



# the UNIGRAM

## Open to Possibility?

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister*

“How about they put giant frogs on top of the air traffic control tower and have them lick it off?” That’s a pretty unusual suggestion. Here’s the context: an engineering firm was hired to create a snow removal proposal at a major airport. The airports current process wasn’t working as well as they wanted it to, and so they had hired this firm to come up with some new options. So, the engineering team assigned to the project did a brainstorming session, and this was one of the suggestions. A good brainstorming process welcomes every idea without judgment, no matter how crazy it may seem, to see what emerges, and so this was one of the suggestions – a giant frog on top of air traffic control.

Sadly, most brainstorming sessions I’ve been a part of in both the corporate and church world have been more constrained, and haven’t included such off the wall ideas. More often, our culture produces “brainstorming” sessions where all that is offered up is realistic, polished, final solutions. Which can sometimes be useful, but often time miss out on the creative possibilities that can come up in a true free-flowing, judgment free brainstorming session. If this engineering firm had been one of those more constrained settings, it’s possible that engineer

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## Reflections on Possibility

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

Some of you have probably heard me tell this story before. When I was in grad school, I needed a desk that was large enough to accommodate my way of working, which usually entailed spreading a lot of resources out on a surface, having a good spot for my shiny new electric typewriter (!), all the while leaving room for a coffee cup. A small desk just wouldn’t work. Enter the typical grad student problem—I didn’t have the money for the type of desk I needed and wanted.

A weekend spent touring thrift shops in Nashville turned up a huge old desk, one with a large work surface and an array of good drawers for storage. It

was oak even, solid and not veneer. Some of the drawers creaked, but no real problem. The thoroughly dinged-up top of the desk was a larger problem. In an era when we still frequently wrote with paper and pen, the potholes in the desktop got in the way. I solved the problem by having a sheet of heavy acrylic cut to fit the desktop, making a smooth surface for writing. Over the years, I slipped more and more quotes underneath the clear top of the desk.

I still collect quotes, although now I store them electronically. Here are a few, with commentary, that are in my mind as the new year opens.

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Service at 10:45 am**

**January Theme :: Possibility**

Our January theme of Possibility invites us to consider not just what is, but what is possible. In our busy lives it is easy to settle into routines – what possibilities are out there if we stop and consider that they might exist? We will hold our annual Age of Reading Ceremony on the 20<sup>th</sup>, where we welcome and honor our young people who are entering the world of reading. We will also have a farewell ceremony for Rev. Seth on the 27<sup>th</sup>, as that will be his last Sunday in the pulpit before he leaves for sabbatical on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**January 6, 27** – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**January 13** – Iris Chalk

**January 20** – Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

## Religious Education for Children & Youth

**Classes at 10:45 am**

**January 6 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**January 13 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**January 20 – K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade *Age of Reading Ceremony*, Curriculum Sunday**

We wish to celebrate your child’s joy of reading! Children in grades kindergarten through third grade are invited to walk through a special archway and receive a special book. Please contact Nadine by January 14 if your child would like to participate.

**January 27 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

## 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.

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. You’ll find weekly topics listed on [page 7](#).

## Other Monthly Events

There are a variety of regular events on Sunday mornings at UUCM. Be sure to check the calendar for Boston Bound fundraisers, Chalice Marketplace, Sack Lunches for the Soup Kitchen of Muncie, and much, much more... so many opportunities to connect with each other in our beautiful church in the woods!

## Theme Exploration – Possibility

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 “Another Direction” by Rev. Sandra Fees:*

The moment comes  
when a choice arises.  
A holy moment.  
A decision must be made.  
Do I remain as I am  
or do I risk inching, leaping,  
flowing in another direction?  
Do I risk what I think  
I already know and already am?  
Do I forfeit my security  
for the possibility that a simple shift  
may alter the course of my life,  
even perhaps the life of another?  
I long to let go of all that restrains me  
so that I might pursue the impossible  
and surmount the insurmountable:  
to let go of anger,  
to let go of the need to be in control,  
to forgive a friend,  
to forgive myself,  
to refuse what thwarts my spirit,  
to refuse what limits my mind,  
to surrender to what will come,  
to surrender to this holy moment  
I have let slip away for too long.

