



# the UNIGRAM

## Awe Inspiring

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister*

A scientist and a mystic took a walk together one beautiful fall morning. After a while, they came upon a large tree. The scientist was feeling a little tired, and asked if they might pause for a few moments to take a rest. The mystic agreed, and they sat next to each other, backs leaning against the tree trunk. As they sat, their conversation gradually dwindled, eventually settling into silence. Long-time friends, they were comfortable with the silence, and stayed sitting, enjoying each other’s company. Eventually, the mystic asked the scientist, “what are you thinking about?”

The scientist responded: “Oh, I’m just sitting here thinking about how amazing this tree is. It lives and thrives while remaining in one place without moving. It takes sunlight and converts it into energy. Which is amazing, that trees, and plants use chlorophyll to convert sunlight into energy, because that energy then feeds the whole food chain. It’s also pretty cool how that energy transformation process takes carbon dioxide, the waste product from our breathing process, out of the air, and that its waste product, oxygen is what we need. Also, they get nutrients from the soil, which is a pretty amazing capability. Not something we humans can do. Not to mention that that most tree branches grow in a fractal pattern,

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## Resilience—Body and Spirit

*Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

In a wonderfully serendipitous way, I’ve come across several things recently that have encouraged me in light of the pain, limitation, depression and uncertainty resulting from my having broken my leg recently. One of these was “What Does ‘Recovery’ from Severe Mental Illness Look Like?” that Jessie Creselious posted on Facebook. The author is Tony Zipple:

“For most people with a severe mental illness, recovery is an ongoing process. Since the illness is not likely to get totally resolved, there will be ongoing management of the condition. Recovery is a process of reclaiming one’s life from mental illness. As with other difficult

events in life, over time, people learn to adjust to their challenges.

Recovery is about:

- finding one’s place in the world
- attaining peace of mind
- establishing relationships with friends and family
- discovering opportunities to grow
- finding happiness

Recovery is not:

- a cure
- freedom from symptoms
- an end to challenges

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

**Service at 10:45 am      December Theme :: Awe**

Our theme for the month of December is Awe. Among other topics, we'll examine what awe means in a Unitarian Universalist context, as well as how and when we experience and appreciate "awe-some" moments and times in our lives. Special events include our annual Santa Lucia ceremony which will be held during the service on December 15, as well as a visit from Santa on December 22 (parents – bring your kids!). We will also, of course, hold our annual candle-lit Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24, at 7 pm.

December 1 – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

December 8 – Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

December 15, 22 – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

December 29 – Worship Associate-led service

## Religious Education for Children & Youth

**Classes at 10:45 am**

**Sunday, December 1 – Multiage Social Action Sunday**

Creating Cards for the Caring Committee

**Sunday, December 8 – Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**Sunday, December 15 – Santa Lucia Ceremony**

We will be preparing for our Santa Lucia processional in the service. MS and HS youth are invited to attend the service or help with the preparations.

**Sunday, December 22 - Special Guest & Curriculum Sunday**

Join us as we continue our religious exploration!

**Sunday, December 29 – Art Sunday**

## 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.

**Adult Discussion Group**

Every Sunday, 9:30 am  
Red Room

This group is a chance for people with various personal beliefs to get together and openly discuss a variety of topics. You'll find weekly topics listed in the eBlast each Friday.

## Other Monthly Events

There are a variety of regular events on Sunday mornings at UUCM. Be sure to check the calendar for Youth Group meetings, assembling 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 – Awe

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 Rev. Seth.

### Sacred Text

*Our sacred text this month is titled “On Realizing that Gratitude and Awe are Choices” by Scott Stabile. He wrote:*

Today, I choose not to take my life for granted. I choose not to look upon the fact that I am healthy, have food in my refrigerator and have clean water to drink as givens. They are not givens for so many people in our world. The fact that I am safe and (relatively) sane are not givens. That I was born into a family who loves me and into a country not ravaged by war are not givens. It is impossible to name all of the circumstances in my life I've taken for granted. All of the basic needs I've had met, all of the friendships and job opportunities and financial blessings and the list, truly, is endless. The fact that I am breathing is a miracle, one I too rarely stop to appreciate.

