



# the UNIGRAM

## Renewing Our Faith, Renewing Ourselves

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister*

What renews your faith in the world? What renews your faith in life itself? If you attended the service the last Sunday in January, you heard me share about how water is one of those sources of spiritual renewal for me. Whether it's swimming in the ocean, kayaking on a lake, or relaxing in a hot bath, immersion in water for me is a cleansing experience that goes beyond just the physical – it's very often spiritual. Even just the sound of water – whether the burble of brook, the rhythmic lapping of waves, or the gentle drumming of the rain – when we've needed white noise to help put our babies to sleep, the water sounds to me always sound the most soothing. No surprise then, that a large part of my renewal during this time of sabbatical is centered around water.

Maybe water resonates as a spiritual resource for you too. Or maybe it doesn't. Maybe your source of spiritual sustenance is your walks or runs out in nature. Maybe your yoga practice is essential to your physical and spiritual well-being. Maybe meditation is the balm the soothes your soul. For you it might reading, or maybe journaling. Perhaps it's quality time with friends and family. There are so many possibilities out there, I can't even begin to name them all. But it's so important that we each have

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## The Hero's Journey, UUCM Version

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

There are certain books and ideas I return to time and time again because they have proven to be reliable guides and trusted advisors in my own life. I also recommend them to others for the same reason. One of these is Joseph Campbell's epic work on the heroic journey, *Hero with a Thousand Faces*. The journey is a "monomyth," a myth that recurs throughout many times and in many cultures. Campbell unpacks the mythic narrative in seventeen detailed steps. In sum, though, we can understand the hero's journey in three parts: departure, initiation, and return.

The hero begins their journey in the world that is familiar to them, the world that they know. A call to

adventure intervenes in this familiar world, beckoning them on to...what? The adventurer does not know at this point. Many narratives depict this in mythic terms. However, we can also understand it in more contemporary terms, relating it to the various personal journeys of our lives, both actual travel and inner journeys of self-discovery. We can apply it as well to congregational evolution.

The center part of the heroic journey takes place in the unfamiliar world into which our adventurer has been thrust, either by choice or by circumstance. Various challenges await the hero here. Travelers through this strange landscape face

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Service at 10:45 am**

**February Theme :: Trust**

Our February theme of Trust invites us to consider, among other questions: what creates trust? what breaks trust? what is the price and what are the consequences of living with lac of trust? and how do we re-build trust once it's been broken? February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are two special Stewardship Sundays, so please plan to be there if you can. We will also welcome our Sabbatical Minister, **Joel Tishken**, on his first Sunday in the pulpit on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we will hold our Age of Reading ceremony for our new readers that was snowed out in January on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**February 3 – Bill Frederick**

**February 10 – Stewardship Committee**

**February 17, 24 – Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister**

## Religious Education for Children & Youth

**Classes at 10:45 am**

**February 3 – Curriculum Sunday for MS & HS youth.**

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will be rehearsing a song for the February 10<sup>th</sup> service with Ric Dwenger.

**February 10 – Multigenerational Service**

On MultiGen Sundays, children and youth join their families for the entire youth-friendly worship service. Childcare is available in the Blue room for preschool and kindergarten children, as needed.

**February 17 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**February 24 – 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 K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, that did not participate last year, are invited to walk through a special archway and receive two special books. Parents are also invited to present a special book to their child. Please contact Nadine by February 18 if your child would like to participate.

## 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 in the weekly eBlast.

## 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 – Trust

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 Joel.

### Sacred Text

*Our sacred text this month is “The Edge of Doubt” by Albert Huffstickler:*

There is always  
that edge of doubt.  
Trust it.  
That's where  
the new things come from. If  
you can't live with it,  
get out because,  
when it's gone  
you're on automatic,  
repeating something  
you've learned.  
Let your prayer be:  
save me from that tempting  
certainty that  
leads me back  
from the edge,  
that dark edge where  
the first light breaks.

### Questions for Reflection

What have you trusted since childhood? What have you never lost faith in?

What would happen if your trusted life enough to let go?

What would it mean to trust people to be who they are rather than what you wish they were?

You're worried about how this thing in front of you is going to work out. Might it be possible to trust that you will be fine either way?

Has it ever been hard to trust that your children will find their way?

