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## Preparing a Sunday Morning Online Service: What's Involved?

*Rev. Dr. Barbara Coeyman, Interim Minister*

I recently commented to a congregant that most aspects of online ministry require a good amount more time and energy than does in-person ministry. This is due not only to the extra steps required in preparing materials for online format, and also to the different type of energy required of digital rather than in-person connections. For an extrovert as I am, not having the exchange of energy through in person contact has been one of the more challenging aspects of ministry during COVID: I am fed by interacting with staff, congregants, and colleagues in the community. Additionally, starting a new ministry without the opportunity to know you in-person had added yet another layer of energy requirements and different modes of communication.

This conversation with a congregant progressed to the topic of just what is required to prepare a worship service: not only in-person, but especially now during online church. Online worship definitely requires more time as well as different energies from in-person worship. In addition to the usual creation of the "content" of any given service – the theme, the sermon,

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## Resurrection for the Rest of Us: The Hope of New Beginnings

*Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister*

Our Christian siblings celebrate Jesus' resurrection this month, with great joy. The Jesus story is an important part of our Unitarian Universalist heritage; both our Unitarian and Universalist ancestors were Christian. However, for many of us today, the stories of a corpse come back to life, an empty tomb, startled women, and angels standing guard don't ring true. We each will come to our own conclusions, to be sure. These are a few of my thoughts.

The narratives of Jesus' resurrection are both particular and universal. They are very particularly a central part of the Christian story. But they are also universal—because they reflect our *human experience* and as such belong to all people, to *all* of us and to *each* of us.

To get at what this story might mean for me, I have to *demythologize* it. The biblical writers used a wide variety of metaphors available to them to communicate their faith, metaphors that, like all communication, were strongly conditioned by their time and place. Demythologizing means translating those metaphors into language that is more accessible to us now. It allows me to get past metaphors and ways of stating things that simply don't work in my world, and to *listen to the story behind the story*, the existential point contained within the language of metaphor.

I do not, for example, believe that Jesus' physical body was restored to life. Nor do I believe in angels as those in the early church did. Nor do I believe there was a divine plan that required the grisly death of a good man in order to save us from sin and its

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## Sunday Mornings at Our (Virtual) Church in the Woods

**April Theme :: Becoming**

**Online Service at 10:45 am <https://bit.ly/UUCMSundayService>**

**April 4 – “Easter Sunday: Many Resurrections, Many Renewals” UUCM Staff**

As the earth awakens from winter cold and darkness, we experience many renewals, many ways of experiencing new life. In this multi-generational service, we celebrate seasonal renewal through music, story, and spoken message, as we anticipate transformations which lie ahead as we also emerge from restrictions of pandemic living.

**April 11 – “What We Are Worshipping, We Are Becoming” Rev. Coeyman**

Transcendentalist Ralph Waldo Emerson cautioned that “what we are worshipping, we are becoming.” By “worship” Emerson means what we value, what we focus on. As this congregation moves forward in transitioning ministry, what values shape your hopes for UUCM’s future identity, for what it becomes? Perhaps the future includes not only about living into desired values, but also untangling from old identities, old habits. Let’s consider wise thoughts from Rev. Jennifer Bailey, that “becoming” happens at the speed of relationships, and relationships happens at the speed of trust.

**April 18 – “Mother Earth’s Healing Power” Rev. Coeyman**

As we celebrate Earth Day in April, let’s consider Unitarian Universalists’ rich heritage of life-giving connections with Mother Earth, through UU writers such as Henry David Thoreau and philosophies such as Process Theology. Let’s also consider a recently-identified healing practice called “Ecotherapy,” based on a principle many have known for years: that spending time in nature makes people healthier. That is, dirt has healing powers. Time in Mother Nature counters so many conditions of depressed physical and emotional health.

**April 25 – “Dare to Love Again” Rev. Robert Hardies, Guest Minister**

*Do I dare to love again?* Many of us have asked that question at one time or another. I know I have. Whether after a death, a betrayal, or the dissolution of a long-term relationship. Life is always asking us to give love another chance. But how do we do it?

Rev. Rob Hardies is a preacher, teacher and an experienced leader of retreats and pilgrimages. From 2001 to 2020, he was Senior Minister of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC, a large, multiracial congregation. During his ministry at All Souls, Rob helped create organizations that advocated for marriage equality and for voting rights. He lives in Washington with his husband and son.