I'm stopping, right now, to be grateful for everything I am and everything I've been given. I'm stopping, right now, to be grateful for every pleasure and every pain that has contributed to the me who sits here and writes these words. This moment is a blessing. Each breath a gift. That I've been able to take so much for granted is a gift, too. But it's not how I want to live—not when gratitude is an option, not when wonder and awe are choices.

### Questions for Reflection

- Who taught you the most about “living in awe”?
- Is awe calling you to feel smaller or bigger?
- Is it possible that awe is where God is found?
- Do you most often complain about your body or stand in awe of it?

When was the last time you stood in awe of your life partner? When was the last time you stood in awe of your child? Can you imagine someone standing in awe of you?

### Resources for Going Deeper

**Article:** *How Awe-Inspiring Experiences Can Make You Happier, Less Stressed and More Creative* by Carolyn Gregoire <http://bit.ly/2KYIXOk>

**Video:** *A History of Everything, Including You* by Jenny Hollowell <http://bit.ly/33sHRj4>

### Spiritual Practice

#### Collect Five Stories of Awe

Anyone is fair game. Life Partners. Parents. Siblings. Neighbors. Co-workers. Even strangers! Take them out for coffee or just ask if they have 5 minutes. Sure, you'll be nervous. It's a peculiar thing to ask people about. But trust us, everybody's got a great awe story, and everybody is secretly dying to share it!

Once you've collected them, spend a little bit of time comparing and contrasting the stories. Which of those similarities or key differences spoke to you. Where was the gift (or challenge) in that for you?

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

## Religious Education Corner

**Nadine Tringali**  
*Director of Religious Education*

This month our theme is **Awe**. We have purchased a year-long *Soulful Home* subscription for our families to enjoy! Through this subscription, families will receive a packet at the beginning of each month that is organized around eight distinct family “spaces” with ideas and resources to fill those spaces with UU theme-based exploration. It is about creating memorable and amazing moments!

### Santa Lucia Ceremony – Sunday, December 15

On Sunday, December 15, we will be holding our annual Santa Lucia Ceremony. This year, **Iris Chalk**, will be our Santa Lucia! Each year on a Sunday closest to December 13, we celebrate Santa Lucia in a ceremony where an elected girl, portraying Lucia, walks with a crown of candles ahead of a procession of star children each holding a golden star. The candles symbolize the light with which Lucia overcomes the darkness. There are many legends about Santa Lucia, and in each one Lucia stands as a symbol of light and hope to all mankind. Santa Lucia's coming begins the feasting, merriment, singing, and the spirit of friendliness and goodwill that lasts all through the holidays. Following the procession, Santa Lucia will serve saffron buns to the congregation.

All children & youth (boys and girls) are invited to be star children. Star children wear white gowns with a wreath of gold garland on their head and hold a golden star as they follow our Santa Lucia in a procession through the sanctuary.

**Elsa and Marvin Reichle** brought this beautiful ceremony to our congregation in 1973. The crown of candles that Santa Lucia will be wearing is the original crown that Elsa bought in Sweden so many years ago! Many thanks to the Reichle family for sharing this tradition with us! *If you would like to help Liz Lowe and I with the shaping and decorating of saffron buns on Saturday, December 14, please join us at the church at 1:00.*

On **Sunday, December 22**, a special guest wearing a red suit, will be visiting!

