



the UNIGRAM

For All That Has Been, To All That Shall Be

Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer, Community Minister

Many of you have heard me mention that I've frequently collected quotations that have spoken to me. One of the those that stays in my mind is from Dag Hammarskjöld: "For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes." I came across this quote when my late husband Mike was dying of cancer. It became a mantra that steadied me through that tortured seven months and has continued to do so. It was printed on the bookmarks we gave out as favors when Tom and I married. The Soul Matters theme for October is *courage*, and for me, this quotation speaks to that theme.

"For all that has been, Thanks." It's easy enough to understand how we can say this in the face of the *good* things that have been. Hopefully, we can all come up with a long list of examples: growing up in a loving, safe home, a life thus far free from serious illness, a good life-partnership or marriage and healthy children if we choose to have them, or choice if we choose not to, a fulfilling career...Our lists will differ, but these are the sorts of things that call forth spontaneous thanksgiving and make it easy to reflect on the blessings life has offered us.

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Splinters from the Board

Eleanor Trawick, President

The October congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, October 23, right after the Sunday service. The Board has three items on the agenda for congregational approval.

1. Approve the final budget for the 2022–2023 fiscal year, which is considerably different now from what the congregation approved in May.
2. Approve a capital campaign to raise money for the replacement of the church's HVAC system.
3. Approve ordination of Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

Our budget for this year is looking very different from the budget the congregation approved five months

ago. The good news is that most of those differences are reductions in expenses.

In May we still expected to hire a full-time minister and pay them moving expenses and a housing allowance. But in fact we are paying Rev. Joel Tishken only a three-quarters-time salary (with proportionally reduced pension contributions and payments in lieu of FICA) and not paying a housing allowance. Overall we are saving about \$20,000 of the money we expected to pay our minister.

Likewise, in May we expected to hire a three-quarters-time Director of Lifespan Faith Development, but instead we will be paying our Acting Director of Religious Education, Susanne Hinson-Rieger, for only twelve hours per week.

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Sunday Mornings at Our Church in the Woods

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

*This month's Dedicated Offering recipient is Hoosier Environmental Council.
The offering will be collected October 2 & 9.*

October 2 – “♥ UUCM” Rev. Joel Tishken

When you see “♥ UUCM,” what comes to mind? Together we’ll explore and share the various thoughts and sentiments we associate with ♥ UUCM.

October 9 – “Thoughts on Religious Language” Rev. Dennis McCarty

With our Unitarian Universalist diversity of belief, religious language can be challenging. It is one tense focal point of the so-called "humanist/theist divide". But does it really need to be that way? The "Gentle Atheist," Rev. Dennis McCarty, will look at the way a concept can develop from testable fact to symbolic poetry. This suggests that language of faith can be a unifying, rather than divisive, expression of our inner richness.

October 16 – “Queer Divine” Rev. Joel Tishken

Join us as we explore LGBTQI+, non-binary, and queer manifestations of the divine across world religions.

October 23 – Rev. Dr. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

October 30 – Ancestors Karen Moorman & Mary Johnson Robey

Religious Education for Children & Youth

RE Program – 10:45 am Sundays

All children and youth begin in the sanctuary with their parents. We have a designated area up front by the glass doors that is designed for our families with young children. There are pillows, books, and a variety of manipulatives. The worship service in the sanctuary begins at 10:45. 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 is open and available for parents to use.

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 in the eBlast each Friday.

RE Corner

Susanne Hinson-Rieger, Acting Director of Religious Education

Dear Beautiful RE Families,

I am so excited to be here as your Acting Director of Religious Education. Last Sunday was my first Sunday at church and I truly appreciated what a wonderfully warm community UUCM is!

Expanding on the welcoming environment of UUCM, I want to express that I hope families know they can show up on Sunday at church as their real, authentic selves. In Religious Education we often say we want families to feel they can be “real and not ideal.”

Because I am a mom of three (grown) children and I know how hard it can be to get everyone out the door on a Sunday morning, anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to let me know. Starting this Sunday, I'll have a bowl of granola bars (vegan bars included!) at the welcome table in case anyone in your family is needing breakfast when they get here. I truly know how that can be!