### Questions for Reflection

What did your childhood and family of origin teach you about possibility? Are those lessons ones you need to remember or reject?

Is it possible that the thing you want is not the thing you need?

Is it possible that the thing you're sure you're right about is wrong?

Is “That was unfair!” or “I was wronged” keeping you from the possibility of [moving on](#)?

Is it possible that your loved one is doing the best they can? And finally need forgiveness for not living up to who you want them to be?

### Resources for Going Deeper

**Article: To Pray Without Apology - Imagining the Possibility of MLK as a UU** by Rosemary Bray McNatt  
What would have happened if Martin Luther King Jr. had cast his lot with the Unitarian Universalists?  
<https://bit.ly/2BYzlr2>

**Book: The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life** by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander  
<https://amzn.to/2BYbtcm>

### Spiritual Practice

Excerpt from Soul Matters:

“[Catholics](#) talk of a time in the third and fourth centuries when people would go to the desert and seek out monk-like hermits for guidance and wisdom. This tradition is referred to as ‘seeking a word.’ These wise ‘[desert mothers and fathers](#)’ would offer people a word or a phrase to ponder for weeks, years and even a lifetime.

The idea behind this practice was that a simple word – when reflected upon with discipline – has the power to create possibilities in us and in the world. These words weren’t instructions as much as invitations to open oneself in new ways. As one

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## Religious Education Corner

*Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education*

This month our theme is Possibility. The Soul Matters curriculum that we're using this year has wonderful family and parent resources to continue the discussion at home. I will be emailing the resources to RE families each month. Copies will be available on the Welcome Table in the foyer.

### Boston Bound Fundraisers

- Please pick up our **"Handy Helper" brochure**, which will be available on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Our youth are offering a variety of jobs, such as babysitting, baking, dog walking, house cleaning, leaf raking, and shoveling snow. Please contact the office if you would like a brochure emailed to you.
- We will be holding a **Bake Sale** on Sunday, **January 13**. Please stop by our booth for a delicious baked good to go with your coffee or to take home and enjoy later. Our bakers are awesome!
- On Sunday, **January 27**, we will be holding a **Brunch Lunch** fundraiser. Come with an appetite! We will have delicious breakfast casseroles and fruit.
- Our **Harshman Cards** are still available, and will be on sale in the foyer each Sunday.
- On Sunday, **January 27**, we will kick off a Boston Bound **Raffle** for nine beautiful items donated by **Julie Fritz**. The items up for raffle are: two afghans, four shawls, one poncho, one cape, and one toddler dress! The raffle will end April 28. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer.

### K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Age of Reading Ceremony

On Sunday, **January 20**, we wish to celebrate your child's joy of reading! Children in kindergarten through third grade, who did not participate last year, are invited to walk through a special archway and receive a special book. If your child would like to participate, *please let me know by January 14*.

**Nadine**

## Winter Youth Schedule

*Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd  
Coordinator of Youth Programming*

January 6, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

January 12, 1 pm - January 13, 9 am

**Black Panther Lock-In** ~ We will gather for an overnight to unpack and discuss the major themes of the Marvel universe blockbuster Black Panther, culminating with us watching the film together. Middle and High School Youth are all invited!

January 20, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

January 27, 7:30 pm

**RENT at Emens Auditorium** ~ Eighteen of us will be sitting together in a big block of tickets to see this incredible play!

February 1-3

**Social Justice CON in Kalamazoo, MI** ~ This regional youth event will gather youth from Kentucky, Michigan and all over Indiana for worship, workshops and lots of fun! This CON will center around themes of social justice. We are excited to find ways to connect more deeply with UU youth from other congregations!

February 10, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

February 15, 5 - 10 pm

**COA Redux Evening** ~ Our high school age youth will revisit the most salient themes from Coming of Age for deeper conversation and a look at how they have evolved already in their understanding. These events include dinner and snacks.

