

# the UNIGRAM

## **Stream or Swamp?**

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

Once, a long time ago, there was a river that flowed through the land, over hills and through valleys and across fields, finally ending up at the sea. It was a quite happy and contented stream – it had plenty of fish swimming in it, quiet pools with aquatic plant life, and lots and lots of fresh, clean water. Things were going swimmingly for this river, until one day it came to realization. "Hey, I do all this work, carrying fish and freshwater across the land, and then everything just ends up disappearing into the sea. That's not fair. I want to keep my freshwater... the sea is already huge, why does it need even more from me? I want this to change."

And so where the river joined the sea, it spoke to its friend the forest, and

asked if it might fell a couple of older trees across the river mouth to stop its flow into the sea. That slowed things down a little bit, but the water still kept flowing out, out, out. So the river decided to find some contractors - the beavers arrived two weeks later. Slowly, day-by-day the river was pleased to see that the flow of its water to sea was diminishing. Finally, after a week's worth of work, the dam was complete, and the sea stopped receiving fresh water. The river was ecstatic! Finally, it could keep all the water it had worked so hard to carry so far.

The stream's satisfaction did not last long however. Because the

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## Simple (and Not-So-Simple) Abundance

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

I showered in a rainbow one afternoon awhile back. Let me explain. We have a large skylight in our bathroom. Late in the afternoon, the sunlight shining in through the skylight glints on the water streaming out of the shower at just the right angle, turning it into myriad droplets of rainbow.

Then there is the dialogue that took place in my kitchen recently. Our three-year-old grandson had arrived to spend the day with us, as he usually does on Wednesdays. I had given him his breakfast, and needed to step around the corner into the next room for a moment. From the next room, I became aware of a lively discussion going on in the kitchen. Roland was

carrying on a dialogue in two distinctly different voices. Stealthily, I peeked around the corner. The discussion was between.... two dried Bing cherries, one grasped in each firm fist!

My black lab-redbone hound mix dog has a favorite resting position: on her back, back legs stretched back, front legs extended over her head. Often, she leans up against a piece of furniture, or the side of the house if she's outdoors, so she doesn't have to hold herself up. To say she looks lovably silly is an understatement. It always brings a smile to my face, and usually gets her a belly rub as well.

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am Nov

**November Theme :: Abundance** 

Our November theme of Abundance is a natural fit, given that we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. A theological view of abundance is about much more than just a plentiful harvest and materially having many things – in part, it's also about examining our relationship to our stuff in our lives. We can have many things, and still feel a lack, or have fewer things, and still feel fulfilled. Abundance is also about finding and sharing genuine gratitude for the things we do have. We'll be exploring all this and more on Sunday mornings this month. Special Sunday service events include:

- November 5 we will be exploring immigration and the Service Journey trip to the Mexico border that our youth are planning for this spring
- November 12 we will have special music in the first service, and the choir will sing in the second service
- Saturday, November 18, 5:30pm while not a Sunday, our annual Harvest Feast is not to be missed!

November 5, 12, 19 - Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

November 26 – Joel Tishken, Intern Minister

## **Religious Education for Children & Youth**

Classes at 9:00 & 11:00 am

On the first Sunday, during our 9:00 am service, **Joel Tishken** will be leading a multiage Children's Chapel on the theme of the month, Abundance, in the Yellow room. **Nadine Tringali** will be leading theme-based classes during the 9:00 am service on November 5, 12, and 19. On Sunday, November 26, Nadine will be leading a Social Action Sunday.

During the 11:00 am service, we will hold religious education classes on Sundays, November 5, 12, and 19. On Sunday, November 26, Nadine will be leading a Social Action Sunday.

On Sunday, November 5 & 12, we will have a Harvest Feast "youth readers" sign-up in the fellowship hall.

On the second Sunday, November 12, we will be holding another high school fundraiser brunch, from 10-10:45 am, in Fellowship Hall. The funds will go toward the HS Service Journey in June 2018. Please come with an appetite for some delicious food!