### Religious Education for Children & Youth

Please join us as we continue our religious exploration online via Zoom. The RE zoom links will be posted each week in the UUCM Friday eBlast.

**April 4** – Multigenerational Easter service at 10:45. No RE Classes.

**April 10 (Saturday)** – RE Outdoor Gathering at UUCM (all ages), 1:30-2:30 pm

**April 11** – No RE classes

**April 18** – Story Time with Nadine (all ages welcome) at 10:00 am

**April 25** – Social Action (all ages welcome) at 10-10:30am

### Adult Religious Exploration

**Adult Discussion Group**  
Every Sunday, 9:30 am  
Via Zoom

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 and a Zoom link listed in the eBlast each Friday.

## Religious Education Corner

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

### RE programming

Please join us as we continue our religious exploration online via Zoom. The RE zoom links will be posted each week in the UUCM Friday eBlast. Please note, that in place of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday RE class, we are holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday outdoor gathering.

- **Sunday, April 4 – No RE Classes:** multi-generational service at 10:45 am.
- **Saturday, April 10 – RE Outdoor Gathering at UUCM** (all ages), 1:30-2:30 pm
- **Sunday, April 18 – Story Time** with Nadine (all ages welcome) at 10:00 am
- **Sunday, April 25 – Social Action** with Susan Taylor at 10:00 am: bird seed cakes

### Social Action Sunday, April 25

#### Bird Seed Cakes with Susan Taylor

For our April Social Action we will be making *bird seed cakes*. If you would like to make bird seed cakes **please let me know by April 12** (2nd Monday) and I will have the recipe, bird seed, and a packet of unflavored gelatin in the RE bin for you to pick up on Wednesday, April 14. If you wish, you are welcome to distribute these seed cakes in our church woods.

### Soul Matters Soulful Home

I hope our families are enjoying the Soul Matters *Soulful Home* subscription! **The theme for April is Becoming.** Families 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!

**Nadine**

## April Youth Events

**Nicole Kaplan, Coordinator of Youth Programming**

Youth Group meets most Sundays from 1:30 - 3 pm on Sundays in Zoom Room #2 <https://zoom.us/j/5150188364>  
Passcode UUCm#1859

### Special Dates

**April 4** - Happy Easter! Youth Group will meet from 7-8:30 pm for a quick check-in and some bunny-themed Among Us on Zoom.

**April 11** - We will meet outside and masked at DUTRO-EARNST to pick up trash for Red Tail Land Conservancy as a reminder of our 7th Principle. Join us from 1:30-3:30.

**April 18** - Zoom at our normal time.

**April 25** - Zoom at our normal time; we will vote on the finalists for the sign competition.

### April Family Activity

This month, we celebrate both Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Arbor Day (30<sup>th</sup>). For the April Family Activity, I am encouraging you to participate, as a family, in at least one activity to care for our planet and this interdependent web of life.

April 11<sup>th</sup> youth and their families are invited to join us for trash pick-up at Dutro-Ernst. Trash accumulates along the trail through the prairie and woods, in the woods, and along the roadside. Dress appropriately for the weather. We will participate in a truncated check-in ritual and then separate into groups to remove trash from this wonderful property. This event was created specifically for UUCM members and friends. Masks are required; all supplies will be provided to you.

April 17<sup>th</sup> I invite you to participate in Red-Tail Conservancy’s “Spring Tree Planting.” This event is open to the whole community and requires registration in advance. This is a wonderful opportunity to take care of our beautiful Earth and the natural areas in our community. Parking, what to wear, what to bring, and registration can be found at: [www.ForTheLand.org/Events](http://www.ForTheLand.org/Events)

These are just two events where you can take care of this amazing world on which we live. Feel free to come up with more activities your family can do together and be sure to share what you do with us on social media.

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## Splinters from the Board

*Emily Wornell, President*

Something has been weighing on my heart and mind for months, but I've been hesitant to talk about it until recently. There are several reasons I think now is the right time to start this conversation: all the wonderful work we've done together on the creation of a congregational covenant, the fact that we'll soon be looking at how to safely join together in person again, and the impending end of my presidential term (and monthly platform!). I want to convey strongly that I bring this conversation to you in love and with respect. UUCM has been an important and deeply loved part of my life here in Muncie, and if I didn't love this community, I wouldn't say anything at all.

