



the UNIGRAM

Finding Greener Grass at Home and Abroad

Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister

[People] go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering. ~St. Augustine

This quote by St. Augustine brought to mind the idiom “The grass is always greener on the other side.” This idiom reminds us that what is beyond our view is not necessarily better than what we currently have. The grass might indeed be greener on the other side of a hill. It could just as easily be dry, browned, and prickly. Or there may be no grass at all. Both the quote and idiom captures: (1) the discontent many people have with the things they are familiar with, and (2) the longing and hope we often have that we can escape those things by crossing a horizon of some kind.

It is not uncommon for people to think their life, their family, where they live, where they work... is somehow inferior to other options. I am confident we have all heard and expressed sentiments such as: “There is not enough to do here,” “This town is too small,” “My brother is impossible,” “My boss is a jerk,” and so on. As I’ve shared before, I

(continued on page 8)

In This Issue

<u>Sunday Mornings</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Theme Exploration</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Religious Education News</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Service Auction May 5</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Splinters from the Board</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Congregational Meeting</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Sabbatical Events</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Sharing Gratitude</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>May Calendar</u>	<u>11</u>

Friendly Curiosity

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

When I think of curiosity, the first images that come to my mind are kittens and puppies poking their little button noses into absolutely everything, and my four-year-old grandson constantly asking “why?” For both the pups and kittens, and Roland, nothing is off limits to be sniffed, tasted or asked about. That’s how young beings explore their world. It’s all available in its newness.

On the other hand, curiosity can carry a less-appealing connotation, as in the phrase, “idle curiosity.” It gets equated with nosiness. As a noun, it is sometimes used to mean something peculiar or odd, and one might stare closely at a peculiar bug just because it is strange.

A more pernicious version of this is when someone stares at a person who appears “different” or acts differently from the cultural norm.

When some of his followers asked the Buddha about what would happen after death, his response was something like “I haven’t addressed those questions because they aren’t conducive to enlightenment.” So much for their curiosity!

Some contemporary Buddhist teachers, however, have approached curiosity differently. Christina Wolfe and Greg Serpa take Jon Kabat Zinn’s Seven Attitudes of Mindfulness (acceptance, nonjudging, nonstriving, letting go, patience, humor, trust, and beginner’s mind) and add to them *curiosity*, kindness, gratitude and generosity.

(continued on page 9)

Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Service at 10:45 am

May Theme :: Curiosity

Our May theme of Curiosity invites us to consider, among other questions: When it comes to you worrying about the future or being curious about it, which one wins? As you get older, are you more curious or less? Do you think you are worth someone being curious about?

Wear green and come celebrate a belated Earth Day with us on May 5th, with the sermon topic of “Biodiversity Loss.” **Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd** will be in the pulpit on May 12th. This Sunday will also include the Bridging Ceremony. On May 19th, wear amber, green, and red for **Sabbatical Minister Joel’s** last Sunday with us. The service will feature a celebration of Lithuanian culture (Šventė Lietuvos kultūros) including a folk dance, folk music, and a homily about Lithuanian culture and history. The service will also include a farewell ceremony for OUTreach. Members of Joel’s home congregation in New Madison, Ohio will be visiting with us. Be sure to say hello to our UU guests and neighbors. And finally, the last Sunday of May is a Poetry Appreciation Sunday, organized by **Iris Chalk**, and featuring Queer poetry. Members of UUCM will be our poetry readers.

May 5 – “Biodiversity Loss,” Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister

May 12 – Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd; Bridging Ceremony

May 19 – “Šventė Lietuvos kultūros,” Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister

→ visit by members of First Universalist, New Madison, Ohio

→ Congregational Meeting after service

May 26 – Poetry Appreciation Sunday, featuring Queer Poetry

Religious Education for Children & Youth

Classes at 10:45 am

May 5 – Curriculum Sunday

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

May 12 – HS Bridging Ceremony, Curriculum Sunday

On this Sunday, we honor our high school graduates, **Anna Dillinger** and **Emily Klein!**

May 19 – Last Curriculum Sunday and All Birthdays Celebration!

Join us as we continue our religious exploration and celebrate everyone’s birthday with cupcakes!

May 26 – Game Day!

Come dressed to move! We will have activities set up outside, weather permitting.

