create a more peaceful and just, hopeful and joyful future by how we live now. May you be truly blessed in this coming year.

Reverend Julia



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 January 20.

Much thanks to all who helped make this year's Harvest Feast such a wonderful and special event! Thanks to the **Fellowship Committee** for organizing the food and setup, thanks to **Bea Sousa** from the Worship Associates for arranging our adult guest speakers, thank to **Robert Guillaud** for making sure we had a working sound system, thanks to **Nadine Tringali** for organizing our children and youth speakers, and thanks to **Jim Helton** for providing us as always with such beautiful music. What a wonderful event!

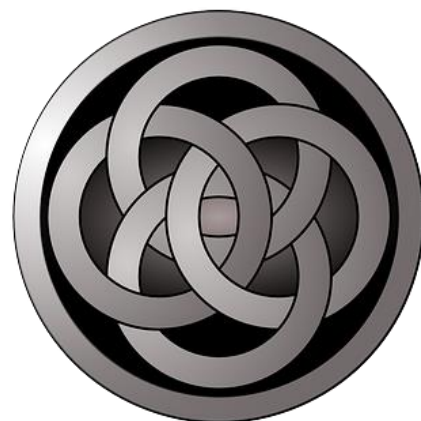
Gratitude and appreciation for everyone who came in on Saturday, December 12th to make saffron buns for our Santa Lucia ceremony the following day. A crew that included **Velvet Miller**, **Elsbeth Fritz**, **Sarah Bartlett**, **Maggie Bartlett**, **John Bartlett**, **Nadine Tringali**, **Judy Lowe**, **Elsa Reichle**, and **Kristen Owens** was led by **Liz Lowe**. Thanks everyone – the saffron buns were tasty!

Thank you to **Megan Biner** and **Sylphs and Seraphim** for their beautiful performance on December 13, helping us celebrate the Advent and Christmas season.

I'm also grateful to the the **Sanctuary Choir** for their lovely performances throughout the fall, culminating in our Christmas celebration on December 20. It is a joy to lead you! ~ Jim Helton

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.



John McKillip has been struggling with pneumonia in his left lung. He hopes to be back at church soon, but in the meantime, please hold him in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his healing process.

January 2016 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
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
Choir Rehearsal (schedule resumes 1/12)	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

January Events & Activities

Kitchen Cleaning	Saturday	Jan 2	9:30 am
Adult RE :: Exploring Spiritual Practices	Sunday	Jan 3	9:30 am
Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force	Monday	Jan 4	7:00 pm
Stewardship Committee	Tuesday	Jan 5	4:00 pm
Communications Committee	Tuesday	Jan 5	6:30 pm
Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesday	Jan 5	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Wednesday	Jan 6	5:30 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	Jan 6	7:30 pm
Chalice Marketplace	Sunday	Jan 10	9:30 am & Noon
Meditation Workshop	Sunday	Jan 10	2:00 pm
Social Justice Committee	Monday	Jan 11	7:00 pm
Youth Sunday Planning	Tuesday	Jan 12	6:30 pm
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	Jan 13	6:00 pm
Adult RE :: What Moves Us: UU Theology	Sunday	Jan 17	9:30 am
Rel Ed Committee – Children & Youth	Sunday	Jan 17	9:30 am
Multi-Gen Event :: Zentangle	Sunday	Jan 17	Noon
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	Jan 17	12:15 pm
Youth Sunday Planning	Sunday	Jan 17	12:30 pm
Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors <i>Volunteer Appreciation Lunch</i>	Monday	Jan 18	Noon
Youth Sunday Planning	Tuesday	Jan 19	6:30 pm
Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesday	Jan 19	7:00 pm
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	Jan 20	6:30 pm
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	Jan 21	7:15 pm
Youth Group Special Event <i>Indianapolis Children's Museum</i>	Saturday	Jan 23	12:45 pm
Adult RE :: Listening Circles	Sunday	Jan 24	9:30 am
Fellowship Committee	Sunday	Jan 24	12:15 pm
Anti-Racism Task Force	Sunday	Jan 24	12:30 pm
Investment Committee at Jim Vincent's	Monday	Jan 25	10:00 am
Youth Sunday Planning	Tuesday	Jan 26	6:30 pm
Committee on Community Ministry	Thursday	Jan 28	7:30 pm
Sack Lunch Prep for Harvest Soup Kitchen	Sunday	Jan 31	9:30 am
Youth Sunday Planning	Sunday	Jan 31	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
- 5th Sunday – Blue Team

The choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, January 12. We rehearse Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, ending with refreshments. All are welcome!! Please contact **Jim Helton** if you have questions
jim@uuchurchmuncie.org.

The UU book club will be meeting on January 14th, 7:00 pm, at the home of **Linda Hanson** to discuss *Pomegranate Soup* by Marsha Mehan. Anyone interested is welcome to participate, but please let the hostess know that you will be coming.

The Church Office will reopen after holiday break Monday, January 4, at 1:00 pm. The office will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

UUCM Staff & Leadership

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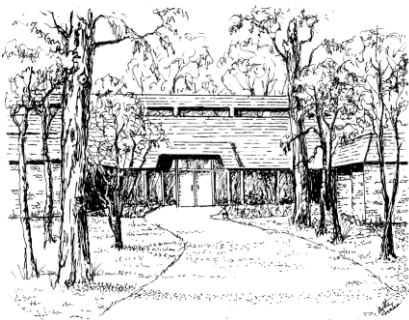
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