



the UNIGRAM

Care of the Soul

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

Our theme this month is “Care of the Soul,” which leads me to ask: what do you, and we collectively, need to do to care for our innermost needs? In his book, appropriately titled Care of the Soul, psychotherapist and soul psychologist Thomas Moore suggests that much of what we experience as difficult feelings and emotions in our lives is in our fact our deepest self trying to send a message about what we truly need. Whether it’s leaving a relationship, going back to school, changing careers or spending more time outdoors, more time alone, or more time creating the art that brings vitality to your life... Moore suggests that beyond the confines of our daily life, we often have deeper needs that are going unmet. It’s possible of course, that every single one of your

deepest needs are being met, and if so, you are blessed and fortunate indeed. I wonder though, how many of us have one or more deeper unmet needs. And for those of us who do have them – what are they? Are we aware of them? And can we change something our lives to try and meet them?

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Of course, Care of the Soul isn’t always going to be about deep philosophical questions that reach into the core of who we are and what we need out of life. Sometimes caring for our souls, for ourselves, is simply about making sure we doing just that – taking care of ourselves. After our long

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Simple Practices for Tough Times

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

These have been and are tough, trying times. On an international level, need we say more than “North Korea” and “Syria”? Nationally, to name but a few things, there is the refugee/immigrant crisis, climate change, changes that make people uneasy (with good reason) about their health care coverage, threats to LGBTQI rights, and this list could go on at length. Locally, we’re impacted by everything that happens on the global and national levels, to which we can add the Muncie Public Schools situation and the FBI carrying files out of City Hall. Our own beloved community

hasn’t been immune to conflict, either, with tensions evident regarding the proposal to move to two services and concerns recently lifted up by our secular humanists.

Denominationally, we’ve seen the resignation of a President and increased concern over how well we’re dealing with racism at the highest levels of staffing. Individually, too, hard times inevitably arise.

It’s vitally important to do what we can and what we feel called to do to help take care of the myriad challenges we face. It’s equally crucial to take care of ourselves in such times (as in all times). Self-care means care of ourselves as whole persons. That includes caring

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Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Services begin at 10:45 am June Theme :: Care of the Soul

Sunday, June 4 Multigenerational Service	<i>"The Blue-Green Hills of Earth"</i> by Erika Hewitt – An important part of Unitarian Universalism is the sense of mystery and wonder that triggers a "wow!" feeling inside of us. We will use our imagination and a system of maps to draw our gaze outward, from our own street, to our city, to our state... all the way to our Milky Way galaxy! <i>This service will include a Recycling Offering: each person/family should bring a recyclable item, such as a plastic water bottle or an empty can.</i>
Sunday, June 11 Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd	<i>"Building A New Way"</i> – In response to the national call for UU congregations to look deeply at the ways in which they might deepen their work eradicating white supremacy, this service will look at how we can together build a new way of being together. We will look at how we can create a more beloved community where all souls are truly welcome for their whole selves.
Sunday, June 18 Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer	<i>"Gifts from My Father"</i> – First of all, for those of you who know my story, the title of this sermon is emphatically <i>not</i> intended to be bitter, snarky, snide nor tongue-in-cheek. I'll reflect on the significant gifts we can gain from less-than-ideal circumstances. We'll look at what researchers have discovered about post-traumatic growth and how we can encourage that in others and in ourselves. We'll also observe our annual Flower Communion.
Sunday, June 25	<i>Pagan Summer Solstice Celebration</i> – Join us for a celebration of Summer! The UU Pagans will be bringing in the season in an all-ages service June 25th! There will be a potluck lunch to follow!

Religious Education for Children & Youth :: 10:45 am

Sunday, June 4 Multigenerational Service	Please join us this morning for a special multigenerational service (see service description above). On Multigenerational Sundays, the services are for all ages. Childcare will be available in the Blue Room for preschool & kindergarten youth.
Sunday, June 11 Social Action Sunday	This morning our children and youth will be decorating animal shaped cookies to sell after the service, for our annual Heifer International fundraiser.
Sunday, June 18 Flower Sunday	Our youth will be planting flowers for the east entrance of the church. They will also decorate a flower pot to take home, with a flower of their choice.
Sunday, June 25 Multigenerational Service	Please join us this morning for a special multigenerational service celebrating the summer solstice led by our Pagan group. On Multigenerational Sundays, the services are for all ages. Childcare will be available in the Blue Room for preschool & kindergarten youth.