February 17, after the service

**Water Extravaganza**

February 21, 8 pm

**Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson at the Civic Theatre**  
Muncie Civic Theatre has this to say about this fabulous show: "A new hilarious and irreverent musical following the twists and turns of America's 7th president from small town to the oval office. *Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson* is a rousing rock concert." We will gather to see this fun, upbeat show at our local theatre. Email Elizabeth to RSVP by February 1.

February 24, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.*

The following was forwarded to me from Facebook:

*"I'm a Unitarian Universalist:*

*The bedrock of my faith is the unshakeable belief that Your guess is as good as Mine."*

We will be working during the coming year to define our collective beliefs as part of our sabbatical time together. The first announcement about our sabbatical time together is the Board of Trustees is very happy to announce the position of Sabbatical Minister has been offered to **Joel Tishken**. Many of you will remember Joel from the time he spent with us last year as Intern Minister. The Sabbatical Minister will work half-time with our congregation from February 1, 2019, through May 31, 2019,



offering worship services, pastoral care, and guidance to the Board and other church committees.

Be sure to watch for messages from the Board and the Sabbatical Events Committee to find events in which you want to participate.

Wishing you the peace of understanding and a very Happy New Year,

**Mary Johnson Robey, president**

### Song of the Universe

For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are. Listen carefully... Can you still hear the song? The one sung for you when you were born. The song sung by a cosmos in motion rejoicing at your life.

You, the result. You, the outcome. You, the celebration.

Listen carefully... Can you hear it still? A song of possibility.

A reminder that we still have time to be who are what we need to be.

Listen carefully... The vast expanse echoes a recognition that it's not always easy. Possibilities can be hard to pursue.

Roads not taken, wrong turns, destinations that disappoint. Through this, the song persists. The universe sings no less because time and space wear us thin.

The music calls us to recognize our limitations, to recognize that the song is best sung with others.

Here in community, bringing alive that most primordial and original impulse, the desire to sing to the universe who we are, to celebrate and share our lives with others.

Manish K. Mishra-Marzetti, in *"Voices from the Margins, an anthology of meditations"* edited by Jacqui James and Mark D. Morrison-Reed (from the Soul Matters theme packet)

## Stewardship ★ Daring to Give

What a gift we inherited! The 1859 founders' vision started this spiritual house, knowing there would be boundless possibilities. Our gift expanded in the 1960s when a new "church in the woods" was built for the times and potential growth. Today our current members and friends undertake a wide assortment of activities which keep our church bustling!

*"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die."* ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

In 2019 we have a new year of possibilities. As the annual Stewardship campaign begins, we see the potentials for service, spiritual growth, and gratitude.

Generosity is your personal decision. Every pledge and gift is important. As you consider your pledging decisions, consider these questions as a member/friend of Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie:

a) when do you feel inspired? b) how are you challenged? and c) do you feel cared about?

### Dates to Remember ★ Mark Your Calendars

**January 16:** Watch for mail from your friendly delivery person.

**January 27:** Spotlight or Reflection

**February 3: Official Kickoff**

Guest Speaker / Interactive Story for All Ages / Reflections

*Service will be finished long before official Super Bowl kickoff*

**February 10: All Congregational Giving Sunday**

Fantastic Lunch for ALL / Special Service / Songs for All Ages with special guest / Reflections / Pledging

### Reflections

You will hear from a range of people in the congregation: **Kelsey Brasel, Ron Burton, Matt Cechini, Zach Enos, Kirsten Smith, Ben Strack, and Katie Williams**. When asked to consider doing a reflection, each person enthusiastically and immediately responded YES. We hope you will enjoy and find inspiration from their stories.

*"It always seems impossible, until it is done"* ~Nelson Mandela

2019-2020 Stewardship Committee

**Nan Barber ▪ Holly Hanauer ▪ Linda McKean ▪ Bea Sousa ▪ Katie Frederick**

## **Dream It ★ Dare It ★ Do It**

## MLK Day of Service & Soup Lunch

Monday, January 21, is our biggest volunteer day of the year! Come on out from 10 am to noon for an MLK Day of Service at the Second Harvest Food Bank Warehouse (6621 N Old State Rd 3, Muncie, IN 47303). The last several years we've had well over 50 people show up to volunteer and turn their day OFF into a day ON for service. All ages are welcome, including kids!

