



the UNIGRAM

The Wisdom of Cake

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Minister

Knowledge helps us understand things about the world; wisdom helps us to act, choose, and be differently in the world. When we seek wisdom, it is often because we are struggling with or unsure of what to do in a specific situation. When someone offers us wisdom, it is often about how to approach a specific situation in a way we hadn't thought of before or suggesting a different way of being and engaging with the world. The key thing though, is that for knowledge to become wisdom, it has to be used, it has to be put into practice.

Say you're wanting to make a tasty desert, and you can't figure out what to make. You're struggling, you're trying to decide between making cookies, a fruit salad, or jello. You're leaning toward the jello, but you can't decide. So you ask a friend for advice, and they say, "what about making a chocolate cake?" Ah! That was so helpful, a course of action that feels right, chocolate cake is definitely a better choice in this situation than jello (isn't it in most situations?). Your friend even shares a recipe with you. You're armed with knowledge, with some wise advice. If you stop there though, even though you have wise advice, if you don't

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Pelican Island Wisdom

Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

One of the joys of the house in Florida where Tom and I live for a few weeks in the winter is that it is less than a mile from the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). We were there one afternoon in February and I again admired the boardwalk that had been constructed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the NWR movement. The boardwalk's planks are engraved with the names, locations, and founding dates of many of the NWR properties in the United States and its territories. The walkway has several lovely places to stop and take in the scenery across the water from Pelican Island itself and to contemplate the amazing vision that started it all in 1903.

Pelican Island was the very first refuge founded in what would become a network of 600-plus refuges. In March of 1903, President Teddy Roosevelt (1858-1919, president 1901-1909) founded Pelican Island by executive order to protect egrets and other birds who were being hunted nearly to extinction because their plumage had become very popular in women's fashion. It also protected a large pelican rookery already on the island, hence the name Pelican Island.

From this beginning as a single waterfowl sanctuary, the refuge system has grown into a network of over 600 public lands and wetland management districts encompassing over 150,000,000 acres set aside for wildlife

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Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

Service at 10:45 am March Theme :: Resilience

Our theme for the month of March is Wisdom. We will explore what wisdom means and looks like in our lives. How do we find it? How do we live it? Mark your calendars for Music Appreciation Sunday on March 15th! Check out Jim’s message at the bottom of this page.

- March 1 – Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill
- March 8 – Jerry McKean
- March 15 – Music Appreciation Sunday
- March 22 – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd
- March 29 – Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

Religious Education for Children & Youth

Classes at 10:45 am

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Curriculum Sundays
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.

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!

Music Appreciation Sunday

March 15 marks our next Music Appreciation Sunday. This year I thought it would be fun to explore some pieces inspired by poetry. Obviously, we sing poetry, but I think many of us might be surprised to know just how much purely instrumental music is based on words. Some of the pieces you will hear are based on bombastic love poetry of the “she loves me; she loves me not” type, but it is all deeply introspective. I invite you to sit back and listen, contemplate what you hear, then consider the words to further enhance your experience. My dear flute colleague, **Mihoko Watanabe**, will join me, and **Michael Rigney** will offer some lovely Brahms. **Rev. Seth** will tell the Story for All Ages with his flute as well. Of course, you can’t have a Music Appreciation Sunday without the choir, who will sing a wonderful piece by **Eleanor Trawick**, called *Still Storm*. This work is a result of our last Service Auction; for this item the high bidder wins a choral/vocal piece set to a poem of their choice. I hope to see you there! ~**Jim Helton**

Theme Exploration – Wisdom

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 “Not Just the What, But Also the How” by Rev. Karen Johnston. She wrote:

Wise ones say:
we can be good,
good enough,
and imperfect,
all at the same time.
Wise ones say that
we can listen to understand,
not necessarily agree,
and be moved by a truth,
that does not make sense
to our lived experience.
And let it change our world.
They tell us also
to raise up those
who are trodden upon.
To cultivate humility
when the world would rather
we grow certitude in our hearts.
Wise ones remind us
we can recognize that
those who do harm
do not always intend to;
and that it is still ours
to reckon with the impact.
They tell us that
we can say “I don’t know”
and “I’m not sure,”
and still be warrior,
still be whole,
still be leader.
In fact, the kind of leader
we long for.
Wise ones tell us to pay attention to
not just the what, but also the how.
May this be the meditation of our hearts.
May this be the words of our mouths.
Not just the what, but also the how.
May we be the wise ones
today, and every day.

