

# the UNIGRAM

# Service Journey: Powerful and Heartbreaking

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

Many of you know that I was fortunate earlier this month to accompany members of our youth group to the Arizona-Mexico border for their Service Journey trip focusing on immigration. Many of you have also then asked me how it went since we've gotten back. I definitely encourage you to talk to the youth who went if you haven't had a chance to already — Riley Taylor, Carter Hollems, Emma White, Josh Sander, Eloise McKean, Iris Chalk, and Emily Klein. They represented our church community beautifully, and are the best sources of information. They will be leading a Sunday morning service in the early fall on immigration, as well as looking at other ways in which to address this challenging issue which our country is grappling with.

I wanted to offer a brief initial report though, given that you all – the congregation – invested so much in helping make this journey happen. Thank you, all of you, for your support. And I'll say, I've struggled with my response to the question of how it went. Because the trip was amazing and wonderful in so many ways – but it's hard to use words like "amazing" and "wonderful" to describe a trip where we witnessed so much

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# **Looking Back, Moving Forward**

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

I often recap previous *Unigram* columns in my July column, a "church year in review" kind of thing. This isn't quite the usual month-by-month recap. This time, I've woven together excerpts from three previous columns that seem to me to be especially relevant as we reflect on the church year that is ending and look forward to the growth and challenges of the coming year.

We can all learn to be more present for each other and with ourselves, to "hold space." One author describes holding space this way: "It means that we are willing to walk alongside another person in whatever journey they're on without judging them, making them feel

inadequate, trying to fix them, or trying to impact the outcome. When we hold space for other people, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgement and control." In short, it's being present, fully, unconditionally present, without judgment and without trying to fix the person or situation.

When we offer this gift to each other, we can feel safe and supported even when we make what we see as mistakes, *especially* when we make mistakes. We need the kind of safety that allows us to risk making mistakes. Sometimes, perhaps often, the person for whom we are holding space will make a decision we would not make, and that's OK too. Others' decisions aren't ours to dictate or control.

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# **Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods**

Service at 10:45 am Summer Theme :: 2<sup>nd</sup> UU Source

The beginning of July marks the return of our annual summer service series in Rev. Seth's absence while he is away on vacation and study leave. From July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>, our services will be organized around the second of our <u>six Unitarian Universalist sources</u>, "Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love."

**July 1** – Led by **Brandon Mundell**, "American Documents" will explore the words and writings that helped make our country what it is today.

July 8 – Bea Sousa and Caroline Sullivan will lead us in a service titled: "Naughty or Nice? Prophetic Women with Warts"

July 15 – In a sermon titled "Woman Warrior," Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd will explore the writing of Glennon Doyle, a modern day prophet. Beginning with her blog and her subsequent books, Carry On, Warrior and Love Warrior, Glennon Dolye has built a huge following and spreads a gospel of inclusion, social justice and love. She harnesses the power of connection to create a better world. Her story will inspire and ignite you.

**July 22** – Unitarian Universalist musicians **Denise Wilson** and **Michael Lewis**, known formally as **Traveler's Dream**, will shine a light on the modern-day prophets, creative souls, spiritual ecologists, and everyday people who are ringing bells of alarm for the many dangers the earth – a living being in distress – is facing.

**July 29 – Alyssa "Juno" Farnsworth** will lead us in an exploration of the intersection of science and spirituality via the words and deeds of prophetic women and men.

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

Classes at 10:45 am

#### **RE Summer Camp begins!**

July 1 – Apple Pie :: Apple Pie Fourth of July by Janet S. Wong and Margaret Chodos-Irvine

July 8 – Pasta Salad :: Strega Nona by Tomie de Paola

July 15 - Mango Lassis :: Ganesha's Sweet Tooth by Emily Haynes and Sanjay Patel

July 22 – Tacos :: Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri

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### **Adult Religious Exploration**

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.

Every Sunday, 9:30 am Red Room This group is a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. You'll find weekly topics on page 8.