Adult Religious Exploration Offerings :: 9:30 am

Our mission statement begins by calling us to a continuing exploration of our faith. In pursuit and support of that goal, we offer our Adult RE during the Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am pre-service slot. Check out all the offerings below!

Every Sunday – Red Room Adult Discussion Group	This group is s a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. See page 7 for weekly topics.
Every Sunday – Violet room Muncie UU Pagans	This is an open discussion group to explore the differences in our pagan traditions. People of any belief are welcome.
2 nd Sunday – Indigo room Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality	Rev. Julia leads an adult RE class based on Kathleen Montgomery's edited book, <i>Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality</i> , a collection of essays on various topics relevant to spirituality and aging. The book is available through Skinner House.

Theme Exploration – Care of the Soul

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 this month is an excerpt from an essay titled “The Soul of the Whole” by Rev. Victoria Safford:

There is the part of you that is most uniquely you, deeper than mind, more durable even than your will – and holy, if you like that word, or sacred. It is the essence of identity, radiant with dignity and worth. Even when you feel unworthy and undignified, it’s there, and has been since the moment of your birth, or your conception, or that instant that the old church once called “quickenings.” We could argue all day long about when exactly that begins – but we won’t.

No one knows exactly whence or when it comes into the world, nor when or whither it leaves. If you’ve ever been present to the birth of a person or the dying of a person, you’ve maybe glimpsed at the bedside the difference between “presence” and “no presence.” Without words, without anything that any of your five senses can latch onto, it’s palpable and ineffable. Some people call this soul...

At the same time, there is this other understanding: a parallel idea, equally compelling, equally demanding, just as beautiful, and grounded not only in mysticism but in biology and physics – grounded in the ground, in the natural, physical world. This is the awareness that whatever we are as human, living beings is deeply interfused, interwoven, interconnected and interdependent with everything else.

Questions for Reflection

Do you agree with Safford that we have some sort of soul that is unique to ourselves, as well as interconnected with everyone and everything else?

If you were going to try and care for your soul, the deepest, inmost, most central parts of your self – what would you do? how would you do it?

Spiritual or Reflective Practice

Do a “soul check-in” – find a few quiet minutes to yourself, and reflect on what your soul, your deepest, inmost self, is telling you that it needs. Use a concrete medium if that would be helpful, whatever works best for you – write down some ideas, or draw, or paint, or whatever works best for you. If you have even one unmet need, set a goal and do some work to try and meet one of those needs in the upcoming month.



2017-18 Themes

September – Welcome

October – Story

November – Abundance

December – Hope

January – Intention

February – Perseverance

March – Balance

April – Emergence

May – Risk

June – Blessing

Soul by Mark Belletini

*Not that transparent self tucked under my skin
 one day to be set free by my death that it might fly
 Not the Oversoul of Emerson, his New England Atman,
 unless you can oil it up first so that it slips out of your hand
 as soon as you try to it and paste it to a dictionary page
 in the same part of the library as theology,
 but far from where they gather the poems.
 When Bill T. Jones or Alvin Ailey leap on the dance stage,
 you might catch a glimpse of it out of the corner
 of the corner of your eye, but you will never be sure.
 You'll note that your breathing changed pace,
 and that your eyes are wet, but those are clues, not soul.
 It's not a thing to be carried, but sometimes
 you might feel that you are being carried
 high above the snapping dragons at your feet.
 You can't say it occupies space, but without
 the space between you and me, space to be crossed,
 best not to talk about it.
 Steady love, and tested friendship are the chalices
 that appear to hold it like fine wine,
 but if you drink it, it's that rare vintage
 that is never drunk to the dregs.
 What is between you and me might be called soul,
 but when we are gone, and different faces anchor
 the between-ness, it will still be there when we are not.
 When music bears it along into your bones,
 you will feel that you can rush up and embrace it,
 but soon you'll smile remembering it is not an it.
 More of a becoming, more like fire
 that can both illumine and scorch, dance and consume.
 The last line of a Szymbrska poem usually
 uncovers the soul which was right there all along.
 Soul is the spirit of it all, not the all.
 Life, not desire.
 Passion, not frenzy or desperation.
 Not juice in the limbic system,
 but the relationship between that and, say, Alpha Centauri,
 and between Alpha Centauri and thatness.
 Or between your eye and a homeless woman
 bobbing against a wall in the snow,
 or between your skin and the skin of someone
 shot dead because of the color of theirs.
 You know, soul.
 Here it is, right now.
 Here it is, right now.*

