



# the UNIGRAM

## The Journey of Journaling

*Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister*

This month's *Soul Matters* small group packet contains the etymology of the word journey. From page 8, "Journey has its roots in the Old French *ournée*, a day's length; a day's work, a day's travel. For instance, a day laborer was called a [journeyperson]; we write our daily adventures in a journal. Looking at life as a journey, the idea of day becomes important. What part of my past do I carry forward into this day and what part do I leave behind? How do I set my compass for the travels of this day, moving into my own becoming? (pg. 8)" Reading this entry in the *Soul Matters* packet reminded me of a ritual I had offered at seminary in 2015, and later repeated at the UU church in New Madison, Ohio. This began me thinking about the relationship between spans of time and personal change and growth.

In the fall of 2015, I was taking a class on worship. To fulfill a class assignment, I wrote and lead a ritual for the autumnal equinox. The ritual emphasized harvest in both literal and metaphorical ways. In the literal sense, participants brought canned goods for a Richmond food pantry that we might share some of the bounty we had. In the metaphorical sense, I asked those gathered to consider their "harvest of wisdom" from the past twelve months. We each spent six-seven minutes considering the

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## To Trust and to Heal

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

Our February theme was trust, and our March theme is journey. My February column revolved around the journeys Rev. Seth and the congregation have embarked on, although the theme of trust was there too. So, in March, I'm addressing trust more directly.

In the UU Ministers Association weekly newsletter for February 8 Darrick Jackson, Director of Education, wrote:

"There are different approaches to developing trust. For some, trust is something you jump in and do. It requires taking a risk and letting the trust happen. On the other end of the spectrum, some feel that trust is earned. People and institutions need to show

themselves as trustworthy before trust can be granted. When adherents to these two approaches engage, trust can be hard to establish and lead to an impasse in the relationship.

We will not be able to move forward as institutions and individuals if we are not able to move towards trust. Not everyone can, and should, jump into total trust. But we can commit to the development of trust over time, giving priority to our needs for safety and our healing from wounds and trauma."

Mr. Jackson offers wise counsel as we move forward with building and rebuilding trust within our own beloved community. Some of us, I expect, are at each end of the spectrum, and many of us are somewhere in between most of the time. I'd

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Service at 10:45 am**

**March Theme :: Journey**

Our March theme of Journey invites us to consider, among other questions: What is the most important thing you’ve learned about getting lost? What if the obstacles in front of us aren’t in the way of our lives, but instead are our lives? Could the story of your journey so far be told as an adventure story? Do you believe in happy endings?

**Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd** will be in the pulpit the first Sunday of the month, followed by **Jerry McKean** in the second. As will be true throughout the sabbatical period, our Sabbatical Minister **Joel Tishken** will be in the pulpit for two Sundays of the month. March will also have our annual Music Appreciation service with jazz as the service’s featured music.

March 3 – Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

March 10 – Jerry McKean

March 17 – Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister

March 24 – Music Appreciation Sunday, featuring jazz music

March 31 – Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister

## Religious Education for Children & Youth

**Classes at 10:45 am**

**March 3 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**March 10 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**March 17 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**March 24 –Curriculum Sunday for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

MS and HS youth will attend the “Music Appreciation” service.

**March 31 – 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 11](#).

## Theme Exploration – Journey

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 email them to **Minister Joel**.

### Wise Words

*If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take. That's why it's your path.* –Joseph Campbell

*I felt in need of a great pilgrimage, so I sat still for three days, and God came to me.* –Kabir

*Not all those who wander are lost.* –J.R.R. Tolkien

*Life is not a straight line, it's a downpour of gifts. Please hold out your hand.* –Julia Fehrenbacher

*For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin — real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way. Something to be got through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life.* –Alfred D'Souza

### Questions for Reflection

How would you describe the current leg of your journey? Taking the first step? Climbing a hill? Coasting? Cruising? Lost? Hitchhiking it? Running on empty? Just filled the tank? Planning to get off at the next exit? Hoping that a rest area comes soon? Off the map? Stuck in traffic? Thankful for the carpool?

Do you dwell on everything that you have lost? Or focus on everything that you have yet to find?