## **Adult Religious Exploration Offerings**

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 on Sunday mornings. Check out all the offerings below!

Every Sunday, 9:30 am Red Room  Adult Discussion Group	This group is a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. Check <u>page 10</u> for weekly topics.
Every Sunday, 10:00 am Indigo room <i>Muncie UU Pagans</i>	This is an open discussion group to explore the differences in our pagan traditions. People of any belief are welcome.
Every Sunday, 10:00 am Violet room Inquirers Series	The Inquirers Series welcomes newcomers into the church community. Eight topics are covered, one per session, and then repeated throughout the year. Pick up a pamphlet at the Welcome Kiosk in the lobby for the weekly schedule.

## Theme Exploration – Abundance

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 this month's Soul Matters materials:

Sometimes there's a passivity to appreciation that leaves nothing changed. There's a big difference between appreciating the blessing of family and committing to sitting down together for dinner at least three or four times a week. It's one thing to notice the beauty that fills your own backyard; it's quite another to pull yourself out of the rat race so you have time to enjoy it. It helps to have a sermon remind us that our spouse or parent is doing the best they can, but that insight rarely sticks without a commitment to action that helps us truly let go of all the things we wish they were and embrace the limited but wonderful abundance of what they are.

In short, appreciation only gets us part of the way there. Noticing places abundance in view, but only new commitments put it within reach. Without a decision to change our lives, noticing becomes nothing more than nostalgia.

So, what needs to change? Maybe that's the real question... What needs altered so you can dance with what is plentiful rather than worrying about what is scarce? What clutter finally needs cleaned up so there is room for new abundance to enter in? What changes will free you from the urgent and allow in the important?

#### **Questions for Reflection**

What would happen if you decided that abundance was lying around waiting for you to notice it, rather than something you earn or win?

What might it mean to allow yourself to be healed by the abundance all around you?

Do you love that which is plentiful or that which is scarce?

#### **Suggested Readings**

Book: <u>The Tao of Abundance: Eight Ancient</u> <u>Principles for Abundant Living</u> by Laurence Boldt http://a.co/f6McdaS

Article: "Forgiving the Broken (Allowing ourselves to be healed by the abundance around us)" by Rev. Myke Johnson https://goo.gl/jgGe5y

#### **Spiritual or Reflective Practice**

Abundance gets in the way of abundance. Sounds silly but it's true. Too much stuff leaves us trapped. An over-packed schedule leaves us feeling empty. Clutter -material or spiritual - acts like a cage, leaving us little room to move, or breath.

There's no better month than November to take on this clutter in our lives. Fall trees shed their leaves, inviting us to do some of the same. The holidays are right around the corner, with their yearly attempt to get us to pack even more into our lives.

So find a few ways this fall to "declutter." Of course, you will first need to figure out what that means to you. Often it is material clutter we need to tackle. Just as often it is spiritual clutter that needs addressed. Truth is, most of the time, it's hard to separate the two. Whatever you decide to focus on, choose at least one strategy to address it. And remember that not all clutter is junk. Our work is not simply to throw the clutter out, but to sort through it. Almost always, there are gems buried in the mess.

Credit: all of this month's theme exploration materials comes from Soul Matters - <a href="https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/">https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/</a>.

## **Religious Education Corner**

## Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education

### Bazaar in the Woods Saturday, November 4, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The youth will have a booth called Chocolate & More at the bazaar, to raise funds for the middle school Boston Bound Heritage Trip in June 2019. If you would like to bring a donation for the booth, please drop your items off in the kitchen, labeled for "Boston Bound", on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. This year we will also be selling some non-food items. Look for "More!"

## Harvest Feast Saturday, November 18, 5:30 pm

If you will be attending Harvest Feast and your children and/or youth would like to participate as a youth reader, please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up for one question or answer.