**Adult Discussion Group** 

## Themes: Who, When, What, Why and How

Unitarian Universalist churches and congregations began using themes about ten years ago – prior to that, the minister just preached on whatever topic they felt like on any given Sunday. As does any system, total freedom of choice for the minister has some strengths and benefits of course, as well as some weaknesses. One of its strengths is that it encourages a wide variety of sermon topics to be explored. One of its weaknesses is that it leaves sermon topics up to the whims of the individual minister's preferences. This means that if the minister didn't happen to like the topic of forgiveness, for example, they might choose never to preach on it, even though it's an important concept to explore. Or, they might only preach on forgiveness once every five years, and if you happened to miss that Sunday, then you missed exploring forgiveness for ten years. Themes challenge ministers and congregations not only to cover a broad variety of theological, religious and ethical concepts, they also challenge us to explore them in depth – not just one Sunday, but on multiple Sundays, and in multiple places in the life of the church.

This is actually one of the strengths of the theme system: not only does it encourage theological depth on Sunday mornings, but when you build the themes into our children's and adult religious education programs, and your small group ministries, you hopefully experience a much more varied and richer exploration of important spiritual and ethical ideas. In my first four years with you all, I worked with the Worship Associates and our staff to pick our themes, to ensure that they were both relevant and interesting. This past year and moving forward, we have elected to join the Soul Matters consortium, a group of over two hundred Unitarian Universalist churches and congregations who use the same themes each year, and thus enjoy enormous combined resources to help create wonderful worship, religious education and small group material.

To be clear, these Soul Matters themes and resources are not coming from the Unitarian Universalist Association; they are coming from our sister churches and congregations. Each year, they, now we, use our beloved democratic process to vote on the themes for the following year. I think it's kind of cool actually – having created a general shared framework together, we are then sharing our Sunday morning experience in a

broader sense with hundreds of other UU churches across the country. Each month we receive resource packets, one each for worship, religious education, and small groups. These provide additional sources, in addition to our own usual research and preparation, from which to pick and choose materials that will be most relevant for us here in our own church. The integration aspect is also pretty exciting – the synergy between our children and youth's religious education experience, our Sunday morning services, and our small group experiences offer tremendous opportunities for increased vitality.

Now, there are of course weaknesses in the theme system as well. There's a risk in the short term of too many sermons on the same topic and a lack of sermon topics from outside the confines of the yearly themes. The good news is that sermon topics each month are not strictly limited to following the themes – the monthly themes are merely guidelines, and ministers are free to "go off topic" at any time. I and we try to be mindful of this issue, and hopefully you've seen that in prior years, and in this past year in particular, when we've tackled many of the relevant issues in the news head on. The other hope with choosing specific themes such as forgiveness or peace is that the topics are broad enough that they allow for truly different and unique sermons within the specified area. It may not be everyone's cup of tea to focus on one topic and go in depth for a month at a time, but my experience is that the increased depth and focus is overall worth it. I do my best to make our individual Sunday morning topics as diverse and interesting as possible, both within the theme framework, and stepping outside it when need be.

Despite the potential negatives in the short term, in the bigger picture, the overall breadth and depth themes have to offer is worth it. Unitarian Universalism has often been accused by its critics of going a mile-wide and an inch-deep. There is some truth to this criticism – religion at its best challenges not only with many new ideas, but also with deep dives and explorations of those ideas. We Unitarian Universalists do have a tendency sometimes to skim the surface of many different ideas and perspectives, sometimes failing to take the important step of going

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# **Religious Education Corner**

Nadine Tringali
Director of Religious Education

# RE Summer Program for Children and Youth July 1 - August 12

Our RE Summer Camp, led by **Maggie Bartlett**, will be offering "Books and Cooks," a cultural cooking class built around storybooks from around the world. Each class includes a story, a blessing, cooking, and eating. All of the food is vegetarian and nut-free. This multiage program is geared for grades K-5, but youth in grades 6-12 are very welcome to join us! Preschool youth are welcome to join us if accompanied by a parent; childcare for preschool children will be in the Blue Room. Class will begin following the *Story for All Ages*.