Religious Education Corner

Nadine Tringali,
Director of Religious Education

Upcoming Summer RE Program for Children and Youth, July 2– August 20

Our Summer RE program “UU World Travelers” will be facilitated by **Jackie Knake!** Each week we will “tour” a different country, learning about the culture, religion and history through a variety of activities. The class will meet for eight consecutive Sundays beginning on July 2, and will run during the Sunday service in the Yellow Room. The curriculum is designed for K-5th grade youth. Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to participate, assist, or attend the service; preschool youth are welcome to attend with a parent. Childcare will be available in the Blue Room.

Summer RE Program Schedule

July 2	John, Susan, and Sophie Taylor – Brazil
July 9	Usha Shivaswamy – India
July 16	Pam Harwood and Coly Tabberson – Australia
July 23	Jennifer, Carter, Kendall Hollems – Mexico
July 30	Lisa Kuriscak – Spain
August 6	Anne & Paul Stover – Madagascar
August 13	Julia Corbett-Heymeyer – Iceland
August 20	Diane Hill - Scotland

Assistants Are Needed

Please consider assisting one or two of our “UU World Travelers” Summer Sunday classes. If you are interested, please contact me by email at nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org. We need a minimum of one assistant each Sunday to provide helping hands and smiling faces!

Helpers Wanted In Childcare

Helpers are needed in the Nursery and Preschool classrooms! This can be on a part-time volunteer basis or a paid position. We are looking for people who are dependable, compassionate, and have experience with children five years old and under. You will help provide a safe and loving environment focusing on quality childcare for newborns through 5 years of age during the Sunday morning services, as well as for the Adult Religious Education hour from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Childcare is also needed for 12:30 to 2:30 on Sunday afternoons and other church functions to be determined in the future. Email childcare@uuchurchmuncie.org for more information!

RE Snacks

Cheese crackers and apple juice are always appreciated for our Sunday morning snack time!

Nadine



Youth Group!

Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd,
Coordinator of Youth Programs

End of Year Youth Group Party!

Sunday, June 11, 12:30 – 2 pm
Join us to celebrate the wonderful year we have had together! We will have special treats, including our gummy bear ritual! See you there!

Trip to the Marion Splash House

Tentative Save the Date – June 23
The Splash House has not yet opened for the season, so this date is tentative until we can book our cabana. An email will go out to parents once the date is finalized.

Elizabeth

Splinters from the Board

Exploring faith. Practicing Inclusivity. Living Justice.

Our May board meeting featured a presentation by **Linda Hanson** from the Committee on Ministries on the results of their focus group on the board. It seems that unless you've served on the board, you might not have a good idea of what we do. This is understandable, as experience is perhaps the best teacher. These "Splinter" articles are an attempt to report on board actions and topics of discussion; minutes from our meetings are available on the website; visitors are welcome at board meetings (third Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.) A new possibility for communications is to post small portions of the Unigram on Facebook throughout the month. Our discussion with Linda also reminded me of the need for the board and all committees to spend time reflecting on goals and mission. It's so easy to get lost in to-do lists and deadlines!

The Green Team has been promoting the Citizen's Climate Lobby's Carbon Fee & Dividend legislation to the congregation, and asked the board to consider endorsing it. Several of us attended Ted Wolner's presentation on this topic a few weeks ago in the Adult Discussion group. We have voted to make this endorsement on behalf of the congregation. I added this language to the official endorsement page at <https://goo.gl/trmxiN>:

"This legislation aligns with our core principles, including our belief in "the inherent worth and dignity

of every person, the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, and respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We believe that reducing our use of carbon-emitting fuels is key to slowing climate change and protecting all life, and this legislation would be effective in accomplishing that goal."