Perhaps the hardest part of being on the board is getting a background view of how we, a liberal and loving community, actually treat one another. The following examples are from my own first-hand experience; I'm giving these examples *because* they are my experience, but this article isn't about *my* experience because my experience isn't an isolated incident. Rather, it reflects what others – maybe you yourself – have experienced at our church. In the last 2 years on the board, I have been yelled at by congregants, been pointedly ignored in conversations, lied to, spoken badly of behind my back, told I was untrustworthy, blamed for people leaving or thinking about leaving the congregation, and people have looked directly at me and turned their backs on me to express their disdain or displeasure. Never in my personal or professional life I have been treated so badly on such a regular basis as I have been at UUCM. Certainly, never did I *expect* to be treated so badly in a liberal and loving community.

Now, my experience might resonate with you; maybe you have experienced something similar. If that is true, I'm truly sorry this has been your experience as well. As a community built on respect

(7<sup>th</sup> principle), compassion (2<sup>nd</sup> principle), and the inherent worth and dignity of every person (1<sup>st</sup> principle) we should never be okay with or quiet in the face of this kind of interaction. Period. If my experience *doesn't* resonate with you or do you don't have a clue what I'm talking about, please don't disregard my experience as untrue, a misunderstanding, or blown out of proportion. Our society has a habit of mistrusting experiences that don't reflect our own, and our community is not immune to that habit. If this isn't your experience, take some time to reflect on someone else's experience with an open and compassionate heart. To be sure, this hasn't been my only experience at UUCM. I've also experienced love and compassion, support and friendship. This church helped ease me into Muncie when I'd just moved across the country without my partner to a state where I literally didn't know a single soul.

I genuinely believe that we *all* want our community and world to be a better, more loving, and kinder place. In order to realize those goals, however, we have to be willing to recognize and change the things that are holding us back. Not only to name them, which I'm doing here, but accept that this is the reality of some people in our community and move deliberately and consciously to accept both our individual and group responsibility for a culture where it has become okay to treat people with so much contempt and disrespect. Without doing this work we not only won't grow, but, more importantly, we aren't fulfilling our mission, vision, or commonly valued UU principles. While I will no longer be the president of the congregation come July, I remain eager to work alongside each of you to help us become the community we all want to be.

In loving service,

**Emily**

## Service Auction 2021

The 2021 Virtual Service Auction will take place online from **April 15 at 9:00 am to April 17 at 8:00 pm**. The items will be available to view starting April 8 at [charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction](http://charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction).

### Registration

If you created a bidder account last year, your account is still available. Try logging in ahead of time to make sure you remember the password! If you are new this year, register for a bidder account online at: [charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction](http://charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction). You will not be able to bid without an account. *(If you do not have computer access or are unable to place online bids, contact **Mary Johnson Robey** or **Jennifer Parks-Strack** and we can help you make bids via proxy.)*

### Catalog & Bidding

You can both look at the catalog and make your bids at [charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction](http://charityauction.bid/UUCMAuction)! As items get entered, you can check the website to see the catalog.

Bidding will work a lot like eBay. If you are interested in an item, you place a bid through your account. To make it super easy, you can set a maximum price you're willing to pay and it will automatically increase your bids for you! Otherwise, you will receive an email when you are outbid.

The *Buy It Now* feature will be active! If you love an offering and don't want to compete in the bidding process, just "Buy It Now" and it is yours!

We had a lot of hot items last year that were gone in mere minutes! To help spread the love, we will be staggering the "go-live" times for some of our congregation's favorites. Check out the catalog for details on what's dropping when.

### Donate

If you look through the website and don't see any offerings that pique your interest, you can just make an online donation through the "Donate" tab. It will count towards the total raised by the auction. Watch that thermometer move!

### Check Out

When the auction is over, you will receive an email with the total amount that you owe and what items that you won. If you entered your credit card during the registration process, it will be super easy to check out. You will also be able to pay via PayPal or check.

\*\*If you need technical assistance during the auction, please reach out to Jennifer via email or by phone: 269-274-8073, [Jennifer.e.parks@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.e.parks@gmail.com).