We have some awesome things planned for October and I hope your family can join us! Your presence and participation are gifts to the community, for which we are grateful!

Peace and Love,

Susanne

Pokagon Fall Family Retreat Returns!

Save the date! October 14-16, the Pokagon Fall Family Retreat makes its return after a short couple of years hiatus due to an Indiana DNR cancellation and COVID-19. The retreat is a great time to bond and form deeper connections with fellow UUs in the stunning natural beauty of Pokagon State park and the WPA era Group Camp along the shores of Lake James near Angola, Indiana. All members and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend and the camp is all ages friendly and accessible for those with disabilities. To learn more, ask questions and sign up to attend, contact **Jan Mundell** by phone or text at 765-730-9554 or email **Lisa Cox** at inweebie@yahoo.com. We will be looking forward to seeing you there!

Wheel of Life

Sharon Hannum Seager, a long-time member of UUCM, died peacefully on Friday, August 12, 2022. Sharon's interests and accomplishments ranged widely, from a long-time career in university teaching, to women's issues, extensive church work, and the arts. She also enjoyed music, travel, and hiking. She served on UUCM's Board of Trustees and sang in the choir. Her husband Andy survives her. A memorial service for Sharon will be held at UUCM on October 1st.

Carl LaWall died September 8, 2022. Carl taught in the Anderson Community schools for 30 years. Carl's passion was chess, which he played at every opportunity and coached as well. He and his wife, Charlene, who survives him, enjoyed traveling in their retirement years, as well as caring for many adopted cats. With Charlene, Carl was a member of UUCM. A celebration of life will be held at later time.

124th Bazaar in the Woods

Saturday, November 5 ★ 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Co-Chairs: Linda McKean (lwmckean@comcast.net, 765-749-3892)

Katie Frederick (katie@kbfrederick.com, 765-808-1601)

It takes the WHOLE CHURCH to make our Bazaar successful. We need youUU!

Below is the Bazaar week schedule. Mark your calendar and plan to help.



October 12: Special Bazaar Issue of the Unigram

Watch your mailbox or inbox for the Bazaar issue of the Unigram! It will include a schedule, list of booths, ways to help, and more.

October 30: Set-Up Sunday

After the church service stay to transform the sanctuary. Help put away chairs, set up tables and arrange them according to our Layout Map.

October 31 – November 4: Donation Drop-offs

If you have card tables & ladders we can use please bring them early in the week – label with your name & phone number. Drop off your donations 1-3:00 pm, and 5-7:00 pm each day. Start now to gather your donations: jewelry, collectibles, priceless treasures for the Silent Auction, tools, rummage valuables, quality craft items, food (freeze now), books, plants, pots, garden items and children's toys.

There will be NO Encore clothing or Holiday Booth in 2022

Friday, November 4, 5 – 7 pm: Helper Thank You

Bazaar preparations are almost complete. All workers are invited to a pre-Bazaar meal from 5pm – 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate the time you dedicate to make our bazaar successful!

November 5: Bazaar Day, 8 am – 2 pm

Volunteer your time to help in one of the church booths or many of the other opportunities to help. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the lobby. Pick your favorite booth or two and sign up for a couple time slots.

November 5: Post-Bazaar Clean-Up

It will be a busy day! However, it is not finished until the sanctuary is cleared and chairs put back in place, and all of the class rooms are back in order making the church ready for Sunday service. Please stay to help clean up.

2022 Volunteer Fair: A Recap and Call-Out

The 2022 Volunteer Fair ran from August 21-September 18 with nearly all committees represented. Committees were challenged to find ways other than full-time membership that others could get involved, i.e.: event planning, volunteering at a single event, participating in smaller groups, etc. While many committees gained new interest, there are still several that need more assistance. Below is a summary of the groups, their contact person, and what they're seeking. Let's all consider how a small amount of time can go a long way for the whole! Those with asterisks (**) received little or no offers for assistance.