## Social Action Sunday "Global Art Project" Sunday, November 26

During the 9am and 11am services, I will be holding a Social Action Sunday for the

"Global Art Project – Let's All Join Hands." We will be decorating paper outlines of our hands with a wish for global peace, love, and friendship. We will string the hands together as a visual expression for *Peace* in the fellowship hall in December. In January, we will mail our paper hands to the Global Art Project to be exhibited with thousands of other paper hands as a source of inspiration. A book of paper hands, **The Handbook for Peace**, is planned for publication.

## **Youth Group Schedule**

## Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Coordinator of Youth Programs

November 5, 12:30-2:00 pm Combined Youth Group

November 12, 10:00 am Fundraiser Brunch

November 12, 12:30-2:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

November 19, 12:30-2:00 pm High School Youth Group



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**

## Abundance as a Virtue

Joel Tishken, Intern Minister

We are on the cusp of our culture's greatest holiday season stretching from Thanksgiving through New Years. We are also on the cusp of a time of great abundance and consumption that those holidays bring. That abundance is literally embodied in one of the symbols of Thanksgiving, the cornucopia, or horn of plenty.

The cornucopia of Thanksgiving is a woven cylindrical basket, or large hollow ram's horn, with produce of the fall season spilling out, more than the container can hold. Our modern symbol comes from ancient depictions of the horn of plenty of the Roman goddess Abundantia. Abundantia was among a class of deities in Roman mythology who were more abstract than literal. Abundantia was without mythologies, temples, and priesthoods. Rather than the subject of direct worship, Abundantia was understood as the embodiment of abundance and prosperity that should be pursued as a virtue to usher in a golden age of plenty for all. In our own culture, Lady Justice, Uncle Sam, and the Statue of Liberty are comparable symbols to what Abundantia was to the Romans—a symbolic personification of a virtue we aspire to uphold.

Thinking of abundance as a virtue would require us to reconceive how our culture and capitalism think about a time of plenty, success, and wealth. Our culture thinks of abundance as an opportunity for accumulation, over indulgence, gross consumption, and self-glorification as a symbol of capitalistic success. In 2014, President Obama noted in his State of the Union Address that the top wealthiest 1% possess 40% of the nation's wealth; the bottom 80% own 7%. Not only are those sad statistics, but that gap has been worsening for decades. As a nation, we have been the richest on earth for many decades; we currently hold 41.6% of the world's entire wealth. We are also the most unequal of any country in the distribution of that wealth. We have abundance. We also paradoxically have the shadow side of abundance, scarcity, in an equally sizable manner. We certainly have values surrounding wealth, plenty, and abundance, but I



would not call them virtuous. Certainly not everyone, but on the whole, our culture treats abundance as a time for the opposite of virtuous behavior.

With inspiration from Abundantia and the ancient Romans, how might we imagine and uphold abundance as a virtue, a behavior of high moral standards, goodness, and honor? Our principles already call us to do so. As we act for a world with greater justice, equity, peace, liberty, and respect for the interdependent web of all existence, what we do with our wealth and abundance amid the scarcity of others is a central part of bringing about that new world. We are called to bring about a golden age. That golden age will be a time of greater abundance and less scarcity for all. May it be so and so may it be.

Image: *Abundantia* (ca. 1630) by Peter Paul Rubens, in public domain

Joel



## Splinters from the Board - Looking to the Future

Exploring faith. Practicing Inclusivity. Living Justice.

One of the strengths of our church is our long-time members. Their dedication is expressed in their continued willingness to serve and the encouragement and wisdom that they share with the members of the Board as well as the younger leaders of the church.

Another strength of our church is our newer members. We depend on them to continue the realization of our mission and vision, and to see our church with new eyes, bringing new ideas and challenging questions to each meeting.

As our year moves into one of its busiest times, the members of the Board want to encourage everyone from our oldest to newest member to jump in. Our committees need the insights and service of many volunteers. If you want to deepen your commitment, make some new friends, and act your commitment to our mission and vision, please consider volunteering to help with the many projects we sponsor. Just ask me or the other members of the Board (Ginny Nilles, Holly Hanauer, John Bartlett, Sharon Seager, Jennifer Hollems, Anna Dillinger, and Rev. Seth) and we can help you find opportunities to share, to learn, and to grow.