Whose journey needs your help? Is there someone that needs you to notice that they can't quite make their next step alone?

What friend has walked your journey with you the longest? How would you articulate the unique gift of long friendships?

What if someone asked you "Where are you going?" instead of "Where are you from?"

Are you sure your path is one of becoming who you really are. Or could it be about unbecoming who you are not?

How are you called to make others' journeys possible?

What has been your favorite twist or turn on the road?

### Resources for Going Deeper

Book: [Wisdom Walking: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life](#) by Gil Stafford

Music: "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" by U2 <https://bit.ly/2SYiFRf>

Video: "The Hero's Journey - Shots of Awe" <http://bit.ly/2EzAayn>

Make a masterpiece of your life. Make the journey of your life one that you would gladly live again and again...

### Spiritual Practice

*Your Journey in Six Words*

Larry Smith is passionate about helping people share their life journeys. He created a website with numerous tools and prompts to make sharing easier. One prompt turned out to be everyone's favorite: Pair down your life journey to six words. It was inspired by Ernest Hemingway taking up a bar bet to write a novel in 6 words. Hemingway's response: "For Sale: Baby shoes, never worn." Besides making the telling of your journey easier, this six-word challenge helps people focus on, celebrate and hold onto the essence of their stories. So, this month, take up the challenge for yourself. Below are some example six-word journeys and online resources to help you on your way.

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## Religious Education Corner

*Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education*

We are offering a new congregational resource, ***Soulful Home***, to all our RE families through the month of June. This new resource will provide ways for families to weave spiritual exploration into the routine spaces of the day. *Soulful Home* is about creating memorable and amazing moments with your family!

Here's an overview of the various family spaces *Soulful Home* will focus on:

***The Welcome Mat*** provides a brief introduction to the theme and how it relates to family life.

***At the Table*** engages the theme through discussion. Questions are designed for a family gathering, perhaps in the sitting room when everyone is together or during a meal. This section strengthens the bonds within a family as members learn more about each other by asking and answering questions.

***Around the Neighborhood*** activities engage families with their surroundings through the lens of the theme. Throughout the month, we ask families to keep their eyes open for what might seem like everyday sightings but which can be perceived in new ways through the monthly theme. Trips to the grocery store, walks, and drives make for excellent spaces to conduct these treasure hunts.

***At Play*** activities and questions are a way to joyfully, playfully, and imaginatively experience the monthly themes. We offer a brief framework for parents to use to introduce the activity and another to then help one's family reflect upon it, so that the insights learned in play can stay with us throughout the month and beyond.

***On the Message Board*** section lifts up a theme-related mantra for your family to carry with them throughout the month. Think of them as tools for the journey that help re-focus and steady us as we navigate life's challenges and opportunities.

***At the Bedside*** activities engage the theme through storytelling. This takes place during the dreamy, almost otherworldly hour or so before children or youth drift off to sleep. Through stories and the questions and

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## Spring Youth Schedule

*Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd*

*Coordinator of Youth Programming*

### **Combined Youth Group - Lunch Provided**

Sundays in the Indigo/Violet rooms

March 3, 12:30 - 2 pm

March 10, 12:30 - 2 pm

March 24, 12:30 - 2 pm

April 7, 12:30 - 2 pm

April 14, 12:30 - 2 pm

April 21, 12:30 - 2 pm

April 28, 12:30 - 2 pm

### **"Just Keep Swimming" Lock-In**

**March 30, 1 pm - March 31, 9 am**

We will gather to explore the themes from some iconic fish films! When life gets you down, do you know what you gotta do? How does one just keep swimming in the midst of real struggle? What coping mechanisms are healthy for us and which are not? What does healthy self-care really look like? Middle and High School youth invited!

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I will be taking five weeks of leave, March 10 - April 13, in order to travel with my family to Costa Rica as part of my husband's sabbatical. We are excited to share that we have asked **Nicole Kaplan** to cover my essential duties while I am away, including leading a lock-in that I will help her plan. We are also relying on our growing team of youth advisors to help her while I am gone. She is extremely capable and already bringing exciting ideas to this project! It feels good to know that I can relax while I am away, spend precious time with my family, and know that everything here is fully taken care of!