**Nadine**

## Youth Programs

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

### Mark Your Calendars!!

#### Youth Group

Sunday, December 8, 12:30 – 2 pm

#### Youth Group Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 15, 12:30 – 2 pm

*We will gather for our annual Christmas Party featuring a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a small wrapped gift that cost no more than \$10. If cost is an issue, let Elizabeth know and she will bring something for you. Or bring something you made yourself. Our handmade gifts are often the most popular.*

#### Youth Group – Hygge

Friday, January 10, 5 – 9 pm

*We'll gather to focus on cozy comfort and self-care. We'll make and enjoy warm beverages and comfort food while turning inward to find the resources we need to make it through the cold, dark winter.*

#### Youth Group

Sundays, January 12, 19, 26; 12:30 – 2 pm

**Elizabeth**



## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.*



Being an atheist is okay.

Being an atheist and shaming religions and Spirituality as silly and not real is NOT okay.

Being a Christian is okay.

Being homophobic, misogynistic, racist, or otherwise hateful person is NOT okay.

Being a reindeer is okay.

Bullying and excluding another reindeer because he has a shiny red nose is NOT okay.

When past UUCM board president Mary Johnson Robey sent this to me last holiday season, I loved the humor and the message. So much so that I printed the poem on nice paper, asked Mike to hand paint a design on it, and framed it to give as gifts. These are good words, words that remind us how to live an honorable life. But now the playful, yet meaningful whimsy is diminished because for some, the UUCM board has been cast in the role of the bullying reindeer.

If you were not at the town hall style meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, you may not understand. The board shared its recent decisions regarding the transition period during which the church needs to rebuild community while preparing for the exit of the Carrier-Ladd's. The board has been following the guidelines from the letter sent to the congregation when accepting Rev. Seth's resignation:

“Over the coming year, Rev. Seth will back off from his leadership role within the church. He

will limit his involvement to conducting Sunday worship, providing pastoral care, and administering the staff. Rev. Seth will continue in his role attending Board of Trustee and Committee on Ministries meetings as well as managing Worship Associates and Pastoral Associates. He will not make changes for recommendations for changes within the church.” [Following conversations between Rev. Seth and the board, day to day administration was included under *administering the staff* and performing rites of passage was included under worship responsibilities.]

Another ground rule that the board established early on was that Rev. Seth would not be present at healing/reconciliation activities. That brings us to Harvest Feast; it is not a worship service so someone other than Rev. Seth led this event. Was it considered an event to build bridges, an event to encourage attendance of those who haven't been coming to church, an event for every one of us to show solidarity for the church in these dire circumstances, a reconciling event? Probably so.

One of the tenets of the Board's Relational Agreement is to “model responsible leadership, communication and our Unitarian Universalist values.” For those who wrote us letters or shared concerns, you are right, the word exclusion does not bespeak Unitarian Universalist values. As board president, I can assure you that the board will revisit this issue; thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Another tenet in the Relational Agreement is to “listen to and act in the best interest of the congregation both for today and for the future.” In my opinion only, congregational efforts at reconciliation are directed to the friends and members of our congregation. Rev. Seth and family are beginning a new journey separate from UUCM and while we wish them every success, our futures are not entwined.

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## 122<sup>nd</sup> Bazaar in the Woods Wrap-Up & Thank You

A BIG Thank You goes to all who helped make the 122<sup>nd</sup> Bazaar in the Woods a great success. Sue Errington managed publicity assisted by **Lisa Cox** (Facebook) and **Amy Shaw** (Instagram). Setup was organized by **John Bartlett**; artisan (consignment) booths were recruited by **Cindy Turner**. Setup week was led by the hard work of **Bruce Craig, John Bartlett, John McKilip, Beth Gonser, Sue Errington** and many, many others. Photos were taken by **Gunther Cartwright**; music organized by **Ric Dwenger**; finance managed by **Jennifer Hollems** and the day's emcee was **Mike Sullivan**. **Christie Williams** managed to keep all of us on track throughout the whole process.