It's a relief to have the May 21 Congregational Meeting behind us, as a lot of time and thought went into preparations. These agenda items all passed: the By-laws amendments, with the addition of a sentence that specifies the age of a youth board member as being from 13 through 19; the Two Services proposal, with a vote of 81-37; the 2017-18 budget proposal, and the slate of nominees. Our incoming board officers are **Ginny Nilles** - president-elect, **John Bartlett** - vice-president, **Jennifer Hollems** - treasurer, and **Anna Dillinger** - youth representative. **Lisa Kuriscak** was elected to the Nominating committee.

We have five delegates to represent the congregation in the UUA Presidential election: **Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd**, **Jean Filson**, **Gary Jeffers**, **Liz Lowe**, and **Jerry McKean**. They are free to vote for the candidate of their choice, and you are all free to give your input to them on this decision. Check out uua.org/elections for information on the three candidates.

Holly Hanauer, President

Film Screening :: *From the Ashes*

Attend a free film screening of *From the Ashes*, a new documentary set to air soon on the National Geographic channel. The Sierra Club, our UU Green Team, and Temple Beth El are sponsoring this event on **June 15, 7 pm at Temple Beth El**, 525 W. Jackson St., Muncie. "The film provides a compelling and compassionate counter-narrative to Trump's promises to revive the coal industry, celebrates community voices and the role of grassroots advocacy in shaping our energy future, and shows there *is* a path forward on climate, clean energy, and environmental justice in these hard times."

Please join us! Additional parking is available in the Friend's Memorial Church lot further east on Jackson.



"Humanism" Harshman Panel
Photo by Gunther Cartwright

White Supremacy Teach In Sunday, June 11, 9:15 am

Over the last few months there has been great turmoil and discussion within the national UUA leadership around how we handle the culture of white supremacy that is dominant in this country. This most recent conversation was sparked by a hiring controversy at the UUA, but these are issues we as a faith have been grappling with for generations. We continue to struggle with how we might best address white supremacy in ourselves, our congregations, our faith tradition and our world. Organizers of Black Lives of UU put out a call for congregations to hold White Supremacy Teach Ins in late April and early May. May was such a busy time in our congregation, so we have found a time in June to answer this call. In the last couple of months, 2/3 of the congregations affiliated with the UUA have held workshops and worship services centered around the question of how we deepen our commitment and efficacy around racial justice and equity.

In recognition of how deeply, important and difficult this work is, we will hold a special workshop BEFORE the worship service at 9:15 am in the sanctuary to unpack the term white supremacy and talk through strategies for addressing it. (For some the term "white supremacy" can bring up all sorts of feelings. We have been asked by UU leaders of color to use it for specific reasons, which we will address during the workshop.) Following the workshop, worship will focus also on these themes.

If you are interested in the background of what recent events have brought this conversation back to the surface, you can read all about it at the following links:

<https://goo.gl/b8Xyct> / <https://goo.gl/tFHACY>
<https://goo.gl/g9sk5g> / <https://goo.gl/nSPZ0B>

Adult Discussion Group

9:30 am Sundays :: Red room

June 4 *National Say Something Nice Day*

Thursday the 1st of June is National Say Something Nice Day. So, your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to say something nice to a stranger. Or two. Or more. Sunday the 4th we'll talk about your experiences. For those of you who read this in the eBlast on Friday the 2nd; go ahead and do it Friday. Or Saturday. Probably any day's ok.

June 11 *National Children's Day*

Rev. Dr. Charles Leonard of the Universalist Church of the Redeemer in Chelsea, Mass. started Children's Day in 1856 as a special service dedicated to, and for the children. Originally called Rose Day, it was later named Flower Sunday, and then Children's Day. Over the years it's changed from a religious observance to a general day of appreciating and celebrating children in countries around the world. Come share your appreciation, and some ideas to make their futures better!

June 18 *Father's Day*

Last month we looked at the modern role of motherhood. Now, on Father's Day, we'll consider the current state of fatherhood. How have roles and responsibilities changed over time? What do you think about paternity leave, stay at home dads?

June 25 *Care of the Soul*

Annemarie Voss will lead us in an exploration of our theme for the month, Care of the Soul.

Dedicated Offerings June 4 and 11: Hearts & Hands United

If you were fortunate to grow up in a household with middle or higher income, the excitement of the first day of the school year always included plenty of new school supplies and new clothes. Remember the smell of a fresh box of Crayons? The bright colors of folders, notebooks, and a backpack? A new pair of shoes? Low-income families struggling to pay the rent and buy food are more likely to anticipate the start of the school year with dread and humiliation, because money for necessities simply isn't there.

