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Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity, Event or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wed*	1	4:00 pm	Samhain Potluck	Foyer
		7:00 pm	Marketing Committee	Room 108
Sun**	5	10:30 am	Service: Could Be Raining, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	All-Church Potluck	Foyer
		12:00 pm	New UU Class	Room 103
		12:30 pm	Peace and Social Justice Committee	Conference Room
Mon	6	2:30 pm	Committee on Ministry	Conference Room
		7:00 pm	Care Committee	Conference Room
Tues	7	7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Room 103
Wed	8	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees	Conference Room
Sat	11	5:30 pm	39th Annual Service Auction – James Bond 007	Foyer and Sanctuary
Sun	12	10:30 am	Service: What Do You Say When... Asks You, "What is a UU?"?, Rev. B. Tetzlaff	
			<i>Share the Plate Offering: Food Bank of Northern Indiana</i>	
		11:45 am	November Birthday Celebration	Foyer
		12:30 pm	Task Force Questions	
Mon	13	11:00 am	Pie with the Parson	Nom Nom Pho
		5:30 pm	SURJ	Sanctuary
Tues	14	7:00 pm	Worship Arts	Conference Room
Fri	17	6:00 pm	Women's Sharing Circle Women's Sharing Circle	Conference Room
Sun	19	10:30 am	Service: Power Beyond Possessions, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	Art Opening: <i>Woven Fibers</i> by Alice Bentley	Foyer
		12:00 pm	Brunch Bunch	Offsite
		12:00 pm	New UU class	Conference Room
Mon	20		<i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
Tues	21	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Conference Room
Thurs	23		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed	
Sun	26	10:30 am	Service: Revisiting the Revolt of Mother and other important people, F. Klecka	
Wed	29	6:30 pm	Feasters	Mandarin House

* The Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7 pm (in the Sanctuary), unless otherwise announced.

** **Fall Back:** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5, as we switch back to Eastern Standard Time (EST). – This gives you an extra hour to prepare for the All-church Potluck!

For Program additions, updates, or location changes, watch the weekly CHIRP email, and check the online calendar at our website (www.firstunitarian.us). Also, don't forget we are on Facebook (FirstUnitarianSB).

Minister's Notes

An old friend sent me something he'd written, which included the following:

“Nearly 60 years ago now, John Kennedy asked us to consider what we could do for our country, not what it could do for us. Our country needs us more than ever!

In our 21st Century Patriotism we will replace our petty complaints about excessive taxation with a recognition that no tax rate is too high to justify the bounty our nation provides to us. And our 21st Century patriotism will not tolerate the squandering of those resources or their diversion for private aggrandizement or wealth...

As a part of our 21st Century Patriotism, we will have replaced some of the trappings of privilege with the privilege of serving our country for 2 to 3 years between the ages of 18 and 31.

In 21st Century Patriotism, we have replaced pledges and loyalty oaths with actions and service and true commitment...

In our 21st Century Patriotism, we have realized that we can have an ‘us’ without needing or identifying a ‘them.’

In our 21st Century Patriotism, we have replaced ‘keeping up with the Joneses’ with ‘LIFTING up the Joneses’...and the Chins and the Goldbergs and Mohammeds and the O'Malleys and the Gonzalez.”

He says he is not running for office, but I think we could use people with similar dreams. When I knew Alex, we were young adults, full of ideas and idealism. Some of our friends have grown less idealistic over time, but Alex is still “fighting the good fight.”

I am grateful that I still know him, and I am grateful that my life is filled with even more people who are fighting the good fight than I ever thought possible—including many people in this congregation. Thank you, all, for the goodness and hope you create every day.

With Spirit,
Chip

Minister's Office Hours: In addition to his availability for scheduled appointments, Rev. Chip commits to holding Office Hours regularly, to make it easy to just drop in without prior arrangements. These are also shown on the calendar on the church website, on the back of each Sunday's bulletin, and on Rev. Chip's door.