The following is our RE Summer schedule:

**July 1** – Apple Pie :: *Apple Pie Fourth of July* by Janet S. Wong and Margaret Chodos-Irvine

July 8 – Pasta Salad :: Strega Nona by Tomie de Paola

**July 15** – Mango Lassis :: *Ganesha's Sweet Tooth* by Emily Haynes and Sanjay Patel

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**August 5** – Vegemite and Lamingtons :: *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas

**August 12** – Pancakes :: *Mama Panya's Pancakes* by Mary and Rich Chamberlain

**August 19** – Vegetable Maki Sushi Rolls :: *Hiromi's Hands* by Lynn Barasch

# Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Program for 10-12 grade youth

We would like to offer OWL 10-12 grade this coming fall. Please let me know if you would be interested. Our certified OWL facilitators are **Ben** and **Denise Ewing.** 

#### Nadine

### **Summer Youth Schedule**

Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd Coordinator of Youth Programs

# Thursday, July 12, 10 am Marion Splash House Trip

This annual watery event is such a huge hit, we are headed back again! We will need some drivers so if you are interested in coming along, please let Elizabeth know. We will meet at the church at 10 am. We will return back to the church at 4 pm.

# Sunday, August 12, 2 pm Family Gathering and Ivanhoe's!

We will go together to Ivanhoe's for delicious ice cream on August 12. We will leave the church at 3 pm. First, Elizabeth, youth and all youth parents will gather to discuss the exciting plans for the coming year. This way we will start the year off all on the same page, excited about what we will be doing together and full of delicious ice cream. Parents, if you'd like to come along as a driver to Ivanhoe's, please reach out.

#### Elizabeth



#### **Please Save Your Plastic Bottle Caps**

We will be working on a high school project in the fall and would like to have a rainbow assortment of plastic bottle caps. A collection box will be located in the fellowship hall.

Thank you!

# **Splinters from the Board**

Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.

This is the last of these columns that I will write, as I leave the position of President and **Mary Johnson Robey** takes office. It has been a privilege to serve.

The Board and the Committee on Ministries is in the middle of collating and processing the suggestions that we received at the suggestion session, and the board is moving ahead with the creation of a Feedback Committee and a feedback process. In the meantime, our research on feedback in other churches led us to a useful means of classifying feedback.

According to this classification scheme, feedback concerns three things: personnel, policy, and preferences. Personnel concerns have to do with performance. For example, there may be a comment that the Membership Coordinator (a position that is currently open) does a great job of welcoming newcomers on Sunday morning, or that the Coordinator takes too long to return emails. This feedback can be directed to the staff person involved to respond to as appropriate, or to the staff supervisor.

Policy concerns are usually in the province of the Board and the various committees of the church. Broadly, policy refers to matters addressed in the By-laws or the Policy and Procedure Manual, and of course to matters that are not in either document, but that should be.

Feedback about these matters is directed to the relevant committee or to the Board. In the case of the By-laws, members may also initiate action.

That leaves preferences. Feedback about preferences, we are told, is the most frequent. Preferences include everything from the longstanding traditions of the church (joys and concerns, Santa Lucia), to the type of music chosen for the Sunday service, to the time that a group meets. Inevitably, some people's preferences will not be honored, for preferences collide, or come up against conditions that are difficult to change, such as time and financial constraints. The decision about when to hold the Sunday service as we move back to a single service is an example. Although a majority of respondents to the poll on the service time preferred a time earlier than 10:45, the single most preferred time was 10:45. Setting the service to that time both pleased the largest possible number of people and displeased the most people!

And so it goes. The give and take of life in the community goes on. I hope that we can achieve the high standard set by the Rolling Stones: "You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes, you just might find, you get what you need." And we need each other.

Jerry McKean, president

#### Themes: Who, When, What, Why and How (continued from page 3)

deeper with many of them, and sometimes failing to challenge ourselves by exploring those depths. Themes are one powerful way to try to help us pay attention to both breadth and depth – by challenging us to explore a variety of topics over the course of several years and by challenging us to go in depth with one of them each month.