Hearts & Hands United (HHU) will help again this year by distributing backpacks, supplies, and new shoes to Delaware County children. HHU is a collaboration of local non-profits and churches, along with corporate sponsors, hoping to serve at least 2000 kids. HHU officials prefer donations of money, rather than purchased items, because HHU can buy large quantities of needed supplies and shoes for discount prices. In deciding on the amount of your donation, consider that it costs about \$20 to fill a backpack.

For more information, visit <http://heartsandhandsunited.org/>. Donate with cash in the collection basket or write your check, payable to UUCM with "Hearts and Hands" on the memo line. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!

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and sometimes painful conversation as a church about whether or not to try adding a second service next year, caring for ourselves is the important task at hand, both individually, and as a community. Regardless of whether you voted yes or no, this conversation took a toll on many of us, and it has taken a toll on us as a community. Some of us have simply stayed away, others have had moderate engagement, and some have been right in the thick of things. There's been feelings of anxiety, sadness, anger, fear and more that have bubbled to the surface at different times, for different people, in different ways. The question now, which would have been the same question if the vote two weeks ago had turned out the other way, is: how do we come back together? How do we care for, and bring healing, to ourselves and our community?

Rev. Julia has some good suggestions in [her article](#) this month about how to care for ourselves using spiritual and reflective practices. I'll simply add that in the context of us as individuals as part of this community, reaching out to others we care about at church and reconnecting can be a good reminder of why we come to church together. Our church is so often a place of joy and comradery and connection – we might simply need to re-experience that part of who we are, a reminder of the meaningful community we offer each other.

In the big picture, I hope we can remind ourselves of why we come to church in the first place – the very short version of the [sermon I gave](#) answering this question: in addition to coming for community and connection, we come to explore and live our shared ideals of inherent worthiness and religious exploration. If you missed hearing the sermon in person, I highly encourage you to check it out. Again, this is the message I gave before the we knew the outcome of the vote, and it is the message I would be offering now regardless of the outcome of the vote – it is time for us to come back together and remind ourselves and each other of the many wonderful reasons we chose to be part of this community in the first place.

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Another thing we need to do, of course, is begin to look at the next steps in our immediate future. The staff and

I have been hard at work laying the ground work for the experiment we've chosen to undertake of trying out adding a second service. Somewhat lost in all the attention we were paying to deciding that question, though, is the fact that we're going to be hosting an intern next year. **Joel Tishken** will be joining us beginning on August 15th, full time for the following ten months. I hope you'll take a few minutes sometime this summer to reflect briefly on what it means for us to be a teaching congregation. Teaching, and learning, of course involves making mistakes sometimes, and learning from these mistakes. I'm confident Joel will do a great job for us with whatever he is tasked with doing. And, just as I make mistakes, just as we all do – Joel will probably make some too. Are you, and are we, ready to provide gentle and loving feedback to him, to help him grow and learn and evolve on his journey into ministry? And are you and we ready to learn from the gifts, insights and wisdom he will bring to our community? I hope so. And if we're not ready at this moment, I hope we can do our best to live into those aspirations while Joel is with us next year. If we're open to it, Joel's internship with us is an opportunity for a mutually engaging and enriching experience.

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Finally, a short-term goodbye of sorts. As usual, I'm taking an extended break this summer, a combination of vacation and study leave time. What is unusual, as most of you know, is that Elizabeth and I are also going to be welcoming our third child into the world, likely sometime in July, and so I will also be taking paternity leave time this summer. After talking it over with the Board, we agreed that my taking my usual time off in July, and taking paternity leave for all of August and into September while we were potentially, and now in reality, going to be starting our two services experiment, was not such a hot idea. So, since there's typically much less going on at church in June, I'm going to make most of my "usual" time off during the month of June, and then paternity leave for all of July and the first two weeks of August, so that I can be back in time to begin supervising Joel, and to prepare for our two services experiment. The net effect is that I will be off from June 1st all the way through to August 13th, returning to the office on Monday August 14th, and to the pulpit on Sunday, August 20th. We have a couple of guest

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for that deepest core of our being, where we find and/or make meaning and value, the dimension that some people call “soul.”