Questions for Reflection

Who is the wisest person you know? Which of their lessons might be worth remembering today?

Whose wisdom most often leads you on your way? The wisdom of your head? Your intuition? Your heart? Your body?

It’s been said, “Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know.” Which of your problems, messes, mistakes or pieces of pain just never seems to go away?

Resources for Going Deeper

Book: [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants](#)
by Robin Wall Kimmerer <https://amzn.to/2TcZUa4>

Video: “Wisdom” – *What makes the wise wise?* by #TheSchoolOfLife <http://bit.ly/3c4SApn>

Spiritual Practice

Wisdom is a gift. We pass it on to each other like a precious jewel. None of us want others to make the same mistakes we did, so we generously share our advice.

In other words, wisdom connects us. It’s not just something we collect to uplift ourselves. It’s something we pass on so we can all make it through together. Or to put it another way, wisdom and kindness are more closely linked than we acknowledge.

The practice - ask a few people whose perspectives on life you respect the following questions:

- 1) What do you consider to be the characteristics of a wise person?
- 2) What is the best advice you have received over the course of your life?

Have a conversation!

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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 **Wisdom**. We have purchased a year-long *Soulful Home* subscription for our families to enjoy! 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! I will be emailing the packet on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Last month on Sundays, February 2 & 9, the kindergarten through fifth grade children rehearsed with **Ric Dwenger** for the Stewardship Multigenerational Service on February 16. Ric is a wonderful musician and works so well with the children! Of course, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade children’s voices were the ones that rang out, but they all had ideas to share with Ric that they felt would make the song even better and Ric incorporated every idea. It was wonderful to watch! It was also wonderful that **Eli Groves** chose to rehearse with us that morning before heading to his HS class! Many thanks to Ric for sharing his talent and gift of love to our children and youth!

**Looking toward April**, the RE Committee and I look forward to thanking all our teachers who have led our children and youth on their journey this year at UUCM, with a *Teacher Appreciation Luncheon* on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our wonderful group of teachers are: **John Bartlett, Maggie Bartlett, Jamie Butterbaugh, Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Ric Dwenger, Zach Enos, Denise Ewing, Ben Ewing, Elsbeth Fritz, Adrienne Gruver, Kent Hanser, Melanie Hanser, Eleanor Johnson, Nicole Kaplan, Joseph Kaplan, Shonet Martin, Jerry McKean, Amy Shaw, Steve Robert, Ben Strack, Aryn Sweeney, John Taylor, Susan Taylor, Tracy Whelan, and Andrea Wolfe**. Thank you so much for all you do!

*Nadine*

## Youth Programs

*Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd*

*Coordinator of Youth Programming*

### Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, March 8, 12:30 - 2 pm - Youth Group  
Friday, March 13, 4 -10 pm - Games and D&D Night  
*Join us for a fun night of board games and an epic D&D campaign. Dinner and snacks will also be consumed.*

Sunday, March 29, 12:30 - 2 pm - Youth Group

April 4, 12 noon - April 5, 9 am - Lock-In!!  
*For our last lock-in of the year, we will focus on transitions. Life is full of change, how do we build resilience and flexibility to navigate the twists and turns. There will also be games and snacks, crafts and laughter.*

April 19, 12:30 - 2 pm - Youth Group

May 3, 12:30 - 2 pm - Youth Group  
May 8, 5 - 10 pm - End of Year Party  
(In the unlikely event that Elizabeth is in active labor during this time, the event will be rescheduled for May 15, 5 - 10 pm.)  
*This event will include dinner, fellowship and ritual to mark the end of the year and the end of Elizabeth’s time leading the youth program. In addition, we will honor the fact that we bid farewell to a notably large class of youth this year.*

**Elizabeth**



## Splinters from the Board

*Exploring faith. Practicing inclusivity. Living justice.*



### A Decision Has Been Made

The board has decided to pursue a full-time transitional (interim) minister through the auspices of the UUA. The board used information from several sources when making this decision.