If you need anything during my time away, please reach out to Nicole ([nicole.c.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.c.kaplan@gmail.com)) or to Nadine.

**Elizabeth**

## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.*

What does our congregation mean to you? To me, it's community. It's a place where like-minded people can meet to share conversations which range the full gamut and where I can freely express my views. It's a place to share joys and sorrows whether standing up in front of the congregation to talk about them or to just light a candle. It's a place where you can ask for help when it's needed or you can find that generous spot in you to be the helper. It's a place where we share in guiding our youth to become independent thinking young adults. It's a place to be together in times that bring meaning to our lives whether large or small.

And to do all of this we need to share our resources. You can share in many ways but the one I want to discuss with you is your money. It takes money to plow the parking lots, fix the refrigerator, pay for the heat and cooling to make the building comfortable, to pay our staff, etc. You need to understand how your contributions are collected and used. The treasurer's report is presented at the monthly Board meetings. You can read the full treasurer's report within the January Board of Trustees minutes but here are some excerpts:

- Pledges and gifts to date are \$175,376. We are about 2/3 of the way through the year and have received about 2/3 of the pledged amounts, but we are down both in pledges and loose offerings. Over all we are down about \$6500 from last year.
- Expenses for water and sewage are exceeding the budget: \$3484 to date vs \$1,848 budgeted. Our treasurer, **Jennifer Hollems**, is looking into this so we can determine if we have a leakage or if we didn't budget correctly.
- All committee expenditures are significantly below budget. The Board is encouraging all committees to watch their spending very carefully.
- Income from fund raising is below budget. The only way to achieve a balanced budget last year



without cutting programs and people was to budget in some optimistic fundraising goals. This year's Bazaar and Bazaar team did great with profits of \$13,989. But we budgeted a high goal for Bazaar of \$16,600. The up and down of income from the Bazaar is to be expected since we do not have control over donations. That's something you can think about now and start cleaning out the closets. Set aside some money to attend the Bazaar in November to purchase some of the wonderful crafts or just plain stuff you know you can't live without. We additionally budgeted \$3000 in miscellaneous fundraising. So far we've raised zero of that. That means we're roughly \$5600 behind in fundraising right now.

- The Service Auction hasn't happened yet but is budgeted to raise \$5,000. **Kim McKenzie** ([kimkenzie34@gmail.com](mailto:kimkenzie34@gmail.com)) and **Jennifer Parks-Strack** ([jennifer.e.parks@email.com](mailto:jennifer.e.parks@email.com)) have started planning the auction which will be held on May 5. Contact either of them to offer your help. Plan what you can donate (my dog Lily has been enjoying the year of dog biscuits I purchased from **Margaret Reeder** at the last auction.) Offer your time and talent and of course, purchase items at the auction.

Our pledge drive for the next church year is going well. If you haven't pledged yet, please do. This will allow us to more accurately plan our next budget.

We need the money.

**Mary Johnson Robey, president**

## Stewardship ★ Daring to Give

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

Hallelujah! Hooray! Whoopee! Yippee! WOW!

CONGRATULATIONS to this spectacular congregation!

You answered our call to action with **81 pledges**, 62% increasing their last year pledge,  
for the current total of **\$237,462**.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in pledging, for attending the two Stewardship Sundays, and in making those Sundays so joyous.

If you have not yet responded, we ask you to pledge as soon as possible and to consider a 9% increase to last year's pledge. Generosity is your personal decision. Every pledge and gift is important.

Let us make 2019 a year of possibilities for service, spiritual growth, generosity, and gratitude.