We never know what we'll be asked to do (we've relabeled cans, boxed groceries, and gone through cabbages) but we know that our group efforts will make a difference in helping that worthy organization work towards achieving its goals of helping the food insecure. Second Harvest is expecting a big group. *Let's make sure we don't let them down.*

Each volunteer has to fill out a Volunteer Information/Waiver form. While they'll have print copies there you can use, it speeds the process if you can print out forms and bring them in, all filled out for each person in your family. So please watch your eBlast early in January for a link to the form.

Then, after our two hours at the warehouse, be sure to come back to UUCM for our traditional post-volunteering soup luncheon. In all, a great opportunity to do good together, and then chow down!

*RSVPs are appreciated* so Second Harvest and the lunch crew are ready for us. Just contact **Susan Taylor** ([susantaylor68@hotmail.com](mailto:susantaylor68@hotmail.com) or 741-8711) or check your January eBlasts for an online form that's easy to fill out.

Thanks for all you do!

**Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force  
Social Justice Committee**

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"*  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Adult Discussion Group

#### Every Sunday :: 9:30 am :: Red room

**January 6** – "Zero Tolerance?" Thousands of Central Americans have migrated to the southern U.S. border seeking asylum in the United States. Are the migrants' claims for asylum legal, or are they in fact economic migrants seeking jobs? Join us as we examine asylum law and explore conditions in Central America that motivate asylum seekers to trek thousands of miles to the border of "El Norte." **Mike Sullivan** will lead the discussion.

**January 13** – **John and Carolyn Vann** will lead a discuss on the current state of solar energy.

**January 20** – **Josh Gruver** will speak about Edible Muncie.

**January 27** – **Flo Lapin** will discuss special aspects of Judaism as they compare and contrast with Christianity.

## Open to Possibility?

**Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd** (continued from page 1)

wouldn't have even offered this crazy idea of giant frogs, of that she would have been laughed at if she had dared to speak it out loud. Which would have been unfortunate, because while they didn't embark on a search for giant frogs, this silly suggestion was the spark that led the team down the path to the solution that was finally implemented – air cannons on top of the air traffic control tower.

I don't know about you, but the first time I read about the giant frogs on top of air traffic control, I was judgmental. I laughed a little bit internally, and then also dismissed it as silly. Fortunately, that engineering group had a good, real brainstorming process though, and so up it went on the board. They welcomed all the possibilities, and were open enough to exploring different ideas that what at first was a silly suggestion became the basis of their proposed solution.

Possibility, of course, is our theme for this month. And there is so much power to be found in possibility. We have a tendency sometimes – I know I certainly do – to fall into a predictable pattern of responses. And sometimes those comfortable patterns can become constraints, limiting our perception of our choices. It can be easy to forget that in most situations, there are many possible choices. Taking time to slow down and think of other possibilities can open up a whole new world, a whole new way of being. Whether it's taking a different way home from work and appreciating the beauty of a park you don't usually drive by, trying a new food, a new hobby, or something else entirely. There is a world of possibility out there that we often don't take the time to consider.

This is true of everyday life, and it's also sometimes true of the difficult situations we encounter. There are a lot of things happening in our country right now that are pretty awful, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and like there's no path forward to making things better. There is though, there has to be. I don't know that I see that path yet; I'm not sure I'm clear what I need to be doing to do my part to

help transform our current crises into something better. But I find it helpful to remind myself that there is that possibility, that all hope is not lost, that there is a path forward to a better place.

Is there any area in your life that is calling for some new possibilities to emerge? Are there barriers in your life, getting in the way of new possibilities that are wanting to emerge? What might happen if you opened yourself to some new possibilities? Remember, you never know when a giant frog on top of air traffic control is going to lead you to your final solution. As we welcome the new year, I look forward to exploring more about possibility and possibilities with you together!

See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

**Rev. Seth**

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## Theme Exploration – Possibility

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writer puts it, they are about deepening and unfolding, rather than fixing and improving.

So this New Year's lets lean into that work of unfolding, rather than fixing. Forget about making a list of resolutions to improve yourself. Instead try out this ancient practice of picking a word that will help keep you open to new possibilities throughout the year..."

