



the UNIGRAM

UUCM Ministry Going Forward

Rev. Dr. Barbara Coeyman, Interim Minister

In her report during the Congregational Meeting on May 23, Board President Emily Wornell reminded this congregation that UUCM’s “Ministry Going Forward” will be an important topic of conversation in the coming months. Near the end of this first year of interim ministry, some areas of this conversation are known, while others remain open for in-depth exploration, education, and discussion in the coming months.

Before I offer more details about options for ministry, let’s review a few important concepts. First, the relationship between a settled minister and a congregation is a “called” ministry, voted on by the entire congregation. A primary goal of transitioning ministry is to prepare congregations for an effective and productive “call” to follow. In contrast, transitioning ministries are “hired” by the governing Board, not the entire congregation. “Hired” ministries are usually time-limited, while “called” ministry is open-ended, as long as the relationship is productive. Transitioning ministry is not lesser service than called ministry, just different in timeframe and goals. UU transitioning ministry has changed significantly over the past several years. With strong support from the national Transitions Office during the transitioning time, congregations

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I Don’t Play... Or Do I?

Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

Wisdom

I was pretty well *stuck*, truth be told, when I sat down to begin this column. I’m not particularly comfortable with play, which is one reason that small children are somewhat like aliens to me! Play is their native way of being, and it isn’t mine. I’m not sure it ever was! I look with wonder and some sense of envy at adults who *can* play with kids.

There is wisdom in the body—
 Bones and sinews,
 Heart and viscera—
 In every dancing, singing cell—
 And in the bodies of bears,
 And hummingbirds,
 And whales,
 And caterpillars—
 Especially caterpillars—
 Because in their bodies,
 They know the immense secret
 Of the butterfly!

Then I began to wonder, is my writing poetry a form of play? As I’ve said previously, a lot of the poetry I write is about writing my way out of the difficult, struggling, or stuck places in my life, but occasionally, a playful poem creeps in. I remember quite well having a sense of playfulness as these two poems took shape:

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Sunday Mornings at Our (Virtual) Church in the Woods

June Theme :: Play

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

June 6 – “How My Mind Has Changed” Rev. Coeyman

One of my professional journals, *Christian Century*, is currently running a series of articles apropos of these times of “turbulence in politics, culture, and religious life” called “How My Mind Has Changed.” The series invites readers “to reflect on their own struggles disappointments, and hopes.” Let’s explore our experiences with this theme, during this time of transitioning from restraint of pandemic, as well as this time of interim ministry at UUCM. I expect there are many reflections among you about How Your Mind Has Changed.

June 13 – “Covenant and Accountability” Rev. Sana Saeed

Join Rev. Sana to explore how covenant can help us to show up authentically in our larger community and our UU community while holding us accountable and keeping us grounded in a theology of love.

Rev. Sana Saeed is the Congregational Life Staff for the Central East Region of the UUA. Previously, she was an Intern Minister for UU Ministers Association (UUMA) and was the President of Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). She’s a graduate of Harvard Divinity School. She lives with her partner and beloved puppy Rumi in the suburbs outside of Philadelphia.

June 20 – Celebrating Pride Rev. Coeyman

June 27 – General Assembly 2021: Sunday Morning Worship Noon, Eastern Time

GA Sunday Morning Worship 2021 will be led by [First Universalist Church of Minneapolis](#). First Universalist has been a model of shared ministry in centering the work of dismantling white supremacy and building anti-racist, anti-oppressive practices. They have been on the front lines for Black Lives in Minneapolis in the wake of George Floyd’s murder and the uprisings for justice that followed. Children and families are a vital part of their ministry. Their leadership exemplifies some of the best practices for the creativity, spiritual depth, and moral leadership that is possible when we embrace the work of shared ministry rooted in love and justice.

Note the time of this service: Noon, ET. Information about a Zoom link will be included in UUCM eBlasts on June 18 and 25. For more information about this year's GA Sunday Morning Service, visit the [GA Sunday Morning Worship webpage](#). This service will be streamed on [GA Online Events](#) and on the UUA’s [YouTube channel](#); members of the public are welcome.

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.