Week of Oct. 30th: Monday, 1-3 pm/Tuesday, 1-3 pm/Wednesday, 1-3 pm

Week of Nov. 6th: Friday, 11 am - 1 pm

Week of Nov. 13th: Monday, 1-3 pm/Tuesday, 1-3 pm/Wednesday, 1-3 pm

Week of Nov. 20th: Monday, 1-3 pm/Tuesday, 1-3 pm/Wednesday, 2-4 pm

Week of Nov. 27th: Monday, 1-3 pm/Tuesday, 1-3 pm/Wednesday, 1-3 pm

Minister Out of the Office: Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana twice in November, both for study leave. He will participate in the Ohio River Group ministers' study group (this year's topic is Resistance and Resilience) from Monday through Thursday, 11/6 – 11/9. He will also take a shorter leave from Friday through Sunday 11/24 – 11/26 (the weekend after Thanksgiving).

Pie with the Parson: Rev. Chip will be at Nom Nom Pho (213 N Main St., SB) on Monday, November 13, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm EST. An opportunity to chat in a more casual setting, “Pie with the Parson” is like office hours with pie. Conversations might include everything from nuclear weapons or a serious pastoral concern to Thanksgiving customs or college football.



Sunday Services

November 5: Could Be Raining

Rev. Chip

One year after the election, how are things going? What is better than we feared, and what is worse? How are we demonstrating resilience? What do we need to do better?

November 12: What Do You Say When Someone Asks You, "What is a U.U.?"

Rev. Byrd Tetzlaff

This, sadly, is not an elevator speech, just one possible answer to that question.

November 19: Power Beyond Possessions, Rev. Chip

Our Ghanaian cousins ask for "a wealth not dependent on possessions, ...wisdom not based on books...strength not bolstered by might [and] a god not confined to heaven." Join us for Rev. Chip's annual anti-consumerism rant.

November 26: Revisiting the Revolt of Mother and other important people

Florence Klecka

As we say goodbye to November and head into December's preparations for even more family gatherings, it's a good time to take stock of our relationships with those we love. In what ways do we hold onto the way it's always been, even when it could be so much better?

Activities and Events This Month

SPIRAL: Samhain Ghost Supper

Wednesday, November 1, 7 pm

The Wheel turns to Samhain . . .

Ghost Supper, Dumb Supper, Silent Supper, call it what you will. Whichever you call it, the celebration of Samhain (pronounced Sow' en) will take place on Wednesday, November 1. Ritual begins at 7 pm sharp, doors open at 6:30. We will dine by candlelight in the conference room, and we will invite our beloved who have passed to the Summerland to join us. Places will be set at each table for those you hope to contact. Bring one of their favorite dishes to the

potluck, and put a bit on the guest plate so that they will feel welcome. Pictures and amulets of the departed are welcome, too.

It is said that the curtain between the living and the dead is at its thinnest on Samhain. It is an age old tradition that has been adopted by many cultures -- as All Saints Day and Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, to name a couple.

Once the circle is cast, the candles are lit, lights are turned off, and there will be silence. When the bell is rung after the meal, the silence is broken. At that time, we will open the circle and have time for those who want to share.

This is a high holy day on the Pagan Wheel of the Year, and a beautiful experience. We hope you will join us. All adults are welcome. Teens who can remain quiet for an hour are also welcome. You do not have to be a Pagan to be moved by this ritual.

Contact susansiemers@att.net or call 574-780-2316 with questions.

First Sunday All-Church Potluck

Sunday, November 5, 11:45 am EST

Need to try out a new dish for Thanksgiving? Then plan to join us for our first Sunday potluck. This is the perfect opportunity to test a new recipe and get feedback. With the time change, you will even have an extra hour to get it ready. Or, just pick up something new (or tried and true) from your favorite grocery store. Whatever you bring to share, you are always welcome at our potluck tables!

New UU Class (aka Newcomers Class)

Sundays, Nov. 5 & 19, 12 noon - 1:30 pm

If you are new to the church and would like to learn more, please attend this two-session *New UU Class*. Rev. Chip Roush will share with us some of our Unitarian-Universalist history. We will take some time to get to know each other, discuss what it means to become a member and tell you how our church runs.

Lunch and childcare will be provided both weeks. Please let Gail deSomer (Membership Committee Chair) know if you are interested, and if you will need child care. Please email her at gaildesomer@yahoo.com or call or text to 574-850-8156.