Most of us don't have the time or the flexibility in our schedules for a lengthy retreat, and many of us also don't have the desire for that type of practice, as helpful as it has proven historically for many. I am among those who aren't drawn to the practice of retreat. I, like many others, need simple, everyday ordinary practices that can sustain me. Even those among us for whom retreat is helpful need practices to support us in everyday life. I'll share several that I myself practice and recommend to others. They help me remain centered and (relatively) calm in the face of turmoil; perhaps you will find some of them helpful as well.

What can I do when my thoughts and feelings are spinning and I can't let them go? Try this: Stop and take a few deep, conscious breaths. Check in with yourself and ask “What do I need to do *right now* to feel calmer, more centered, more in control or more OK with not being in control?” Take a walk, call a friend, or make a cup of tea and lose yourself in an engaging book. Mindful walking can be particularly helpful. Walk slowly, taking care to notice the small, specific details you might otherwise miss. Breathe. Walk. Notice.

Some other ideas: Play with your children, your dog or your cat. Everybody wins. Dig in the garden or flower beds, or tend to indoor plants. Dirt underneath fingernails is highly therapeutic. Inhale deeply and take in the scent of the earth, the ground of our living and being. Know that you are of the earth, that you are at home here on this planet. It will support you.

Although I'm not involved in AA, the well-known Serenity Prayer is one that reminds me there are things I cannot control, and perhaps should not try to:

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

Because the God-language of the original does not always speak to me, I've developed a couple of nontheistic variants:

*May I have the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

*I vow to cultivate the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

Sometimes, I rephrase the last line to read “And especially the wisdom to know the difference,” because I often have a hard time figuring that one out!

There are several practices that, over time, can refocus our minds and hearts in a more positive direction. Most of you are probably familiar with gratitude practice in some form, because it's been written about a lot. At the end of the day, call to mind three things for which you're grateful. Think of them with as much detail as possible. Specifics are better. Recalling the taste and enjoyment of the roasted cauliflower you ate at dinner has more effect than simply being grateful for “a good dinner.” Some people like to write their gratitudes in a gratitude journal. Pausing to offer silent or spoken thanks before or after meals can enhance our experience of that meal and help us focus on what a gift wholesome food is.

We can do a similar practice with three examples of beauty each day. These don't have to be big things. Little things count too. Engage your senses. Did you notice the wide-awake face of a small child taking in a world yet new? Hear the joyous song of a bird in the morning or tree frogs at night? Really smell the gingerbread you just baked? When we set an intention to notice and remember things like these, we become more likely to observe them. We develop the habit of seeking them out, and that enriches our life.

None of these practices involves other people, at least not directly. They are primarily about making your own life more manageable, more serene and more effective. Nonetheless, the changes they bring about in you may well be reflected in how you relate to the other people in your life. Next month, I will look at a number of practices that involve others more directly.

Rev. Julia



Sharing Gratitude

We have been so overwhelmed with love and gratitude for **Julie Fritz** and all the wonderful people from the Caring Committee who have brought food to our newly expanded family. It has been so nice to get to focus on our little baby and not worry about dinner. Thank you all so much! We can't wait to get back to the UU and introduce Maggie to the best community in Muncie! ~*Marc, Annie and Maggie Devine*



Ric Dwenger, Ben Ewing, Robert Guillaud and **Laura Janney** are special people who come early, stay late, and make sure that our Sights & Sounds systems work smoothly. They sit in the back in their booth and too often I forget about them – but their service has been integral to all the extra meetings we've had this year about the two services proposal and the budget. We really depend on them, because it takes expert knowledge and training to run this system. Thank you, thank you!!

I also want to thank **Christie Williams** for all her work in preparing for the annual meeting. She put together the Annual Report, budget documents, slide shows and special eBlasts, and sent out and collected absentee ballots, on top of all her regular work. She puts up with all of us volunteers, with our forgetfulness and confusion and last-minute requests; she's fantastic and we couldn't function without her. Thank you, Christie!! ~*Holly Hanauer*



The Property Maintenance Committee wants to thank the following people who showed up Saturday, May 20 for the congregational workday. It was a small group, but many needed tasks were accomplished and a good time was had by all! Thank you to **John and Riley Taylor, Cindy Peters, John McKillip, Susan Bossung, Bruce and Judy Craig, Linda Morton, Steve Robert, and Tracy Whelan.**



We thanked everyone who contributed to the life of the church this past year in our Gratitude Ceremony during the June 15th Sunday service, but I wanted to extend an extra special thanks to this year's Board of Trustees, **Holly Hanauer, Jerry McKean, Sherry Ware, Susan Bossung, Usha Shivaswamy, Sharon Seager, and Anna Dillinger**, for serving and leading us so well during a challenging year in the life of our congregation. Your leadership was exactly what our church needed this year - thank you for helping us make it through the year well and with grace. ~*Rev. Seth*



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 June 21.