And more thanks to church booths chairs and their many booth volunteers:

1. Jewelry: **Holly Hanauer, Maggie Bartlett**
2. Collectibles: **Linda McKean, Caroline Sullivan**
3. Silent Auction: **Bruce Craig**
4. Tools: **Sam Harris, Robert Guillaud**
5. This & That: **Ben Ewing, Denise Ewing, Eleanor Johnson**
6. Holidays: **Nancy Chamberlain**
7. Gourmet foods: **Judy Lowe, Jan Moore**
8. Bizarre Books & Media: **Michael Doyle, Jerry McKean, John Bartlett**
9. UUCM Merchandise: **Jennifer Hollems**
10. Boston Bound: **Nadine Tringali**
11. Chalice Café: **Kirk Robey**
12. Encore: **Linda Hanson, Annemarie Voss**
13. Children's Corner: **Adrienne Gruver, Melanie Hanser**
14. Plants: **Cheryl LeBlanc, Judy Craig**
15. Quilt: **Nan Barber**

And more thanks are needed for the continued work the next weekend. The Post Bazaar Rummage Sale was chaired by **Jane Meyer** who was assisted by a wonderful rummage sale work crew.

The work of the Bazaar and Rummage Sale could not have happened without all of the congregation pulling together. Give yourself a big hug. Your efforts have helped raise \$14,022 from the Bazaar and \$1090.78 from the Post Bazaar Rummage Sale. In addition, monies were raised at the Bazaar for Boston Bound (\$277) and UUCM merchandise (\$248.)

While money is raised for the church at the Bazaar and Post Bazaar Rummage Sale, it is important to remember your efforts help to assist the Muncie/Delaware County community beyond our congregation. The Muncie Mission, Friends of Muncie Public Library, A Better Way, and the Pilot Club received Bazaar and rummage sale "left-overs" in support of their work.

Thanks to all of you...from your co-chairs **Lisa Cox** and **Mary Johnson Robey**



## 122<sup>nd</sup> Bazaar in the Woods



### The Dedicated Offering Is Going to the Dogs

Our December dedicated offering goes to the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF). The mission of ARF is to provide shelter, medical care, and love to abused, abandoned, neglected, and unwanted animals until permanent homes can be found. Through educational efforts, public awareness, and community involvement, ARF seeks to relieve animal suffering; to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation; to eliminate euthanasia as a way of animal control, thereby creating a “no-kill” community in which both animals and humans benefit from the goodness of each other.

ARF is a shelter where the animals do not spend day after day in a crate or kennel, but rather in rooms equipped with beds, toys, windows & other animals, if personalities allow. ARF now has 13 part-time employees plus one veterinarian to care for the animals, maintain the property, keep track of records, & meet the public during adoption hours.

ARF is always interested in volunteers. Volunteers must be 18 years old and attend a one-hour training session. The Social Justice Committee will soon be asking interested church members and friends to sign up for a time when we can receive training and volunteer as a group.

In addition to cash donations, ARF is a place to recycle your aluminum cans at the drop off location in their parking lot.

If you won't be in church December 8 or 15, you can mail your gift to the office. Make your check out to UUCM and note ARF on the memo line. Thank you for your generous donations!

## COME TOGETHER – Love Your Church



The ultimate goal of a Stewardship committee is to bring together the financial pledges that will expand the reach of UUCM and our loving congregation.

This holiday during celebrations with family and friends *play along with us?*

Related to church, family or friends give us a word/sentence that brought/brings good memories to your life.

Use one or two letters from the word **Stewardship**. Jot down a sentence or words to describe the value this community brings to your life. Answers will be reflected over the next two months.

Examples:

- S** = Spirit says DO
- T** = Talents in abundance
- E** = Extraordinary people
- W** = Wild and crazy congregation
- A** = Absolutely is often the answer
- R** = Regularly time is devoted
- D** = Dedicated to do it right
- S** = Strong in numbers
- H** = Help is around the corner
- I** = Imagine the good stuff
- P** = Perfect is doing the best you can

Provide your answers:

Stewardship Basket in the foyer (pen/paper by basket)

Email: [Katie@kbfrederick.com](mailto:Katie@kbfrederick.com)

Text: 765-808-1601 (please include name so message isn't lost)

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDARS:

Kick-off Sunday, February 9 – donut holes, music, pledge forms

Pledge Sunday: February 16 – lunch, music, pledging

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 your promise to create a place to be with people we care about.