*It always seems impossible, until it is done.* –Nelson Mandela

***In gratitude for all you do for our community.***

*2019-2020 Stewardship Committee*

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

## Dream It ★ Dare It ★ Do It

### Correction: What Are Your Preferred Pronouns?

The February 2019 issue of *the Unigram* contained an article titled "What Are Your Preferred Pronouns?" In it, we were all encouraged to use the church's new preferred pronouns stickers on our nametags. As the article noted, doing so shows support to transgender individuals and lets our community and guests "...know that we don't want the burden to be on them to inform us of their pronouns." The article contained a mistake and used "transgendered" instead of "transgender." Though several eyes passed over this mistake, we regret that we missed it. We know how problematic this terminology is and we are sorry. This mistake goes to show that even well-informed and well-intentioned people can make mistakes. This is all the more reason we all need to stay in loving communication with one another. We are working to overwrite some deep cultural narratives that hold considerable power. What a great learning opportunity for all of us to deepen our understanding as we continue to strive to become more and more inclusive and just in how we live as a church and as individuals. To advance the justice knowledge of us all, you may be interested in reading an informative 2014 article from *TIME* magazine. <http://bit.ly/2SuefMG>. The article explains why "transgendered," in the past tense, is offensive.

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 to add your preferred pronouns to your nametag – she has the stickers.

## Committee on Ministries Focus Group Sunday, March 10, 12:15-1:15 pm

The Committee on Ministries (COM) is charged with helping the ministry teams within the congregation reflect on and assess how well we are working together to serve the mission of this congregation. This year we'll be exploring questions about the following ministries: Membership, Property Maintenance, Stewardship, Finance, Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors (FOHN) Task Force, Adult Discussion Group, Bazaar, and COM.

Join us in the Sanctuary on March 10 for pizza and discussion (and goodies from the Boston Bound Bake Sale). Your feedback is important in COM's work of helping all our church ministries grow and improve, so please plan to participate if you can!

## Theme Reflection – Journey

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*Example Six-Word Journeys:*

Down for maintenance, be back soon.

We're the family you gossip about.

Tried surfing on a calm day.

Mom was "earthy"; Now I'm "green."

Son's autism broke and rebuilt me.

Tore up my own suicide letter. Sixty.

Still afraid of the dark.

Forged through fire; sustained by friendships.

The exits were entrances in disguise.

*Online Resources:*

The Story of the Six-Word Project: Why it worked and why it matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR1V7lxsOu0>

Six-Word Story Writing Advice

<https://eightladieswriting.com/2016/03/16/elizabeth-six-word-stories/>

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

## Religious Education Corner

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realizations that they prompt, we come to understand the nature of our world and our unique place in it.

**At the Kitchen Sink** suggests ways for parents to connect with their co-parents, close circle of supporters or both. Perhaps this happens as the dinner dishes are washed and dried or with friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

**The Extra Mile** invites families to explore the monthly theme through larger adventures and more complex projects.

### 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, **March 10**. 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, **March 24**, we will be holding a **Soup Lunch** fundraiser. Come with an appetite! We will have delicious soups and breads.
- Our **Harshman Cards** are still available, and will be on sale in the foyer each Sunday.
- In January we kicked off a Boston Bound **Raffle** for ten beautiful items donated by **Julie Fritz**. The items up for raffle are: two throws, four shawls, one poncho, one cape, one toddler dress, and a cute doggie! Items will be on display and tickets on sale in the foyer, through March 24, when we draw winners.

**Nadine**

## The Journey of Journaling

**Minister Joel Tishken** (continued from page 1)

following questions and recording some thoughts: (1) “What have you accomplished since the last autumn equinox?” (2) What have you learned that you wish to harvest? (3) What “chaff” would you like to leave behind? (4) Which “seeds” do you wish to store for future planting? Following our meditative time on these questions, a number of people shared some of their thoughts about personal and professional growth and gains, things they wished to cast aside, what they wished to keep and integrate in the present, or what they wanted to retain for the future.

The questions posed during the ritual used a year (from the previous fall to the present one) as their time frame. There are advantages to assessing our lives in large time frames such as that. We can better see patterns or the consequences of changes we’ve made with a larger time frame. However, a large time frame is subject to how successful we are in our memory recall. Smaller issues may be lost to time and nuances may be lost as we focus on a bigger picture. Conversely, a short time frame enables easy recall but does not encourage as much consideration over time. There likely is no perfect time frame to use in assessing our lives and the issues we each are working on. How far back we reflect, or how forward we plan ahead, will depend on the issues concerning us. Each time frame has its value.

