



# the UNIGRAM

## What’s New in Volunteering at UUCM?

*Rev. Dr. Barbara Coeyman, Interim Minister*

The Soul Matters theme for April is “Awakening.” Indeed, Spring is a time for awakening – to more hours of sunlight, warmer temperatures, and budding flowers and trees. This year Springtime awakening feels especially life-giving as we also emerge from two years of intractable restrictions from the covid pandemic. Now, in this season of awakening, we can resume favorite activities. Even more important, awakening invites us to envision new, creative ways of moving forward, in personal matters, in our work, and in congregational life here at UUCM.

In my role as transitioning minister, I want to keep you updated on several forward-looking changes in leadership at UUCM. For one, this year I have recommended formation of a **Leadership Council** and associated **Leadership Development** process, a current best practice in many congregations. Some of you probably recall that UUCM had a Program Council, made up by the chairs of various committees. A Leadership Council consists of those same committee chairs, but with a focus on honing skills in lay leadership, essential for our congregations organized by

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## Snapshots of Awakening

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

Our theme for April is *awakening*. And what a marvelous month to engage more deeply with awakening—the *experience* of awakening rather than the idea of it. The natural world is awakening more and more each day, burgeoning forth from the long rest of winter. The leaf buds on the tree outside my home office window are swelling so fast that I see the changes easily on a daily basis. My mornings are blessed anew by a richness of birdsong, and there are birds building nests in our trees again. So come along with me if you will as we look at four verbal snapshots of awakening.

(1) Our Soul Matters packets for this month offer many ways into awakening. I’ll share just two of them.

Alastair Humphreys is an adventurer who has had many grand, epic-scale adventures (think round-the-world cycling). But he’s also an adventurer of the small. Soul Matters recounts this: Humphreys “ordered a 12-mile square map of the area where he lives, and he spent a year exploring each half-mile square on that map. The result? The world around him came alive again. He tells the story of this local adventure [here](#). You can find a video of his explorations [here](#). And read his reflections of what he discovered [here](#). It all boiled down to this: the familiar world around him came alive again!” We can do this in our own back yard or whatever small piece of the Earth is closest to us. And if you have, or can borrow, a young child to help you

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## Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

*The theme for April is Awakening*

**Multi-Platform Worship 10:45 am**    **Online Service:** <https://bit.ly/UUCMSundayService>

**April 3 – “At This Time of Awakening” Rev. Coeyman**

At this time of the year we experience many awakenings. The natural world is emerging into more light from a darker and dormant winter. Mother Earth can encourage us humans to stay open to many awakenings: to mindfulness, to what really matters in our lives, to injustices and oppression, to the very real threats to her future from the threats of climate change. How will you take advantage of this invitation to awaken, in your personal life, in your contributions to this congregation, in your advocacy to counter social and environmental oppression? Join Rev. Barbara and Board President Ben Strack in reflection on current awakenings.

After the service, plan to stay for reflections on UUCM’s History Timeline, which has been posted in the sanctuary for the past several weeks. Eleanor Trawick, chair of UUMC’s Transition Team, will lead the conversation.

**April 10 – Youth Sunday Nicole Kaplan, Coordinator of Youth Programming**

The Youth of UUCM will invited everyone to Awaken to the Unitarian Universalist 8th Principle. Youth have worked through an anti-racism curriculum and will be sharing their journey with the congregation through storytelling, music, and art.

**April 17 – “Easter Sunday: Many Awakenings, Many Blossoms” Rev. Coeyman, UUCM Staff**

On this Easter Sunday morning we celebrate the re-awakening of Mother Earth from winter cold and darkness. In our multi-generational service, we share story-telling and music-making for all ages. We will also hold the traditional UU Flower Ceremony in celebration of springtime beauty, diversity, and community, created by Unitarian Nortbert Capek in Prague in 1923. Bring flowers to give to the ceremony, and take away a blossom gifted by another person.

We will be holding the 2&3 year old class, but we will NOT be holding the 4yr/K-5 grade class. Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds.

**April 24 – “Vitamin N: A Multi-Generational Prescription for Saving This Planet” Rev. Coeyman**

As we celebrate both Earth Day and the retirement of long-time UUCM Director of Religious Education Nadine Tringali, let’s reflect on a children’s learning program that is good for all of us. Environmentalist Richard Louv calls us to consider the importance of children’s strong and regular connections with Nature. Spending time in nature is good for everyone’s health. Louv’s landmark book, *Last Child in the Woods*, emphasizes the importance of a healthy dose of “Vitamin-N” in the daily lives of children. Louv offers tips for all of us to increase time in the natural world.