Stewardship Committee: **Holly Hanauer, Nan Barber, Bea Sousa, Katie Frederick**



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

bringing mathematics into the equation. And while I don't imagine it means that much to the trees, I think it's pretty cool how the weather getting colder is a signal to the trees to cease producing and maintaining the chlorophyll, which is green... and so as the green fades we get these brilliantly colored leaves that I so much appreciate. All in all, trees are pretty amazing, scientifically speaking."

The mystic took all this in quietly, listening.

After a brief pause, the scientist said, "I shared what I was thinking, your turn now. What are you thinking about?"

The mystic responded: "Well, I've been sitting here communing with the tree, and it's been wonderful. I've been resting my hands on its bark, and wondering at how something so immobile and rigid can simultaneously also be so alive. I've been feeling connected to the energy of the tree and the earth in which it's rooted. I've been listening to the breeze rustling the tree's leaves, and appreciating the gentle, almost musical whisper-whisper. I also noticed the marvelous patterns of light and shadow dancing on the leaves from the sunshine filtering through. When you asked, I was musing about how much the tree has observed over the many years it's been here – how many people might have sat with their backs against it, just as we are now. How many children might have played on or near it. There's also a bird's nest, up over there, which was bringing me appreciation for the interplay of life, with the life of this tree helping to create a home and life for a bird family. And, while I didn't know until you just shared it that the orange of the leaves was already there, and was simply masked by the green, I too was appreciating the brilliant colors of the fall leaves."

The scientist took all this in quietly, listening.

They sat in a silence a little while longer, then helped each other to their feet and continued on their way.

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Our theme this month is Awe, and my hope is that the story of the scientist and mystic illustrates that awe is a concept, an idea, an experience, that can and does belong to all of us – theist, atheist, and agnostic, rational and playful spirits alike. Awe is something worth spending some time thinking about, especially as our busy and stressful culture often works against us finding those moment of appreciation and wonder. As a parent of three, I receive regular reminders of how frequently children experience awe and wonder in and about our world. While I don't expect it is possible for us grownups to maintain a 3-year old's high level of joy about life forever and forever, I do worry that I, and we, have sometimes lost too much. It's possible that we have some reclaiming work to do.

I look forward to exploring Awe with you this month, and finding together what there is to discover, or perhaps rediscover. See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

**Rev. Seth**



## Resilience – Body and Spirit

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

- the elimination of relapses
- life as originally planned

But it can be a good, if different, life.”

I do not mean to downplay the challenges of living with mental health concerns. I was struck, however, by how much this piece spoke to me about the various challenges I’ve faced in life. It speaks to transcending the challenges that *all* of us will face in some form or other. It speaks to the awe-inspiring *resiliency* of the human spirit and body in overcoming the difficulties life inevitably sends our way, as individuals and as communities. Recovery, in whatever form it takes, is always about reclaiming our lives and adjusting to the challenges we face. It’s about reclaiming our wholeness.

Zipple is honest about the brokenness in our lives. He also calls us to recognize and embrace the wholeness that underlies the brokenness. He encourages us to believe that finding our place in community, peace of mind, relationships, growth and happiness are indeed possible. And these things are possible even when there is no complete “cure,” when symptoms persist, and relapses happen. When our “new normal” isn’t the old normal.

We can transcend our challenges. In my view, to transcend them does not mean nor require leaving them behind. To the contrary, it means recognizing that they have left a permanent mark on us. They have left scars. We are not, and will not be, who we would have been without them. Physical, emotional and yes, spiritual scars come about as life offers up the bad along with the good. Those things become one aspect of the amazingly complex beings we are. They become part of our gift to those around us and to ourselves.