Bazaar - Oversees the planning and follow-through on our annual bazaar in November. Seeking assistance with set-up, working at booths, clean-up, post-event rummage sale, etc. Contact [Katie Frederick](#) or [Linda McKean](#).

Caring Committee - Supports friends and members of the congregation by coordinating rides, providing meal services, offering refreshments for memorial services, and sending cards. Seeking those interested in helping as available. Contact **Julie Fritz** @ 765-289-2301.

****Committee on Ministry** - Committee's purview changes from time to time but historically has functioned as a support and feedback team for the current minister. The committee is offering support to Rev. Joel and meets monthly via Zoom. Seeking those interested in committee membership. Contact [Denise Ewing](#).

Feeding our Hungry Neighbors (FOHN) - Designs and manages projects to support people in Muncie who are food insecure. Wants to increase online grocery shopping for families identified via Forward STEPS program. Meetings are via Zoom as needed. Seeking those interested in assisting. Contact [Bea Sousa](#) or [Susan Taylor](#).

Fellowship Committee - Hosts and assists other committees to plan, prepare, and serve food for church events, as well as decorate the church for the holidays. Seeking those interested in helping with events. Contact [Sue Errington](#), [Beth Gonser](#) or [Kirk Robey](#).

Finance Committee - Serves as the financial and budgetary advisory group to the board and congregation. Meets via Zoom with monthly meetings between Jan-Apr and as-needed meetings between May-Dec. Seeking those interested in committee membership. Contact [Lisa Cox](#).

****Fundraising Committee** - Oversees and coordinates volunteers to plan various events, including the fall bazaar, holiday concert, and spring auction. Participation in the committee does not equal in-depth participation in each event. Seeking those interested in committee membership or planning the holiday concert. Meets as needed via Zoom. Contact [Denise Ewing](#).

Hospitality Teams - Makes coffee, serves, and cleans up after-service coffee hour each week. Weekly teams to reduce strain on single individuals and/or one team. Seeking a team captain for 5th Sundays; two more 5th Sunday team members; and three more 2nd Sunday team members. Contact [Jerry McKean](#) or [Bea Sousa](#).

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Kitchen Crew - Cleans and straightens the church kitchen; four Saturdays a year for about 1.5 hours plus members do laundry for the kitchen periodically. Contact [Elsbeth Fritz](#).

Membership Committee - Assists new members with onboarding into the UUCM community, follows-up with visitors, and connects new/established members. Meetings are monthly via Zoom. Seeking those interested in joining the committee; acting as a Sunday morning greeter; hosting or facilitating membership programs; and/or attending membership programs as a participant. Contact [Ben Ewing](#).

****Pastoral Associates** - Offers a “ministry of intentional and faithful presence” for congregants and friends of the church. Ongoing training provided and ministerial support is always available. Individuals must be invited to join, but please contact [Mary Johnson](#) if you think you might be a good candidate.

Property Maintenance/Grounds - Maintains the church building and grounds, doing what they can and hiring out the rest. Areas include the landscaping, trash, trimming, weeding, etc. Seeking individuals interested in committee membership, participating in workdays, or doing special interest projects (i.e.: RE playground). Contact [Bruce Craig](#) or [John Taylor](#).

Religious Education (RE) - Teaches youth on Sunday mornings; coordinates special ceremonies (Santa Lucia, Bridging); manages Coming of Age, OWL, and Boston Bound programs. Meetings are monthly via Zoom. Seeking those interested in teaching occasionally or routinely, as well as those who want to help with programs. Contact [Elsbeth Fritz](#).

****Sights & Sounds** - Manages A/V during Sunday services and occasional events. Minimal experience in tech needed; shadowing requests welcomed. Seeking individuals interested in serving once every 4-6 weeks. Contact [Ric Dwenger](#).

Social Justice Committee - Coordinates dedicated offerings and oversees task forces (FOHN, Anti-Racism, Green Living). Meets monthly via Zoom. Seeking individuals interested in committee membership. Contact [Jerry McKean](#).