### Religious Education for Children & Youth

**RE Program – 10:45 am Sundays**

All children will begin in the sanctuary with their parents. Following the Story for All Ages, classes will begin. The 2-3 year-old class is held in the Blue Room and is available at 10:30. The 4yr/K-5th grade class is held in the Fellowship Hall and begins following the Story for All Ages. Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend the service on Sunday mornings. Their Curriculum Sundays are included in their Youth Group meetings which are held on Sunday afternoons. Infants and toddlers up to 23 months will remain with their parents, as we are not offering Nursery care at this time. The nursery room will be available as needed. See above for info about Easter Sunday at UUCM.

### 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 listed on [page 5](#), and in the eBlast each Friday with the Zoom link.

## Religious Education Corner

**Nadine Tringali, Director of Religious Education**

### Sunday Mornings at UUCM

As of Sunday, March 20, we resumed having all children and youth begin in the sanctuary with their parents. Our class for 2 & 3 year old children is in the Blue Room and is available at 10:30. Our 4 year/K-5th grade class is held in the fellowship hall and begins following the Story for All Ages and Lantern Lighting. The congregation sings them out to their classes. Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend the service on Sunday mornings. Their Curriculum Sundays are included in their Youth Group meetings which are held on Sunday afternoons. Infants and toddlers up to 23 months will remain with their parents, as we are not offering Nursery care at this time. The Nursery Room will be available.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, we will be holding an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the service on the church grounds for our youngest children through 5th grade. Each child should look for seven eggs to represent our seven principles. Our youngest children through three years of age will look for eggs on the playground and children four years of age through 5th grade will look for eggs on the front grounds. When the children have found their seven eggs they will bring their eggs to the sidewalk by the RE door to turn them in and select

seven items. *In order to plan for this special event, please let me know if your family will be participating and the number of children. Parents will need to supervise.*

Please welcome **Vivian White** to our childcare staff! She is caring for our children in the 2 & 3 year old room. Vivian is a student at Ball State University studying Psychology and Counseling. She has been attending the Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie for a total of 4 1/2 years this spring.

### Teachers Are Needed

Please consider the gift of your time and share your joy with our children one Sunday a month! This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our UU children and their families and learn alongside them! All teachers must be vaccinated for Covid-19 and complete two background checks. If you have any questions, please contact me at [nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:nadine@uuchurchmuncie.org)

### Soulful Home

I hope you have been enjoying the **Soulful Home** subscription that we send out at the beginning of each month! The theme for April is *Awakening*. Soulful Home is about creating memorable and amazing moments as you explore the monthly theme with your family! RE families receive the Soulful Home packet at the beginning of each month.

**Nadine**

## Youth Events

**Nicole Kaplan, Coordinator of Youth Programming**

### April Birthdays

7 – Nicole  
8 – Rev. Barbara  
19 – Wes

### Dates

April 3 – Youth Group - 12:30-2  
April 10 – Youth Sunday and celebration  
April 17 – All Ages Service - no youth group  
April 22-24 – Regional Youth Conference AT UUCM

### Regional Youth Conference

Make sure that you watch your email for more information about the Youth CON happening at UUCM

April 22-24. Alongside opportunities for spiritual growth there will be fun, games, community, and food. I've even heard there will be a one-shot D&D adventure... Mark your calendars!

### Youth Sunday Service

We hope to see everyone at our Youth Sunday Service on April 10th. Youth have worked through an anti-racism curriculum and will be sharing their journey with the congregation through storytelling, music, and art.

During youth group, there will be a celebration of all their hard work. All youth are encouraged to attend whether they will be in front of the congregation or not.

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

**Nicole**

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## Service Auction 2022

The 2022 Virtual Service Auction will take place online from **Friday, April 29 at 9:00am to Sunday, May 1 at 11:00am**. Come join us at church after service (around noon) for a post-auction celebration event and to pick up any gift baskets or items won! The online listings will be available to view starting April 22 at [charityauction.bid/UUCMauction](http://charityauction.bid/UUCMauction).

### Donate

A hosted event? A pool party? A service like leaf raking, window washing, child/pet care? A home cooked meal? Fresh bread? Lessons? Tech Support? The list of ideas is endless - dig deep! But don't think too long and forget - ***we need donor sheets by April 15th***. Click [here](#) to access the digital donor sheet.

If during the auction 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!

### Registration

If you created a bidder account in a previous 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 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 have had a lot of hot items that were gone in mere minutes! So don't miss out - Buy It Now!

### 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 Parks-Strack** via email or by phone: 269-274-8073, [jennifer.e.parks@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.e.parks@gmail.com).