June 6 – PreK-4th Grade Class 10-10:30. NO 5th-12th grade class

June 12 (Saturday) – RE Outdoor Gathering at UUCM (all ages), 1:30-2:30 pm

June 13 – No RE classes

June 20 – Story Time with Nadine (all ages welcome) at 10:00 am

June 27 – Social Action with Susan Taylor (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 2nd Sunday RE class, we are holding a 2nd Saturday outdoor gathering.

- **Sunday, June 6 – PreK-4th grade class** with Elsbeth, 10-10:30. **NO 5th-12th grade class**
- **Saturday, June 12 – RE Outdoor Gathering at UUCM** with Nadine & Nicole, 1:30-2:30 pm, all ages welcome
- **Sunday, June 20 – Story Time** with Nadine at 10:00 am, all ages welcome
- **Sunday, June 27 – Story Time** with Nicole at 10:00 am, all ages welcome

May Social Action

For our May Social Action, we made catnip toys for the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF). Many thanks to **Susan & Sophie Taylor, Julee Rosser & Lilly Adams, Nicole & Riley Kaplan, Elsbeth Fritz & family, Andrea & Wes Wolfe**. ARF's kitties are enjoying their new toys!

Outdoor RE Summer Program: July 3-August 28

We are looking forward to getting together outside this summer! We will meet on Saturdays at UUCM from 10:30am-noon. More details will be sent out soon, but Nicole and I are planning fun activities such as *Water Play, Flowers and Pots* and *Clay Day*.

Soul Matters Soulful Home

I hope our families are enjoying the Soul Matters **Soulful Home** subscription! **The theme for June is Play**. 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!

Summer Vacation

I will be on vacation June 23-August 1, except on five Saturdays in July and August when I will be leading the Outdoor RE Summer Program.

Nadine

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

Summer Schedule

Sunday, June 6 - End of Year Party at UUCM (with Gummy Bear Ritual) - 1-3:00

Sunday, June 13 - Among Us - Zoom 1:30-3:00

Friday, June 18 - Service work on Two Sisters Farm (our camp site) then Dairy Dream - Noon-4(ish)

*Saturday, June 19**** - (community) Juneteenth Celebration at Heekin Park – 3-9:00

Sunday, June 27 - Pride Party at UUCM (games, prizes, crafts, etc) – 2:00-4:00

Saturday, July 3 - Water fight at UUCM – 2-4:00

Sunday, July 11 - Jackbox Games on Zoom - 1:30-3:00

Saturday, July 17 - Pizza Party on Zoom - 6:30-8:30

Sunday, July 25 - I Dissent (game) on Zoom - 1:30-3:00

**** The Juneteenth celebration is not a UUCM sanctioned event. It is a community event that I recommend you look into. If you are not familiar with Juneteenth, I'm happy to chat and get you the information you need.*

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

Nicole



Splinters from the Board

Emily Wornell, President

Well, this is it folks! My last Splinters as your congregational president! I'd be lying if I said I'm not looking forward to stepping down, but I'd also be lying if I didn't say how honored I have been to serve our community in this capacity, especially in such a tumultuous couple of years. Despite the uncertainty we've all experienced personally and through the church, I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such amazing, dedicated volunteers on the board, each and every one of whom loves this church and has made incredibly difficult decisions for its future. If I've done anything beneficial for our community this year, the credit goes entirely to them and their support. Thank you, **Jennifer Hollems, John Bartlett, Caroline Sullivan, Ben Strack, and Brandon Mundell** for your service to our community, for continuing to work for our collective future in the face of really incredible obstacles, and for your support and love. Caroline, John, and Jennifer – enjoy your free Wednesday evenings; **Steve Chalk, Joe Kaplan, and Lisa Cox** – welcome to the team!

While I could not thank all of the other volunteers who help make our community what it is every day, I want to highlight a couple of folks and groups whose work I relied on regularly over the last year. The entire COVID-19 Taskforce has worked so diligently to help keep us all safe and healthy, and I appreciate their willingness to take on such a monumental and important task. Their ability to keep tabs on the science and CDC recommendations, field requests from the church community, and create guidelines for the use of our grounds and buildings freed up so much of the board's time and my own anxiety about these decisions! Thank you! At the beginning of the church year, I told **Jaime Butterbaugh** that I wanted a review of the committees and committee structure during this year – a rather vague request! But the Committee on Ministries went above and beyond to do just that, and their hard work will absolutely

make our structure more coherent and effective well into the future! Finally, a very special thank you to the Fundraising Committee who not only made some really hard decisions about what we could and couldn't pull off virtually but made our virtual events a massive success!