## Preparing a Sunday Morning Online Service

**Rev. Barbara Coeyman** (continued from page 1)

hymns, readings, story for all ages, etc. – we service leaders also need to think through and plan details of tech requirements, adding a new layer of time and responsibility. I know online worship asks me to think through details in a different way and presenting online takes more out of me than does in-person worship. I also miss the receiving line after in-person services, so to connect eye-to-eye and heart-to-heart with the people I serve. Please hear me, I'm not complaining. I am so grateful that our congregations continue to come together in new ways of creating Beloved Community. I am also grateful for the many new visions for what's possible in worship which we are learning during this pandemic time, such as re-engaging former members who have moved hundreds of miles away who are now able join in on Sunday morning.

This conversation with a congregant got me thinking. I started to wonder: just what is entailed in preparing for Sunday morning, not only on the part of the minister, but from all worship presenters? In particular, what additional challenges and responsibilities extend the amount of time and energy for worship during online church? I decided

to not only answer this question for myself, but to also ask this of the regular worship presenters here at UUCM: the professional staff, lay leaders, and the tech team. Below, please find a summary of our responses. I hope this offers some perspective on the integral place of worship – and right now online worship – in the life and the budget of a congregation.

Our responses below are for a “typical” Sunday morning service. For each person, I include a brief written description of their duties, followed by the number of hours required, in some cases expressed by a range of hours, varying by the particulars of any given service. Please know that “special” services such as for Christmas Eve or Opening In-Gathering generally require much more planning time. As one of the goals of transitioning ministry is to prepare a congregation for ministry in the future, I hope this survey adds to your understanding of the scope of a minister's role in worship planning and presenting.

See you in virtual church!

**Rev. Barbara**

### Minister

**Service Leader:** Overall concept for content and personnel: 6 - 10 hours

- Broadest planning several months ahead; more specific planning a month ahead: Attend monthly ministers meeting for Soul Matters planning
- Written planning: monthly service blurbs, Order of Service, eBlast
- Personnel planning: connect with all service leaders (worship associates, music, religious education, pastoral concerns, tech team) and special presenters as needed

**Preacher:** 18 - 22 hours

- Several months ahead: create general plan for sermon/service topics
- Week of service: focus theme
- Sermon background: reading, video, etc.
- Sermon writing

**Presenter:** 3 – 4 hours

- Lead online “talk-through” on Sunday morning before service
- Preside at service and after-service time

**TOTAL: 27 – 36 hours**

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**Director of Religious Education**

**For All Services** - Planning and Interacting with staff and tech crew, via slack, email, staff meetings, etc.: 1-2 hours

**Story for All Ages:** Research, order books, scan and edit, create PowerPoint, format for compatibility with Sunday morning tech: 5 hours

**For Multi-Generational Services** (ca. quarterly): create props, engage congregants, rehearse, prepare video if included, etc.: 16 hours

**Chalice Lighters:** recruit and prepare, when requested for a specific service: 1 hour

**Publicity:** Post information in Unigram, eBlast, Facebook: 1 hour

**TOTAL regular services: 8 hours / TOTAL multi-gen: 16 hours**

**Office Administrator**

- Preparing Order of Service: 2 – 3 hours
- Preparing Slide presentation for online: 2 – 4 hours
- Preparing information about worship for eBlast: 3 – 5 hours

**TOTAL 7 -12 hours**

**Director of Music**

**More time learning the technology and researching recording:**

- how to pre-record on my own
- how to have guest musicians in the room safely
- finding resources for more variety of music in worship (recorded hymn singing leads to your singing at home, other types of special music besides solo piano, etc.)

**Choosing prelude, offertory, and postlude.** I use familiar postludes, and vary offertory and spend a fair amount of time choosing hymns for prelude that fit theme of the service.

**Practicing!**

**Bi-weekly time with the choir:** we don't sing (unfortunately!), but we do like to socialize!

**TOTAL 12 hours**

**Worship Associates:** reviewing service information from service leader, selecting/writing WA portions, preparation for presenting (practice reading script, collecting "props" like bell, attending pre-service "talk-through"), presenting service, attending monthly Worship Associate meeting.

**TOTAL approx. 7 ½ hours**

**Volunteer Tech preparation of a 4-minute video (as in service on April 4):** planning, recording, researching music, converting to proper format, editing.