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## Adult Discussion Group – 9:30 am Every Sunday via Zoom

The discussion topics for all four Sundays in April have been planned to coordinate with the Dedicated Offering in April for the **Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE)**. The dates of some discussions may vary. As usual, check the eBlast each Friday for the latest information and Zoom link.

### April 3 – “The UUMFE: An Overview” Daniel Lawlor and/or Aly Tharp

We are privileged to have one (or maybe both) of the Co-Directors of the UUMFE leading the discussion on the programs, partnerships, and upcoming events of the UUMFE. Their enthusiastic response to our request was heartening. For a good introduction: <https://www.uumfe.org/>

### April 10 – “Fighting the Climate Crisis” Rev. Bruce Russell-Jayne

Rev. Bruce is a retired UU Minister, now a member of All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis. He and his wife Cece have a truly impressive record of bold activism, notable recently in regard to the Stop DAC Pipeline 3 protest in northern Minnesota, following the lead of many Indigenous groups. For a good overview check out: <https://www.stopline3.org/take-action>

### April 17 – “The 2022 IPCC Reports: Grim Forecasts Plus Glimmers of Hope” David LeBlanc

The UN-sponsored IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) is now publishing its latest reports. According to IPCC Co-Chair Hans-Otto Portner, *“The scientific evidence is unequivocal . . . Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a brief and rapidly closing window to secure a livable future.”* The discussion leader will be David LeBlanc, Ball State Prof. of Biology with – this is surely relevant – a 2-year-old granddaughter named Aurelia.

### April 24 – “The Climate Crisis and Youth”

Youth in this context means young – middle-school, high-school, and college students, also 20- and 30-somethings. It’s not clear that older folks can really “empathize.” The survival of children and youth is at stake. Period. Thus, it’s logical that their leadership is the most determined and, probably, most effective. We have one good prospect for a leader who is also in touch with those youth in our region who might Zoom in and speak for themselves. Stay tuned.



## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

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. This year’s GA takes place June 22 – 26, online or in-person in Portland, Oregon.

For more information visit [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga). Register at [www.uua.org/ga/registration](http://www.uua.org/ga/registration).

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congregational polity. Some of you have heard me speak of the 'big-picture' view of congregational life, divided between Governance and Ministry --- between financial and operational matters, and programs for faith development. As a Board is to Governance, a Council is to Ministry. (For more on this model of organization, see Dan Hotchkiss, *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

The UUCM Board has agreed with my recommendation to lay groundwork to change the focus of the council from "program" to "leadership development." As in the past, the vice-president of the Board chairs the Leadership Council, serving as liaison between Council and Board. The purpose of a Leadership Council is two-fold: 1) to expand skills in the art of leadership to folks already serving as chairs of committees and teams, and 2) to provide leadership training to others in the congregation not already on the council who are interested in future leadership positions such as on the Board. We now have a wealth of online leadership development materials produced by the UUA (see <https://www.uua.org/leaderlab/programs> as one example). Resources abound for any readers of this Unigram interested in knowing more about leadership. Because the Leadership Council helps nurture the next round of elected leaders, this Leadership Development process replaces the more traditional Nominating Committee. All too often, a nominating-committee process is short-term and functional, aimed at identifying elected leaders in the nick of time for the annual spring election, a method which may result in some elected to leadership without training or understanding of roles and responsibilities of their services. I hope you see the advantages of a more on-going Leadership Development method of identifying future leaders of UUCM.

To test the feasibility of this change of focus for the Council, to date we have held two meetings of an emerging Leadership Council, with eight of UUCM's committee at the table. To ground this new activity, I have been sharing leadership of the Council with Board V-P Joseph Kaplan. The format of meetings includes

conversation about practical tips for leadership for the committee chairs present; followed by an "educational" component such as watching and then discussing topics in leadership found on the UUA website; and finally conversation about how UUCM committees can support one another. Future conversations for the Leadership Council include planning a volunteer fair for early September to enhance volunteering at UUCM, and collaborative planning of the all-church calendar for the coming church year. Indeed, this emerging Leadership Council embodies important awakening to new habits of organization at UUCM. When UUCM engages in its next round of By-Law revisions, the By-Laws will reflect this new name and new function of this important Council. For more information, or if you would like your committee or team to have a place at the table of Council meetings, contact Rev. Barbara, [barbara@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:barbara@uuchurchmuncie.org), or Joseph Kaplan, [joseph.d.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.d.kaplan@gmail.com).

I also want to update you on **Membership activities** here at UUCM. Oversight of the process of membership is critical to the well-being of every congregation. The functions of membership are wide-ranging: welcoming visitors and leading new-member classes; helping new members integrated into the life of the community; attending to needs of long-standing members. A membership process may be overseen by professional staff or be lay-led. Many of you realize that UUCM's former Membership Committee went on hiatus during pandemic.