**Join Us for Our
39th Annual Service Auction**

James Bond 007

Saturday, November 11, 5:30 pm

Agenda

5:30 pm	Social Time with Appetizers <i>Silent Auction</i> Opens
6:30 pm	James Bond Dinner
7:00 pm	Live Auction Begins
9:00 pm	Auction Ends & Check Out Begins

Our motto: Bid Early, Bid Often and ENJOY!*
All proceeds go to the Church's operating budget.



It's a fun time for all. Don't miss it!

- Whether dressed to the theme or not, you are sure to enjoy our fancy British-leaning James Bond meal.
- Desserts will include: Italian Limoncello Tiramisu, Flourless Chocolate Gateaux, White Russian Cake & Apple Pie
- Suggested dinner donation is \$7, as you are able.

- Child care is available, including a free kid's meal!
- Please reserve a place online (auction website) or through the church office.

We strive to have items available for diverse income levels. You can also contribute by participating in the raffle, voting for your favorite dessert with your coins (or dollar bills), or purchasing a joke (\$1 & \$5).
Please plan to pay for your purchases (winning bids) before you leave.

The Auction Catalog will be available Sunday, November 5 in print, or online Monday, November 6.

We still need your donations. - It's not too late!

Submission Deadline: Sunday, October 29

This newsletter is being sent out just before our donation deadline. So, you still have a few days to submit your auction donation(s). It takes a village to make our biggest fundraiser a success! Thanks.

Live Auction: There are endless possibilities for events, services or elegant items others will purchase.
Silent Action: Consider donating nearly new or unique items you no longer use and homemade items.
Business Donations: Many local businesses are willing to donate a gift certificate or merchandise. Ask your favorite business for a donation and take them the Business Donation Receipt. Mary Alice Lundergan (maryalichelundergan@gmail.com) can tell you if your favorite business has already donated.
Dessert Donations: Join the Dessert Competition with your favorite decadent treat. Contact Jessica Collett (jicollett@gmail.com) for more information, or to let her know you plan to make a dessert.

To submit your donation online go to: <http://communityauctionservices.com/fusb2017>

For Ideas or Auction Forms go to: <http://firstunitarian.us/events/annual-service-auction/>
or

For other information or questions contact our Auction Chair, Kathy Platt (pkplatt@comncast.net).

Pie with the Parson

Monday, November 13, 11 am

Rev. Chip will be at Nom Nom Pho (213 N Main St., SB) this month. Consider joining him for great conversation.



The Women's Sharing Circle

Friday, November 17, 6 pm

Sharing food and conversation is a hallmark of our fellowship as Unitarian Universalists. Join us on Friday, November 17 at 6 pm in our conference room as we celebrate our second year as a *Dining for Women* Chapter. Bring a hearty appetizer, dessert, or bottle of wine to share and enjoy the chance to relax and connect with women in our local community, while also helping our global sisters meet their basic needs. Take time to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Share your joys and concerns in a supportive setting. The evening will include a brief presentation on the *Safe Hands for Girls* project in Gambia that aims to end female genital cutting, as well as other forms of violence against girls and women and abuses of women's rights. For more information, contact Barb Carmichael at barb.carm@comcast.net.

Art Opening: Woven Fibers by Alice Bentley, Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:45 am

We have seen some of Alice's fiber art on display during our services as she wove cloth coverings for the tables in our sanctuary. With this exhibit we get to see the full range of her creations. We know you will enjoy this art show for the next 2 months. Please plan to be at the opening to see Alice's art and have a chance to talk to her about it.

Brunch Bunch

Sunday, November 19, 12 noon

All are welcome to join us for this monthly meal out after the service. We meet at the Yellow Cat Café. RSVP to Melanie Deschamphelaere (rvnstr22@yahoo.com).

Feasters

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 pm

All are invited to join the Feasters group (folks who like to eat well) for an evening of

food and conversation at Mandarin House (2104 Edison Rd, South Bend, IN 46617). To reserve a seat at the table, contact Cathy Duncan (272-2931 or kateduncan@aol.com) by Monday the 27th.