In the past, I have been unable to appreciate the value of journaling. But thinking of journaling in this way, as a means of harvesting the wisdom of the day, appeals to me. I intend to journal write for the month of March while we explore the theme of journey. If you are also inspired to journal, whether for the first time, as renewal of past practice, or as maintenance of a long-standing practice, I am providing ten journals and pens in fun ink colors to the congregation for you to keep and use. (If we run out, I’ll get more.) See me or come to the main office during normal hours to get them. Happy journaling. Bonne journée.

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I am delighted to be your Sabbatical Minister February-May. Please allow me to introduce myself—if you have joined UUCM since June 2018—or reintroduce myself if you were part of UUCM from August 2017-June 2018.

I grew up in Wisconsin and was raised Missouri Synod Lutheran. I stopped attending as soon as I was able to make my own decisions. Following college at one of the University of Wisconsin campuses, I went to graduate school in Austin, Texas. It was there that I discovered Unitarian Universalism and I’ve been UU ever since. After completing a M.A. and Ph.D., I taught African and world history in Georgia and Washington from 2002-2015. If you care to see any of my published work from my time as a historian of religion, I’m the only Joel Tishken on the planet. It is easy to find me in a library catalog or online book store. It was while living in Washington that my wife Lee Ann and I met. We’ve been together since 2008. In 2015, we both left academia for new careers. We came to Indiana for me to attend the Earlham School of Religion, in Richmond, in pursuit of a new career as a UU minister. Lee Ann is the director of academics at the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne County. Lee Ann and I are proud caretakers of three cats, two rabbits, and a guinea pig, all humane society adoptees with Roman mythological names. I enjoy vegan cooking, international foods, reading, mythology, time with my wife and critters, and walking in nature. I’m a regular volunteer at Second Chance Animal Rescue of Richmond and the New Paris Food Pantry. Since moving to Indiana, Lee Ann and I have been members of First Universalist in New Madison, Ohio. Theologically, I consider myself a religious humanist and nontheist pagan.

As a professional update, I completed my Master of Divinity degree, and 28<sup>th</sup> grade, in May 2018. After completing my internship at UUCM in June, all that remained in becoming a minister was an interview and approval by the UUA in September 2018. However, I was not given approval to search for a ministry job at that interview. Before the UUA will allow me to do so, I need to complete a year as a chaplain in 2019-2020 and interview again another day. As you might imagine, I’m not excited about this two-year extension of my timeline.

I look forward to being part of UUCM in our all too short time together. Thank you for giving me the privilege to be your minister.

**Minister Joel**



## To Trust and to Heal

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

suggest a third factor that plays into this: even for those who are inclined to jump in and do when it comes to trust, trust must be *earned back* once it has been broken. This is often true for me when my trust in another *individual* has been shattered as well as in situations involving trust in a *group*.

There was an excerpt from an interview between Adam Grant and Daniel Coyle referenced in the February *Unigram* that makes a related point. Trusting people first enables taking risks because it eliminates the fear of being harmed or let down. On the other hand, as Mr. Coyle points out “building trust doesn’t come first and then we allow ourselves to be vulnerable. Mutual vulnerability is itself how we build trust.”

Although I do not feel that *my* trust in our congregation has been broken, I know some and perhaps many of us do. It is a worthwhile exercise to reflect on how jumping in or expecting trust to be earned play out in how each of us approaches the work before us. Mr. Jackson also points out that “not everyone can, and should, jump into total trust. But we can commit to the development of trust over time, giving priority to our needs for safety and our healing from wounds and trauma.” His use of the conjunction “and” (rather than “or”) in this last sentence voices an important truth. It is not, does not have to be, and indeed should not be either/or, the development of trust *or* safety and healing. It’s both.

He also reminds us that not all of us are at the same point on the trust spectrum. And where we are may change from day to day. That’s to be expected and can be accepted. Establishing or rebuilding trust begins with each of us accepting where we, and others, are in our ability and willingness to trust each other.

It is helpful, however, to give each other the benefit of the doubt, to whatever extent we can. In the absence of persuasive evidence to the contrary, assume good intentions. Assume other people are doing the best they can in the circumstances they’re in at the moment. Be willing to offer each other the grace of

forgiveness for apparent transgressions against trust, and then do so again. I know I don’t get this trustworthiness thing right all the time, nor do others.