If you're interested in learning more about this spiritual practice, contact Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd at [elizabeth@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:elizabeth@uuchurchmuncie.org), and she can e-mail you the full source material.

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*The material in this article is sourced directly from our Soul Matters theme packets.*



## Reflections on Possibility

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

“Beware of destination addiction, a preoccupation with the idea that happiness is the next place, the next job, and with the next partner. Until you give up the idea that happiness is somewhere else, it will never be where you are” (Robert Holden). Possibility beckons, particularly at this time of year. Many of us are all about making “New Year’s Resolutions,” vowing to make the year that is dawning better in some or several ways than its predecessors. And that’s OK, as long as we remember that our life is here, now, in the place where we are. I recently saw a line that reads “be where your feet are.” The Facebook friend who posted it used it in reference to running, but also pointed out that it’s good advice for life in general. We do need to remember to be where our feet are.

“No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted for the sower to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith,” (Albert Schweitzer). As we make those resolution and reflect on our hopes for the new year, Schweitzer reminds us to be patient. We may not see our hopes and dreams come to fruition as quickly as we would like. Every possibility calls for faith. We are called to do the work, but to do it without attachment to the results.”

Many of you know that Rainer Marie Rilke’s *Letters to a Young Poet* is one of my favorite books. One of my favorite quotes from that book speaks to the same point: “All progress must come from deep within and cannot be pressed or hurried by anything. Everything is gestation and bringing forth. To let each impression and each germ of a feeling come to completion wholly in itself, in the dark, in the inexpressible, the unconscious, beyond reach of one’s own intelligence, and await with deep humility and patience the birth-hour of a new clarity...” Our lives evolve at their own pace, and things occur in their own good time. We can facilitate and encourage, at least some of the time, but we usually do no good by forcing. The river, as Fritz Perls reminds us, runs of its own accord; we don’t need to push it.

To embrace possibility is to embrace risk. To reach for the possible, we must let go of our current comfort level, at least to some extent. Linda Ellerbee put it this way: “What I like most about change is that it’s a synonym for hope. If you are taking a risk, what you are really saying is, I believe in tomorrow, and I will be a part of it.” Her words echo those of Thomas Merton: “You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”

As we move into 2019, I offer all of us a brief quote that has stayed with me through many possibilities, some I accepted willingly or even courted, others that have been forced upon on me without my consent. I can’t always live it, but it’s been a guiding light and a sustaining presence: “For all that has been, thanks. To all that shall be, yes” (Dag Hammarskjöld).

~Rev. Julia



“Universalism” Harshman Panel  
Photo by Gunther Cartwright

## Sharing Gratitude

**Thank You to our Santa Lucia helpers!** Many thanks to **Liz Lowe** for carrying on **Elsa Reichle's** tradition of rising early on Saturday to make the saffron dough, and to the many friends that arrived to help with the shaping and decorating of the buns: **Maggie & John Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett, Judy Craig, Elsbeth Fritz, Judy Lowe, Linda Morton, Kristin Owens, Sophie Taylor, Cindy & Jeff Turner, and Velvet Zorn.** A special Thank You to the **Reichle Family** for bringing this beautiful tradition to our church and for allowing us to continue to use the Santa Lucia crown that Elsa bought so many years ago in Sweden! Also, many thanks to our beautiful Santa Lucia, **Sarah Bartlett,** and to our Star Children that ranged in ages from high school all the way to our youngest in the nursery! The procession of Lucia with all the star children was magical!