At the end of the day, no system is perfect, and no system is going to please everyone. Some of you think the themes are wonderful, others not so much, and many are neutral. After much thought and consideration, and after taking into account all of the feedback, both positive and negative, my plan is to continue having us use the Soul Matters themes for the foreseeable future. To me, the depth, long-term breadth and church-wide integration they offer outweighs the potential negatives. I remain mindful of the shortcomings of the system, and remain committed to intentionally making a variety topical choices to mitigate those challenges. I also plan to continue to evaluate this choice each year to make sure it remains the right one, and to continue to pay attention to the church's experience and feedback. I appreciate so much everyone's passion and concern for how and why we, and I, make the choices we do about how we do church, and I look forward to continuing to engage with you about creating the best church community we can possibly be. \*\*Rev. Seth\*

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inhumane treatment of people. Can I really use positive words to describe a trip that so often made my stomach turn to see how awfully our government treats people choosing to migrate to our country?

There were many examples I could share, which we will share as the youth group moves forward with its reporting to the congregation in the fall. Right now I'll just share one: Operation Streamline. Our government and to be clear, this practice started under President Obama, so this is not just a Republican or Democratic issue, but a both parties issue – our government has an assembly line court room process for deporting people caught crossing our borders illegally. We, all of us, sat in a federal court room in Tucson, Arizona and watched seventy-five people get rapid-fire sentenced to a combination of deportation and/or jail time, just for crossing the border. It was hard to believe that "due process" was being followed when this occurred in the span of two and half hours. Even more troubling than that is how these people are treated – they are brought to the courthouse in chains, ankle shackles chained to wrist shackles, all chained together. Care to reminisce about chain gangs and/or slavery anyone? Even more troubling is that with its "zero tolerance" policy, the Trump administration has chosen to criminalize every single illegal border crossing – what used to be handled civilly or administratively now unnecessarily creates a criminal record and jail time for immigrants. This choice to criminalize – and it is definitely a choice made by Trump and Attorney General Sessions – is what was responsible for separating children from their parents. If all that wasn't bad enough, this scene is repeated every day, five days a week, week after week in that very same court room. And that's just the Operation Streamline occurring in Tucson.

Immigration is of course a complex issue, one not easily suited to explanation in a paragraph, or even a single newsletter article. Yes, of course, people are crossing illegally – but they are doing so out of desperation. Trump talks about building a wall, but walls have already been built. In the name of deterrence, walls have already been built in the "easy" places to cross, funneling migrants into crossing in the least hospitable terrain on either side of the border, mostly the desert. There is a very real threat of death – 294 people died

crossing our southern border with Mexico just in the last year. And yet these folks are so desperate, they keep coming in waves. 75 deported each day, just in Tucson, and those are only the ones who got caught, not the thousands more who don't.

There is much, much more to explore and discuss, but there is no doubt in my mind after this trip that one, we're facing humanitarian crisis on our southern border, and two, our immigration system as currently constituted is deeply flawed and broken. If you aren't quite ready to draw that conclusion yet yourself, I encourage you to do more research, to consider attending the service and other offerings the youth group will be offering this fall, and to talk to our youth – through your generosity and support, they now have first-hand experience with this issue.

I'm still not comfortable with my answer when asked to share about our trip – the best I have come up with is that it was both powerful and heartbreaking at the same time. It was also exactly the kind of service and learning experience that we need to be engaging in during this difficult times in our country. Our youth and the two adult chaperones – not only did we help while we were there, we are also far better equipped now to try and create needed change around this issue. Even as my heart continues to break with the ongoing immigration injustices in the news, going on this trip with our youth group made me proud of our church for creating the opportunity for our them and us to learn and take action, and proud to be Unitarian Universalist in general.