Speaking of learning and growing, the Board has authorized the creation of a long-range planning task force that will begin the process of mapping our future as we strive to become all that our passion for social justice and the needs of our community call us to be. Stay tuned for further information.

As has already been announced, the Board has asked the Committee on Ministries to work with the members of the congregation to create a covenant to guide and encourage healthy interactions with each other. Soon you will have the opportunity to participate in the drafting of the covenant (see article below).

Finally, our annual Bazaar is upon us! By the time you read these words, most of you will have signed up as a volunteer for one of the many opportunities to help out. If you haven't, I hope you will, because it is not only important, it's fun. Nothing recharges me like the excitement and the challenge of putting on this event, and seeing the members of UUCM come together to make it happen.

Thanks for all you do.

Jerry McKean, President

## **UUCM Healthy Relationship Covenant**

After a tense and difficult process of negotiating the decision-making process around our two services pilot last year, it seemed like a good time to look together at what binds and unifies us. Our Board of Trustees has thus asked the Committee on Ministries (COM) to assist the congregation in drafting a Healthy Relationship Covenant for the church as a whole. This is collaborative work; it should reflect the congregation's sense of how we relate to and engage with each other. It is also constructive work; we'd like a document that affirms our most cherished communal values.

To begin the process, the COM will host a series of church-wide meetings to gather feedback from member of the congregation. We plan to work inductively: learning what everyone most values, and then using that data, and suggestions from the gatherings, to craft the final document. The first meeting will be held between services on November 5<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary, followed by meetings after the second service on Sunday, November 12 and Sunday, November 19. We hope you will attend one of these gatherings so that your voice, your perspective, and your thoughts can be part of our shared process.

## Behind-the-Scenes: How Church Actually Happens

As we are experiencing the newness of having two services each Sunday, we have a couple of big things that we need to highlight. As Vice President of the Board, I have responsibility for ensuring that these items are not missed.

First of all, the Hospitality teams have completely overhauled the morning schedules. We are trying to go to two shifts of four people each to ensure that the coffee gets made, people are greeted, offering is collected, and cleanup occurs. We are in need of volunteers to fill out these positions. We also need a new team captain for third Sundays ("Yellow Team"). Volunteering for Hospitality is a SUPER way to meet your fellow church attendees and get to know them better. Please consider joining one of the teams and email me, John Bartlett at pmilghrs@yahoo.com.

Secondly, as the head of Program Council, I would like to tell you that we have several opportunities to join a committee to help carry on the important work of the church.

Remember we are trying to complete the transition from a pastoral church to a program church. We need to strengthen and enlarge our program offerings. For the standing committees, we especially need volunteers to help with Adult RE, Social Justice, and Fellowship - we have an opportunity now to expand all these groups to cover new areas of interests. The Fellowship Committee had a couple of key people drop off at the end of last year, and now needs help getting back on track. Did you notice we didn't have the annual ice cream social? Fellowship needs people to step up to make sure things like the Harvest Feast and Christmas Eve don't fall off.

Finally, I would like to say that our church's health depends greatly on engaging in new programs. New folks coming in our doors need to feel that we are actively exciting their interests. As we grow, the way to make people feel welcomed is to keep them involved in small groups. I am very excited that there is a seed of this starting with our Ministerial Intern Joel Tishken helping us launch a small group ministry program within the next few months. As Program Council head, I am very supportive of this initiative, and I encourage anyone with ideas to take them to Joel.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!

John Bartlett, Vice President

## **Harvest Feast Is Coming!**



Mark your calendars! November 18, 5:30 pm. The church will provide turkey, coffee and cider. We hope you will volunteer to bring your favorite side dishes, and your own bottle of wine if you desire it. Desserts (always first), salads, vegetables, breads... all will be welcome. *After all, it's a feast!* 

Sign-up sheets will appear the first week in November. We need to know what you will bring and how many will be in your party – 2 sign-up sheets in other words. One to tell us how many and the other that tells what you will bring.