We are beginning to work through the challenges we face as a congregation. We will continue this process into the foreseeable future. We will be working to reclaim our health as a congregation. I will be doing the same as I work to reclaim as much of my life as possible. That we humans can do this work is, to me,

awe-inspiring. I’m inspired by the words of Unitarian Universalist minister the Reverend Erika Hewitt:

“We who are Unitarian Universalist not only affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person; we also affirm the inherent wholeness of every being—despite brokenness, real or apparent.

No one hearing these words is a stranger to pain, or to the knowledge that things break, or break down: promises, friendship, sobriety, hope, communication.... this breaking happens because our human hearts and our institutions are frail and imperfect. We make mistakes. Life is messy. Brokenness happens. [All the same can be said of bodies!]

We’re intimately acquainted with brokenness, then, even as we believe that no matter how fractured we are or once were, we can make whole people of ourselves. We are whole at our core, because of the great, unnamable, sometimes inconceivable Love in which we live.”

I choose to believe her words reflect how life really is at its unfathomable core.

**Rev. Julia**



## Splinters from the Board

**Caroline Sullivan** (continued from page 5)

Your board is not perfect; it will make mistakes. Do we need better communication skills amongst ourselves, with the congregation, and with Rev. Seth? Definitely! Do we need to build more trust amongst ourselves and with the congregation? Definitely! But know this, the Board of Trustees at UUCM is working hard to make decisions that it feels are best for the entire congregation... for today and for the future.

In love and leadership,

**Caroline Sullivan**

Postscript: My holiday wish is that you come enjoy our wonderful, diverse community as we celebrate with trees, Santa, music, candles, and Santa Lucia. December at UUCM is a month filled with delights for **all**, even reindeer.

## 2019-2020 UUCM Board of Trustees Relational Agreement

*We aspire to:*

- *Practice intentional behaviors that promote trust and demonstrate integrity and respect in our relationships with each other;*
- *Model responsible leadership, communication and our Unitarian Universalist values;*
- *Practice appropriate transparency and appropriate confidentiality with each other and the congregation;*
- *Listen to and act in the best interest of the congregation both for today and for the future;*
- *Collectively support the work of the board and each other*



## Sharing Gratitude

Thanks to everyone for sending prayers of various faiths, good wishes, and love for the best recovery. My surgery scheduled for 7 hours took just 3. Released for home in less than 24 hours. I am feeling better and am most grateful for the phone calls, emails, texts, and all those messages floating to me. You all are exceptionally generous. Did I say "I can see" – what a relief! ~**Bill Frederick**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Home Savers of Delaware County, I thank the UUCM congregation for selecting us for the August designated offering. Your donation helped pay for the materials to build a wheelchair ramp in Gaston, enabling a low-income disabled person to have safe access in and out of the home. A special thank you to **John and Susan Taylor** for devoting a Saturday to help build the ramp, and to **Gunther Cartwright** for helping with another ramp in November. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year by contacting Home Savers via our new website [www.homesaversmuncie.org](http://www.homesaversmuncie.org). Thank you for improving the quality of life for others in our community. ~**Connie Gregory, President**



*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."*

### ***From the Director of Music***

It is with sadness that I let you know that **Marcel Ramalho** will end his time with us effective Sunday, November 24. In just less than two years, Marcel has brought the choir to a higher level of singing and blended sound. They have truly benefited under his leadership. We wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life as he makes his home in West Lafayette with his husband, Jason.

Starting November 26 and for at least the remainder of the church year, I will be back at the choir's helm. If you enjoy singing, please think of joining us when we resume after the holiday break, on January 14! ~**Jim Helton**

### **Mitten Tree**

It's that time once again.  
We are smitten  
To heap our tree with glove,  
hat & mitten.  
Let's load it full of warm  
wear of great hues:  
Yellows & pinks, reds,  
greens & blues!