### Resources for Going Deeper

**Article: “Building Trust Works in the Opposite Way that You Think”** by Adam Grant & Daniel Coyle  
<https://bit.ly/2HEZyX7>

**Video: “The Anatomy of Trust”** by Brené Brown  
<https://bit.ly/2KcrD3T>

### Spiritual Practice

A Love Letter to Life: A Daily Reminder Why Life is Trustworthy

Our ability to trust life is related not just to what happens to us but also what we choose to focus on. This exercise invites us to use intentional focus to strengthen our trust in life. It's a simple but impactful practice of writing a “love letter to life” at the end of each day. Here's a link to an article that explains the ritual and its potential:

<https://n.pr/2HlwPkg>

Try it out for a week or even two. Put your own spin on it.

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

### 2018-2019 UUCM Themes

February: Trust

March: Journey

April: Wholeness

May: Curiosity

June: Beauty

## Religious Education Corner

*Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education*

This month our theme is Trust. 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, 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, **February 3**. 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, **February 17**, we will be holding a **Soup Lunch** fundraiser. Come with an appetite! We will have delicious soups, breads, and fruit.
- Our **Harshman Cards** are still available, and will be on sale in the foyer each Sunday.
- On Sunday, **January 27**, we kicked off a Boston Bound **Raffle** for ten beautiful items donated by **Julie Fritz**. The items up for raffle are: two afghans, four shawls, one poncho, one cape, one toddler dress, and a cute doggie! The raffle will end March 24. Items will be on display and tickets on sale in the foyer, through March 24.

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

On Sunday, **February 24**, 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. Parents are also invited to present a special book to their child. If your child would like to participate, *please let me know by February 18*.

*Nadine*

## Winter Youth Schedule

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

February 3, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

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 rabble-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

March 3, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

March 10, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

March 17, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

March 24, 12:30 - 2 pm

**Combined Youth Group** ~ Lunch provided

*Elizabeth*

## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.*

February is the time you are asked to give, to donate your money, to be generous, for the well-being of our community. Talking about money can be a funny thing. Many don't like to do it. I know I like to give, but I don't like to talk about it. Sooo, I set out to find what does this idea of generosity means.

The University of Notre Dame established a center to research generosity in 2009, Science of Generosity ([generosityresearch.nd.edu](http://generosityresearch.nd.edu)). In their article, "The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose", Christian Smith, Hilary Davidson maintain "Generosity is paradoxical. Those who give, receive back in turn...In letting go of some of what we own, we actually increase our own security and sense of comfort." There is even research published in *Scientific American* that indicates there is physiological activity in the brain that gives us positive reward and "when people donated money to a charity, the same network showed even *greater* activity—and the activity spread to the subgenual area (implicated in social attachment), which had remained inactive in the pure monetary reward choices." ("The Psychology Behind Gift-Giving and Generosity" by Maria Konnikova) It looks like being generous is a good idea.



Adam Grant and Reb Rebele maintain in an article in the *Harvard Business Review*, "Beat Generosity Burnout" that one of the habits of highly productive giving is to "Prioritize the help requests that come your way. Say yes when it matters most and no when you need to." My hope is you prioritize your experience at this church on the high side and you give generously to this community.

The Stewardship Committee has planned two Sundays to help you understand how your giving helps us. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the kickoff and February 10<sup>th</sup> is the congregational giving party. Plan to attend and join us in the spirit of generosity. Dare to give to help make this the church you want to attend; the church you want your children to attend. Every nickel, dime, and Susan B Anthony dollar you give will be greatly appreciated.

A more generous world is a better world.

**DREAM IT ★ DARE IT ★ DO IT**

**Mary Johnson Robey, president**

### What Are Your Preferred Pronouns?

One of the ways to be welcoming and supportive of transgender people is to identify which pronouns you prefer to use. Cis-gender people, or people whose gender identity matches their biological sex at birth, don't ever have to share their preferred pronouns, because "everyone knows" that cis-gender men go by "he/him/his" and that cis-gender women go by "she/her/hers." Transgender folks might have changed which pronouns they prefer, or they might prefer "they/them/theirs," or another variant. One easy way to show our support in this way is to put our preferred pronouns on our name tags. This lets transgender members of our community and guests know that we don't want the burden to be on them to inform us of their pronouns.

In this spirit, we have pronoun stickers available, so that you can put your preferred pronouns on your nametag if you wish. We encourage you to do so - this is an important way to "practice inclusivity," as our mission statement calls us to do. Please see our Membership Coordinator, **Jennifer Carey**, at the welcome kiosk in the lobby on Sunday morning, if you'd like to add your preferred pronouns to your nametag - she has the stickers.

## Stewardship ★ Daring to Give

*“Never get tired of doing little things for others; sometimes those little things occupy the biggest parts of their hearts.” Unknown*

We show up! It was noticeable on MLK day when 35-40 people braved the cold warehouse at Second Harvest to do a myriad of chores for the food bank; it was obvious when folks provided lunch for those same workers. It's evident at Sunday services, adult discussion groups, and in RE classes.