One of the unique and special components of the Harvest Feast program is the sharing of family ancestry stories. We are looking for volunteers to share a brief (1- to 2-minute) story of an ancestor who came to the US. Anyone interested in sharing a story should send a brief statement indicating who is the ancestor you'd like to hold up (name and relation to you), what part of the world they were from, and (very briefly) what is special about their story. We hope to include everyone's stories, but if we get an overwhelming number of volunteers, we may have to ask a few volunteers to defer to next year. Please contact Lisa Kuriscak (Lisaniagara@gmail.com) with questions and to express your interest.

Whether you are sharing a story or simply coming to enjoy the excellent food, the program, and the amazing company, we hope you'll join us!

Suggested donations: \$5 for adults; \$2 for children 12 and under

November 18...5:30 pm...FEAST!

### Stream or Swamp?

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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water started piling up, and had nowhere to go. It soon started overflowing the river's banks near the sea and spreading out across the land. This wasn't so bad at first, but the soil down in this area was on the loose side, and pretty quickly, things started turning... swampy. And soon after that, it wasn't just on the land, the soil and silt started flowing into the river itself. Within a couple of days, the river started to panic. This was all going horribly wrong. Instead of having more and more water, and becoming a bigger and bigger river, it was in danger of turning entirely into a swamp!

Out the call went to the contractors – fortunately the beavers had not gone far. They were shaking their heads, at the request to undo all the hard work they had just completed, but the money was good, so they went to work. It only took a few days to get the water flowing to the sea again, and another week or two for the soil to settle and the river to start flowing more cleanly. Finally, a month later, the river was able to sigh a big sigh of relief – things were finally pretty much back to normal.

Depending on our socioeconomic status, we all have different levels of abundance available to us. People all of different kinds of means share the resources they have with those in need, and the world in general. People of all different kind of means often are able to have a feeling of abundance in their lives. The question is, how do we handle the abundance we have? Are we more like a stream? Or more like a swamp? Of course, there's nothing inherently wrong with swamps, swamps serve an important function in our ecosystems. But in terms of abundance, it seems to me that generally we're better of striving to be more like the stream, and less like the swamp. Hoarding our abundance to ourselves doesn't usually actually make us happier in the long run.

Abundance, of course, is our theme for November. I look forward to exploring this topic with all of you this month. May we flow together like a stream on this journey, and may we flow in our abundance like the stream – and not like the swamp.

See you in church! peace, love and blessings,

Rev. Seth



"Unitarianism" Harshman Panel Photo by Gunther Cartwright

## Owning Your Religious Past Adult RE Starting November 6

Our intern minister, **Joel Tishken**, will be offering a five-part adult religious education course, "Owning Your Religious Past," starting on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The course provides tools for us to examine our religious past, whatever it may be.

Which parts should we leave behind?
What should be brought to our present and
perhaps into our future?
What aspects may need reframing?

The sessions will consist of private exploration and reflection, group sharing, and journaling. Please bring a notebook or journal and a pen.

The course will run on five consecutive Monday evenings (November 6, 13, 20, 27, and December 4) starting at 6:30 pm, in the Indigo room. Participants should try to attend all five sessions to get the most from the course.

All are welcome. Contact Joel with any questions at joel@uuchurchmuncie.org.

## Simple (and Not-So-Simple) Abundance

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

For me, the key thing here is being aware, awake, enough, and slowing down enough to notice these moments. To pay attention. Can I allow myself the time to immerse myself in these experiences, these flashes in which the sheer abundance of life makes itself known? When the ordinary, the everyday, suddenly reveals itself as immeasurably graced and grace-full? Can I embrace these gifts, and can I embrace myself as being worthy of them? I am. All of us are.