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 – Curiosity

Curiosity stems from the Latin *curiosus*: careful, diligent, or inquisitive. This is the same root for care and careful which implies an intention in curiosity, a sense of purpose about it. As the word moved into old French and middle English it took on qualities of eager to know (often in a bad sense), solicitous, anxious, inquisitive, odd, strange.

Wise Words

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood. ~Marie Curie

The two greatest days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why.

~Mark Twain

We can lean into worry's opposite – curiosity. As Rabbi Marcia Prager teaches, where worry says, "oh no, what is going to happen?" curiosity says "oh wow! I wonder what will happen!"

~Rev. Kimberley Debus

Questions for Reflection

What or who has kept you curious?

Has being curious ever come at a cost for you?

Do you believe that every moment is a teachable moment?

Have you ever opened Pandora's box?

What is the greatest adventure that your curiosity took you on?

Resources for Going Deeper

music: "Upside Down"

Jack Johnson <http://bit.ly/2LpTh3c>

Cover by Becca T.G <http://bit.ly/2vw5BEi>

video: **The Case for Curiosity (TED talk)**

Mario Livio <http://bit.ly/2UNvaeo>

A celebration of curiosity as the most human and maybe most precious "hunger" that exists.

article: **Why Are We So Curious?**

Tom Stafford <https://bbc.in/2DDpFsP>

"We humans have a deeply curious nature, and more often than not it is about the minor tittle-tattle in our lives. Our curiosity has us doing utterly unproductive things like reading news about people we will never meet, learning topics we will never have use for, or exploring places we will never come back to... From the perspective of evolution this appears to be something of a mystery. We associate evolution with 'survival-of-the-fittest' traits that support the essentials of day-to-day survival and reproduction. So why did we evolve to waste so much time?..."

Spiritual Practice - *Get Curious About Yourself*

When it comes to curiosity, we often leave out ourselves. Saint Augustine captured this perfectly when he wrote, "People go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering." So, this month you are invited to get curious and wonder about yourself. Aim your inquisitiveness your way.

There's no better way to get curious about yourself than with the help of an honest and trusted friend. Often, we only see ourselves clearly when looking through the perspective of someone else. This exercise invites you to get curious about how others see you. Here are your directions:

1. Think of a few questions that get at the heart of who you are. We've provided some examples below.
2. Then ask a friend out for coffee or invite them to take a walk and ask them how they would answer these questions about you.

(continued on page 9)

Religious Education Corner

Nadine Tringali
Director of Religious Education

Soulful Home

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! Our theme this month is Curiosity.

Bridging Ceremony, Sunday, May 12

I look forward to our Bridging Ceremony with our high school graduates on **May 12**. Our seniors are **Anna Dillinger** and **Emily Klein**. On this Sunday, we recognize our graduating seniors as they begin the important step of moving forward into their futures!

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 raking. Please contact Christie if you would like a brochure via email.
- On Sunday, **May 19**, we will be holding **Brunch Lunch** fundraiser following the service. Come with an appetite! The youth will be serving a variety of breakfast casseroles along with salad and fruit.

Snacks for our Youth

The Religious Education Program for Children & Youth is always appreciative of donations of apple juice and cheese crackers for our Sunday morning snack and packaged cookies, crackers, chips, and pretzels for our Middle School and High School Youth Group meetings.

Nadine

Youth Programs for May & June

Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd
Coordinator of Youth Programming



COA Redux Wilderness Journey

Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5

This year our high school youth have been taking another look at some of the themes they explored in Coming of Age. They have thought deeply and insightfully about some big questions. As the culmination of this COA Redux program, we will journey through the wilderness. More specifically, we will travel to Chain 'O Lakes and camp. We will have some time alone to reflect and some time together to share. We are all looking forward to it!

Combined Youth Group - Lunch Provided

Sundays in the Indigo/Violet rooms

May 12, 12:30 - 2 pm

May 19, 12:30 - 2 pm

Creation Lock-In

Thursday, June 6 - Friday, June 7

To finish this year off strong we are combining our usual end of the year party with a lock-in focusing on the theme of Creation. We will look at creation stories from world religions and reflect on their relevance for our lives. We will have ample time and space to create ourselves. We will have our gummy bear ritual to close out our year. And finally we will finish our plan for continuing to beautify our youth spaces. Exact times will be sent via email soon.