Do you also know that, through excellent mentoring from the UUCM Committee on Ministry (Jamie Butterbaugh, chair; Bill Frederick; Aryn Sweeney; Denise Ewing; Tim Hollems) UUCM now has a new Membership Committee!!!! Everyone, give a Shout-Out to Tim Hollems, Adrienne Gruver, Ben Ewing, and Rachel Coers who have stepped up to serve in this important membership role!!!! Formed a few months ago, this new team is approaching oversight of membership wisely, taking on responsibilities gradually, so as to not create the overwhelm experienced by a previous membership committee. Their first responsibility is as greeters for Sunday morning in-person worship: you remember, those smiling faces who welcome back old-timers and make

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newcomers feel at home. (By the way, since UUCM re-opened for worship in late February, consistently there have been visitors on Sunday mornings.) For their next project, the membership committee looks forward to leading a new-member class, which, by the way, will be open to any and all seasoned members wanting a review of the basics of Unitarian Universalism. Keep your eye open for notices about the class! For information about classes or to join the committee contact Adrienne Gruver [adriennegruver@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegruver@gmail.com).

These two updates on leadership at UUCM are possible because of the volunteering of you, the dedicated members and friends. Now that spring is here, now that we are returning to in-person activities, now that we find ourselves Awakening, I urge each and every participant in this community to commit to some type of volunteering on a regular basis. Our congregations in liberal religion, organized by congregational polity, depend on the people of the congregation to sustain operations and programming. There are volunteering opportunities both in-person

and online: most committees need more members. You can also keep up-to-date on new activities by attending UUCM's monthly Board meeting, online or in-person second Wednesdays starting at 7 pm: details in the Friday eBlast prior to each meeting. If committee work is less up your alley, don't forget volunteering in program areas: the choir always welcomes new singers; the religious education program invites more teachers for the children, more participants in adult education programs. For Sunday morning in-person services, there are opportunities for ushers, greeters, and worship leadership. And don't forget, the annual meetings of both mid-America Region and the national General Assembly are available online, and there is scholarship support available: for more information contact Board member Steve Chalk, [srchalk66@gmail.com](mailto:srchalk66@gmail.com).

**Please contact Rev. Barbara at [barbara@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:barbara@uuchurchmuncie.org) when you know what volunteering you will offer this congregation.**

See you in church!

**Rev. Barbara**

## Sharing Gratitude



*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."*

**Hal Caldwell** sent the following thank you note to me, **Julie Fritz**, as the chair of The UUCM Caring Committee. To my eyes, you are all members of this Committee. Therefore I want to share Hal's note with you all.

"What a great job you did in getting so many UUCM members to bring meals during my rehab following spine surgery! Thank you for providing this vital service while I was not able to stand for long periods of time."

As the co - chairs of UUCM's Caring Committee, **Liz Lowe** and **Julie Fritz** always considered all the UUCM congregants to be members of the Caring Committee. Therefore when our daughter, **Elsbeth Fritz**, entered in the Sunday Service chat that we were ill, various individuals and families sprang into action.

Elsbeth also sprang into action. She not only coordinated delivery of those loving donations from the "Caring Committee," she literally fed us breakfast, lunch and supper without missing a beat at her day job!

We have been receiving emails, texts and cards of concern and well wishes. We're feeling that our recuperation is progressing well. Elsbeth still stops by two or three times a week, not 21 times, to visit and check up on us.

We are so very appreciative of all this support. Thanks again "Caring Committee" for your caring.

Gratefully, **Julie & Bob Fritz**

## Snapshots of Awakening

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experience the wonder that leads to awakening, so much the better.

(2) Along my little stretch of ocean—the part of the shore that lies most directly behind our house in Florida—there is an intriguing phenomenon that occurs. It happens in the morning when the tide is coming in, very early, before sunrise. The several sandbars that run northward from there make for a lot of wave action, and hence sound. But there is a moment, a bare second, when if I'm listening closely, the sound ceases utterly. There is the most profound silence I have ever heard (if one can hear silence!). Between the crash of the waves on the shore and their receding back into the sea which offered them up, there is a silence so deep that it never fails to awaken my spirit to an extraordinary reality. There is a yogic breathing technique called Ocean Breathing or Ujjayi Breath, that to some extent replicates this [How to Do Ocean Breath \(Ujjayi Pranayama\) in Yoga \(verywellfit.com\)](#). The pause between the in-breath and the out-breath is a moment of profound silence. I invite you to try it.