Other such gifts are more complex in how they come to us, but nonetheless amazing. I have lived places where everyone was responsible for dealing with their own trash disposal. Most recently, because we chose to recycle what we could within the limited capabilities of the area, that meant first of all separating out trash from recyclables. Then the recyclables themselves had to be sorted, glass from newspaper from office paper from plastics (but only #s 1 and 2). Each of those things went to a slightly different place. At the place where we could recycle glass, the colors had to be separated, too. And the trash had its own destination. I am still often struck by the marvelous simplicity of Muncie's system. I open the door from my kitchen to my garage and toss any recyclable into the blue-bag lined recyclables can. Then all of it, including trash, goes into the trash toter which gets taken away every Friday. We return the toter to the garage, and the entire process is repeated, without fail, every week. An abundance of efficiency!

To some extent, we create our abundance by our attitude. I'm realistic enough to understand that far too many of the world's people, including our own citizens, live in circumstances of such extreme lack that to talk about creating abundance by our attitude is hollow at best. My primary concern here, nonetheless, is the rest of us—those of us who live with nearly unimaginable abundance and too often fail to notice it, let alone pause long enough to appreciate it.

Let's cultivate an "abundance attitude," if you will:

- We can pay attention, slowing down enough to notice and actually experience what we have.
- We can be both grateful and aware of the welling up of gratitude.
- In both cases, we can remember not to take things for granted.

With gratitude for all of you and for the abundance of our congregation,

## It's time for Sleeping Room Sign-ups...

Fall is upon us and that means Sleeping Room is not far behind. For those new to the congregation, UUs provide breakfast and dinner (6 am & 6 pm) for the men at the Christian Ministries on sleeping room on Main Street during the Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks. This year those weeks are November 19-26 and December 24-30. Once again, **Linda McKean** 

(<u>lwmckean@comcast.net</u>, **288-5052**) is managing signups.

Because Thanksgiving is early this year, we can't wait until after the Bazaar dust settles to start signups. Linda will be available with her signup sheet from 10:30-11am on October 29, November 5, and 12.

We especially encourage new friends and members to sign up. Linda will pair you with an experienced volunteer. Christian Ministries needs to demonstrate the involvement of new volunteers, so we try to involve some different people each year.

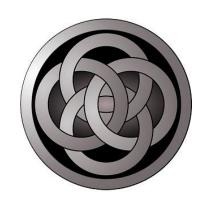
Questions? Ready to pick a date and time? Please contact Linda.

Thanks for all you do... The Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force of the Social Justice Committee.



"Humanism" Harshman Panel Photo by Gunther Cartwright

#### **Reverend Julia**



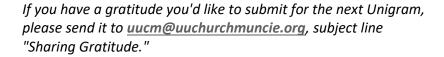
#### Wheel of Life

Jane and Wayne Meyer are happy to announce the birth of Lucy Maria Meyer Leversee on October 4, 2017. She is their first grandchild and the daughter of Ross Meyer and Jill Leversee, who live in Longmont, Colorado.

If you have a major life event you'd like the church community to be aware of, please submit it to <a href="mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org">uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org</a> and note "Wheel of Life" in the subject line.

## **Sharing Gratitude**

Each month a small but dedicated team helps me fold, label and prepare this newsletter to be delivered into your waiting hands. They not only help immensely, but also fill the office with laughter and stories. Thank you to Nan Barber, Carol Gardiner, Beth Gonser, Marj Joyner, Jean Redburn, and Elsa Reichle! I appreciate all you do for this church in the woods! ~Christie Williams, Office Administrator





### Adult Discussion Group Topics - Sundays at 9:30 am - Red room

#### Sunday, November 5

**Environmental Doom**. With the election of Donald Trump and the subsequent appointment of Scott Pruitt as Director of the EPA, are we at the tipping point of environmental doom? Join us as **Sam and Carolyn Harris** lead a discussion on environmental trends and prognosticate our environmental future.

#### Sunday, November 12

Forty-two years after waging an unwinnable and misunderstood war in Southeast Asia, we now live in a world of reconciliation and trade between Vietnam and the U.S. How did this transition from war to reconciliation occur? Join us as **Gerry Waite**, a Vietnam veteran and frequent visitor to Vietnam shares his perspectives on **Vietnam Today**.