Elizabeth



Service Auction Is Almost Here

It's all coming together! This amazing congregation has donated 104 (count 'em) items for the May 5 Service Auction. The Service Auction is a major fundraiser that determines if we end the church year in the black. ***We need everyone to come May 5 and bid.***

What does your heart desire? Chances are we have it!

There are dinners, road trips, numerous baskets filled with delightful items, a condo and a lake house, art tours, plants, garden advice, computer help.... even new custom pockets. And lots of food, of course. The online catalog is available here: <http://bit.ly/2ZNQIRq>. Print copies are available at church.

Bidding starts at 10:15 am, with coffee and donut holes. Bidding continues after the service until 12:30 pm; there will be a "portable lunch."

If you can't be at church May 5, contact **Bea Sousa** to arrange for a personal bidder.

The Service Auction is a new UUCM tradition. It's fun, and it works because we are each giving to the church and getting something extra in return.

Caroline Sullivan cmsull42@gmail.com **Jennifer Park-Strack** Jennifer.e.parks@gmail.com

Bea Sousa beals42@gmail.com **Judy Lowe** tlowe2002@comcast.net

Katie Williams kthxwms@gmail.com

Splinters from the Board

Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.



May 19, 2019 is a special day for the congregation. For one, it is **Joel Tishken's** last day in the pulpit as our Sabbatical Minister. I know you join me in thanking him for his time with us. He has been an active member of our community on many fronts. He'll be in the office until the end of May. Be sure to email, call, visit him and express your appreciation.

Also that day we're having a Congregational Meeting, May 19, 2019, 12:30 pm, in the Sanctuary. This is an important meeting for us as it sets the direction for our next church year. We'll get a state of the budget from our Treasurer, **Jennifer Hollems**. She'll present the recommended budget for 2019-2020 that the Board is currently working on as I write this. We'll also elect members of the Board including Vice President, Treasurer, and President-elect. The Development & Investment Committee needs a member elected by the congregation too. The Nominating Committee is finishing up the list of candidates. If you wish to know more about the committees and how members join them, check the Policy & Procedure Manual available on our website.

It is extremely important for members to attend and to vote. One of the Unitarian Universalist principles I hold dear is, "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." If you don't vote, we fail.

I hope to see you before and definitely on May 19.

Mary Johnson Robey

UUCM Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 12:30 pm

UUCM's annual spring congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 12:30 pm. If you wish to vote, you must check in with the secretary and pick up your voting card before the beginning of the meeting.

Our By-laws define voting membership as follows: Article III, Section 2. *Persons who have been admitted to membership for at least thirty (30) days, who make a financial pledge to the church and make a good-faith effort to pay it, who donate their time and services, and who attend church services and activities are deemed to be voting members with all rights and privileges. Members who by reason of health have not been able to participate in church affairs and members who by reason of financial hardship have not been able to make a monetary contribution, are nonetheless viewed by the church as being members.*

Please note that a contribution of record for the 365 days preceding this meeting must be received by the church office by Sunday, May 12, to fulfill the voting member requirement. The agenda is published below. Absentee ballots will be available upon request to the church office beginning May 3. Completed ballots must be received in the office by **Friday, May 17, at 12:30 pm.**

UUCM Congregational Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2018, Congregational Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Presentation of the Proposed 2018-2018 Budget
5. Report of the Nominating Committee
 - a. Election of Board Officers
 - b. Election of Committee Members:
 - i. Nominating Committee
 - ii. Development & Investment Committee
 - iii. Internal Financial Review Committee

Adjournment

Celebrate Water & Explore the White River... Two Ways!

The Sabbatical committee will show a trio of short films about the White River on Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm at the church. “The films show perspectives on the White River watershed you never knew existed... and are a great jumping-off point for discussion about how nature shapes our sense of place,” said Leah Nahmias, director of programs and community engagement at Indiana Humanities, which produced the films. Following the films, **Josh Gruver** and **Jason Donati** will lead a discussion about local water quality issues. Gruver is an associate professor in BSU’s Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, and a board member for the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District. Donati is a Stormwater/Recycling Educator with the Muncie Sanitary District. Childcare will be available.