UUs are show-uppers. It's what we do!!

NOW please be a SHOW-UPPER for back-to-back services, featuring lay speakers and musicians.

### February 3 ★ Official Stewardship Kick-off

Guest Speaker: **Bill Frederick** on Generosity  
Coffee / Conversation / Donut Holes

### February 10 ★ All Congregational Giving Sunday

Coffee / Conversation / Donut Holes: 10:00 – 10:35 am  
Special Service: 10:45 – 11:55 am  
Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30 pm  
Post Lunch Program: 12:30 – 1:00 pm

### Generosity Path – Do Three Things:

1. **Pickup and Wear Green Wristband** to prompt generosity every day, in every situation.
2. **Ask yourself**, what is the most generous response I can make? What does the vitality of this church mean to you?
3. **Invite others to join you** in the quest of generosity.

### How/When to Pledge:

- Wear Green Wristband (help you remember to pledge)
- Pickup pledge form at tables located in sanctuary or foyer
- Give completed form to Stewardship

### If Not able to Attend either Sunday:

- On February 10, you may call in your pledge to 765-808-1601.
- Your pledge form can be mailed
- [Click here](#) to download a pledge form OR make your pledge.

*“Being generous is the gentle boomerang — it comes back and warms your heart.” Germany Ken*

### Why Pledge?

YOUR PLEDGE helps our church shine!

YOUR PLEDGE is for daily expectations, vibrant hopes and audacious dreams.

YOUR PLEDGE is a promise, a common thread tying together our past, present, and future. It is a promise to nurture this community to explore and expand spiritual beliefs. It is a promise to create a place to be with people we care about.

YOUR PLEDGE highlights the significant volunteerism within the UUCM community, the continuous work towards social justice, and the ongoing staff work.

YOUR PLEDGE of financial support ensures our congregation can assertively pursue our vision. UUCM cannot effectively operate without tangible pledges from its current members, new members, and friends.

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## Stewardship ★ Daring to Give

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*“A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.” Buddha*

Generosity is an individual personal act. UUCM Stewardship is a collective effort to bring resources together, to remember the importance of community, and to recognize the power to transform our church community through abundant generosity.

*“Generosity is like breathing out... offering our care.” Tara Brach*

2019-2020 Stewardship Committee

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

## Dream It ★ Dare It ★ Do It

### Rev. Seth's Sabbatical

As you've hopefully heard by now, our minister, **Rev. Seth**, has begun his sabbatical. He will be away February 1st through May 31st. The Board of Trustees has hired our former intern minister, **Joel Tishken**, to serve as our half time Sabbatical Minister during Rev. Seth's absence. Joel will preach twice a month, offer pastoral care, serve as head of staff, and attend board and other important committee meetings. The congregation and Rev. Seth were fortunate to receive a Lilly Foundation “Clergy Renewal Program” Grant of \$50,000 that is funding many exciting sabbatical adventures for Rev. Seth and his family, as well as parallel events and activities for us in the congregation.

A few quick items of note:

- The goal of most sabbaticals is truly for the minister to have time away from church. So we will be doing our best to not be in contact with Rev. Seth. If you have something urgent you think he might need to know, please contact Joel or **Mary Johnson Robey**, our Board President. You can reach Joel either by calling the church office or by e-mailing him at [joel@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:joel@uuchurchmuncie.org).
- This is not to say that if you see Rev. Seth around town, you can't say hi. Still be friendly, but please refrain from talking about church business if you do happen to bump into him.

There are many sabbatical events that will be happening while Rev. Seth is gone, such as the Water Festival highlighted in this newsletter. Please follow this link (<https://bit.ly/2WuH2UB>) for more information, and keep your eyes peeled for announcements about upcoming events.

## Renewing Our Faith, Renewing Ourselves

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

taken the time to not only identify what renews our faith in the world and our faith in life, but also that we intentionally make time to bring that renewal to ourselves and our lives.

There is a lot of bad stuff happening in our country right now, and there are always it seems, bad things happening in the world. Part of what we believe and value in Unitarian Universalism is that we must engage with injustice, that we must fight for what we believe is right, that we must help those in need. This is incredibly important, in fact central to who we are. And, we also need to give ourselves permission to rest, and renew. This is a common conversation for those who give care professionally across all sorts of different vocations. Therapists, social workers, ministers and more – we all talk about the need to fill you our own well, so that we have something to offer others. It's also true for everyone – especially as the world demands more of our fierce, justice-seeking love, we need to make even more sure that we are taking time to re-fill our own wells.