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On an unrelated note, many if not most of you know that as is the custom for most Unitarian Universalist ministers, I take most of my vacation and study leave time during the "down time" of the summer. That means I'll be out of the office and out of the pulpit starting July 1st, returning August 13th. I'm looking forward to some time for relaxation and restoration after what has been a very intense year, and, I'm looking forward to coming back in August with renewed energy for all the important work we have to do together. You are a courageous, strong and resilient church community, and I am grateful for the continued opportunity to serve as your minister.

peace, love and blessings,

Rev. Seth

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Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

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We can hold space for others only if we are able to give ourselves the same gift. We cannot hold another's pain unless we can hold our own. We need to take care of our own well-being, to practice self-care, however that looks for us. As one writer says, "It is being present, treating yourself with care, consideration, kindness, compassion and love. Hearing the needs of your body and mind, feeling your emotions, and listening to the yearning of your soul. It's a way of being, a lifestyle, a profound choice and a stand you take. It's not a belief system, but is rather a way of being with yourself and meeting your own needs."

#### This includes

- Accepting our human imperfections
- Knowing how and when to say "no" and maintaining healthy boundaries
- Knowing when we need to ask for support
- Taking time for stillness and reflection, prayer, or meditation
- Nurturing ourselves, every day, in whatever ways work best for us.

Ours is a community in which people hold space for each other. This is an act of welcome, of love, of grace. We'll walk together through the changes that this coming church year will bring. Because we'll walk together, it will be a good journey.

Ours is also a community in which we can tell our stories, openly and without fear. The Listening Sessions we held are a beginning. In them, we were invited to tell our stories, individual and collective. As we tell our stories in an open, nonjudgmental space, new possibilities emerge, which can translate into a life far different than we had imagined possible. As we continue doing so in a variety of ways, we get to write a new ending to our unique story—not fictionalizing it nor changing what's already taken place, but envisioning a new trajectory that reflects new insights we may not have had previously, new ways of understanding and feeling that point us to new ways of living in the world with each other.

As we move through this coming year, let's cultivate an attitude of abundance and gratitude.

- We can pay attention, slowing down enough to notice and fully 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.

In December, I wrote about hope. Hope can be problematic: Hope sometimes pulls us out of the present, so that we project our energies into the future, to a goal or aspiration. When we're doing that, we are less grounded in the present. We're less focused on living creatively in the present, especially with those aspects of the present we wish were different.

But hope can be very different. Hope can be an antidote to cynicism, hardheartedness, and bitterness. This kind of hope means meeting all that life offers with courage, determination, and openness. It's the attitude with which we seek to approach all situations, an underlying inclination of our heart. It's an orientation of that aspect of ourselves in which we seek and find meaning and purpose. We may start out with hope oriented toward a specific outcome, but this is the hope that keeps us going when our hoped-for outcome blurs and fades and recedes into the distance.

This hope allows us to keep going in the face of difficulty. It can provide the determination, the courage, the steadfastness that will see us through whatever it is we need to get through. It's the kind of hope that gets up in the morning, sees the sunrise *or* the wilting Indiana humidity, and says "Yes, I will get through today." This hope allows us to keep going with a positive attitude. This hope keeps plugging along.

As I finished this column, the words of the song *Woyaya* came to my mind:

We are going,
Heaven knows where we are going,
But we know within.
And we will get there,
Heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

And we will! In Anticipation,

Rev. Julia

## **Sharing Gratitude**



We are deeply thankful for the concern, compassion and love received over these past months as our daughter-in-law, **Taleigha Clayton Frederick**, has been in hospice since February. She passed away on June 17, 4 days before her 37<sup>th</sup> birthday. As we shared the love and support with our son, Ben, each of us has felt gratified and overwhelmed at the amount of care and friendship from this congregation.

For those who inquired, Taleigha's memorial service will be July 14, 12noon, at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, 600 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN. We are grateful to be a part of this caring congregation. You all and **Rev. Seth** have been blessings for us during this difficult period.