And on Saturday, May 18 you can explore the river in person; join us for an afternoon of canoeing on the White River! Canoe Country in Daleville will provide the canoes for a 2, 5, or 7-mile trip on the White River. Our Lilly Sabbatical Grant budget will pay for 15 canoe rentals, so sign up to reserve your spot! Check the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for all the details. Questions? Contact **Holly Hanauer** hbhanauer@aol.com.



Finding Greener Grass at Home and Abroad

Minister Joel Tishken (continued from page 1)

struggled with living in the Deep South and moving away was a good change for me. There are times we may indeed be unhappy enough with our circumstances that some change is the appropriate step. That change may indeed be part of a migration toward a happier self amid “greener grass,” or even an entirely different flora and environment.

However, there are also times when our longing for some “greener grass” is about the gap between our levels of knowledge between that which we have and that which we dream about. We know our own lives, locations, workplaces, churches, etc. far better than we know any others. That intimate knowledge runs the full gamut from positive to negative qualities and all things between. We’re well aware of all the problems and shortcomings of the things we’re part of because our knowledge is full and well-rounded. The same cannot be said of the things we view from a distance and are not part of.

For example, from time-to-time I fantasize about moving to Lithuania. The inspiration comes from a number of frustrations about our own country, combined with a passion for this part of my ancestry. I know the U.S. well, but the same cannot be said of Lithuania. I am utterly ignorant of what it feels like to live in a place so deeply impacted by the Nazis, the Shoah, and the Soviets. And my vision of the country is also obscured by romanticized ideas I hold about my identity and Lithuanian history and culture. In reality, both the U.S. and Lithuania have great things about

them, and both have their struggles and problems. If I were to migrate I would not be losing any frustrations but simply exchanging them for a different set.

Similarly, social media may make it seem as though someone else’s life is more together and happier than our own. But social media is a sanitized version of that person’s life that reveals only that which they wanted to. We all have our share of joys and challenges. Regarding earning a living, companies, employers, and job recruiters will do their best to make their workplace seem like an employment wonderland. But I expect that we would find any place of employment has its share of pros and cons. In short, while we have a deep knowledge that comes from lived experience about our own lives and location, we lack that about the lives of other people and places.

So to return to the quote from Augustine, the mountains, oceans, and rivers may very well be wondrous in others places. Our lives may be better for having experienced the vistas of other places. But we should not keep our gaze focused upon the longing of things we are not part of. There are wondrous, beautiful, and positive aspects within all the things we are part of right now. They are certainly more familiar to us. And we may take them for granted because they are always there. But we should not let that keep us from getting curious about the things we already have. Our grass may already be plenty green if we just pay attention to it.

Minister Joel



Friendly Curiosity

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

Wolfe and Serpa write, “A popular meditation instruction invites us to check in with our own experience as if we were checking in with a good friend. When you meet a friend you haven’t seen in a while, you’re naturally full of curiosity about how they’re doing and what’s been going on in their lives. This curiosity is an extension of your affection for your friend, a gesture of closeness and connection. The reason that meditation can be so difficult is that we spend much of our lives trying to avoid our experience, which is often irritating, painful, or just plain boring. Cultivating curiosity is a way for us to overcome our aversion and to become our own best friend.”

It is, as they say, an “antidote to autopilot.” The ordinariness of everyday experience, just because it is so ordinary, invites moving through life on autopilot, doing without being fully present. We can develop friendly curiosity about anything and everything, and about our own responses. We can even be curious about the ways in which our autopilot engages! Not judging, not pushing away nor grasping onto, not over-thinking, but simply being open to whatever presents itself in our moment-to-moment experience, just as it is.

This clearly is not curiosity as mere nosiness or fascination with the peculiar. It’s what we might call “friendly curiosity.” It is, it seems to me, quite similar to “beginner’s mind” in the Zen Buddhist tradition. Beginner’s mind, writes one Zen teacher, “is the mind that is innocent of preconceptions and expectations, judgments and prejudices” (Zenkei Blanche Hartman). When we use beginner’s mind, we are simply present, open to whatever is, ready to see things as they really are.

We do not have to like our experience. We don’t have to agree with what’s happening. But curiosity allows us to be open to having that experience, however it is, to being present to it as it changes and flows, together with our reactions and responses.