#### Sunday, November 17

**Bill Miller** will lead a discussion on *Issues Regarding Death and Dying*. How have attitudes regarding death and dying changed through time, and how have these changes been influenced by changing interpretation of Christian theology? Join us as Bill leads us through a sensitive exploration of death and dying perhaps from a humanist perspective.

#### Sunday, November 26

Steve Robert will direct a discussion on: Abundance: When Is It Too Much?

#### **November 2017 UUCM Calendar**

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

## **Regular Weekly Events**

	Worship Services	Sundays	9:00 & 11:00 am
	Religious Exploration for Children & Youth	Sundays	9:00 & 11:00 am
	Adult Discussion Group	Sundays	9:30 am
	Inquirers Series	Sundays	10:00 am
	Muncie UU Pagans	Sundays	10:00 am
	Adult RE: Owning Your Religious Past	Mondays	6:30 pm
	Body Life Dinner (NO dinner 10/31 & 11/7)	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:30 pm
	Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesdays	7:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	Tuesdays	7:30 pm
	OWL K-2 (NO classes 11/1 & 11/22)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
	Revival Hour (see web calendar for location)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm
	Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In	Fridays	5:00 – 8:00 pm
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#### **November Events & Activities**

Bazaar Prep & Drop Off Schedule – Daytime & evening hours Oct. 30 – Nov. 3!					
Please see the Special Bazaar Issue of the Unigram for times.					
Worship Associates	Wednesday	Nov 1	7:30 pm		
Bazaar in the Woods	Saturday	Nov 4	8 am – 2 pm		
Visitors Q&A	Sunday	Nov 5	10:15 & 12:30		
Healthy Relationships Covenant	Sunday	Nov 5	10:15 am		
Youth Groups (combined)	Sunday	Nov 5	12:30 pm		
Pastoral Associates	Wednesday	Nov 8	6:00 pm		
Program Council	Wednesday	Nov 8	7:00 pm		
Rummage Sale	Saturday	Nov 11	8 am - noon		
Service Journey Fundraiser Brunch	Sunday	Nov 12	10:00 am		
Chalice Marketplace	Sunday	Nov 12	10:00 am		
Choir Rehearsal	Sunday	Nov 12	10:15 am		
Middle School Youth Group	Sunday	Nov 12	12:30 pm		
Roots & Wings :: New Member Class	Sunday	Nov 12	12:30 pm		
Healthy Relationships Covenant	Sunday	Nov 12	12:30 pm		
Social Justice Committee	Monday	Nov 13	7:00 pm		
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	Nov 15	6:30 pm		
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	Nov 16	7:15 pm		
Harvest Feast	Saturday	Nov 18	5:30 pm		
New Member Signing Ceremony	Sunday	Nov 19	10:30 am		
Healthy Relationships Covenant	Sunday	Nov 19	12:30 pm		
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	Nov 19	12:30 pm		
High School Youth Group	Sunday	Nov 19	12:30 pm		
Stewardship Committee	Tuesday	Nov 21	4:00 pm		
Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force	Tuesday	Nov 21	7:15 pm		
Unigram Submission Deadline	Wednesday	Nov 22	9:00 am		
Church Office Closed	Thur-Tue	Nov 23-28			
Membership Committee	Thursday	Nov 30	7:00 pm		

## Service Journey Fundraising Brunch! November 12, 10:00 am

Join us for Brunch between the services! We will have breakfast casseroles, salad and fruit available. All donations will go to support the High School youth's Service Journey to Arizona and Mexico in June 2018. Share some fellowship time with those attending both services and supporting this important program!

If you would like to contribute to the fundraiser by bringing food or helping with set up and serving or clean up, that is also wonderful! Watch your eBlast for the link to sign up.

### **UU Book Group**

The UU Book group will be discussing A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman on Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm, at the home of Annemarie Voss. Please note the change in the usual date.

### **Holiday Office Schedule**

The Church Office will be closed November 23 – 28, for Thanksgiving break.

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