Youth RE Program

The RE classes will be busy in the upcoming weeks. October 22, the students will be decorating pumpkins for our annual UNICEF fundraiser. The children will have their decorated pumpkins out on display October 29. There will be UNICEF containers for you to vote (with your coins/bills) for the various pumpkins. This is a way that the students are able to help the less fortunate children in the world. So, bring lots of voting money!

Also, October 28, at 5 pm, at church there will be a Halloween party. This Halloween party will feature plenty of food for all and games and activities for the youngest to the oldest. Come in costume or not. Come alone or with friends and family. There will be board games in the conference room, a "spider web" room, "wrap the mummy", a fortune teller, and other fun activities.

December 3, we will be stuffing Christmas stockings for the CASIE (Child Abuse Services Investigation and Education) Center. This is yet again, another way in which our students are able to help others. A list of items will be sent out in the Chirp. However, you can start to gather small toys, toiletries, fun socks, scarves, and gloves to put in the stockings.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Holm

More from Rev. Chip

Gathering of Faiths

The Gathering is an interfaith initiative using the principles of restorative justice to understand and create action plans to overcome real-life challenges. Partnering with believers of many faiths (and no faith), a region-wide gathering will be held in South Bend in July 2018. Rev. Chip is involved in some of the planning for this Gathering. Please contact him if you have ideas!

New Member Classes

Want to learn more about our congregation, and/or about Unitarian Universalism in general? We will have two sessions, after the service on November 5 and November 19, to explore what it means to belong to a UU congregation. Lunch will be served, and there will be childcare. Contact Rev. Chip, or Gail deSomer, to reserve a spot, or for more information.

News from Our Committees

Art on the Wall Committee

On Sunday, November 19, we will have an opening for the woven fiber art of member and weaver, Alice Bentley.

We also have some wonderful artists coming up this winter. You will see the works of Aaron Sandock in January. His work is different from others we have seen. Very bold. Following him, water colorist Joan Spohrer will be exhibiting. We are so fortunate to have so many fine artists in our community.

Care Committee

November is our country's month for gratitude. No matter what the political climate, we each can find much to be grateful for. It is a good exercise to celebrate with thanksgiving the things we are grateful for as we end our day, or begin our day. Try it!

November Birthdays

Let's celebrate the November birthdays!

Joy Pletcher (1), Chip Roush (2), Elly Wynia (3)
Elise deSomer (3), Barbara Williams (10)
John Hardy (10), John Bentley (13)
Kay Azar (17), Elena Wake (21)
Bob Asplund (25), Chuck Leone (29)
Jessica Collett (30), Eric Morgan

If you have a birthday this month write it on the birthday calendar posted on the wall in the south hall. Party on!

As you are talking with one another, please let us know if you hear about someone not

wishing to be alone during these winter holidays. We can help find others who wish to open their doors and add another to their table. If you are looking for a UU-friendly Thanksgiving gathering, please note the open invitation to First U members and friends in the *Announcements* section that follows.

You can share with any of the Care Committee members: Mary Hagen and Lois Holm (co-chairs), Wendy Lohman, Barbara Boyd, Dale Gibson, Jim Curlee.

Remember that our minister and this committee are the caretakers of the emergency contact forms and the Medical Procedure/Facilities Resource form. Please fill them out for just that, an emergency!

If you are having young or old company and have need for helpful items, like walker, wheelchair, port-a-crib, highchair, stroller, etc., there is a lending closet in the church basement that might be helpful. Just sign the item out and back in when you return it. We are grateful for these donations.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Endowment Committee

Quarterly Report to the Congregation

The Endowment Committee has been busy this quarter planning our October mailing, Sunday service presentation and survey to encourage Endowment contributions.

Endowment Balance

as of 6/30/2017 **\$ 274,333**

Disbursements approved at

our May 2017 Annual Meeting (\$ 10,450)

- Improve Wireless Network: \$1,500

- Archivist to organize historical church records: \$ 3,500

- Send three members to

General Assembly: \$ 3,900

- Mobile Ecology Center: \$ 1,550

Investment Income **\$ 20,950**

Endowment Balance

as of 9/30/17 **\$ 284,833**

Membership Committee

In November we focus on providing information to newcomers about our faith tradition and this congregation. See the information about our two-session *New UU* class in the *Activities and Events* section.