Friendly curiosity can be instrumental in smoothing the path when we disagree with each other, or when

someone’s behavior upsets us. We regard even those experiences with friendly curiosity, noting them as simply our experience. We can ask and answer questions, not to score points in an argument but to discover and gain insight. Our conversations need not be fueled by the desire to compete, or control, or persuade. Rather, we can seek to learn about each other’s experience and what “makes them tick.” We strive for greater understanding and not for “victory.” Friendly, compassionate curiosity allows us to be more at peace with ourselves, and thus more available to relate to those who differ from us in a respectful and empathic way.

Go and be curious!

Rev. Julia

Theme Reflection – Curiosity

([continued from page 3](#))

3. Sit with and get curious about their answers. Mull them over. Notice how they challenge, open, affirm or redirect you.
4. Come to your Soul Matters group ready to share where this brave adventure led you.

Example Self-Exploration Questions:

- What scares me?
- What makes me a good friend?
- How happy am I?
- What three adjectives describe me best?
- Am I good at saying I’m sorry?
- What makes me light up with joy?
- When was/am I most daring?
- Do I take care of myself?
- Where do you see me in 10 years?

~~~~~

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

## Sharing Gratitude

Music Appreciation Thank You!!! I want to thank the folks who made the Music Appreciation Service come together so well. I thought the meditations that **Caroline Sullivan** and **Bea Sousa** provided were marvelous. They also helped me select the hymns. Though they probably won't be reading this, I also want to thank **Trevor Mather**—saxophone and trio leader, **Tommy Schilb**—piano, and **Jacob Smith**—bass for their fantastic artistry. We paid the musicians with money donated by **Aaron Sousa** in honor of **Lynn Sousa**. ~**Jim Helton**

Every year, **Linda Morton** creates beautiful handcrafted chalices to present to our high school graduates during our Bridging Ceremony in May. Thank you, Linda, for your gift of love and support to our high school youth! ~**Nadine Tringali**

Many thanks to **Denise & Ben Ewing** for facilitating the **Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education** 10-12 grade program for our youth this year. Twelve youth participated! Denise and Ben contributed countless hours of their time preparing for two orientations, special opening and closing sessions, and 39 workshops. All this, plus coordinating three overnights at our church! Tons of work and joy! But they have not finished, they are now planning an overnight in June for the youth to celebrate their achievement. Please thank Denise and Ben when you see them, they are awesome OWL facilitators! If you would like more information on the OWL program, please visit the UUCM website; click on Sexuality Education under the Religious Education tab. ~**Nadine Tringali**

Our chefs and our diners all had a wonderful time at our fundraising dinner on March 31. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. We raised \$905!

Many thanks to **Kirk & Mary Robey** for donating all the supplies, their time, and their expertise that made our April Boston Bound Pizza luncheon such a success!



Thank you to our cast from the April 14th multigenerational service: **Graham Reeder** (as Jumping Mouse); **Charlie Dubree** (as Magic Frog and Old One); **Sophia Taylor** (as Friend Mouse and Old One); **Margaret Reeder** (as Bison/Eyes-of-a-Mouse); and **Shadow Hanser, Taylor Snell,** and **Chloe Tyner** (as young mice). You all were fabulous! We also owe our thanks to **Joan Andrews** for handling Sights & Sounds on a challenging day.

**Hazel Lewis** was a wonderful Miss Molly in our Easter story for all ages. Thank you.

A special thanks to **Laura Janney** for her help folding and assembling the Order of Service. I can't count the number of times she's walked into the office on a Friday afternoon and offered to do this final task of Sunday service prep as she awaits the arrival of youth for the weekly Muncie OUTreach gathering. I've gratefully accepted her help so many times! Good luck to Laura and all of Muncie OUTreach as you settle into your new home! ~**Christie Williams**

*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."*

Our Membership Coordinator, **Jennifer Carey**, has resigned her position effective immediately. Her family had been trying to get her son into a tennis league and a spot recently opened. Jennifer and her family will now be out of town on weekends to attend practices and meets, which means she is no longer available on Sundays. **Thank you Jennifer for your time with us at UUCM!** We wish you well.

## May 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        |
| Revival Hour (see online calendar for location) | Wednesdays | 5:30 pm        |
| Muncie OUTreach LGBTQ Youth Drop In             | Fridays    | 5:00 – 8:00 pm |