A couple of parting words that remain on my heart. One, please remember that board members are not only volunteers, but they are volunteers that *you*, the church community, elects to serve. You might not like all of their decisions, but I have never seen anyone on the board act out of spite or malice. Rather, they are deliberative, respectful, and doing what they think is the best thing for the entire congregation. Don't mistrust them simply because they are on the board – trust your instincts that put them there in the first place. Two, it is absolutely fine to disagree – we're a large group of folks, we should *expect* to disagree – it is *not okay* to treat others badly during disagreements. It is *not okay* to yell, shun, or manipulate to get your way. Disagreement is healthy; the way that I have seen some people in our church disagree is patently *unhealthy*. Three, accept new ideas! "Younger" people in our congregation are often asked to volunteer, but their ideas are rarely entertained in many committees. Success and resilience don't come from always doing things the same way. Growth requires change. Diversity requires change. Provide space for new ideas and new approaches – it's the only way we'll thrive.

Finally, a special thank you to **Rev. Dr. Barbara**. I have appreciated your guidance and mentorship over this last year so deeply. You've offered important new perspectives to our board meetings, while still giving us space to make decisions for a future that will extend beyond your time here. Your care for our community is palpable, and I believe we will be a better place because of your leadership.

As always, in loving service,

Emily

Town Hall Meeting on Future Ministry

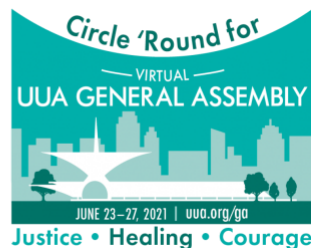
Join us on Sunday, June 13, at 12:30 pm, for a town hall meeting about the future of ministry at UUCM. Christine Purcell and Keith Kron from the MidAmerica Region and the UUA, who are both on the staff of the National Transitions Office, will join us to answer your questions about our options and timelines. Please come to the meeting with your questions, opinions, and/or concerns as we discuss our future of ministry together.

These materials will be helpful to you as we explore our options:

[Developmental Ministry](#)

[Transitional Ministry Handbook](#)

[Settlement Handbook](#)



2021 UUA General Assembly

The opportunity to attend General Assembly, the annual gathering of the Unitarian Universalist Association, is coming up June 23-27. The UUA Board of Trustees has made the decision to hold the meeting entirely in virtual format, so attendance does not require the cost of traveling to and staying in a distant location.

This is a great opportunity to fellowship with Unitarian Universalists from all around and immerse in the work of our denomination. A highlight of the GA experience is the Ware Lecture, to be given this year on Friday at 7:00 PM ET. This year the invitation has been extended to Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade and promises to be a must see for GA attendees.

Anyone is welcome to attend GA. Registration and additional information, including the .pdf of the program book detailing all of the potential sessions to attend, is available online at www.uua.org/ga. If you would like to know more about these and other opportunities for attending GA this year and possible financial assistance that may be available, please contact any member of the Board of Trustees or Rev. Barbara.

Pastoral Care

While I was walking when I was at my daughter's a couple of weekends ago, I was reminded of how much seemingly small things can matter. The morning, even though early, was quite warm, several parts of me hurt, and my energy was sagging. Then, a runner approaching us called out in a cheerful voice, "Looking good!" I thanked him and we both went on our ways. That small interaction with a total stranger perked me up and I finished my walk in much better spirits. We never know how much an encouraging word can mean to someone. It is a spiritual practice to look for and act upon those opportunities. They're all around us if we remain mindful. ~Rev. Julia

Summer Worship Schedule

Worship associates couldn't be more excited about the summer series this year. The summer begins with our traditional **American Documents** service on July 4; the following six services focus on World Religions.

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

Here is the lineup:

July 11: **Buddhism** with Rev James Ishmeal Ford, American Zen Buddhist priest and retired UU minister. Rev James will be zooming in from California.