Remember during our January “chat” we presented options for transitional ministry:

- **Interim** – UUA – Full Time – 2 year – Same salary as the current minister +10% moving expenses
- **Developmental Ministry** – UUA – Approx. 4-5 Years
- **Contract Minister** – May or may not be UUA – One Year at a Time – Same salary as the current minister
- **Part time ministry** – ½ , ¾ --probably not UUA
- **Lay led ministry**—no professional minister other than Reverend Julia

These options were examined carefully after that discussion. The developmental minister, the idea of which interested many people, is not possible at this time because an interim is required prior to their hiring. The lay led and part time ministry would put huge responsibilities on Worship Associates and necessitate the hiring of others to help the church in its reconciliation process. A non-UUA sanctioned minister would leave the church without all resources and help from the UUA if problems developed. *A UUA interim minister has been thoroughly vetted and trained for this specific ministry. The church's need for a transitional minister would be handled by the UUA, that is, we would not be marketing UUCM ourselves.* These two items

alone would require much time from our busy UU congregation and board and think what could slip through the cracks due to our inexperience.

Four board members have talked with Lisa Presley from the MidAmerica region in the past year. Some of you have said we depend too much upon her advice or that from the MidAmerica Region. Read the following from her website:

“Lisa Presley is a life-long Unitarian Universalist who was an active lay leader before entering the ministry in 1991. As a lay leader she was board president, board member, worship associate, stewardship campaign chair, religious education teacher, bookkeeper, secretary, and shoveled the snow as well as many other "duties as assigned". She has served congregations as interim minister and as a settled minister. Her work for first the Heartland District and now the MidAmerica Region includes mentoring, teaching, and working with congregations in all aspects of congregational life. For MidAmerica she is a "deep generalist" working across the spectrum of congregational issues, while taking as her "deep" areas overseeing ministerial and other religious professionals' transitions, safe congregations, regional finances, and working toward greater intercultural competency in our congregations.”

Lisa knows the history of our church and both sides of the story in our struggle as we try rebuilding community. Lisa's years of experience in so many varied areas, both lay and professional, have given her the wisdom to help a congregation such as ours that is in need of solid counsel with a bit of TLC. There is a good team working with Lisa at the MidAmerica Region. *The board trusts the experience and wisdom they bring to the table*

The board sent a questionnaire to 15 past presidents of UUCM asking them 1) year of presidency, 2) who was minister, 3) if they had contact with UUA during that time, 4) if so, were they helped or hindered by UUA, 5) as a congregation leader, what were their views on hiring a non-UUA transitional minister, and 6) additional comments. Mind you, as typical UUs,

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**COME TOGETHER :: Love Your Church**

2020-21 Stewardship Campaign

**Pledge Drive Goal: \$285,000**

Our Stewardship Kick-off and Giving Sundays were filled with wonderful music, much laughter, and a delicious **Kirk Robey** lunch. Giving Sunday was an astounding success with pledges of \$218,500 – WOW! The Stewardship committee wants to thank each of you who attended, participated and pledged. With additional pledges the last two weeks we now stand at \$244,459. However, we have a challenge to reach \$285,000.

The Board of Trustees' priorities for increased funds are:

- Cost-of-living increases for three staff (Christie/Nadine/Jim)
- Consultant for reconciliation and restorative activities
- Interim minister costs: salary and moving

An increase of 8% will help make those priorities possible.