Much gratitude to all who have supported our **Boston Bound youth** toward their Heritage trip in June!  
~*Nadine Tringali*



*If you have a gratitude you'd like to submit for the next Unigram, please send it to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org), subject line "Sharing Gratitude."*

***I acknowledge my feeling and gratitude for life by praising the world and whoever made all these things. ~Mary Oliver***



## Wheel of Life

**Rachel Hanauer** and Alex Strauss of St. Paul, MN, welcomed baby Felix Hanauer Strauss on December 1, 2018. Rachel grew up at UUCM and many of you remember her. Felix is our first grandchild and he is beautiful!  
~*Holly and Brad Hanauer*

We were diminished by two last month. **Marilyn Vincent**, our former and founding choir director and longtime church member, died on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We also lost longtime member **Audra Asplin** who died on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

*If you have a major life event you'd like the church community to be aware of, please submit it to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org) and note "Wheel of Life" in the subject line.*

## January 2019 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        |
| Stewardship Committee                           | Tuesdays   | 3:30 pm        |
| Body Life Dinner (no dinner Dec 25 or Jan 1)    | Tuesdays   | 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| Finding Spirit :: Transgender Support Group     | Tuesdays   | 7:00 pm        |
| Choir Rehearsal                                 | Tuesdays   | 7:30 – 9:00 pm |
| Revival Hour (see online calendar for location) | Wednesdays | 5:30 pm        |
| Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In             | Fridays    | 5:00 – 8:00 pm |

### January Events & Activities

|                                             |           |        |              |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Visitors Q&A                                | Sunday    | Jan 6  | Noon         |
| Combined Youth Group                        | Sunday    | Jan 6  | 12:30 pm     |
| Social Justice Committee                    | Monday    | Jan 7  | 7:30 pm      |
| Pastoral Associates                         | Tuesday   | Jan 8  | 5:15 pm      |
| Board of Trustees                           | Wednesday | Jan 9  | 6:30 pm      |
| Worship Associates                          | Thursday  | Jan 10 | 7:00 pm      |
| Youth Group Lock In                         | Saturday  | Jan 12 | 1:00 pm      |
| Chalice Marketplace                         | Sunday    | Jan 13 | 10:15 & noon |
| Boston Bound Bake Sale                      | Sunday    | Jan 13 | Noon         |
| Roots & Wings :: New Member Class           | Sunday    | Jan 13 | 12:15 pm     |
| Program Council                             | Wednesday | Jan 16 | 7:00 pm      |
| Committee on Ministries                     | Thursday  | Jan 17 | 7:00 pm      |
| New Member Signing Ceremony                 | Sunday    | Jan 20 | 10:15 am     |
| Adult Discussion Committee                  | Sunday    | Jan 20 | 12:15 pm     |
| Combined Youth Group                        | Sunday    | Jan 20 | 12:30 pm     |
| New Member Gathering :: Meal & Conversation | Sunday    | Jan 20 | 5:00 pm      |
| Church Office Closed :: MLK Day             | Monday    | Jan 21 |              |
| MLK Day of Service                          | Monday    | Jan 21 | 10:00 am     |
| Unigram Submission Deadline                 | Wednesday | Jan 23 | 9:00 am      |
| Membership Committee                        | Thursday  | Jan 24 | 7:00 pm      |
| OWL Overnight                               | Friday    | Jan 25 | 6:00 pm      |
| Kitchen Cleaning                            | Saturday  | Jan 26 | 1:30 pm      |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie     | Sunday    | Jan 27 | 9:30 am      |
| Choir Rehearsal                             | Sunday    | Jan 27 | 10:00 am     |
| Boston Bound Brunch Fundraiser              | Sunday    | Jan 27 | Noon         |



#### Mitten Tree

It's that time once again.

We are smitten

To heap our tree  
with glove, hat & mitten.

Let's load it full of warm  
wear of great hues:

Yellows & pinks,  
reds, greens & blues!

Help those in need keep  
warm during cold winter  
months. You'll find the  
mitten tree in the church  
lobby through January 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Dinner Discussion Groups

Sign up for new Dinner  
Discussion groups if you are  
not already in a group. The  
sign-up sheet is posted on a  
bulletin board in the  
sanctuary. Sign up by January  
9, to enjoy wonderful food,  
conversation, and connection.  
If you can't sign up at church,  
email **Eleanor Trawick**  
[trawick.eleanor6@gmail.com](mailto:trawick.eleanor6@gmail.com).

#### Sanctuary Choir

January is a great time to  
join the choir! We will  
resume our regular  
rehearsals on Tuesday,  
January 8. Rehearsals are  
7:30 – 9:00 pm. Please  
contact **Marcel Ramalho**  
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