****Stewardship Committee** - Plans and carries out the annual pledge drive, which includes two special Sunday services. Meetings vary: Sept-Nov (1-2x month), Dec-Jan (almost weekly), Feb (occasionally), and March (wrap-up). Meets primarily via Zoom and occasionally in person. Seeking individuals interested in committee membership. Contact [Holly Hanauer](#).

****Tech/Zoom** - Manages Zoom feed during Sunday services and occasional events. Minimal experience in tech needed; shadowing requests welcomed. Seeking individuals interested in serving once every 3-4 weeks. Contact [Jay Moorman](#).

Worship Associates - Works closely with the minister, Sights & Sounds, Tech, and Music Director to offer meaningful worship services. Coordinates with guest ministers when applicable. Assistance and support is always available. Meets monthly via Zoom. Individuals must be invited to join, but please contact [Diane Hill](#) or [Karen Moorman](#) if you think you might be a good candidate.

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

But what about the not-so-good things, the outright evil or tragic things, the unavoidable sadnesses and griefs that befall each of us? Growing up in a home marred by abuse and violence, ill health, the deaths of those whom we love, relationships gone sour, work that doesn't support our living. And this doesn't even include the larger-scale things that affect billions of people along with other species. How can we say "thanks" for these sorts of things? Does it even make sense to try?

It seems to me that it's altogether appropriate to *not* be thankful for things that threaten to undo us and to destroy our world. And it's much healthier than to maintain a false sense of thankfulness that requires covering over the bad. Is being thankful in these circumstances an act of courage or the cowardice of refusing to come to terms with reality?

I don't have an answer to the large-scale evils that confront us. All I can do is to sit with the question. However, when it comes to the personal "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," (Shakespeare, Hamlet's Soliloquy), I have an answer, at least for myself. It might not be your answer; each of us must find the answer that works for us. Everything that has happened to me in the 77 years I've been alive has contributed to who I am. I wouldn't be the person I am without their having happened. And since I like the person I've become, I can be thankful for even the bumps in the road that brought me here.

It reflects a different kind of courage to affirm "*To all that shall be, Yes.*" Unlike the past, the future introduces an element of uncertainty. When we look back, we can at least say "I know what that was." The future is open, uncharted. The courage called for by the future requires *trust*. Not so much trust that "everything will be OK," because it may well *not* be OK. But trust that no matter what, we can handle it, that no matter what, we are not alone.

As individuals and as a congregation, may we be thankful for the past because it brought us to where

we are now, embrace the present, and say "yes" to the future with curiosity and trust.

Full disclosure, the other quote that I kept taped on my office wall because it made me smile when nothing else could was from the British writer P.G. Wodehouse: "Why don't you get a haircut? You look like a chrysanthemum."

Rev. Julia

Pastoral Care

Someone was interviewing the very busy abbot of a large monastery. The abbot mentioned that they meditated an hour every day. The interviewer asked how the abbot did that as busy as they were. The abbot responded that on very busy days, they meditated two hours! I don't know if this story is apocryphal or not, but it reminds me of the need for good time management. As I have assumed greater responsibility at UUCM, I've become aware of needing to hone my own time management skills. To balance my need for flexibility with being available to you all for pastoral conversation, I'm going to try an office hours experiment. Rather than establish set office hours, I will have *office hours by appointment*. I will gladly schedule an appointment either at church, via Zoom, or elsewhere at our mutual convenience. Of course, as usual, I'm available by phone and email. You may call me (my number is in the church directory) or contact me by email at julia@uuchurchmuncie.org. If you call, please leave a message, as names don't always come up on the caller ID. If you prefer, just leave your name. For the record, no, I don't meditate an hour daily!

Splinters from the Board

Eleanor Trawick, President (continued from page 1)

Overall we are saving another \$20,000 or so on this staff position.

(By the way, these savings on salaries and benefits come at a cost in other ways. Our significant cut-backs on professional staff have put a lot of pressure on volunteers in the congregation to put in more hours. The RE Committee, Worship Associates, the Board of Trustees, and other groups are having to make up for the lack of staff.)