If you were unable to attend, we are asking you to help by picking up a pledge form and returning it to the church office. You can also submit online [at this link](#). Time is short. The Finance Committee meets soon to set the proposed budget for the Board to consider at its March meeting. **Would you kindly respond as soon as possible?**

We are grateful you are part of the UUCM family. Should you want to discuss pledging in any way, we are here for a phone call or to meet in person. Thanks for all you do.

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

### Service Auction

It seems like just yesterday that we were ushering in a New Year and yet, here it is almost time to start planning for this year's Service Auction! The date has been set for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we hope this event is one of our major church fundraisers again this year! The auction takes place before and after church and during a walk around lunch and promises to be lots of fun with lots of competitive bidding. We are now taking ideas for donated items and experiences to fill up this year's catalog and hope that as many in the congregation as are able will both contribute items for sale as well as come to purchase items at the auction!

Some returning favorite items that have been donated thus far are:

- The 2 Judys Indy Consignment Shopping Tour
- The Sunday Afternoon Mexican Train Dominos Dinner Party
- Origami Paper Flowers by Christie Williams
- Pi day Pie by Jane Meyer
- The (ever popular and confusing) Road Rally & lunch by the Sullivans & Lowes
- Wine or Bourbon Tasting offered by the Rothschilds
- And many more things to come....

Last year there were close to 200 items or experiences listed in our catalog and this year we hope to get as many if not more! Items to offer can be small and worth only a few dollars or can be something worth a much larger amount of money...like a vacation! You decide and let us know! Donation forms will be online soon – watch the eBlast and Order of Service announcements for details.

Questions? Contact Christine Rothschild [rothschildchristine@gmail.com](mailto:rothschildchristine@gmail.com)

## The Wisdom of Cake

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

actually make the chocolate cake, you're still left with the knowledge of wisdom, instead of wisdom itself. Knowledge is knowing that chocolate cake is the right choice for you, knowledge of wisdom is having a recipe to help get you where you want to go, and wisdom is the chocolate cake itself, mixed, baked and created in the world.

Listening is a great example of this. I have yet to meet anyone who has complained about someone being a great listener. We all probably have met some people who talk too much, or don't listen well, and we're generally not a fan of that. I have yet though to hear someone complain, "ugh, it's so frustrating when she goes on and on with her listening." Listening is pretty universally understood to be wise a course of action. Just because we are all probably in general agreement with the knowledge that listening is a good thing though doesn't mean that we're all able to do it well. In fact, sometimes people can be trying really hard to listen, but some of the strategies they use aren't very effective. For example, listening by responding with "oh that reminds me of the time when..." and sharing about an experience in your life is sometimes fine in relaxed conversation when we're sharing stories and hanging out, but is not the best way to help someone feel heard when they are struggling with something. Asking good questions such as "how did that make you feel?" invites a person to go deeper, and helps them know that we care about what they're saying. Asking good questions could be one recipe for good listening, or having knowledge of wisdom. Having the recipe is not the same as making the cake though.

Just because we believe listening is good and know that asking questions is a good strategy for listening, that doesn't always mean that we listen well in practice. If we're feeling busy and stressed we might fail to ask questions in our rush to get things done. Or maybe if we're anxious about wanting to please the other person we might jump to trying to fix their problem instead of listening to them. Or maybe we're just so in the habit of responding the way we usually do that it's hard in the moment to ask good questions because reflexively we use our old strategy, even though we know better in our head. There's all sorts of things that can get in the way of us putting wise knowledge into practice in our lives, all sorts of things that prevent us from turning the

knowledge of wisdom into wisdom lived in the world itself.