As we engage in this adventure, whether it’s trust between individuals or how we move into building greater trust within our congregation, we need to keep in mind that it will be a gradual process. Who can we trust? What resources are available to us?

- We can trust each other individually, and the strength of our communal life and love collectively, and more specifically, we can trust that we *all* seek healing and reconciliation.
- Our staff, board and committees, who share with us the desire to be the best we can be, even when we disagree about how to go about that or what exactly it looks like.
- Our own intuition and instincts
- The counsel of others, for example the facilitator of our upcoming Brené Brown workshop
- The Web of Life itself, which will not allow us to fall out of it nor will it reject us.

The prayer/meditation that Mr. Jackson offers at the end of his article strengthens me when I need to move through issues around trust:

Web of Life, Spirit that moves  
within and between us,  
Open our hearts.

Help us to discern when we are ready to trust.

Help us to discern whom we can trust.

And teach us how to trust...

Help us to find the right balance of safety and  
vulnerability

So that we can engage in community that builds,  
So that we can live our faith in action  
as well as belief.

Remind us that we need one another...

(abridged)

**Rev. Julia**

## Sharing Gratitude

Thank you to **Cheryl LeBlanc** for providing a bright new solar sign for UUCM's Morrison / Bradford corner. The original was badly faded due to the wonderful power of the sun!

~**Holly Hanauer**

Thank you everyone at UUCM for the lovely and warm welcome back. I am thrilled to be with you all the next four months! ~**Minister Joel**

Thank you to all the people who helped make **Alice Bennett's** February 9th memorial service a meaningful one: **Kirk Robey, Mary Johnson Robey, Julie Fritz, Lynn Sousa, Bea Sousa, Judy Lowe, Mike Sullivan, Caroline Sullivan, and Marnee Cooley** for providing refreshments and set-up; **John Bartlett** for Sights & Sounds; and **Ric Dwenger** for providing bluegrass music at the family's request. *The Bennett family extends their appreciation and thanks to you and UUCM.*

Thank you to: **Ben Strack, Matt Cechini, Kelsey Brasel, Ron Burton, Joe Kaplan, Kirsten Smith, and Katie Williams** for taking time to write their remarkable reflections and to present the inspiring words to this congregation. You all were a WOW and we are delighted that each of you is in this church community. A special thank you to **Bill Frederick** for his inspiring sermon on generosity. Thank you to: **Ric Dwenger** for gathering the children and leading the congregation in an interactive song that perfectly set the tone for Giving Sunday and then provided lunch music. Thank you to: **Kirk Robey, Sue Errington, Beth Gonser, Susan Macgrath, Lisa Dwenger, and Susan Calvin** for planning and serving a delicious lunch; to **the Sullivans, the Taylor family, and Joel Tishken** for pitching in Saturday afternoon to set up for the Sunday service; to **Jim Helton** for working tirelessly to organize the music for those of us who really had no idea what we needed. It was perfect – from the music, to the stunning voices of **Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Diane Hill, Sophia Taylor, and Margaret Reeder**, to the Patches players who really knew the key to collecting food



for Mama G's Stone Soup Café: **John Taylor, Adam Schuler, Eli Groves, Sarah Bartlett, Sophia Taylor, Isis Lawson, Riley Taylor, and Charlie Dubree**. Great skit – thank you all!  
~**The Stewardship Committee**

*On behalf of all of UUCM, thank you Stewardship Committee members: **Nan Barber, Holly Hanauer, Linda McKean, Bea Sousa, and Katie Frederick!** Not only is the usual work of stewardship already a big task, but you all also planned and oversaw two services and a lunch too. And on top of all that, you inspired the congregation to new levels of generosity. Dynamite job!*

I wish to thank everyone who helped create our magical *Age of Reading* archway for **William Schaller** and **Shadow Hanser** to walk through on Sunday, February 24. Also, a big thank you to **Katie** and **Bill Frederick**, for contributing their co-authored books [The Kite Surprise](#) and [Patches the Dragon](#) as a gift for our Age of Reading participants. ~**Nadine**

*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."*

### Quilting Begins Soon

The UUCM quilters will begin meeting soon to create the 2019 Bazaar raffle quilt. If you're interested in joining us, let **Nan Barber** [njbarb37@att.net](mailto:njbarb37@att.net), or **Holly Hanauer** [hbhanauer@aol.com](mailto:hbhanauer@aol.com), know. You don't have to be an expert; we do most of the work together so you can learn with us. It's a nice way to connect with others and engage your creativity!