### May Events & Activities

|                                         |           |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Property Maintenance Committee          | Wednesday | May 1   | 6:30 pm  |
| Worship Associates                      | Wednesday | May 1   | 7:00 pm  |
| CoA Redux Closing Camping Trip          | Fri-Sun   | May 3-5 |          |
| Choir Rehearsal                         | Sunday    | May 5   | 9:45 am  |
| <b>Service Auction</b>                  | Sunday    | May 5   | 10:15 am |
| Annual Report Deadline                  | Monday    | May 6   | Noon     |
| Board of Trustees                       | Wednesday | May 8   | 6:30 pm  |
| White River Films                       | Thursday  | May 9   | 7:00 pm  |
| Roots & Wings :: New Member Class       | Sunday    | May 12  | 12:15 pm |
| Combined Youth Group                    | Sunday    | May 12  | 12:30 pm |
| Social Justice Committee                | Monday    | May 13  | 7:30 pm  |
| Pastoral Associates                     | Tuesday   | May 14  | 5:15 pm  |
| Program Council                         | Wednesday | May 15  | 7:00 pm  |
| Committee on Ministries                 | Thursday  | May 16  | 7:00 pm  |
| Canoe Trip                              | Saturday  | May 18  | 1:00 pm  |
| New Member Signing Ceremony             | Sunday    | May 19  | 10:15 am |
| Boston Bound Lunch Fundraiser           | Sunday    | May 19  | Noon     |
| <b>Congregational Meeting</b>           | Sunday    | May 19  | 12:30 pm |
| Combined Youth Group                    | Sunday    | May 19  | 12:30 pm |
| Adult Discussion Committee              | Sunday    | May 19  | 12:15 pm |
| New Member Gathering                    | Sunday    | May 19  | 5:00 pm  |
| Unigram Submission Deadline             | Wednesday | May 22  | 9:00 am  |
| Membership Committee                    | Thursday  | May 23  | 5:30 pm  |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie | Sunday    | May 26  | 9:30 am  |

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

May 5 – The **Bartlett family** will bring flyers, photos and information regarding their experience with the Appalachia Service Project in Kentucky, and how our church can participate in this wonderful social justice activity.

May 12 – **Sue Errington** will be reporting on her experience in the legislative session that just finished. As usual, this will be a very informative meeting.

May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> are to be announced.

During the last focus group sessions at the church, we were asked who decides on our programming. The answer is that anyone can suggest a speaker or a topic for the sessions. The topic should relate to one of our seven principles. Our format is that the ideas and information being formally presented should not take more than 15 minutes. The rest of the period, the members of the group would like to be able to ask questions and to share their own ideas and experience about the topic. If you have any suggestions or wishes, please contact our scheduler,

**Annemarie Voss**

([annemarievoss@mac.com](mailto:annemarievoss@mac.com))

early each month for the upcoming month. We welcome any interested person to participate. Currently we hope to have leaders from the organizations our Social Justice Committee has supported in the past two years. Some invitations are pending.

## UUCM Staff & Leadership

**Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister**  
[seth@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:seth@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Joel Tishken, Sabbatical Minister**  
[joel@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:joel@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister**  
[julia@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:julia@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education**  
[nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Christie Williams, Office Administrator**  
[christie@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:christie@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Dr. James Helton, Director of Music**  
[jim@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:jim@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Coordinator of Youth Programs**  
[elizabeth@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:elizabeth@uuchurchmuncie.org)

**Marcel Ramalho, Choir Director**  
[marcel@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:marcel@uuchurchmuncie.org)

### Board of Trustees

**Mary Johnson Robey**  
President

**Caroline Sullivan**  
President Elect

**John Bartlett**  
Vice President

**Brandon Mundell**  
Secretary

**Jennifer Hollems**  
Treasurer

**Jerry McKean**  
Past President

765.288.9561 | [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org) | [www.uuchurchmuncie.org](http://www.uuchurchmuncie.org)

Office Hours: Monday 1:00 – 4:00 pm | Tuesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Wednesday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie

4800 West Bradford Drive  
Muncie, IN 47304



Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit 635  
Muncie, IN

Return Service  
Requested

**DATED MATERIAL**