While you all will not be shutting down the church and taking a break for four months while I'm away, I do hope that we can travel on parallel journeys. In addition to exploring faith, practicing inclusivity, and living justice, church is also always supposed to have a healing and renewal aspect to it. My hope for these next four months, both for you and for me, is that we're able to focus a little more on the healing and renewal. We've been hard at work together these past five and a half years, and there is more hard work ahead, with a long-range plan in the works, and the possibility of a capital campaign looming in the near future. Church can, will, and must go on of course, and I hope that between Sunday services, and water festivals, and Brené Brown workshops, and canoe trips, that you all are able to find some sense of renewal yourselves over these next four months. You deserve it.

Which brings us back to where we started. What renews your faith in the world? What renews your faith in life itself? Maybe over the next four months it

will be some of the things that are happening here at church, and maybe it won't. Whatever it is that brings you that sense of renewal – may you take the time to engage with it, deeply.

I will be sad to be gone for four months, and I will miss you all. I also know that you are in good hands, with Joel Tishken serving as our sabbatical minister, with a strong Board of Trustees continuing their leadership of the congregation, and with so many others leading in other roles as well. I look forward to coming back in June and hearing about all the wonderful things you have done. I also look forward to coming back in June and hearing about all the things you didn't do, because you chose instead to engage in activities of renewal and restoration.

I usually close by saying "See you in church!", but I won't be seeing you all in church for quite a while. I can say that I hope you all have a wonderful and renewing rest of winter and all of spring. See you in June!

peace, love and blessings,

**Rev. Seth**





## The Hero's Journey, UUCM Version

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

challenges, some great and some small. They encounter helpers along the way. There is always what Campbell calls the "supreme ordeal." This comes in a few standard forms, but "intrinsically, [it] is an expansion of consciousness" for the hero. However depicted, it is about self-realization, inner personal growth. The hero breaks through personal limitations to attain spiritual growth and maturity.

It is this inner transformation that enables the final stage of the return. Changed by the experiences of the initiation phase, the traveler is poised to return to the ordinary world they left. They may want to refuse the return, just as they initially may have wished to refuse the call to adventure. Remaining in the rarified world they have been in is seductive. In terms of a very mundane example, how many of us have lamented having to return from vacation? Besides, can those left behind even understand, let alone appreciate what transformation the adventurer has experienced and what it means going forward? No matter what, however, the heroic traveler must return. The cycle must be completed, because the purpose of the journey is far more than individual growth and transformation.

Because of what our adventurer has experienced in the liminal time of the journey, they are able to return with a "boon," a gift for the community they left. This is the real purpose of the heroic journey.

Looking at the course of my own life through the lens of the hero's journey has helped me find larger significance in the changes I've experienced, especially the challenges. Allow me to suggest a larger application for our consideration. Rev. Seth will be on sabbatical, part of which will be spent with his family in Costa Rica. And we as a congregation will be on our own journey of discovery as well.

The call to this adventure came in the form of the sabbatical written into Rev. Seth's contract, along with his writing a successful application for a prestigious Lilly grant that will benefit both him and the congregation. He recognized that he needed time away for rest and renewal in the face of the demands

and challenges of the past couple of years. For the congregation, the call took the form of recognizing that we, too, have work to do to reflect on who we are and who we want to be. The last couple of years have not been easy ones, but it was our familiar world, and we are seeking a path forward. What will be next? We don't yet know, but we will accept the call we have been given.

All of us are entering into an unfamiliar world, a world ripe with possibility and promise. Rev. Seth and his family will have an extensive outer journey, too, and we are all embarking on an inner journey of self-discovery and potential transformation. We are crossing the threshold into something that will be different, something we cannot yet see. We are called on to trust the process and each other. Yes, we'll all probably be uncomfortable at some point, but we will be growing.

Having come into the liminal space of the initiation phase, we can expect that there will be challenges. Perhaps the word so often used in the literature, "ordeal," sounds too strong. But there will definitely be tasks we will complete and tests of our faith in ourselves, the process, and the larger love which holds it all. We will not be alone, however. There are helpers in the initiation, mentors who can guide us, suggest how we can be better, and help us build confidence. We don't know yet who all these mentors will be. Our sabbatical minister, **Joel Tishken**, is certainly one, as is the leader of the Brené Brown workshop. And we have our beloved community, the container for our shared journey.

The hero of the mythic journey returns with a boon, a gift for their community. We can't yet know the boon this journey promises all of us. But allow me to speculate. There is the gift of healing and renewal, promised in water. There is the promise of greater maturity, born of conversation and reflection. There is the gift of a generous attitude and forbearance. And there is the gift of rest and relaxation. May all of benefit, in ways large and small.