Religion, spirituality, Unitarian Universalism – they all ask us to engage wisdom on all three levels. Which is vitally important, because it can be easy to stop at the first or second levels, without doing the oftentimes challenging work of integrating our beliefs and values into practice. Whether it's justice work, our relationships with others, or how taking good care of ourselves, religious and spiritual communities ask us to find knowledge, and in many cases suggest to us knowledge – we believe in equal rights, we believe in treating everyone with respect and dignity, we believe that each and everyone one of us has worth without precondition. If we stop with the knowledge though, we fall short of true wisdom. Once we embrace equal rights, we have to learn strategies to try and create them – and then we have to go enact those strategies in the world. One we embrace treating every person with respect and dignity, we have to examine our strategies, the ways we actually relate to others and see if their effective, and identify ways in which they might not be – and then we might have to do some hard work to change some of the ways we relate to others. Knowing we like chocolate cake and having the recipe is all well and good, and, we have to actually make the cake too.

Now, of course, you may not like chocolate cake, and so please let it be known, that not only do I affirm and appreciate chocolate-cake lovers, I affirm and appreciate those who love carrot cake, cheesecake, coffee cake, fruitcake, ice cream cake, lemon cake, marble cake, red velvet cake, sponge cake – and any other kind of cake you might prefer. I also affirm and appreciate those who don't like cake at all, as well as those of us who are cake-agnostic. Whatever kind of cake you prefer, or are unsure about, or would choose a different dessert – I hope we can cook together this month, as we explore our theme of Wisdom, and do the often hard work of bringing the cake or the jello or the fruit salad into existence. Wisdom created, embodied, practiced, and lived into being in the world brings great benefit to all our souls.

See you in church!

peace, love and blessings,

**Rev. Seth**

## Pelican Island Wisdom

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

conservation. These properties, now managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, are home to at least 700 species of birds, 220 species of mammals, 250 species of reptiles and amphibians and 1000 species of fish. Endangered species are often given priority in deciding what areas to set aside as refuges. Most refuges are open to the public for a variety of recreational uses although some are closed to better protect the wildlife or fragile habitat. Those refuges open to the public host roughly 50 million visitors annually.

The wisdom Teddy Roosevelt showed in starting the refuge system is not his alone. He is part of a vast river of tradition that holds up the wisdom of the natural world, both for its own sake and for ours. For example, from John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club:

- When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.
- God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.
- During my first years in the Sierra, I was ever calling on everybody within reach to admire them, but I found no one half warm enough until Emerson came. I had read his essays, and felt sure that of all men he would best interpret the sayings of these noble mountains and trees. Nor was my faith weakened when I met him in Yosemite.

And from Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*:

- Acts of creation are ordinarily saved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree—and there will be one.

From Rachel Carson's well-known *Silent Spring*:

- Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as

long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.

- We stand now where two roads diverge. But unlike the roads in Robert Frost's familiar poem, they are not equally fair. The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster. The other fork of the road — the one less traveled by — offers our last, our only chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of the earth.

To bring these citations up to date, this from 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg:

- I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel everyday. I want you to act. I want you to act like you would in a crisis. I want you to act like your house is on fire, because it is. It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage, it will take fierce, fierce determination to act now, to lay the foundations where we may not know all the details about how to shape the ceiling. In other words, it will take cathedral thinking. I ask you to please wake up and make the changes required possible.

Pelican Island wisdom is the wisdom of our UU Seven Principles. It is especially the wisdom of the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle, respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part. It is respect for all beings, without exception. It is the foresight to preserve and protect for future generations. It is the affirmation that the natural world exists for more than simply human use and gratification. It is the wisdom that says justice and compassion encompass all beings, not just all peoples.

**Rev. Julia**



## Splinters from the Board

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

10 said definitely UU, four said either UU or non-UU would be acceptable, and one said independent. The thoughtfulness of the replies was so compelling that this may have been what helped us make up our minds. *The experiential wisdom of those who had served UUCM during good and bad times was important to our decision making.*

We have also listened to you individually, at the chats, on the phone, and with emails. If there is a common thread it is that you all love this church and want to get it back on track. Of course (typical UUs again) you all have expressed different means and methods. Is there a difference of opinion between genders? I am not sure. Is there a difference of opinion in the ages of those with whom we talked? Definitely. The elders have what I called the experiential wisdom but the youngers have creative ideas and energy. *We can and must learn from each other as we work together.*