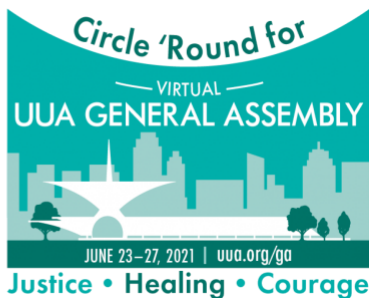
**Total 11 – 14 hours**

**Volunteer Tech:** run service on Sunday morning.

**TOTAL 3 hours**

**Grand total time spent in worship preparation and presenting each week, data represents range from least to most per week and includes time for video preparation.**

**68 – 101 hours**



**Pastoral Care**

One year ago last month, the World Health Organization declared COVID a pandemic, and our lives changed forever in ways we could not at that time foresee. We now find ourselves, again, in a confusing and challenging space. We have a vaccine, but only a small percentage of us have been vaccinated to date. The figures seem to look better, perhaps... but what exactly do they mean? We're in a sort of COVID-induced limbo. If you want a listening ear as you sort through your feelings and thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Pastoral Associates (**Ron Burton, Steve Chalk, Carolyn Cooley, Liz Lowe, and Jerry McKean**) or to **Rev. Julia**. We're here for you. We need connection, now more than ever.

**April Dedicated Offering: Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force**

The Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors task force is pleased to be the Dedicated Offering recipient for April. With our UUCM pantry closed, we have been meeting acute grocery needs for a series of local families since early in the pandemic. We're pleased that a couple of those families have moved toward greater independence. But the overall weight of food insecurity in our broader community remains heavy. We're so grateful for the generosity of our wonderful congregants. Steve Chalk will introduce the Dedicated Offering during the UUCM service on Sunday, April 4. You may donate via check (payable to UUCM; "April DO" on the memo line) to the church office. Thanks so much!

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend.

The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making the 2021 UUA General Assembly a **100% virtual event**. Let's reach record-breaking attendance **June 23-27, 2021!**

Please visit the UUA website for more information. <https://www.uua.org/ga>

**Youth Group**

**Nicole Kaplan** (continued from page 3)

**Coloring Contest - Open to All**

Our sign at the front of our beautiful property needs some love and attention. **Linda and Connie Gregory** have given us their blessings to give the sign that they donated in their mother's honor the refresher it needs. The Youth Group is sponsoring a coloring contest to decide on the new colors for our sign. We would really like to select something that grabs peoples' attention and we think the artists in our community can help us come up with a gorgeous design.

Coloring pages of our sign are available in the Youth Group bin outside the back door and will be made available on the UUCM website soon. Anyone is welcome to enter the competition. Coloring pages of the sign can be colored by hand in any medium or they can be colored digitally. Completed coloring pages can be returned to the bin or digitally submitted to me. Youth Group will select the top three submissions and Linda and Connie, alongside UUCM's Board of Trustees, will choose the winning design. Along with the prestige of having your design painted on our sign in May by Youth Group members, the winner will also receive a \$25 gift card to a locally owned establishment.

Have a wonderful month! I hope to see you around!

**Nicole**



## Resurrection for the Rest of Us: The Hope of New Beginnings

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

consequences. That's one reason I'm a UU. I do believe that the stories of Jesus' resurrection reflect the *experience* of his followers that his spirit remained present with them even after his physical death. And I believe the possibility of moving from old negative, death-dealing realities into new, life-enhancing ones is available to *all* of us.

In the first place, I think the story affirms that *our capacity to find meaning, to live with hope and confidence is stronger than the worst that can happen*. We can face the worst knowing that it does not have to make our lives meaningless, that it does not have to make us bitter, that in fact we can find and create meaning even in the midst of unutterable suffering.

One interesting dimension of the New Testament accounts of Jesus' resurrection and post-resurrection appearances is that there isn't much, if any, mention of his appearing to *individual* believers. Rather, he appears to believers *in community*, showing up in the midst of those who had been closest to him during his lifetime. He says to those to whom he appears, "Go tell the others." What this suggests to me is that *the human communities of which we're a part play a central role in our experience of the holy Ground of our lives, however we name that, and our capacity to live with hope and meaning*. We hear this weekly at UUCM as people share their joys and sorrows in *this* community.

The resurrection story urges us to remain open to the miraculous. Not to the *idea* that an all-powerful supernatural deity intervenes arbitrarily to contravene the well-established laws of nature, but to the *experience* that there is usually more than we at first perceive, *that the supremely natural world is also a world of wonder and mystery* that is available to all of us, not as a belief but as lived experience.