#### ~Katie & Bill Frederick

On Sunday June 24th we had a festive service celebrating and dedicating the murals created by our high school youth. Thank you to the many people who worked together to make this service possible: the youth who created and presented the murals first of all, including Riley Taylor, Josh Sander, Emma White, Coly Tabberson, Iris Chalk, Sophie Taylor, Sarah Bartlett and Eloise McKean. Pam Harwood and Nadine Tringali worked with the youth on the murals and Pam introduced the project. Also Matt Cechini on Sights and Sounds, Michael Rigney on piano, my Worship Associate Caroline Sullivan, Rev. Seth for his valuable input on making the service work, and Christie Williams for producing the Order of Service and PowerPoint. If I've omitted someone, please know it wasn't intentional.

#### ~Rev. Julia

If you have a gratitude you'd like to submit for the next Unigram, please send it to <a href="mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org"><u>uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org</u></a>, subject line "Sharing Gratitude."

#### Adult Discussion Group Every Sunday, 9:30 am, Red Room

July 1 – Rank Choice Voting and Other Proposed Electoral Reforms

Over the past year, Rank Choice Voting has attracted a significant amount of attention. Conservative writer, David Brooks, recently mentioned it in an article for the New York Times. George Wolfe, Ball State University Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, will explain Rank Choice Voting and other reforms that are being proposed for improving the electoral process in the Hoosier state.

July 8 – Steve Robert has posed an interesting question based on a recent conversation with two friends. One friend said she didn't care what people believe if it helps them to live better lives. The other friend asked if it mattered if the things they believe are even real? Steve now asks, "does it matter if the things people believe are real?" Join us as we attempt to address Steve's important question, do people's perceptions of reality matter?

July 15 – Opioid Epidemic

Dr. Linda Daniel, IU Health BMH, will be leading the discussion on the opioid addiction and the new Addiction Hub.

Check the Friday eBlast for July 22 & 29 topics.

#### 2017-18 Pledge Payments

The 2017-18 Fiscal Year ended on June 30, and final pledge payments are due. Please note the pledge year on all payments (17/18 FY: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 or 18/19 FY: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Payments with no designation will be applied to the current fiscal year. Contact the church office with questions about your pledge or to make a pledge.

## July 2018 UUCM Calendar

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

#### **Regular Weekly Events**

Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am		
Religious Exploration for Children & Youth	Sundays	10:45 am		
Adult Discussion Group	Sundays	9:30 am		
Body Life Dinner (no dinner July 17 – floor waxing)	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:30 pm		
Finding SPIRIT :: Transgender Support Group	Tuesdays	7:00 pm		
Revival Hour (see online calendar for location)	Wednesdays	5:30 pm		
Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In	Fridays	5:00 – 8:00 pm		



### **July Events & Activities**

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Visitors Q&A	Sunday	July 1	Noon	
Social Justice Committee	Monday	July 2	7:30 pm	
Church Office Closed :: Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4		
Chalice Marketplace	Sunday	July 8	10:15 & noon	
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	July 11	6:30 pm	
Youth Group at Marion Splash House	Thursday	July 12	10:00 am	
Adult Discussion Committee	Sunday	July 15	12:15 pm	
Church Office Closed / Floor Waxing  No Events Scheduled in UUCM Building	Monday – Saturday	July 16 – 21		
Unigram Submission Deadline	Wednesday	July 25	9:00 am	
Membership Committee	Thursday	July 26	7:00 pm	
Kitchen Cleaning	Saturday	July 28	9:30 am	
Sack Lunches for the Soup Kitchen	Sunday	July 29	9:30 am	

#### Church Office Summer Schedule

Monday
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please note that the office will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup>, and the week of July 16 – 20. There will be no events in the building due to floor waxing in the RE wing and kitchen July 16 – 21.

#### In Rev. Seth's Absence

While Rev. Seth is away this summer life – and church – still goes on! If you have a pastoral care need while he is away, please contact **Rev. Julia**. If you have a question about a specific church program, please use the church directory to identify and contact the appropriate committee chair. If you have any concerns or feedback about our summer services, please share them with **Iris Chalk** or **Bea Sousa**, cochairs of the Worship Associates. Our Office Administrator, **Christie Williams**, is always available to address any administrative questions or concerns you might have. And of course, you can always reach out to our new Board President, **Mary Johnson Robey**, with policy or other general concerns.

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