(3) Christians and some UUs as well celebrate Easter this month, and my third snapshot comes from one Christian account of Easter. The story of the road to Emmaus comes from the Book of Luke in the Christian New Testament (Luke 24:13-43). Two people walking along a road met up with a third whom they didn't recognize. The stranger inquired into what they were discussing, and they recounted for him the story of Jesus' crucifixion and the subsequent account of the empty tomb. As he accompanied them on their walk, the stranger retold the Hebrew Scriptures account of the coming of the Messiah. It grew late and the two invited the stranger to have supper with them. As recorded in *The Message* biblical paraphrase, "He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared." This encounter, the simple act of sharing a meal, awakened them to a reality they had not been able to comprehend before.

(4) We've looked at two snapshots of awakening from the natural world and one from the Christian tradition.

I'll turn now to one from Buddhist psychologist and author the late John Welwood, who encourages us to look within as we seek to awaken. Welwood's poem comes from *Soul Matters* and is titled "Forget about Enlightenment" ([Forget about Enlightenment by John Welwood \(Mindfulness Poetry\) \(soulfularogya.com\)](#)):

Sit down wherever you are  
 And listen to the wind singing in your veins.  
 Feel the love, the longing, the fear in your bones.  
 Open your heart to who you are, right now,  
 Not who you would like to be,  
 Not the saint you are striving to become,  
 But the being right here before you, inside you, around you.  
 All of you is holy.  
 You are already more and less  
 Than whatever you can know.  
 Breathe out,  
 Touch in,  
 Let go.

Welwood's poem could as well be titled "Forget about Awakening," it seems to me. To awaken, we can sink into the present, open ourselves to what is, and let go. That's all. Breathe.

**Rev. Julia**

### A Pastoral Moment

Sharing what's going on in our lives contributes a lot to creating beloved community among us.

As we move into multi-platform worship, I encourage everyone--both those in our sanctuary and those in our virtual community--to share the significant joys and concerns that we experience. This allows those in the sanctuary and those Zooming in to be aware of the joys and concerns of the whole congregation, and helps to knit us together as a single community. As a reminder, there are notebooks in the entryway for those in the sanctuary to use before the service to record items that will then be read in the service. If you're Zooming in, you may use the chat. ~Rev. Julia

## April 2022 UUCM Calendar

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

### Regular Weekly/Monthly Events

Check the eBlast for in-person locations or links to these Zoom meetings

Adult Discussion Group via Zoom	Sundays	9:30 am
Multi-Platform Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am
RE Classes – see page 3 for details	Sundays	10:45 am
Youth Group – see page 3 for schedule	Sundays	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesdays	7:30 – 9:00 pm
Board of Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm



### April Meetings & Events

Check with committee chairs or church office for in-person locations or Zoom links

Worship Associates	Wednesday	April 6	7:30 pm
Pastoral Associates	Tuesday	April 12	4:00 pm
Book Club	Thursday	April 14	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Saturday	April 16	10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday	April 17	noon
Unigram submissions due	Wednesday	April 20	9:00 am
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	April 21	7:00 pm
Nadine’s Retirement Open House	Sunday	April 24	See details below
Widening the Circle – Adult Ed.	Wednesday	April 27	7:00 pm
Service Auction (online)	Friday-Sunday	April 29- May 1	<a href="#">See page 4</a>
Kitchen Cleaning	Saturday	April 30	10:15 am

### UUCM Office Schedule

**Monday**

1:00-4:00 pm

**Tuesday-Friday**

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Items for the eBlast are due by 9:00 am each Thursday. Please use the [Publicity Form](#) to submit your announcements. Articles for the next *Unigram* are due Wednesday, April 20. Please send as attached Word docs to [uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org](mailto:uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org).

### Join Us on April 24<sup>th</sup> to Celebrate Nadine’s Retirement!

After serving as our Director of Religious Education since 2001, **Nadine Tringali** will be retiring this spring. On Sunday, April 24, we will be honoring her many years of work during the service that morning, as well as directly afterwards when the RE Committee will host an open house.

As COVID restrictions permit, we’ll have refreshments either inside or outside, and there will be time to visit with Nadine and reflect on the significant impact she’s had on the children and youth of our church. Please make time in your schedule to join us, whether online or in person!

### MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2022

MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2022 is now open for registration! Join us on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10am – 2pm ET / 9am – 1pm CT. Our keynote speaker is social justice educator, storyteller and speaker, **CB Beal!** There will be worship, the annual business meeting, a keynote address and conversation as well as community break out rooms for discussion. There is a sliding scale fee between \$25.00 to \$50.00 and scholarships are available.

Learn more and register today!

<https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2022>

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