On Sunday, December 3, we are planning an *Ingathering*, a recognition of new members during the service. Please speak to Rev. Chip (minister@firstunitarian.us) or Gail deSommer (gaildesomer@yahoo.com) if you are considering becoming a member of First Unitarian Church.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Welcome

If you are looking for a place to share a Thanksgiving meal and would like to join a UU-friendly family, Don Wheeler and Paddy Blanchette are again welcoming First U members and friends. If you are interested, so they can plan properly, please contact Don (donvila@aol.com or 574-231-1315).

Big Changes for our Holiday Bazaar

This year we will have our holiday bazaar on two Sundays instead of three and we will be adding a Saturday Bazaar which will be open to the public.

Watch for more information and planning meetings in the CHIRP.

BAZAAR Dates:

- **Sunday, December 10**
before and after the church service
- **Saturday, December 16**
9 am to 1 pm
- **Sunday, December 17**
before and after the church service

Benefit Concert a Success!!

Despite the deluge, our Lalo Cura – La Casa Benefit Concert was a great success. During this community event, we heard great rock music and had time for socializing over delicious refreshments. **As a result of this joint venture, we earned more than \$800 for LaCasa de Amistad's work in Michiana.** Thanks to all those who bought tickets, contributed goodies, volunteered or

made a donation that evening. Special thanks to Myles Robertson of Purple Porch Co-op for all his help and support, and most especially, many kudos and thanks to Jim Ward who came up with the idea and orchestrated this community fundraising evening with amazing skill and passion!

Thanks and Au Revoir!

Sadly for us, Jane Marz has moved back East to be near her daughter and sister. The Social Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee benefitted greatly from her willingness to volunteer. Jane was a frequent host for our Social Hour and for 1.5 years was part of our cleaning crew. Almost every week Jane cleaned our four bathrooms – WOW!

We will miss Jane, but are pleased to know that after finding a religious home here, she plans to become a part of one of the three UU churches near her new home. We are sure they will enjoy, and benefit from, having her as part of their congregation as we have.

Thanks Jane and Best Wishes!

Introducing Spinefulness

Spinefulness (natural posture) aligns your bones with gravity so that your muscles can be in maximum relaxation. It's based on studying healthy populations from all over the world - people who remain active into their old age, don't experience back pain or end up with hunched-over posture. Millions of people are in natural posture, mostly in slightly industrialized countries. When you learn to sit, stand, and move as these people do, your pain will be significantly reduced or eliminated. I, John Raven, am an infrequent but long time Unitarian. These natural insights have helped me to recover from debilitating arthritis in my big toes and a bad bicycle accident. I'd like to help empower you to live a pain-free life. Contact me at jraven22@gmail.com to sign up for an intro class.

Volunteer Opportunities

Social Hour Hosts Needed: Thanks to those who have recently agreed to host! But, we still have many open dates. Hosts do need to arrive early and leave late, but otherwise the job is simple. We have instructions posted and pair new folks with a *veteran* Host. Our faithful dishwasher, Marilyn Shaul, makes clean up easy. Sign up in the kitchen or look for an Online Sign-up link in the next CHIRP.

In the Community

Hungry Humanists

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 pm

Hungry Humanists meet for Pizza & Pierogis at Starlite Pizza, 932 E. Ireland Rd, SB. Please RSVP via email to rita.prangle@gmail.com or <http://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum>.

Humanist Forum Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 6:30 pm

We'll watch a Pro-choice documentary "Whose Choice", followed by commentary from a member of Pro-Choice South Bend, who will tell us about their organization and latest developments in the South Bend area, along with how we can help.

<http://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum>

Location: River Park Library, SB

Church Communication

Mailing Lists

If you are interested in being added to the list for our weekly CHIRP (news via email), or monthly *The Unitarian* (newsletter sent via email or U.S. mail), please contact the church office (office@firstunitarian.us).

Deadlines

For inclusion in our various means of communication, please send your blurbs to the church office by the deadlines below.

- **CHIRP:** Tuesdays at 9:30 am
- **Order of Service:** Thursdays at 9:30 am
- **Newsletter:** Third Monday

Church Staff

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Church Office Hours: 9 am – noon daily

Nursery Care Provider: Diana Mendelsohn

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