July 18: **Historical Jesus** (our window into Christianity) with Dr. Perry Kea, nationally recognized historical Jesus scholar with the Westar Institute, a non-profit, educational institution dedicated to advancing religious literacy. Dr. Kea is retired from the University of Indianapolis.

July 25: **Baha'i** with Dr. Johanna Wu. Dr. Wu is a consultant in organization development and human resources management. She has served in a number of Baha'i capacities locally, nationally and internationally.

August 1: **Islam** with Dr. Joel Tishken. Joel was UUCM intern minister in 2017-18 and served as our sabbatical minister in the spring of 2019. Joel has a PhD in history and has studied Islam over the years.

August 8: **Paganism** with Rev. Amy Beltaine. Rev Amy will zoom in again this summer from Portugal. A UU minister, Amy describes herself as a Spiritual Director and nearly life-long earth-honoring Process Panentheist.

August 15: Wrapping it all up. Our own Rev. Julia, with "The Dance of Difference: Humankind's Religious and Spiritual Paths."

Worship Associates are deeply grateful to **Rev. Barbara Coeyman** and UUCM member **Paul Stout** for their help in identifying speakers for this series.

June Theme: Play

What saying regarding play captures a key storyline in your life right now: playing it up, playing it down, playing fair, playing for keeps, playing favorites, playing it safe, playing hardball, playing house, playing it by ear, playing second fiddle, playing right into their hands, throwing away the playbook, played out, playing hard to get, playing possum, playing with fire?



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are much better prepared to find compatible matches in their called ministers. One reason for this increased effectiveness is that the timeframe of search has expanded significantly since UUCM last participated: the current recommendation is to allow eighteen to twenty months for the entire search process.

In her report Emily confirmed what we “know” about ministry going forward: UUCM will not settle a minister by August 2022, after two years of interim ministry. While two-year interims are the norm, several factors this year have extended UUCM’s timeframe. The greatest factor has been the pandemic. UUCM is not alone: several other congregations which began interim ministry in August 2020 will not be settling a new minister in two years. Additionally, that UUCM was emerging from challenging relationships when this interim period began also extended the timeline. For UUCM to settle a new minister in August 2022, the search process would have had to begin by December 2020.

Following Emily’s explanation of what is “known” about UUCM Ministry Going Forward, during the congregational meeting I briefly outlined the two principal options for next steps in ministry. I want to review these here, in part to provide more details than I had time for during the congregational meeting. For readers seeking extended descriptions of these options, see resources listed in this article. I encourage everyone to review as much of these materials as possible to prepare for a Town Hall on Sunday June 13 after the worship service. This is an important meeting, not only to learn more about ministry, but especially because you will have the chance to talk directly with two staff from the national UUA Transitions Office: Rev. Keith Kron, Transitions Director (<https://www.uua.org/offices/people/keith-kron>); and Christine Purcell, Transitions Program Manager (<https://www.uua.org/offices/people/christine-purcell>). Keith and Christine know the search process very well and are immensely supportive of congregations and minister.

There are two primary options for ministry going forward after the second year of interim (2021-2022). **Option One:** UUCM could continue interim ministry for a third year (2022-2023), to settle a called minister in August 2023. As noted, three-year interims are not uncommon. I served one, the decision in that congregation to extend based on needing more time to prepare for an effective search. The recommended overall timeline for this option of third-year interim looks generally like this:

- October – December 2021: Groundwork to form a Search Committee, to include all-congregation polling
- January – February 2022: Election of Search Committee
- Spring – Summer 2022: Begin work with UUA Settlement Coach
- Fall 2022: internal work, surveys, etc. to discern UUCM identity and goals for next called minister; congregational workshops such as Beyond Categorical Thinking
- November 2022: UUCM online “packet” is due
- January 2023: search committee reviews applications, begins interviews
- February 2023: Pre-Candidating (“short list” of three for weekend-long interviews)
- Late April / early May 2023: Candidating Week (weeklong visit of final candidate to congregation), Call to Ministry
- Summer 2023: preparation for new ministry

Detailed explanation of interim and settled ministry can be found in the following documents:

[Transitional Ministry Handbook](#)

[Settlement Handbook](#)