Some of our expenses are greater than we expected them to be in May. The Board voted to increase Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer's salary by \$3000 in light of her increased duties in the pulpit and as pastoral care point person. And our property and liability insurance has gone up by nearly \$1000 for the year.

A second issue the Board will bring to the congregation in October is to ask you to approve a capital campaign to help pay for a new HVAC system for the church. At the time of this writing (mid-September) we do not have a plan for the replacement, much less an estimate for how much it will cost, but the Board expects it will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The Board has not made any decision on how to pay for the new HVAC system, but we expect the money to come from several sources: first from the Crosley

and Ball Funds, whose earnings we are allowed to use for projects such as this one; second from a loan from the Templar fund, which we will pay back over about ten years, thus avoiding interest payments; and third from a capital campaign. The amount we ask for in the capital campaign might be \$25,000. The Board will include a specific number in the proposal we put to the congregation. And of course some of this year's budget savings can go toward the project.

The final item for which the Board will seek the congregation's approval is our proposal that the congregation ordain Rev. Julia Corbett-Hemeyer as a Unitarian Universalist minister—something that we have the power to do, and should do. Rev. Julia *is* an ordained minister; her ordination is from an interfaith body. But she is strongly committed to Unitarian Universalism and to this church, and she has served us very well over many years. We should honor her by making her connection to our denomination official. Ordination would happen sometime later this year or early in 2023 and, because we are UUs, would be followed by a wonderful reception.

By October, I and the Board will have further details about all of these topics, but I wanted to use my column this month to give *Unigram* readers a heads-up about what is to be discussed in the congregational meeting.



Sharing Gratitude

Thank you to all the members of our Board for the cookout on September 18th.

~Rev. Joel

If you have a note of gratitude you'd like to share in the next Unigram, please send it to uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org, subject line "Sharing Gratitude."

October 2022 UUCM Calendar

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

Regular Weekly Events

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

Adult Discussion Group via Zoom	Sundays	9:15 am
Multi-Platform Worship Service	Sundays	10:45 am
RE Classes	Sundays	10:45 am
Coffee Hour	Sundays	After service
Bazaar Team	Tuesdays	9:30 am
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesdays	7:30 pm



UUCM Office Schedule

Monday

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday- Friday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The office will be closed Friday, September 30, and Monday, October 3.

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, October 19.

Please send as attached Word docs to

uucm@uuchurchmuncie.org

October Meetings & Events

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

RE Committee	Sunday	Oct 2	9:00 am
OWL 7-9	Sunday	Oct 2	10:30 am
Pastoral Associates	Sunday	Oct 2	12:00 pm
Church Office Closed	Mon	Oct 3	
Board of Trustees	Tuesday	Oct 4	7:00 pm
Worship Associates	Wednesday	Oct 5	7:30 pm
UU Book Club	Thursday	Oct 13	7:00 pm

Fall Family Retreat at Pokagon State Park ~ October 14-16

Unigram submissions due	Wednesday	Oct 19	9:00 am
Committee on Ministries	Thursday	Oct 20	7:00 pm
OWL 7-9	Sunday	Oct 23	10:30 am
Congregational Meeting	Sunday	Oct 23	Noon
Kitchen Cleaning	Saturday	Oct 29	10:15 am
Bazaar Set Up Begins!	Sunday	Oct 30	After the service

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, October 23

Mark your calendar for the next Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23, following the service. Watch the eBlast for an agenda. To be eligible to vote, please ensure that you are a member in good standing according the following passage from our bylaws: *Article III, Section 2. Persons who have been admitted to membership for at least thirty (30) days, who make a financial pledge to the church and make a good-faith effort to pay it, who donate their time and services, and who attend church services and activities are deemed to be voting members with all rights and privileges. Members who by reason of health have not been able to participate in church affairs and members who by reason of financial hardship have not been able to make a monetary contribution, are nonetheless viewed by the church as being members.*

Please note that a contribution of record for the 365 days preceding this meeting must be received by the church by 4:00 pm Friday, October 14, to fulfill the financial contribution requirement.

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