### Music Appreciation Sunday

Mark your calendar for March 24! Since the jazz trio was such a hit last year, we've decided to do this again. Stay tuned for more details. It promises to be wonderful!!

## March 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        |
| 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 |

### March Events & Activities

|                                                  |           |        |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Visitors Q&A                                     | Sunday    | Mar 3  | Noon      |
| Combined Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Mar 3  | 12:30 pm  |
| Stewardship Committee                            | Tuesday   | Mar 5  | 3:30 pm   |
| Worship Associates                               | Wednesday | Mar 6  | 7:00 pm   |
| Boston Bound Bake Sale                           | Sunday    | Mar 10 | Noon      |
| COM Focus Group                                  | Sunday    | Mar 10 | 12:15 pm  |
| Combined Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Mar 10 | 12:30 pm  |
| Pastoral Associates                              | Tuesday   | Mar 12 | 5:15 pm   |
| Board of Trustees                                | Wednesday | Mar 13 | 6:30 pm   |
| <b>Brené Brown Daring Greatly™ Workshop</b>      | Friday    | Mar 15 | 6-9:00 pm |
| <b>Brené Brown Daring Greatly™ Workshop</b>      | Saturday  | Mar 16 | 9-6:00 pm |
| Teacher Appreciation Lunch                       | Sunday    | Mar 17 | Noon      |
| Adult Discussion Committee                       | Sunday    | Mar 17 | 12:15 pm  |
| Social Justice Committee                         | Monday    | Mar 18 | 7:30 pm   |
| Unigram Submission Deadline                      | Wednesday | Mar 20 | 9:00 am   |
| Program Council                                  | Wednesday | Mar 20 | 7:00 pm   |
| Committee on Ministries                          | Thursday  | Mar 21 | 7:00 pm   |
| OWL Overnight                                    | Friday    | Mar 22 | 6:00 pm   |
| OUTreach Fundraiser :: Spaghetti Dinner          | Saturday  | Mar 23 | 5:00 pm   |
| Choir Rehearsal                                  | Sunday    | Mar 24 | 9:45 am   |
| Boston Bound Soup Lunch Fundraiser               | Sunday    | Mar 24 | Noon      |
| Combined Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Mar 24 | 12:30 pm  |
| Membership Committee                             | Thursday  | Mar 28 | 5:30 pm   |
| Youth Group Lock In :: <i>Just Keep Swimming</i> | Saturday  | Mar 30 | 1:00 pm   |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie          | Sunday    | Mar 31 | 9:30 am   |
| OWL 10-12                                        | Sunday    | Mar 31 | 2:15 pm   |

#### Adult Discussion Group Sundays, 9:30 am Red room

*March 3: Ron Burton* will lead the discussion on the importance of bees, threats to their survival, and supporting their habitats.

*March 10: Dr. Linda Hanson* will lead the discussion on the importance of Indiana Redistricting Reform, the current state of the discussion and the need to support this legislative agenda. This legislation supports our UU principles.

*March 17:* A representative of the Social justice Committee will lead a discussion on the work of the committee and the criteria for selection of the agencies and causes that invite our participation.

*March 24: Josh Gruver* will inform us on the progress of the movement “Edible Muncie,” and the efforts to supply food to as many families in Muncie as possible.

*March 31: David LeBlanc* will give us an opportunity to reflect on forest management, our current state and what we can do.

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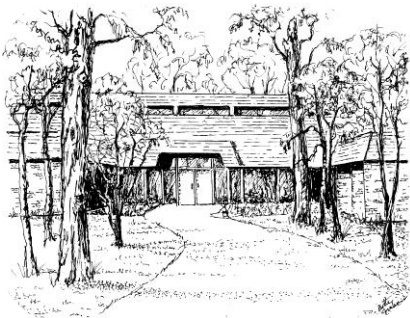
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