Help those in need keep warm during cold winter months. You'll find the mitten tree in the church lobby from November 24 - December 15.



## December 2019 UUCM Calendar

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

### Regular Weekly Events

|                                                 |            |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Adult Discussion Group                          | Sundays    | 9:30 am  |
| Worship Service                                 | Sundays    | 10:45 am |
| Religious Exploration for Children & Youth      | Sundays    | 10:45 am |
| Body Life Dinner (no dinner Dec 24 or 31)       | Tuesdays   | 6:00 pm  |
| OWL 4-6 (no meeting Dec 24 or 31)               | Tuesdays   | 7:00 pm  |
| Choir Rehearsal (Dec 3 & 10 only)               | Tuesdays   | 7:30 pm  |
| Revival Hour (see online calendar for location) | Wednesdays | 5:30 pm  |

### December Events & Activities

|                                         |           |           |          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force | Monday    | Dec 2     | 7:00 pm  |
| Worship Associates                      | Wednesday | Dec 4     | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Tree Trimming</b>                    | Sunday    | Dec 8     | Noon     |
| Roots & Wings :: New Member Class       | Sunday    | Dec 8     | 12:15 pm |
| Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Nov 3     | 12:30 pm |
| Stewardship Committee                   | Monday    | Dec 9     | 3:00 pm  |
| Social Justice Committee                | Monday    | Dec 9     | 7:30 pm  |
| Pastoral Associates                     | Tuesday   | Dec 10    | 4:15 pm  |
| Board of Trustees                       | Wednesday | Dec 11    | 6:30 pm  |
| OWL 7-9 Overnight                       | Fri – Sat | Dec 13-14 | 6:00 pm  |
| Saffron Bun Baking                      | Saturday  | Dec 14    | 1:00 pm  |
| Choir Rehearsal                         | Sunday    | Dec 15    | 9:45 am  |
| New Member Signing Ceremony             | Sunday    | Dec 15    | 10:15 am |
| Adult Discussion Committee              | Sunday    | Dec 15    | 12:15 pm |
| Youth Group Christmas Party             | Sunday    | Dec 15    | 12:30 pm |
| <b>Caroling</b>                         | Tuesday   | Dec 17    | 6:00 pm  |
| Unigram Submission Deadline             | Wednesday | Dec 18    | 9:00 am  |
| Program Council                         | Wednesday | Dec 18    | 7:00 pm  |
| Committee on Ministries                 | Thursday  | Dec 19    | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Keeping the Light for Yule</b>       | Sat – Sun | Dec 21-22 | 5:00 pm  |
| <b>Candlelight Service</b>              | Tuesday   | Dec 24    | 7:00 pm  |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie | Sunday    | Dec 29    | 9:30 am  |

### Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will close for the holidays on Friday, December 20, and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Submissions for the January Unigram are due at 9 am, Wednesday, December 18. Please send submissions as attached Word docs to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org) and note *Unigram* in the subject line.

Please submit all eBlast and announcements for the Dec 22 & 29 services by 9 am, Wednesday, December 18.

### UUCM Holiday Events

Mark your calendar for these beloved UUCM holiday events!

★ **Tree Trimming** ★  
December 8  
after the service

★ **Santa Lucia Service** ★  
December 15  
10:45 am

★ **Caroling** ★  
December 17  
6:00 pm

★ **Keeping the Light - Yule** ★  
December 21 – 22  
5 pm – 9 am

★ **Candlelight Service** ★  
December 24  
7:00 pm

### Christmas Caroling

It is our tradition to go caroling to our beloved folks who aren't as out-and-about as they might like to be. That time is coming up: Tuesday, December 17! We will meet at the Church at 6:00, then carpool to various locations. Wear your Santa hat, along with other festive attire—from beautiful to beautifully hideous! Remember that though this is an event spearheaded by the choir, it is an event for EVERYONE!!

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