### NEXT STEPS:

- There will be five people on the transitional search committee, two from the board and three from the congregation to be selected by the nominating committee. Let **Mary Johnson Robey** know if you are interested in serving.
- There will be another “chat” March 15<sup>th</sup>, in small groups this time, to talk about what we want in an interim (transitional) minister. What will be best for UUCM at this time?
- **We have also decided if no one interviewed is a good fit, we will not accept them; we would explore other creative solutions or even go outside the UUA.**

### YOUR PART:

- Trust the board: we are working with each other and with you to make next year a better one for UUCM.
- Be patient: in the transitional minister handbook there is a statistic reporting that a church that has an interim for 24 months has a 90% success rate at calling a settled minister; churches with a one-year interim have only a 56% success rate at calling a settled minister. (There is also the option

of a one year transitional {interim} followed by a developmental minister. Our interim would help us determine if this is a good move.)

- Be prepared for money talk: it will be an enticement for those ministers considering our church if we offer a really, really good package (Rev. Seth is underpaid by UU standards). This could be negotiable, but not by much.

Things are beginning to happen and that is exciting for all of us. It may not happen the way some may want and it will not move as fast as some may want, but we are on a trajectory that will lead our church to a better place.

In love and leadership,

**Caroline Sullivan**

## Help the Forward S.T.E.P.S. Program

Our church has become increasingly involved with the Forward S.T.E.P.S. initiative organized by the Second Harvest Food Bank. Forward S.T.E.P.S. is a relationship-based program in which social service agencies, businesses, and community members come together to support individuals who are struggling with their economic stability.

For years we’ve provided a much-loved lasagna dinner in August during one of their meetings. Recently, we’ve added another regular lasagna dinner in April. And this year, when we realized we had some funds from a dedicated offering, we’ve decided to also provide a simple pizza meal in March.

The Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors (FOHN) Task force will be getting the word out – via eBlast, orders of service, and pulpit announcements – about how you can sign up to help out. We’ll need some lasagnas, some salad, some brownies, some fruit crisp, and a few other items. But if preparing food is not your thing, that’s okay! We still need folks who can serve these meals with a smile. Here are the dates in question: **Thursday, March 12 & Thursday, April 23.**

The dinner takes place at First Baptist Church in downtown Muncie. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to stay for the dinner as well!

## Sharing Gratitude

Many thanks to **Ric Dwenger** for leading our kindergarten through fifth grade children in song, singing “The More We Get Together” and “One Light, One Sun” as part of the multigenerational service on Sunday, February 16.

~**Nadine Tringali**

It takes lots of people to pull off Stewardship events. The Committee thanks the following for their creative and resourceful assistance: **Kirk Robey** and the Fellowship Team, **Jim Helton, Nadine Tringali, Rev. Seth, Christie Williams, John and Susan Taylor, Denise and Ben Ewing, Gary Jeffers, Iris Chalk, Bill Frederick, Eloise McKean, Sophia Taylor, Eleanor Trawick, Aryn Sweeney, Elsbeth Fritz, Steve Chalk, Ric Dwenger**, and all those who helped set up and clean up. Come Together and Love Your Church. ~**Holly, Katie, Nan, and Bea**

We are most grateful to all who so generously helped with the receptions following the memorial services for dear **Kimm Porter, Danny**, her husband, and **Irie**, their granddaughter, and for our beloved **Elsa Reichle**.

We received many, many compliments on the beauty of our church in the woods and heartfelt thank yous for these lovely receptions. The extensive involvement of so many of our UUCM members and friends in these endeavors shows that you all **are** ex-officio members of the Caring Committee.

Your participation is always greatly appreciated.