~Rev. Julia

## Sharing Gratitude

The Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force would like to thank the 38 hardy folks who showed up and helped sort groceries for two hours at Second Harvest Food Bank Warehouse on MLK Day. Thanks also go out to the many volunteers who brought soup, bread, salad, and sweet to the church to feed us all afterwards. It was a cold day, but there was real warmth in the air as we worked and visited together. You guys rock!

Thank you cannot begin to express the gratitude we feel for the outpouring of concern and love you have given us during this challenging time with Ron's health. Greeting cards, phone calls, texts, meals, and coffee talk have helped us get through some very tough days. We aren't quite back to center, yet, but we're working hard to get there. So, in an effort to let you know how much it means, please accept our thanks for each and every kindness! We love you and cherish your friendship!

**Ron and Jan Moore** ~ *With an embrace*

Tremendous thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to everyone who have helped and continue to help prepare the church for my sabbatical time away. Many different people, staff members, and committees have pitched into make sure all that needs to happen in my absence happens. Special thanks to the Board of Trustees and the Worship



Associates, for all the extra work and planning they have had to do. Special thanks as well to the Sabbatical Events Committee, **Jerry McKean, Nicole Kaplan, Brandon Mundell,** and **Holly Hanauer,** for planning and organizing all the special sabbatical events that will happen while I'm away. ~**Rev. Seth**

*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."*

***As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.***

**John F. Kennedy**



### Wheel of Life

Long-time member **Alice Bennett** died on Sunday, January 27. She is already sorely missed, and her absence felt profoundly.

*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.*

## February 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                                | 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 |

### February Events & Activities

|                                         |           |        |              |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Visitors Q&A                            | Sunday    | Feb 3  | Noon         |
| Boston Bound Bake Sale                  | Sunday    | Feb 3  | Noon         |
| Combined Youth Group                    | Sunday    | Feb 3  | 12:30 pm     |
| Social Justice Committee                | Monday    | Feb 4  | 7:30 pm      |
| Nominating Committee                    | Tuesday   | Feb 5  | 6:30 pm      |
| Worship Associates                      | Wednesday | Feb 6  | 7:00 pm      |
| Sabbatical Events Committee             | Thursday  | Feb 7  | 10:30 am     |
| RE Committee (Children & Youth)         | Sunday    | Feb 10 | 9:30 am      |
| Chalice Marketplace                     | Sunday    | Feb 10 | 10:15 & noon |
| Roots & Wings :: New Member Class       | Sunday    | Feb 10 | 12:15 pm     |
| Combined Youth Group                    | Sunday    | Feb 10 | 12:30 pm     |
| Pastoral Associates                     | Tuesday   | Feb 12 | 5:15 pm      |
| Board of Trustees                       | Wednesday | Feb 13 | 6:30 pm      |
| CoA Redux Evening                       | Friday    | Feb 15 | 5:00 pm      |
| New Member Signing Ceremony             | Sunday    | Feb 17 | 10:15 am     |
| Boston Bound Soup Lunch Fundraiser      | Sunday    | Feb 17 | Noon         |
| Adult Discussion Committee              | Sunday    | Feb 17 | 12:15 pm     |
| <b>Water Festival</b>                   | Sunday    | Feb 17 | 12:30 pm     |
| Unigram Submission Deadline             | Wednesday | Feb 20 | 9:00 am      |
| Program Council                         | Wednesday | Feb 20 | 7:00 pm      |
| Committee on Ministries                 | Thursday  | Feb 21 | 7:00 pm      |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie | Sunday    | Feb 24 | 9:30 am      |
| Choir Rehearsal                         | Sunday    | Feb 24 | 9:45 am      |
| Combined Youth Group                    | Sunday    | Feb 24 | 12:30 pm     |
| Membership Committee                    | Thursday  | Feb 28 | 5:30 pm      |

### Water Festival Sunday, February 17

Please join us on Sunday, February 17, immediately following the Boston Bound lunch for our very own water festival.

As you may have heard, the theme we will all be exploring during Rev. Seth's sabbatical is water. Our water festival on the 17th will explore this theme through hands-on art, science, and musical experiments, crafts, and takeaways.

Each classroom will have a water themed activity for all ages to enjoy, including a hands-on tutorial from **Brian Gordy** on how to paint water with watercolors.

If you have any suggestions or would like to help our festival run smoothly, please speak with **Nicole Kaplan** [nicole.c.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.c.kaplan@gmail.com)

All ages and ability levels are invited to join us. See you on the 17th!

*The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears or the sea.*  
**Isak Dinesen**

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