Following the second or third year of interim ministry, **Option Two** for UUCM is Developmental Ministry. Developmental is a relatively new type of UU transitioning ministry, intended for congregations which want to delve more deeply into the work of transitioning beyond the usual two- or three-year-interim timeframe, so to identify deep

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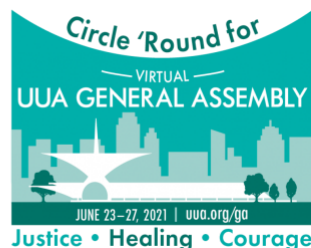
issues which cause recurring symptoms in congregational life, such as conflict, lack of trust, burnout, lack of generosity, low volunteer satisfaction, or ministerial turnover. One major difference between interim and developmental ministry is that in the latter, the congregation defines goals particular to the congregation which are most necessary for successful settlement following the developmental period. Developmental goals contrast the more “generic” Five Focus Points of interim ministry. Developmental ministry may last between three and seven years: a minimum of five is recommended to effect lasting cultural change. During the final 18 – 20 months of the Developmental period the search process as explained above is used to call the next minister. As a transitioning minister, a developmental minister is hired by the Board, not called by the congregation, and is not eligible for the call after the developmental period. In any given year there are approximately ten to twenty UU congregations engaged in developmental ministry. It has been proven highly successful in defining congregational identity and positive relationships with ministers.

[Click here for a summary of Developmental Ministry.](#)

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13, for the Town Hall with Keith Kron and Christine Purcell. ([See pg 5 for more details.](#))

See you in virtual church!

Rev. Barbara



June Dedicated Offering Home Savers of Delaware County

Imagine you are an aging homeowner with an income of \$773 per month and you suddenly have a health condition that confines you to a wheelchair. Leaving your home for medical appointments or anything becomes almost impossible. What do you do? Call Home Savers of Delaware County (HSDC)!

Home Savers completes about 50 urgent home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners per year, hiring licensed contractors as needed, and working with volunteers to complete *all* administrative tasks and carpentry projects. UUCM has a long history of participation in assisting with these.

Following a year of COVID-19 restrictions, we are once again inviting volunteers to help us tackle the long waiting list for ramps and porches/steps. We hope you will join us; no prior experience required.

More than 85% of our homeowners are elderly and/or disabled, and almost half are extremely low-income, with an annual income of less than \$17,420 for a 2-person household, for example.

HSDC is the only organization providing free emergency repairs and wheelchair ramps for low income homeowners. We believe that all homes should be safe, warm and dry--accessible to their residents and equipped with dependable heating, plumbing and water-tight roof. Our work allows people to remain in their homes as they age.

While we have grants from Community Foundation, First Presbyterian Church and United Way, and funds from loyal donors, the cost of lumber has risen 300% since last year. Your support is critical to our success.

You can donate via text during the Sunday service on June 6 or 13, or mail a check to the church office and note “Home Savers” on the memo line.

If you want to help Home Savers at a project site or would like additional information, contact me at 765-286-2925 or cgreg21@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity of time and treasure.

Connie Gregory, Home Savers Board President

I Don't Play...Or Do I?

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

Whistling

Whistling is an act
That commends itself to our attention,
The lyric protest of the soul
Against the dark,
That demands the night be gone
A little sooner,
Or invites the day to stay
A little longer.

As I thought about our theme for this month and whether or not I do in fact play, I discovered that for me it's at least in part a matter of semantics. I tend to use different vocabulary when I think of what others might describe as play.

One of my go-to words is *recreation*. For example: When I go out to walk with a focus on either increasing my distance and endurance or my speed, that's *exercise*. However, when Tom and I go to Morrow's Meadow or some other natural place to walk, that's *recreation*, in my mind, although it's clearly exercise as well. My focus and my mindset are quite different. During those walks, I often stop and watch the river or take pictures or watch a subtle motion in a tree until I find the bird who caused it.

Driving in which the primary objective is to get something done (to pick up groceries, let's say) is not at all play-like. A road trip, however, even though it typically ends up going someplace, is recreation. Bicycling is always recreation, even in the rare instances when I'm biking in order to get someplace.

Walking the dog is recreation and leisure, even though it's necessary that she be walked. Brushing her teeth, also necessary, is anything but recreation!