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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preachers and different services planned for June, and as per their usual, the Worship Associates have arranged guest speakers for July and early August in my absence. Rev. Julia will be available for pastoral care needs in my absence, and I will of course still be available for pastoral emergencies if the need arises.

I hope you have a great summer, a summer which involves some caring for your soul, which is some of what I plan on doing. I'm also excited during this time, of course, to be welcoming a new baby into our family and re-orienting our family life around this new little one. May these next couple of months be restful, restorative and fruitful for all of us. I look forward to seeing you all again in August – and to introducing you to the newest Carrier-Ladd!

peace, love and blessings,

Rev. Seth



June 2017 UUCM Calendar

Online calendar: <http://www.uuchurchmuncie.org/members/calendar/>

Regular Weekly Events

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

June Events & Activities

Visitors Q&A	Sunday	June 4	12:15 pm
Green Team / Sierra Club	Monday	June 5	6:30 pm
Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force	Monday	June 5	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Wednesday	June 7	7:00 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	June 7	7:30 pm
White Supremacy Teach-In	Sunday	June 11	9:00 am
Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality	Sunday	June 11	9:30 am
Community in Bloom :: Service Auction	Sunday	June 11	Noon
Youth Group End-of-Year Party	Sunday	June 11	12:30 pm
Social Justice Committee	Monday	June 12	7:00 pm
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	June 14	6:00 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	June 14	7:00 pm
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	June 15	7:15 pm
Chalice Marketplace	Sunday	June 18	9:30 am & Noon
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	June 18	12:15 pm
Unigram Submission Deadline	Wednesday	June 21	9:00 am
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	June 21	6:30 pm
Sack Lunch Prep for Soup Kitchen	Sunday	June 25	9:30 am
Pagan Lunch	Sunday	June 25	Noon
Bazaar Planning Meeting	Sunday	June 25	3:00 pm

Summer Office Schedule

Our summer schedule begins this month.

Monday

1-4:00 pm

Tuesday

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday/Thursday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The office is closed on Fridays during June & July.

2016-17 Pledge Payments

The 2016-17 Fiscal Year ends on June 30, and final pledge payments are due. Please be sure to note the pledge year on all payments (16/17 FY: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 or 17/18 FY: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Payments with no designation will be applied to the current pledge year.

Katie Robb's 100th Birthday Celebration

Please join us to celebrate 100 years of Katie's life on July 1st at Westminster Village. Please email or call Christina at 317-514-8800 or ccmeyers3@gmail.com for more details.

UUCM Childcare Request Form Procedure

Childcare Coordinator for all church events – Christie McCauley

If you wish to offer childcare for a church event you are sponsoring, please submit a [Childcare Request Form](#) located on the UUCM web page, at least two weeks prior to your event. Click on Members > Forms and Information > Childcare Request Form, fill in the required information, and submit the form for your event. Our childcare coordinator, **Christie McCauley**, is responsible for setting up childcare for all church events. Please note that submission of the form does not automatically mean that childcare coverage will be available for your event. In addition to submitting the form, you may wish to contact Christie McCauley at childcare@uuchurchmuncie.org. Christie will be in contact with you a week prior to your event to let you know if coverage is available.

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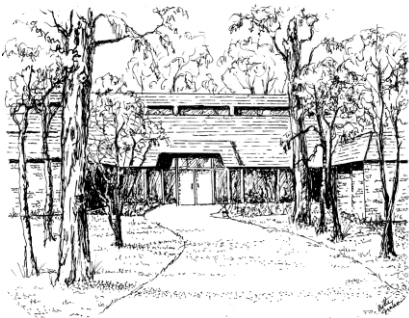
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