~**Julie Fritz** and **Liz Lowe**, Co – chairs; **Kirk** and **Mary Johnson Robey**, Memorial Service Coordinators; **Jane Duckworth**, Commemorative Card Facilitator



*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."*

### UUCM Pantry Maintaining OUTreach Connection

When Muncie OUTreach (Delaware County's LGBTQ youth group) was based in our church, it was convenient for folks who participated in OUTreach programs to visit the church pantry and help themselves to items that could round out their meals when they trying to stretch a paycheck. Since OUTreach has moved its base to the YWCA, we are geographically separated, but we remain closely committed to supporting those who could use some food pantry provisions.

The members of the Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors (FOHN) Task Force have decided to take a regular monthly donation of food and toiletry items from our church pantry down to the new OUTreach office in the YWCA. So, when you make a donation to our church pantry, you are also helping out the pantry of OUTreach. And that's something we can all feel good about! Please, bring an item or two **Every.Single.Sunday** to add to the baskets. And watch the eBlast for suggestions regarding what is in need. Thank you for your continued support!

*At times our own light goes out  
and is rekindled by a spark from  
another person. Each of us has  
cause to think with deep gratitude  
of those who have lighted the  
flame within us.*

~**Albert Schweitzer**

## March 2020 UUCM Calendar

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

### Regular Weekly Events

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| Adult Discussion Group                          | Sundays    | 9:30 am  |
| Worship Service                                 | Sundays    | 10:45 am |
| Religious Exploration for Children & Youth      | Sundays    | 10:45 am |
| OWL K-2 (March 10, 17, 31)                      | Tuesdays   | 6:00 pm  |
| Body Life Dinner                                | Tuesdays   | 6:00 pm  |
| Choir Rehearsal                                 | Tuesdays   | 7:30 pm  |
| Revival Hour (see online calendar for location) | Wednesdays | 5:30 pm  |

### March Events & Activities

|                                         |           |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Finance Committee                       | Monday    | Mar 2  | 10:00 am |
| Worship Associates                      | Wednesday | Mar 4  | 7:00 pm  |
| Roots & Wings :: New Member Class       | Sunday    | Mar 8  | 12:15 pm |
| Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Mar 8  | 12:30 pm |
| Social Justice Committee                | Monday    | Mar 9  | 7:30 pm  |
| Pastoral Associates                     | Tuesday   | Mar 10 | 4:15 pm  |
| Board of Trustees                       | Wednesday | Mar 11 | 6:30 pm  |
| Youth Group :: D&D Game Night           | Friday    | Mar 13 | 4:00 pm  |
| Congregational Workday                  | Saturday  | Mar 14 | 9:00 am  |
| Choir Rehearsal                         | Sunday    | Mar 15 | 9:45 am  |
| New Member Signing Ceremony             | Sunday    | Mar 15 | 10:15 am |
| Chat with the Board #3                  | Sunday    | Mar 15 | 12:15 pm |
| Adult Discussion Committee              | Sunday    | Mar 15 | 12:15 pm |
| OWL 7-9                                 | Sunday    | Mar 15 | 2:15 pm  |
| Program Council                         | Wednesday | Mar 17 | 7:00 pm  |
| Committee on Ministries                 | Thursday  | Mar 19 | 7:00 pm  |
| Unigram Submission Deadline             | Wednesday | Mar 25 | 9:00 am  |
| Film Discussion Series                  | Thursday  | Mar 26 | 7:00 pm  |
| Sack Lunches for Soup Kitchen of Muncie | Sunday    | Mar 29 | 9:30 am  |
| Youth Group                             | Sunday    | Mar 29 | 12:30 pm |
| OWL 7-9                                 | Sunday    | Mar 29 | 2:15 pm  |

### Congregational Workday

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come join the Property Maintenance Committee for a day of work and fellowship.

Rain date: March 21

### Chat After Church #3

Sunday, March 15, 12:15.

We will be in smaller groups this time to discuss how we would like our interim (transition) minister to help us and what we expect.

Grab your coffee and join the discussion!

### Service Auction

Save the Date! Sunday, May 3rd. Time to start giving thought to what creative activities/items you will donate. Forms will be available starting March 15.

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