Another word that I use when describing play-like activity is *relaxation*. If I'm reading something for professional reasons, that's, well, professional or work, even though it may be, and often is, quite enjoyable. But when I've lost myself in a memoir or a

good novel, that's relaxation. Thinking about the word relaxation brings to mind things I do that have a play-like dimension for me that many people, I expect, would not find play-like at all. Folding laundry can be that way for me, particularly if it's a load of fluffy towels warm from the dryer. So can ironing. Cleaning and reorganizing closets and drawers can be play, although day-in day-out cleaning and dusting is definitely not.

Some activities seem to me to exist in some kind of in-between state. Writing is one of these. If it isn't going well, when every paragraph feels like a slog through a mosquito-infested swamp, that's *work*. On the other hand, if it is going well and whatever I'm writing is just *there*, waiting for me to put fingers to keyboard, I've described it as the most fun I can have with my mind, no matter what I'm writing. Then it mysteriously becomes play.

Sometimes, it has to do with whether or not I feel I have enough time to do the activity in question, and if I have the energy for it. Cooking is a good example. If I have the time and energy, cooking, especially creating a new dish that promises to reward our taste buds or experimenting with a recipe to put my own stamp on it, approaches what I think many people mean when they use the word *play*. If I don't have the time and/or the energy, I do not enjoy cooking. Almond butter sandwich, here I come!

These ramblings about what is and isn't play for me lead me to the thought that, for me anyway, play and its analogs are not clearly distinguishable from not-play. Some of the distinction attaches to what the activity is. Another part of it has to do with my mindset. To some extent, it depends on if it is primarily goal-oriented or not. Sometimes, it is sheer serendipity.

In the end, I would answer my own question, yes, I do play. I just use different words to talk about it.

Rev. Julia

June 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 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	8:30 pm
Board of Trustees	2 nd Wednesday	6:30 pm

June Meetings & Events

Check with committee chairs or church office for Zoom links

Soul Matters Small Group Leaders	Thursday	June 3	7:30 pm
COVID Task Force	Monday	June 7	5:30 pm
Transition Team	Monday	June 7	7:30 pm
Pastoral Associates	Tuesday	June 8	4:00 pm
Board of Trustees	Wednesday	June 9	6:30 pm
UU Book Club	Thursday	June 10	7:00 pm
RE Outdoor Gathering	Saturday	June 12	1:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting (see pg 5)	Sunday	June 13	12:30 pm
Program Council	Wednesday	June 16	7:00 pm
Committee on Ministry	Thursday	June 17	7:00 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	June 23	7:30 pm

UUCM Summer Schedule

As we move into summer the UUCM office hours will change for June and July.

Monday

1:00-4:00 pm

Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Fridays

The office will be closed July 16-25 for summer break.

Items for the eBlast are due by 9:00 am each Thursday.

Please use the [Publicity Form](#) to submit your announcements. Articles for the July *Unigram* are due July 23. Please send as attached Word docs to uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org.

Sharing Gratitude

Through the generosity of UUCM friends and members, the Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force (FOHN) has shopped monthly since the fall for four families who need a bit of extra help. In early May I received this text from the single mom I shop for: "I sincerely appreciate you and how you have helped my family get through these hard times. My family will no longer need the assistance. I hope you will be able to pass this down to another family in need. Thank you." And we will. FOHN is asking Forward S.T.E.P.S. for the name of another family UUCM can help.

~Bea Sousa, FOHN

During the May 23 worship service we acknowledged the many volunteers who have given of time and talents freely and fully during this most unusual year of church life. It's never too much or too late to call or email or text individual members of this community and tell them how much you appreciate their contributions this past year. In particular you may want to contact the members of UUCM Board: President **Emily Wornell**, retiring Past President **Caroline Sullivan**, President-Elect **Benjamin Strack**, retiring Treasurer **Jennifer Hollems**, Secretary **Brandon Mundell**, and retiring Vice-President **John Bartlett**.

While you're on the Gratitude Line, how about reaching out to UUCM's amazing staff as well: they always appreciate "Thanks You's." This has indeed been a year like no other: Office Administrator **Christie Williams**, DRE **Nadine Tringali**, Music Director **Jim Helton**, CYP **Nicole Kaplan**, and Community Minister **Julia Corbett-Hemeyer**. ~Rev. Barbara

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