A closely related point: these accounts invite us to consider the possibility that life may just be bigger than rationality and science can fully comprehend. *Can we let ourselves be awed, amazed, astonished, our minds swept clear of jaded preconceptions and expectations to experience life afresh?* Can we see and celebrate the miraculous right in the midst of the ordinary? Can we

begin to grasp that there really is no difference between the two?

*The significant relationships in our lives do not end with death*. In some mysterious way, they continue on, blessing our lives with meaning even in the absence of the physical persons we have so loved. As Martha Whitmore Hickman writes, "[As] we dwell in memory on our experiences with the one who is physically gone, his or her psychic presence, rather than being confined to the body we knew and loved, seems somehow to expand and surround us with its gentle understanding, its compassion and love."

The resurrected Jesus was an *embodied* Jesus, according to the biblical accounts. Not some ghostly wraith, the risen Jesus had flesh and bones, ate, and could be touched by the disciples. *Embodied existence is vindicated by the resurrection*. Physical existence and all that goes along with it is not unfortunate, is not evil, even though it brings with it pain and problems as well as pleasure and blessings. We are not immortal souls yearning for escape from the prison of the body, but fully, gloriously embodied beings. And that is good.

For me at least, the main thing I can glean from the resurrection stories is this: They invite us into a world in which joy rises out of sorrow, hope out of despair, dancing out of mourning, celebration out of grief, forgiveness out of blame, healing out of brokenness. *They invite us to consider the possibility that every death, every loss, in spirit or in body, holds within it the possibility of resurrection, of renewal*. When we have gone through something that feels as if it's sucking the very life out of us and one morning, we awaken knowing deep in our bones that something has changed fundamentally within us, we have *experienced* resurrection. May it be so for us.

**Rev. Julia**

*I wrote this column before the news broke about the Colorado grocery shooting. Such events are a harsh challenge to our human capacity for finding and making meaning in the face of circumstances that threaten to wither our very souls. But even now, I am beginning to see calls for new gun control legislation. We cannot repair what happened in Colorado. We can, and must, prevent more such horrors.*

## April 2021 UUCM Calendar

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

### Regular Zoom Events

Check the eBlast for links to these Zoom meetings and more.

Adult Discussion Group	Sundays	9:30 am
RE Classes – see page 3 for schedule	Sundays	
Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am
Youth Group- see page 3 for schedule	Sundays	
Choir Gathering	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	8:30 pm
Board of Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	6:30 pm

### April Meetings & Events

Check with committee chairs or church office for Zoom links

Find a Bunny Event	Saturday	April 3	10:00 am – noon
Transition Team	Monday	April 5	7:30 pm
Soul Matters Small Group Leaders	Thursday	April 8	7:30 pm
RE Outdoor Gathering	Saturday	April 10	1:30 pm
Pastoral Associates	Tuesday	April 13	4:00 pm
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	April 14	6:30 pm
Committee on Ministry	Thursday	April 15	7:00 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	April 21	7:00 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	April 28	7:30 pm

### Wheel of Life

**Grace Lavina Reef**, a well-known member of UUCM, died March 18th, 2021, at the age of 98. After her retirement, Grace had been active in many volunteer capacities and will be remembered by many at UUCM as a spirited member of the Sunday morning discussion group. Memorial services will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church at a later time. [View Grace’s obituary here.](#)

*If you have a major life event you’d like the church community to be aware of, please submit it to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org) and note “Wheel of Life” in the subject line.*

### Sharing Gratitude

Many thanks to **Rev. Barbara, Sophie Taylor, Susan Taylor, Julee Rosser & Lilly Adams, Elsbeth Fritz, Andrea Wolfe & Wes Wolfe, and Margaret Reeder & Charlotte Reeder** for making finger-knit scarves for the YWCA!

Thank you to **Nicole Kaplan & Riley Kaplan, Elsbeth Fritz, Susan Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Adrienne Gruver, and Toby Gruver** for creating no-sew blankets for ARF. And a big thank you to **Julie Fritz** for donating all the fleece we could possibly need for our “No-Sew” blankets project for the Animal Rescue Fund! ~**Nadine Tringali**

*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.”*

*I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity.*

~Gilda Radner

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